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Today's Chancel Flowers are given by

Gary and Laura Guthrie, in celebration of 35 years of marriage.

The White Rose is in memory of

Reva Baker, who passed away May 30, 2016.

The Red Rose is in honor of

Rose Elizabeth Canfield, born May 13, 2016, to Kyle and Elizabeth Canfield. Rose is the granddaughter of Jana and Chase Canfield.

Ministry Partners 2016

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

Interface-Samaritan Counseling Center provides high-quality, affordable counseling and educational services from a Christian perspective, serving men, women, and children in the Houston area who might not otherwise have access to quality mental health care.
interface-samaritan.org

Interfaith Care Partners provides free support to individuals with chronic health conditions. It offers respite to caregivers through their Care Teams: AIDS Care Team, Alzheimer's Care Team (MDPC's The Gathering), Second Family, and Kids' Pals.
interfaithcarepartners.org

The Outreach Foundation is an independent Presbyterian global mission organization that focuses on the proclamation of the Gospel. It seeks to build the capacity of the church to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ by connecting U.S. Presbyterian congregations with global Presbyterian partners.
theoutreachfoundation.org

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

OPERATING INCOME	
2016 Budget	\$ 11,050,000
Expected Income to Date	\$ 3,385,243
Actual Income to Date	\$ 3,609,403
Current Income Surplus	\$ 224,160

Your generosity helps MDPC support our ministry partner, Interfaith Care Partners. Its team of skilled caregivers looks after Houstonians suffering from dementia, as well as the elderly, disabled children, and families in crisis. "You can pay for attention, but you can't buy care." >



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QUESTIONS God Asks Of Us

AND WHY OUR ANSWERS MATTER.

Sunday, June 12, 2016

Where Are You? | Genesis 3:8-13
 Alf Halvorson preaching



Preschool Playground Play Date

Come and meet our summer interns! Snow cones and fun provided. Preschoolers must be accompanied by a parent.
 Wednesday, June 15 | 2:30-3:30 PM
 Contact Becky Funderburk with questions:
bfunderburk@mdpc.org

Register Now for REACH Summer Recreational Camps and Classes!

Adults will enjoy art, ballroom dancing, music, and fitness classes like strength training and yoga. Camps for kids include basketball, fashion, cheer/tumbling, cooking for kids, dance, science, Spanish, soccer, survival tactics, theater, voice, woodworking, and more.
 Classes are filling up fast! For details or to register, visit reach.mdpc.org or call 713-490-9564.

Prime Timers Summer Film Series: Bridge of Spies

Prime Timers Senior Ministry proudly hosts another summer film series! Beat the heat while enjoying free popcorn and acclaimed films. All are welcome free of charge. Stick around afterwards for a brief guided discussion of the film and its impact on our Christian faith.
 Select Wednesdays, 3:00 PM
 June 22 - *Bridge of Spies* (PG-13)
 MDPC Amphitheater
 Not all movies are suitable for all ages. Please visit pluggedin.com to review movie content.

Travel Opportunity for Young Adults and College Students

A mind, a heart, a vision stretched never will shrink back to its previous size. Young adults and college students, take time now to expand your worldview, traveling and serving as modeled by Christ. Come with us to Budapest, July 23-30, for street outreach and fellowship with young Hungarians interested in hearing about Jesus. This culture loves engagement, so be ready to be on the receiving end of conversations!
 Contact Amy Delgado by June 15 to sign up (713-490-9565).

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

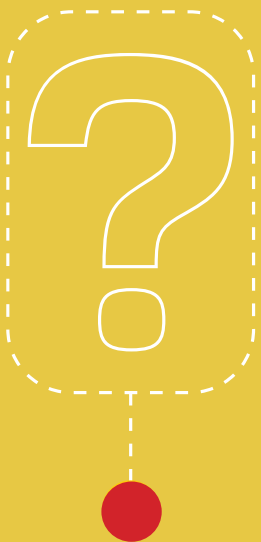
Contact Pattie Barrett with questions:
pattieslp@yahoo.com

Men, Save the Date! Cheeseburger in Paradise

Join the men of MDPC to celebrate the beginning of Men's Life with cheeseburgers, pie, and a visit from Alf! All men are invited to this kick-off event.

Wednesday, August 31 | 6:45-8:00 PM
 RSVP: men.mdpc.org

Now it's YOUR turn to ask the questions. Turn the page to find out how.



MDPC MORNING WORSHIP

*Please stand if able.

CCLI # 182374

8:30 AM SERVICE

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP		Rick Myers
*SONGS OF PRAISE		
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE		
GIFTS OF GRATITUDE		
MESSAGE	Where Are You?	Alf Halvorson
SONG OF RESPONSE		
QUESTIONS		

9:45 AM SERVICE

WORSHIP INVITATION		Meliza Gómez
*CALL TO WORSHIP		
*MOMENT OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE		Kyle Collins
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		
MESSAGE	Where Are You?	Alf Halvorson
GIFTS OF GRATITUDE		
QUESTIONS		

Musicians in these services: Gus Alvarado, drums; Joe Gavito, guitar; Meliza Gómez and Michael Middleton, worship leaders; Craig Gysler keys; Dennis Whittaker, bass

11:15 AM SERVICE

PRELUDE	<i>Gavotte and March</i>	Toivo Kuula (1883-1918)
WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP		Rick Myers
CHORAL INTROIT	<i>Laudate Dominum (We Praise Your Holy Name)</i>	Christopher Walker (b. 1947)
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>Morning Has Broken</i>	#469; Vs. 1, 3 BUNESSAN
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON		
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	from Romans 8	
ANTHEM	<i>I Shall Not Be Moved</i>	arr. Alice Parker (b.1925)
OFFERTORY	<i>O Light of Life</i>	Mack Wilberg (b. 1955)
MESSAGE	Where Are You?	Alf Halvorson
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>In the Garden</i>	Vs. 1, 2 GARDEN
QUESTIONS		
POSTLUDE	<i>Toccata in A</i>	Johann Kobrich (1714-1791)

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

11:00 AM FIFTH SERVICE

Fifth Service Has Moved to Mornings!

