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MDPC Foundation

For information, contact Business Administrator
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The Chancel Flowers are given

- in honor of Emily Summers Pacetti and Kade Augustus Pacetti, born April 2, 2016, to Ashley Birdwell Pacetti and Abe Pacetti. They are the grandchildren of Robin and John Birdwell.
- in celebration of the marriage of Becky Weatherall and Don Baird on May 21, 2016.

Ministry Partners 2016

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

Home Encouragement strengthens marriages and encourages strong families in the Greater Houston area. On offer are a monthly dinner for marrieds, a premarital training class, and other enrichment opportunities.
homeencouragement.org

Hope for Youth builds and maintains long-term Christian mentoring relationships with at-risk urban youth, primarily those whose families are staying at Star of Hope shelter. It organizes weekend outreach activities and ongoing development programs.
hopeforyouth.org

Grace International Children's Foundation (GICF) addresses the urgent needs of abandoned children and those left orphaned by east Africa's AIDS epidemic. **Lulwanda Children's Home** is a GICF orphanage in Uganda where 120 children receive love, housing, and Christian education, and many neighborhood children join them for school.
ugandaorphans.org

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

OPERATING INCOME

2016 Budget	\$ 11,050,000
Expected Income to Date	\$ 2,919,827
Actual Income to Date	\$ 3,347,595
Current Income Surplus	\$ 427,768

Jesus 'N The Hood is a week-long outreach program from MDPC ministry partner Hope for Youth. Students are encouraged to bring their friends and siblings to introduce them to the ministry. JNTH is a high-energy night of nonstop fun and fellowship highlighted by Christian music, a message, and small group discussion. It's Hope's most attended program, and your support helps make it possible. >



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Sent

By the Savior

Sunday, May 22, 2016

Witnesses in Multiple Places

Acts 1:6-11 | Alf Halvorson Preaching



Memorial Day Weekend: ONE Service!

Join us for a holiday weekend celebration. Fuente will meet as usual; Fifth Service will not meet.
 Sunday, May 29 | Blended Worship at 10:00 AM | Sanctuary

Discover MDPC with Alf

Attend a brief meeting to learn about MDPC and what it means to be part of this faith family.
 Today, 10:45-11:15 AM | Gathering Room

New Member Class Summer Intensive

This class, taught by the associate pastors and elders, condenses the New Member Class series into a weekend. It includes a service project at a local mission partner on a separate Saturday.
 June 3 and 4, Friday Evening and Saturday Morning | Summit Room
 Contact Diann Turet: dturet@mdpc.org or 713-490-9553

Camino de Santiago - A Pilgrimage in the Steps of James

For centuries, faithful Christians have made pilgrimages to holy sites as a way of exploring and expressing their faith. Join a small group of pilgrims from Texas on a Pilgrimage along the Camino de Santiago in Spain. We will walk (100 km in 6 days), pray, experience the cultures of our fellow pilgrims of the world, and dive into spiritual practices in a whole new way.
Trip Dates: September 9-20, 2016
 We'll need to do some training to safely walk that distance! Please contact Amy Delgado in Outreach Ministries by May 31 to sign up (adelgado@mdpc.org).

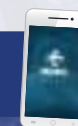
Young Adult Hangout

Eat some breakfast tacos and mix and mingle with other young adults. We'll have food, coffee, games, and a place to relax, hang out, and meet other fun folks. No matter what service you choose for worship, this is a space for anyone college-thru-40ish aged to hang out.
 Sunday mornings starting June 5 | 10:30-11:15 AM

Disabled Christians in Action

Join us weekly for afternoons of fun, fellowship, and food. Share in learning new songs and singing old songs in a new way as we use our voices to worship. Then, we study the Bible, pray, and break bread together.
 Wednesdays, 2:30-5:30 PM | MDPC Room 103
 Contact Pattie Barrett with questions: pattieslp@yahoo.com

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

WELCOME	Dave Steane (8:30), Meliza Gómez (9:45)	
*SONGS OF PRAISE		
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE	Rick Myers (8:30), Brandon Gaide (9:45)	
SONG OF RESPONSE		
GIFTS OF GRATITUDE		
MESSAGE	Witnesses in Multiple Places	Alf Halvorson
RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE		

Musicians in these services: Joe Gavito, guitar; Meliza Gómez and Matt Reynolds, worship leaders; Craig Gysler, keys; Asher Pudlo, drums; Daniel Amaya, bass

11:15 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

PRELUDE	<i>Give Me Jesus and I Sing the Power</i>	art. Sterling/Hayes
WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP	Dave Steane	
CHORAL INTROIT	<i>Rejoice the Lord Is King</i>	Henry Pfohl
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>Praise Ye the Lord</i>	#482; Vs. 1, 2, 3 LOBE DEN HERREN
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE	Rick Myers	
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	<i>United Church of Canada</i>	
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	<i>The Gloria Patri</i>	Hymn #579
ANTHEM	<i>Jesus Shall Reign</i>	Carl Nygard (b.1947)
OFFERTORY	<i>Veni sancte spiritus (Come, Holy Spirit) from Lux Aeterna</i>	Morten Lauridsen (1943)
MESSAGE	Witnesses in Multiple Places	Alf Halvorson
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>Fairest Lord Jesus</i>	#306; Vs. 1, 2 CRUSADERS' HYMN
POSTLUDE	<i>Postlude in F Minor</i>	George Blake (1912-1986)

Musicians in this service: Charles Hausmann, Sanctuary Choir conductor; Kathryn White, organist/pianist

5:00 PM FIFTH SERVICE IS MOVING TO 11:00 AM

Fifth Service Is Moving to the Morning!

