



Youth Sunday, April 28, 2024

**8:30 SERVICE**

Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson preaching

- Welcome & Call to Worship Amanda Shockley
- Meet & Greet Colette Taylor & Mac Sloan
- Songs of Praise *Come, Now Is the Time / Holy, Holy, Holy*
- \*Prayer of Confession & Assurance Maxwell McKee
- Song of Response *Savior, Like a Shepherd*
- Moment of Prayer Hannah Lumpkin
- Senior Testimonies Jonathan Lumpkin & Emma Taylor
- Offertory *Made for More*
- Message **UnExpected: The Hungry** ([Matthew 5:6](#)) Alf Halvorson
- Song of Response *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Musicians at 8:30: Asher Pudlo, drums; Uvaldo Callejas, bass; Chris Parrott, guitar;  
Daniel Martinez, keys; Meliza Gómez, worship leader

**9:45 SERVICE**

- Call to Worship Joey DeLongchamps
- Opening Song *Praise*
- Meet & Greet Shara Parraci
- Song of Praise *Lead On, Good Shepherd*
- Moment of Confession & Assurance Emmie McChristian
- Song of Worship *Cornerstone*
- Scripture Readings Ester Torres
- Song of Worship *Holy Forever*
- Message **UnExpected: The Hungry** ([Matthew 5:6](#)) Alf Halvorson
- Youth Panel Tyler McKee, Anthony Walker, Kate Michels, & Macy McAfee
- Offertory *Made for More*

Moment of Prayer and Connection Amanda Shockley & Logan Enszer

Acoustic & Vocals: Joey DeLongchamps • Bass: Jack Harrison • Clarinet: Jean Choi • Drums: Raphael Banjov •  
Cajon: Matthew Kukolja • Electric Guitar: Carter King • Keys: Thaigo Verona • Saxophone: Felipe Verona •  
Vocals: Alice Anjos, Clarissa Escamilla, Ester Torres, Melissa Pereira, Raegan Johnson, Tyler Fargason

**11:15 SERVICE**

- Preludes *Two Hymn Preludes* Dale Wood (1934-2003)
- Welcome & Call to Worship Amanda Shockley & Justin Stubbs
- \*Hymn of Praise #482 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* Vs. 1, 3 | LOBE DEN HERREN
- \*Prayer of Confession & Assurance Lexie Chapman
- \*Affirmation of Faith from the New City Catechism, Question One
- Anthem *This Little Light of Mine* arr. Howard Helvey (b. 1968)
- Pastoral Prayer Hallie Poysky
- Offertory *Beati Quorum Via (Blessed Are They)* Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)
- Senior Testimonies Jake Chapman & Savannah Rush
- Message **UnExpected: The Hungry** ([Matthew 5:6](#)) Alf Halvorson
- Choral Benediction *A Gaelic Blessing* John Rutter (b. 1945)
- Postlude *Overture to the Royal Fireworks* G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

Musicians at 11:15: Charles Hausmann, conductor; Kathryn White, piano and organ

# MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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## This Morning in the MDPC Gallery

Visit our student art show, displaying several forms of media. The MDPC Art Gallery is in the East Hallway between The Nook and Outreach Ministries.



## Thu, May 2 • 8:45 or 11:30am

Join us for the National Day of Prayer. At 8:45-9:15 (Sanctuary), we'll pray for our children and families; at 11:30-Noon (Chapel), for our nation, leaders, and world.



## Sun, May 5 • 11am-1:30pm

Plan to join us in Fellowship Hall next Sunday for **All-Church Lunch**! To see the menu and pricing, visit [acl.mdpc.org](https://acl.mdpc.org).