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

Sundays, 11:00 AM | Amphitheater

Visit fifthservice.mdpc.org for more info.



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.

How to Read the BIBLE for All Its Worth



Sundays, beginning June 12 | Parlor | 9:45 AM
The Quest Class invites all who are interested!

Join us this summer as we glean crucial insights for reading, grasping the meaning of, and getting the most out of the Bible, using Gordon Fee's book of the same name. Each stand-alone lesson will be both informational and devotional – feeding both our heads and our hearts. Register at register.mdpc.org

Married Life Prep



Getting ready for a lifetime commitment...

A **fun**, four-week course for **engaged** and **newly married** couples.

SUNDAYS, JULY 10-31
10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Visit mlp.mdpc.org to register!

simplify.

unclutter your soul
• all are welcome •



Wednesdays through June 29 | 6:30-8:00 PM | Parlor

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." - Mt. 6:33

Bestselling author and pastor Bill Hybels' hands-on study teaches us how to stop living at such a frenetic pace and chart a new course toward purpose in Christ.

Registration is encouraged; walk-ins are welcome: register.mdpc.org (Equipping > Simplify)

Come hang out with young adults from our various groups, classes, and worship services. Eat tacos, drink coffee, play board games, and be awesome.

No program or agenda; just good times.

Every Sunday morning (as in Today)
10:30-11:15 AM, outside the Amphitheater

ya.mdpc.org



QUESTIONS

You've Always Wanted to Ask

▶ WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW?

In our 2016 summer sermon series, the Associate Pastors will be looking at **Questions God Asks of Us** – but we bet you have some questions of your own.

After the sermon (most weeks), the preaching pastor will try to answer a few questions from the congregation. If you have a question about God, Scripture, or today's sermon, fill out the form below (contact info is optional). Tear off the completed form, and pass it down the aisle, where an usher will collect them after the sermon. Please do not place them in the offering plate.

While there may not be time at the end of the service to answer every question, the pastoral staff will try to answer the remaining questions over the coming week on the MDPC Facebook page.

My Question: _____

Please contact me personally about my question:

Name _____

Phone (_____) _____

Email _____

Additionally, a chalkboard has been created, located on the north side of The Nook, where you are encouraged to leave your questions for, or about, God. The pastors also will answer some of these questions on Facebook. Chalk, pens, and Post-its are provided near the board.



The Living Well

Revival of Heart
Renewal of Mind
Rest for Soul

A New Study for Women | Fall 2016
Details at women.mdpc.org

QUESTIONS

Where Are You?

God Asks Of Us

Genesis 3:8-13

Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson Preaching

Often we approach our faith with a list of questions. *What about people who have never heard the Gospel? If God is all loving and powerful, why is there evil in the world? Why do bad things happen to good people? Is Jesus really God?* Etc., etc. All are valid questions and allowed by God.

There are many questions in Scripture from people to God, and questions are one great way to grow. But they are only half the equation with God (and probably not the most important half). What about questions God has for us? I read a book several years ago now by Bruce Larson entitled, *What God Wants to Know*, which reminded me that, throughout the Bible, there are questions God asks us. The questions reveal things about God and our answers reveal things about us. We are going to spend the next several weeks lifting up some of the great questions God asks in Scripture.

1. The first question comes in the Book of Genesis. God created people in God's image. They possessed free will, a sense of right and wrong. God's intent was that God might have a relationship of love with them. We read in Genesis 3:8 that God walked with Adam and Eve in the cool of the day. What an amazing picture that is—walking and talking with God. What does that picture convey about God and about Adam and Eve?
2. The first question we have recorded from God came right after our first ancestors broke the one and only commandment they had been given, and they became ashamed of their nakedness. They hid from each other behind fig leaves, and they hid from God behind bushes. Why do you think God asks in verse 9, "Where are you?" What are other questions God could have asked? Why weren't they asked, in your mind?
3. In verse 10, Adam says he hid because he was afraid. What do you think he was afraid of in the end? How and why do people hide from God today? How have you hidden from God?
4. In verse 11, God asks if they have eaten from the tree that God commanded them not to eat of. What are the answers of Adam and Eve in verses 12 and 13? Are they excuses or legitimate reasons? Who is blamed by each person for his/her actions? Does blaming solve our problem? Why or why not?
5. In verses 14-19, God reveals the consequences of Adam and Eve's actions/attitudes. Old Testament Scholar Walter Brueggemann says these verses are descriptive, not prescriptive. In other words, they describe what happens when we sin and deny. They do not prescribe what God wants for all women and men from the beginning of creation. And through Christ, God seeks to overcome this plight. Where do you personally see the consequences of your sins? And where do you see the reality of forgiveness, a fresh start, the overcoming of The Fall, and redemption?

