

Appreciating Abe and Mika Deshotel of the Family Church of Connecticut

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Pastor Abe and Mika are a younger couple who have been serving the Bridgeport, CT, community since January 1, 2016. One of the things I appreciate the most about them is their attitude. Things don't always go smoothly, but they have a really positive outlook on almost every situation. Whereas, an older member (like me) might have a tendency to judge, they have a rosy outlook and say, "Well, maybe we can do it this way." I find this so uplifting and encouraging and it gives me energy to go forward. We had a tragic incident in our community this year and they have persevered and kept us looking forward. They have shown maturity and respect, and have been an example for our community for which I am truly grateful.

-Greg Breland

Pastor Mika Deshotel and her husband Abe are amazing co-pastors of our Bridgeport Family Church. First, they are parents of three very young children with another one on the way. Mika not only works as a teacher full-time, she then pastors our church and mentors so many of our second generation youth. Abe takes care of his children, works and does all the music coordination for Sunday Service with his great band. The reason I write this is because, as soon as they became pastors we had the True Family come and speak, a huge event; and just after that, a second generation and then a first generation member passed away. These two young pastors were so incredible in the way they handled everything. They attended each situation with such loving care, kindness, prayer and sensitivity. I was deeply moved by the level of wisdom and maturity they exhibited through it all. When my husband had triple bypass surgery, Abe brought his three children to the hospital prayer room to pray with me. What a heart! I will never forget such a beautiful thing. What a blessing to have a second generation couple leading our many college students and adults. They deserve a big thank you from all in Bridgeport and our continued support and prayers.

-Betsy Orman

This pastor couple is doing an exemplary job. When a member of our community suddenly ascended to the spirit world, they encouraged the community to care for this family not once but for months and months, with the provision of meals three times per week for the next few months. I have been so moved by the organization and commitment of this community ably lead by these young pastors over such an extended period. A big thank you to the pastors for real community care and pasturing.

-Marjorie Buessing