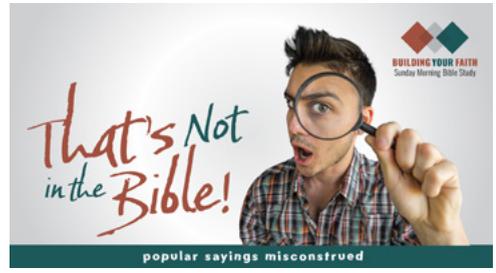
## Weekly, 5-7pm • Menu: [wnd.mdpc.org](https://wnd.mdpc.org)

If you attend a Wed-night program (or just happen to be in the neighborhood), join us for dinner! Dine in or carry out.



## Summer Wednesdays

Ladies, check out these sweet summer opportunities to seek Jesus, find friendship, and love others! Learn more and sign up at [slice.mdpc.org](https://slice.mdpc.org).



## Sundays • 9:45 or 11:15am • Amphith.

Come enjoy Biblical teaching with a pastor or staff member with seminary training. No homework, no pre-registration or class roll, but always donut holes!



## July 8-12 • 9am-12:30pm

You can make a huge impact on a child's walk with Jesus when you volunteer for Summer Celebration VBS! Adults and teens can sign up at [sc.mdpc.org](https://sc.mdpc.org).



Have you done your Spring cleaning? Bring us your spare LEGOs to support this year's Summer Celebration mission projects! Please package them in plastic bags and drop off at Children's Ministries.

Join Pastor Alf's 2024 Challenge



The New City Catechism

Learn more: [52qs.mdpc.org](https://52qs.mdpc.org)

**Week 17 Question:** What is idolatry?

**Answer:** Idolatry is trusting in created things rather than the Creator for our hope and happiness, significance, and security.

**Scripture:** *For although they knew God, they neither glorified Him as God nor gave thanks to Him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen. Romans 1:21, 25 NRSV*

## Financial Update as of Apr 21, 2024

2024 Annual Budget	\$ 13,723,677
Income to Date	\$ 3,916,394
Needed to Meet Budget	\$ 9,807,283

## Births and Deaths

Isla Jean Rogers, daughter of **Steven and Morgan Rogers**, was born Apr 19, 2024.  
**Jack Barry** passed away Apr 14, 2024.  
**Yvonne Dupuis-Perkins** passed away Mar 25, 2024.

## UnExpected: The Hungry • [Matthew 5:6 NRSV](#)

This is the fourth in our post-Easter sermon series on the Beatitudes of Jesus. It is also Youth Sunday, which is one of my favorite Sundays of the year. Maybe it's because we get to see how God has worked through our programs, mission trips, individual relationships with far-from-perfect-but-available adults, and through the Holy Spirit's mysterious work to draw the next generation to God's grace and purposes. Or maybe it is the chance to hear how baptismal vows of the parents and our congregation have played out in God's providence and love. Or maybe it is just the chance to hear God's word from voices that share it with new eyes and new hearts.

1. What do you hope for regarding your children, grandchildren, and for the children of our congregation?
2. Dale Bruner says the first four beatitudes are about our *need* before God. Read the fourth beatitude in Matt. 5:6. What *need* does this verse express?
3. Hunger and thirst mean literal hunger and thirst; but they also suggest spiritual hunger and spiritual thirst. Read John 4:14 & 6:35 and describe a time when you have been physically and spiritually hungry and thirsty?
4. Righteousness is a complex subject in scripture. When it has to do with God, it suggests the holiness, purity, deeds, and trustworthiness of our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Read Ps. 71:15-19 to get a feel of this idea. Righteousness for us mean right relationships with God, with others, and with ourselves. And in Matthew, it always means moral behavior conforming to God's will "that results in life and it more abundant." When have you sought righteousness in your life and why did you pursue it?
5. In our Reformed Tradition, we know that we are not saved by our works; that righteousness is *imputed* to us as we have faith in Christ. Read Gen. 15:1-6, Rom. 4:1-5; Eph. 2:8-9; 1 Peter 3:18a; and 1 John 2:1. What do these verses teach you about how righteousness can be received by us? And then how can righteousness be passed on by us in our lives and relationships?
6. Read Matt. 6:25-33. How does striving "first for God's kingdom and righteousness" put everything in its proper place as opposed to seeking for what we will eat or drink or wear first? How are you doing with that prioritization? What might need to change so that you hunger and thirst for God first this week?



