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Praises and Prayers

The White Rose is given in memory of

- Bob Jenkins, who passed away on March 22, 2016.
- Dr. William R. Livesay, who passed away on March 28, 2016.

Ministry Partners 2016

This week, we ask that you please pray for these partners in ministry that MDPC assists with your support:

College of Biblical Studies (CBS) offers a nationally accredited theological curriculum taught by highly qualified faculty. Due to low tuition rates and the availability of need-based scholarships, financial aid, and flexible class schedules, CBS helps many students who otherwise might not be able to successfully obtain college degrees.
cbshouston.edu

Cornerstone Family Ministries is a multicultural, faith-based nonprofit in Spring Branch that believes in the fact that when parents do well, their children do well. It partners with churches to address practical and spiritual needs in a less threatening setting outside the institutional church.
cfmhouston.org

China Resource Center equips and strengthens the growing Chinese church and fosters constructive Western engagement in China by building churches in rural areas and distributing Bibles. This ministry is dedicated to reflecting the relevance and love of Jesus Christ as it shares the Good News.
chinarresourcecenter.org

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

OPERATING INCOME

2016 Budget	\$	11,050,000
Expected Income to Date	\$	1,884,677
Actual Income to Date	\$	2,166,983
Current Income Surplus	\$	282,306

Your giving enables China Resource Center to equip, strengthen, and serve the growing Chinese church as they reach China, greater Asia, and the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.. >



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Sent

By the Savior

Sunday, April 3, 2016

Sent Ones

John 17:15-23, 20:19-21 | Alf Halvorson Preaching



Purely Parenting: Healthy Dating Relationships

A speaker from Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse discusses what healthy dating looks like, what dating abuse is, warning signs, and what to do when abuse is present. Purely Parenting forums are opportunities for the exchange of new ideas and proven strategies. Open to all.

Today at 11:15 AM | Amphitheater

parenting.mdpc.org

New Member Classes

MDPC's New Member Class series is taught by the associate pastors and elders. The series includes a Saturday service project at one of our local mission partners.

Sundays, April 10-May 15 | Room 171-172 | 11:00 AM-12:15 PM

Contact Diann Turet to register: dturet@mdpc.org or 713-490-9553

Venturers presents: Houston Economy: What Shape Are We In?

Chris Tomlinson, business columnist for the Houston Chronicle, will speak about the current state of the Houston economy and how it's impacted by global issues.

Monday, April 11 | Social Hour 6:00 PM, Program 7:00 PM | Westchase Hilton

Reserve your dinner (\$30) by April 6 by contacting Chuck & Limmie Edwards: 713-785-7115

From Boko Haram to My Broken Heart...Why Does God Allow Suffering?

Guest Jerry Walls, professor of Philosophy at HBU, joins a panel of pastors from area churches to discuss the Theology of Evil, with Q&A time. Free craft beer and food.

Tuesday, April 12 | 7:00 PM | 8584 Katy Freeway

[facebook.com/TheologyOnTapHouston](https://www.facebook.com/TheologyOnTapHouston)

The Parish

An new Sunday class dedicated to growing together in our understanding of God and His purposes for our lives. Open to all young adults. Get in on the ground floor!

Sundays starting April 23 | 11:15 AM | Room 101

Contact Brandon with questions: bgaide@mdpc.org

Moving Forward: How Exercise Can Enhance Brain Health

Can 30 minutes of aerobic activity really decrease your chances of developing dementia? Emile Unverzagt of The Amazing Place will discuss how useful exercise benefits our brains.

Wednesday, April 20 | 5:45 PM | Parlor

Please RSVP to Bitsy Cleveland: bcleveland@mdpc.org or 713-490-9542

PLEASE silence or place your cell phone in airplane mode upon entering worship. Thank you!



MDPC MORNING WORSHIP

*Please stand if able.

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8:30 & 9:45 AM SERVICES

GATHERING MUSIC

WORSHIP INVITATION

Dave Steane (8:30), Meliza Gómez (9:45)

*SONGS OF PRAISE

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Rick Myers (8:30), Laura Miller (9:45)

SONG OF RESPONSE (8:30)

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

Dave Steane

MESSAGE

Sent By the Savior: Sent Ones

Alf Halvorson

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Musicians in these services: Joe Gavito, guitar; Meliza Gómez, worship leader; Craig Gysler, keys; Michael Middleton, worship leader; Asher Pudlo, drums; Dennis Whittaker, bass

11:15 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

PRELUDE

Meditation a Sainte Clotilde

Philip James (1890-1975)

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Dave Steane

CHORAL INTROIT

Christ the Lord Is Risen Again

John Rutter

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Crown Him With Many Crowns

#151; Vs. 1, 2, 4 | DIADEMATA

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rick Myers

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The Gloria Patri

Hymn #579

ANTHEM

Just As He Said

Valerie Crescenz (b. 1965)

OFFERTORY

At the Name of Jesus

Rene Clausen (b.1953)

MESSAGE

Sent By the Savior: Sent Ones

Alf Halvorson

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Open My Eyes That I May See

#324; Vs. 1, 3 | OPEN MY EYES

POSTLUDE

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

arr. Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

Musicians in this service: Charles Hausmann, Sanctuary Choir conductor; Kathryn White, organ

11:15 AM SPANISH SERVICE

MDPC's Fuente Hispanic Ministries worships in the Chapel. For more information on Spanish-language and bilingual community events and programs, visit fuente.mdpc.org.