Come check us out! Starting June 5, join us in the mornings for energetic worship, casual community, and dynamic teaching. Everyone is welcome!

Sundays, starting June 5 | 11:00 AM | Amphitheater

Visit fifthservice.mdpc.org for more info.

Fifth Service meets for its final evening service today at 5:00 PM in the Chapel.

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.

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.

MAM and MDPC: Working Together for Flood Relief

Our ministry partner, **Memorial Assistance Ministries**, is collecting items to make home-care packs for victims of Houston's recent flooding. Consider donating items listed on the "shopping list" flyers available at the Connection Center in the Lobby.

Thank you for supporting neighborhood families!



Sent To Serve Summer Service Opps

Following Pastor Alf's Sent By the Savior Sermon series, we hope you've heard God's call to go out into the city and beyond to share the love and hope found in Jesus Christ.

For details, visit sent.mdpc.org.

"As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you."
John 20:21



•COLLEGE• Summer Study

At this summer's college Bible study, we'll dig into great food and conversation about God's Word. It's open to all graduating seniors and anyone in college.

Wednesdays starting May 25, 6:30 PM

Contact Laura Miller at lmiller@mdpc.org for info.

LEADERSHIP



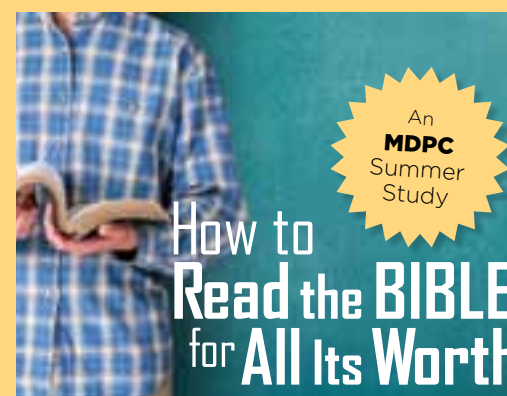
Men's Summer Study

Tuesdays, June 7-July 26
6:30-7:45 AM | Amphitheater

For more information, contact Brett Hurst at bhurst@mdpc.org or 713-490-0930.

Join MDPC Men's Ministries for a special book study on leadership, facilitated by Brett Hurst, Ken Harris and MDPC Men. Open to all men. Free to attend.

men.mdpc.org



Feel like everyone else loves the Bible, and you just get overwhelmed? Ever wished the Bible was more than just words on a page? Eager to experience God at a deeper level through His Word? Join us for these stand-alone sessions where we will glean crucial insights about reading God's Word so that it transforms our lives. We will be using Gordon Fee's book, *How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth*, as our study guide. Hosted by Quest Class. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Sundays starting June 12 | 9:45 AM | Parlor
June 12 - Introduction: Let's get this party started!

Sent

By the Savior

Witnesses in Multiple Places

Acts 1:6-11

Alf Halvorson Preaching

This is the last in a series of messages on being “Sent By the Savior.” The idea is that we are all sent ones, missionaries, apostles, because Christ has commissioned us. We started with John 17:18 and 20:21, and we end today with Acts 1:6-11.

1. In Acts 1:6-7, the disciples have a question for Jesus. What is the question? And what is Jesus’ answer? Why doesn’t Jesus give them a more complete answer?
2. If you could ask Jesus a question today, what would it be and why? Why doesn’t Jesus answer all of our questions in this life?
3. Jesus does not say that God was ready to bring the world to a perfect close at that time. Instead, He gives the disciples a job in the world. In verse 8, Jesus asks them to be His “witnesses.” Witness is the Greek word “martyrs,” which is where we get the word *martyr*. A martyr is a person who is loyal to a cause no matter what the cost. What does a witness do? One definition of witness is to tell the truth about what you have seen and experienced, no matter what the cost. How did the disciples witness going forward? Give some specific examples.
4. Verse 8 says that we get power when the Holy Spirit is in our life, to be Christ’s witnesses-- in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. What do you think that power looks like and feels like? When have you had courage to be a witness for Christ? Or, where are you being nudged to consider being a witness?
5. I talked about what the equivalent of Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth might look like in Houston. Was that helpful or too annoyingly specific (which then does not let us off the hook)?
6. What other places would you add that I did not mention, think of, or know about to share?
7. How will you think in a new way about being a “witness” yourself going forward in your daily life?

