

BIBLICAL PRAYERS



When God Expands Our Focus
Psalm 67 | Andrew Adair preaching

8:30 AM Service

July 26, 2020

Andrew Adair preaching

[Psalm 67](#)

Welcome | Announcements | Call to Worship

Dave Steane

Songs of Praise

Found in You
All Creatures of Our God and King

Paul Baloche
arr. Crowder

Prayer of Confession | Assurance

Amanda Grace Caldwell

Songs of Response

Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Traditional

Moment of Prayer

Dave Steane

Song of Preparation

What a Beautiful Name

Hillsong Worship

Message

When God Expands Our Focus

Andrew Adair

Song of Response

Great Are You, Lord

Elevation Worship

Sharing Our Gifts | Benediction

Andrew Adair

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Sunday Worship Playlist

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Remember Our Mission Partners on the Front Lines of Ministry

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9:45 AM Service

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Welcome | Call to Worship

Worship Leader

Song of Praise

Found in You

Paul Baloche

Meet & Greet | Announcements

Worship Leader

Kids' Moment

Children's Ministry

Moment of Confession | Assurance

Hillary McMullen

Songs of Response

Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus
What a Beautiful Name

Hillsong Worship

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Christyn Knoop

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11:15 AM Service

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Prelude	<i>Allegro Energico</i>	Christian Cappelen (1845-1916)
Welcome & Call to Worship		Dave Steane
Choral Introit	<i>God Is Here</i>	arr. Ferguson (b. 1941)
Hymn of Praise	<i>My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less</i>	SOLID ROCK
Prayer of Confession, Assurance, & Affirmation		Amy Delgado
Congregational Response		The Gloria Patri
Anthem	<i>O Clap Your Hands</i>	John Rutter (b. 1945)
Pastoral Prayer		Dave Steane
Anthem of Preparation	<i>Let All the People Say "Amen"</i>	Allen Pote
Message	<i>When God Expands Our Focus</i>	Andrew Adair
Hymn of Response	<i>If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee</i>	WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT
Sharing Our Gifts Benediction		Andrew Adair
Postlude	<i>There Is a Longing in Our Hearts</i>	arr. K. White

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MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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Even though we are not meeting in-person, there are still lots of opportunities to learn, to serve, and to fellowship. Check out some featured events below. For a complete listing of upcoming opps, visit events.mdpc.org.



MDPC is seeking its next class of Elders and Deacons. Who do you know who's equipped to lead our church into the new-normal future we're facing? Visit nominations.mdpc.org to submit your nominations by August 25.



MDPC's annual MAM Back to School drive is happening now. Even if school looks different this fall, your gifts will go toward the greatest education-related need of local children from struggling families. Learn more and give [online](https://online.mdpc.org).

Preschool and Elementary Sunday School Lesson



Looking for good, healthy, and FUN content for your children? View the weekly Sunday School lessons by Preschool Director Mayra Escamilla and Elementary Director Lyndsey Dottavio. Visit online.mdpc.org to view weekly lessons.



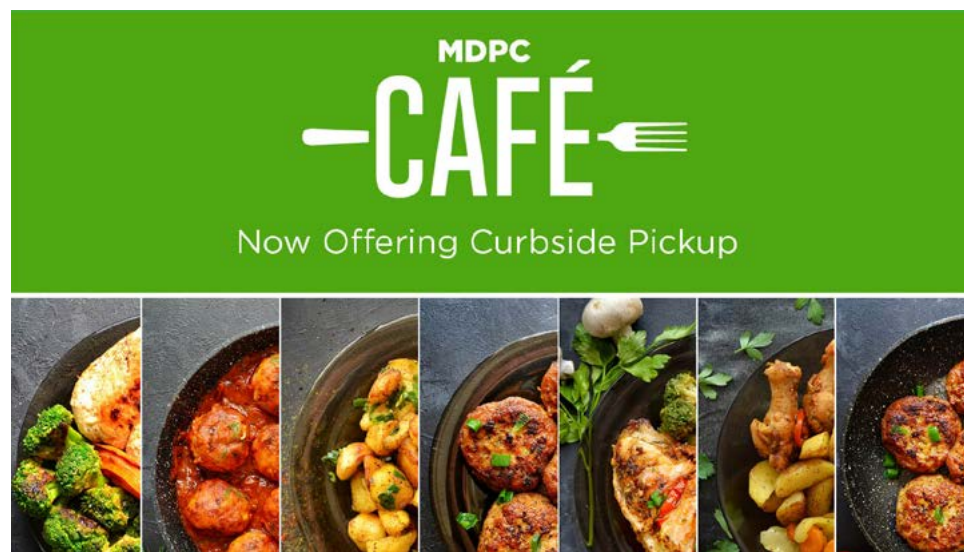
Even in these difficult times, our MDPC Mission Partners are still hard at work providing needed services to their clients and sharing the love of Jesus. To hear some of their stories, visit stories.mdpc.org.