5:00 PM FIFTH SERVICE

MDPC's Fifth Service is a worshipping community that encourages a more casual atmosphere and an intimate worship experience. Join them Sundays in the Chapel. Visit fifthservice.mdpc.org for more info.

VISITORS: If you are visiting MDPC today, we are delighted that you have come to worship with us! Allow us to welcome you personally at the Connection Center located in the Sanctuary Lobby.

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP? For inquiries on how to become a member of MDPC, contact Diann Turet at dturet@mdpc.org and join one of our New Member Classes that run throughout the year.

MDPC Concert Series

2015-2016



Mercury: Music of the Nations

Movements in Telemann's suite "Les Nations" are dedicated to the Turks, the Swiss, the Muscovites, and the Portuguese. Dvořák's journey to America is evident in this string quartet that recalls his famous *New World Symphony*. Hear it brought to life by the full string section of Mercury.

TELEMANN: Suite "Les Nations"

DVOŘÁK: "American" String Quartet

Saturday, April 16
2:30 PM | MDPC Chapel

Tickets start at just \$19 and may be purchased at the door or at mercuryhouston.org.



Join Alf for a casual conversation about MDPC and its ministries. No commitment required! It's just an engaging opportunity to explore what it would mean to be part of our faith community.

This morning, 10:45-11:10 AM | Gathering Room

membership.mdpc.org

DISCOVER MDPC



MO16 TWENTY
Who's Your Super Hero?

Pastor Alf leads this year's retreat!

Mo-Ranch Weekend • Friday-Monday, May 27-30

mo.mdpc.org

GLOW FOR GOD

MDPC Summer Celebration 2016

Summer Celebration 2016

MDPC's version of Vacation Bible School

July 11-15 • 9:30 AM-12:30 PM

For children who have completed Kindergarten through 5th grade. Preschool children can attend if a parent volunteers.

Registration is open at sc.mdpc.org!

Worried About Your Memory?

It's Not Necessarily Dementia!

Many adults over 50 worry about becoming forgetful; however, memory lapses may simply be the result of normal aging changes, not a serious illness. How can you tell the difference? **Sally Davis, RN, MSN**, will review situations attributed to age-related changes and share lifestyle habits that can increase your chances of aging successfully.

Tuesday, April 19 | Fellowship Hall

(Free) Program and (\$9.50) Lunch: 10:30 AM-Noon

Lunch reservations needed. Pick up a flier for details.

Prime Timers

Sent

By the Savior

Sent Ones

Matthew 27:27-34

Pastor Alf Halvorson Preaching

On the night of the Last Supper, Jesus prays for His disciples in John chapter 17. It is not a bad idea to read the entire prayer, verses 1-26, to get the tone of the encounter with the Father, the flavor of the words, and the context of our text (vs. 15-23).

1. What phrases from Jesus' prayer in John chapter 17 hit you? What subjects does He cover? What does He ask the Father to do? What does that reveal about Jesus' heart?
2. In verses 15-18, Jesus determines not to ask the Father to take the disciples out of the world. What does He specifically pray? How can they find and know the truth?
3. In verse 18, Jesus admits that the Father sent Him ("apostled" Him in Greek) into the world. And Jesus admits that He has "sent" the disciples into the world. In fact, in case we missed it, John 20:19-21 reminds us that when Jesus appeared to the disciples after the Resurrection, showing them His hands and His side, He said again, "As the Father has sent Me, so I send you." Where did the Father send Jesus? What was He supposed to do? Whom did He interact with during His three years of ministry? What did He teach?
4. If we are to be followers of Jesus, and Jesus has sent us into the world, what do you think that means for you individually? What about for MDPC?

5. How do verses 19-23 flesh out how we are to be sent? Does oneness mean sameness? Explain... Where is it important to be in sync, or one? Where is unity essential? Where is it okay to be different? What are the non-essentials, where it can be okay that we differ?
6. I shared a few examples of believers being sent. One example was to the faraway place of Malawi. The rest of the places were local. Share if you have been sent internationally for Christ. Where are one or two local places where Christ might send you?
7. I talked about “third places.” Your *first place* is your home, *second place* is your work, and a *third place* is where people relax or do things together: coffee shops, community centers, gyms, grocery stores, beauty parlors, the golf course, a park, dance studio, etc. Do you have a third place? What might it look like for you to be a “sent one” there?
8. If you are struggling right now with “what to say when you pray,” what if you looked once again at John 17:6-26 and prayed some of the key themes and key words that Jesus prayed? Translate them to your situation and our world today. It is hard to go wrong when you imitate the Master...