CLASS OF

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*Congrats*

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**MDPC** and Youth Ministries are excited  
to present these graduating seniors!



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**Addisyn Able**

St. Agnes Academy

Texas A&M University

Major: Public Health

Child of Jeannie and Trey Able

Sister of Connor Able

Granddaughter of Doris and Terry Looper



**Elyse Carlson**

Stratford High School

Texas A&M University

Major: Business

Child of Kristen and Neal Carlson



**Jake Chapman**

Stratford High School

Rice University

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Child of Ricky and Marty Chapman

Brother of Julia and Lexie Chapman

Grandson of Rick and Gwen Lillioth



**Johnny Crawford**

Graduating from Stratford High School

University of Texas at Austin

Major: Business

Child of Charlotte and Wade Crawford

Brother of Caroline and Audrey Crawford



**Seth Engvall**

Memorial High School

University of Texas at Austin

Major: Rhetoric and Writing/Computer Science

Child of John and Christy Engvall



**James French**

Memorial High School

University of Texas at Austin

Major: Geosystems Engineering and Hydrogeology

Child of Mary and Jeff French



***Ethan Gentil***

Stratford High School

University of Arkansas

Major: Business

Child of Jeff and Christine Gentil

Brother of Maddie and Carson Gentil



***Adam Gilbert***

Stratford High School

Texas A&M University

Major: Ag Economics

Child of Michael and Jill Gilbert



***Charlie Harrison***

Memorial High School

Texas A&M University

Major: Business

Child of Kate and Rex Harrison



***Marco Jimenez***

Bellaire High School

University of Houston

Major: Pediatric Medicine

Child of Ela Jimenez and Rosalio Morales



***Margo Kieschnick***

St. Pius X High School

University of North Texas

Major: Political Science

Child of Greg and Laura Kieschnick



***Parker Kubitza***

Kinkaid

University of Oklahoma

Major: Business, Finance

Child of Huntley Anderson and Dan Kubitza

Brother of Caroline and Kent Kubitza

Grandson of Linda Anderson



**Jonathan Lumpkin**

Stratford High School

Waiting to Commit

Major: Finance

Child of Mark and Leslee Lumpkin



**Macy McAfee**

Stratford High School

University of Texas at Austin

Major: Nursing

Child of Kara and Trey McAfee

Grandchild of Irene and Jack McAfee, Jr.



**Tyler McKee**

Stratford High School

University of Mississippi

Major: Accounting

Child of John and Miranda McKee



**Angelo Michaels**

Cy-Fair High School

Lone Star College,  
then University of Texas at Austin

Major: Game Programming and  
Development/Interactive Media Design

Child of Veronica Patrick and Joshua Michaels



**Kate Michels**

Stratford High School

University of Texas at Austin

Major: Business

Child of Ashley and David Michels



**Maryan Moghrabi**

Memorial High School

University of Houston

Major: Biology

Child of Wadiaa Danha and Hani Moghrabi



***Ella Pezzia***

Stratford High School

University of Mississippi

Major: Nursing

Child of Lisa and Aldo Pezzia



***Christian Rojas***

Memorial High School

Michigan Technological University

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Child of Arturo and Veronica Rojas

Brother of Tristan

Grandchild of Juliana Rojas, Mario and Maria Luisa Gonzalez



***Brooks Rouse***

Memorial High School

Texas A&M University

Major: Agricultural Business - Real Estate

Child of Phyllis and Barrett Rouse



***Savannah Rush***

Stratford High School

Texas A&M University

Major: Communications

Child of Chris and Tera Rush



***Holley Russell***

Spring Woods High School

Stephen F. Austin University

Major: Creative Writing

Child of Traci Russell



***Walker Sage***

Stratford High School

Waiting to Commit

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Child of Scott and Andrea Sage