When we say slowly and safely, we mean it! In line with current spikes and recommendations of local officials, **MDPC** is not hosting in-person worship or other events at least through August 16. Decisions about later dates will be made following safety guidelines. Details at open.mdpc.org.



The **MDPC** app delivers an experience that's simple, useful, and informative. Many of the features are customized to fit your needs, all with the intent of making it easy to engage in the life of **MDPC**. And, you can check-in to the services (even from home) via the app. Visit app.mdpc.org to learn more.



The **MDPC** Café is serving up delicious prepared meals and daily specials for lunch and Wednesday dinners, with convenient takeout, curbside pickup, or limited delivery service. Check out the menu and order online at cafe.mdpc.org.



This fall, **MDPC** will study the Book of ACTS, beginning the week of August 16, and will include existing Sunday School classes, Sunday morning pastor-led classes, and a Wednesday night small group. Visit acts.mdpc.org for details. No registration required.



Registration is now open for the fall series of Word & Worship. This year's study of the Book of Hebrews will leave us with a deeper knowledge of Jesus and more complete understanding of the Bible as a whole. Learn more at hebrews.mdpc.org.

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For many of us, this sermon series on “Biblical Prayers” has been timely. Are there particular sermons in this series God has used to speak to you? If you’re grappling with exhaustion, go back and listen to Alf’s first sermon in this series, or if you’re dealing with hate or anger, listen to the second sermon of the series Alf did on “Praying Our Hate.” These sermons are great resources (and are all available on the MDPC website) ... take advantage of them!

As verse 2 of Psalm 67 makes clear, God didn’t just bless the people of Israel for their own sakes; God blessed them so all the nations (peoples of the earth) would know His ways and His salvation. As Abraham’s spiritual descendants, God has chosen us and blessed us in Christ that He might bless the nations through us. One challenge we face in this pandemic is the temptation to “huddle in” and focus on our own needs. What helps you stay attentive to the needs of those around you, even to the needs of the world?

When studying the Psalms, repetition is a key feature, because often a repeated word or phrase indicates an important point. That’s the case in verses 3–5 as the Psalmist underscores this heartfelt cry that all the nations will join in praising and worshipping God. As we pray this powerful prayer, it will help us align our lives with God’s ultimate plan and purpose. God called Sharon to teach English to refugees here in Houston, and God has called others here at MDPC to serve in the Fuente Food Pantry. Is the Holy Spirit nudging you to consider any specific action steps to bless the “nations” around you (in wise ways given COVID-19, of course!)?

As God enables us to understand this truth (that He has blessed us so the nations can know and experience His blessing) at a deeper level, and if we are willing to live it out more intentionally, our lives will likely look different:

- One difference could be the way we pray. How might the way we pray for the Houston area look different? How might the way we pray for the world look different? Did you sign up for the Operation World app on your smart device?
- Another difference might be how we choose to use the resources (our time, our skills, our finances, etc.) God has entrusted to us, even in this pandemic. The young couple I mentioned was led by God to open their home up to international students. Spend some time praying and ask God if there are any creative ways God is calling you to use your resources now to bless others.

