



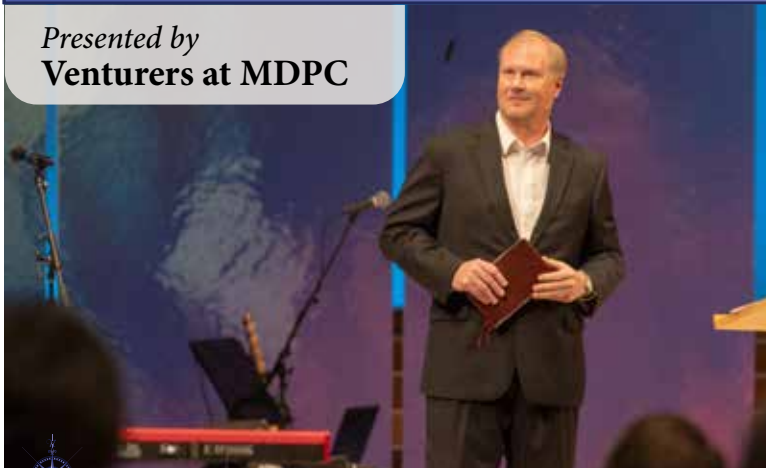
Senior Adults

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Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church • Houston, Texas

September 2022

Presented by
Venturers at MDPC



Without a Vision, the People Perish Speaker Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson

Dr. Halvorson will talk about what MDPC has accomplished in his first 7 years regarding goals, etc.; then about our next five year plan. Alf graduated from Luther College with a BA, then went on to receive his Master of Divinity and Master of Theology from Princeton Theological Seminary, and his Doctor of Ministry from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

Monday, September 12, 2022

6:00pm Social Hour • 7:00pm Dinner Served
Fratelli's Ristorante (1330 Wirt Road, 77055)

Dinner reservation details on the enclosed form.



Lunch at Los Tios A Houston Tex-Mex staple for 50 Years!

For our first Fall activity, we are meeting at Los Tios for some delicious Mexican food and great fellowship! Hope to see you there!



Wednesday, September 21, 2022

11:30am • Meet at Los Tios (9527 Westheimer, just east of Tanglewilde)

RSVP to Tammy Allyn by Wed, Sep 14:
832.816.6254 or uwphoto.2@sbcglobal.net

Encore Fellowship: Fun Activities Coming This Fall!



Encore Fellowship is a friendly community open to adult singles and couples of all ages. We invite you to join us for any or all events!

Saturday, September 24

Wine Tasting at Memorial Wine Cellar

Thursday, December 1

A Texas Carol, a hysterical and heart-warming play at AD Players

Look for additional details at seniors.mdpc.org or to join our mailing list email Betsy Chalmers at betsychalmersfarver@gmail.com to receive an invitation. We hope to see you at these fun venues.

Pastor's Corner

Brett Hurst, Relationships Pastor

When I responded to the call to serve as a pastor at MDPC, I was 35, married about ten years to my lovely wife Kellie, with two precious little ones in tow. Twenty-five years later, I'm a grandfather of three and loving life even more than I could have possibly imagined. What a blessing! Now, to be completely honest, I will say that my body is not always in total agreement with my state of mind. In fact, daily I am getting present to physical indicators giving me insights that the good times may not always roll. But my mind still seems to be functioning just fine (my wife may contest that!) and as long as I manage to keep my heart fixed on Jesus, I think I'm going to be okay.

In Job 12:12 we read, "Is not wisdom found among the aged?" Later, in Proverbs, we also see this: "Gray hair is a crown of splendor; it is attained by a righteous life." I can comment briefly about both verses. First, we know that all wisdom comes from God. Left to my own devices, I would have not grown any wiser through these past years than the day when I first entered into adulthood. Secondly, if this "crown of splendor" is attained by a "righteous life", then thank God He delivered to me the righteousness attained through the work of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection. Once again, on my own, I would not bring anything good whatsoever to the table in this regard...no matter what my current age.

But praise God for His faithfulness! Now, through all I have learned so far, I can wholeheartedly agree with Paul's promise in Philippians that "He who began a good work in me will continue His work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns."

My goal from this day forward is to enjoy each day while looking toward the glorious day that is coming for me. I hope you are able to do the same.



President's Message

Welcome back to Venturers at MDPC! We are moving forward for the 2022-2023 Venturers year with a new set of interesting presentations and the opportunity to fellowship together over great dinners at Fratelli's Ristorante in Spring Branch.

Join us for our kick-off on Monday evening, September 12 at 6:00 for fellowship and cocktails followed by a dinner with three entrée choices at different price points. The separate meeting room at Fratelli's will be just for us with an entry directly from the parking lot to the meeting room.

Our kickoff speaker is none other than our great **Senior Pastor Alf Halvorson** who will share his look back over his first 7 years at MDPC as well as the new five-year plan soon to be adopted by the Session. Be among the first to hear this special story, entitled **"Without a Vision, the People Perish."**

Please renew your membership – it is economical and it permits us to move forward with program and fellowship excellence. You will receive a renewal request in this mailing. Connie Whelchel is our Membership Committee Chair, and she would love to hear from you. You can reach her at 713-785-7701 or connie2whelchel@gmail.com. Please return your completed membership form with your annual fee.

Invite guests and prospective members! Your Venturers leadership team has endorsed a special discount of \$10 off of the meal price for any MDPC member visiting Venturers for the first time. This will apply for all the meetings this fall. It would be a great gift to your MDPC friends to invite them to join our fellowship.

Contact Tamara Ham at hamtamara@gmail.com or 713-993-1502 for more information about dinner reservations.

Let us make your September a little brighter!

Your 2022-2023 President,
Bart Henson

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