**Charlotte Stiles**

Memorial High School

Southern Methodist University

Major: Elementary Education

Child of Suzanne and Adam Stiles



**Melanie Suerth**

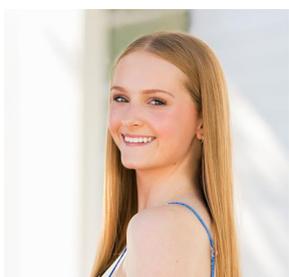
Stratford High School

University of Oklahoma

Major: Business

Child of Kathy and Mike Suerth

Sister of Maddie and Jack Suerth



**Emma Taylor**

Stratford High School

Vanderbilt University

Major: Biomedical Engineering

Child of Jeff and Krissy Taylor

Grandchild of Jim and Gladys Taylor



**Luke Tingleaf**

Memorial High School

SBISD job training program:

Achieving Positive Transitions (APT)

Child of Drew and Laura Tingleaf



**Reid VanderVoort**

Memorial High School

Washington and Lee University

Major: Pre-Law

Child of Brett and Camille VanderVoort



**Anthony Walker**

St. Thomas High School

Waiting to Commit

Major: Computer Science/Business

Child of Raeanne and Mark Walker

Grandchild of Faye Buffalo



April 28, 2024

# College Graduates

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Class of 2024

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Congratulations to these **MDPC College Graduates**.  
Read a little more about what's next in their life journey!



## **Sarah Adams**

Graduating from  
The University of Texas at Austin  
Sustainability Studies with minors  
in Business and French

Future Plans: Working for Camp Ozark as a  
recruiter for two years and then law school

Child of Charlotte and Andrew Adams



## **Argentina Barrios**

Graduating from University of Houston  
Downtown and Houston Community College  
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and  
Associate in General Sciences

Future Plans: Pursuing a Masters Degree and  
working for Harris County

Child of Verónica Molina and Gilmar Barrios  
Goddughter of Mario and Marina Porras



## **Elise Bounds**

Graduating from Wheaton College  
Bachelor of Arts with majors in Economics and  
International Relations

Future Plans: Non-Profit/Public Policy work

Child of Erin and Cary Bounds  
Sister of Sally and Averett Bounds



## **Audrey Crawford**

Graduating from  
The University of Texas at Austin

Bachelor's in Sociology, minor in Professional  
Sales and Business Development, Business  
Spanish Certificate

Future Plans: Alvarez & Marsal in Houston

Child of Charlotte and Wade Crawford  
Sister of Caroline and Johnny Crawford



**Allison Fuller**

Graduating from Texas A&M University  
Bachelor of Science in Health, Allied Health track  
Future Plans: Allison plans to pursue an accelerated second-degree in nursing at UTMB Galveston or UTHealth Houston this fall.  
Child of Katherine and Jeff Fuller  
Granddaughter of Tattin and Dick Harvin



**Michael Goolsby**

Graduating from The University of Texas  
Bachelor of Science & Arts (BSA), College of Natural Sciences, Biology  
Future Plans: Master of Finance at McCombs Graduate School of Business at UT  
Child of Carrie and Jim Goolsby



**Jack Seidensticker**

Graduating from Texas Tech University  
Bachelor of Arts in Creative Media  
Future Plans: Work in the Creative Media Industry in Houston  
Child of Alan and Elizabeth Seidensticker  
Brother of Aiden Seidensticker and Evelyn Seidensticker  
Grandchild of Susan Seidensticker



**Tristan Smith**

Graduating from University of Houston  
Bachelor's in Business Management  
Future Plans: Working full time, and then eventually hope to start my own business.  
Child of Jason and Karen Smith



**Isabella Waltz**

Graduating from The University of Texas at Austin  
Bachelor's in Journalism and Bachelor of Arts in Government  
Future Plans: Law school  
Child of Amy and Brett Waltz

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