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MDPC Foundation

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The Red Rose is in memory of:

- Richard Dixon, who passed away on May 28, 2016
- Alan Riedel, who passed away on June 14, 2016.

Ministry Partners 2016

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

Local Infant Formula for Emergencies (LIFE) provides baby food, formula, and essentials like diapers, wipes, and bottles to families in the Houston area facing difficult circumstances. The program is the primary (sometimes only) referral source for other social service agencies, hospitals, and clinics that serve children younger than one year old.
lifehouston.org

MDPC Little Angels Ministry provides gift bags for newborns in the high-risk nursery at Ben Taub General Hospital. The bags include handmade cross-stitched t-shirts, knitted caps and booties, and a prayer request card to mail back to MDPC.
Contact Sandy Griffith: sandygriffith@gmail.com

Transitions Foundation mobilizes disabled Guatemalans through rehabilitation, education, and spiritual development. MDPC's partner Alex Galvez co-founded Transitions to give dignity to the disabled as they work together to make custom wheelchairs and prosthetics. The diligence of the workers and excellent design of their products give new life to many with disabilities.
transitionsfoundation.org

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

OPERATING INCOME

2016 Budget	\$ 11,050,000
Expected Income to Date	\$ 3,743,256
Actual Income to Date	\$ 4,340,249
Current Income Surplus	\$ 596,993

Transitions Foundation in Guatemala operates a well-equipped workshop where it manufactures new wheelchairs and repairs or modifies existing ones. This operation employs six to ten technicians, mostly disabled, and builds rugged chairs suited for the tough terrain of Guatemala. Your giving through MDPC helps make this special type of outreach possible. >



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QUESTIONS God Asks Of Us

AND WHY OUR ANSWERS MATTER.

Sunday, June 26, 2016



What Is That in Your Hand? | Exodus 4:1-5
Alf Halvorson preaching



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ONE SERVICE: July 4th Weekend

Take note: On the upcoming holiday weekend, we'll celebrate God's faithfulness in one glorious service with the entire MDPC family. Fuente and Fifth Service will not meet. There is no Sunday School for children, youth, or adults. Childcare is available for preschool.

Next Sunday, July 3 | 10:00 AM | Sanctuary

Connect with Our Outreach Partners

Outreach needs two more committee members to make site visits and report back for funding and partnership consideration. The time commitment is one monthly night meeting and 4-5 visits to review some of our local partners. Is God calling you?

Contact Jan Roe: jroe@mdpc.org

Summer Study: How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth

Feel like everyone else knows the Bible, and you just get overwhelmed? These stand-alone sessions led by a team of MDPC teachers offers crucial insights about reading God's Word. We use Gordon Fee's *How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth* as our study guide. All are welcome!

Sundays at 9:45 AM | Parlor

Today: NT Letters II: Living in that first century vibe
July 10: OT Narratives: Mind-blowing stories about God

Sunday School
SPOTLIGHT

Pathways for Women: New Study Begins Today!

We're a loving fellowship of women (50s+) with hearts that desire to walk in the Spirit. We use His Word to guide book study, sharing of experiences, and outreach projects. We would love to have you join us for our new book study, *When God Whispers Your Name* by Max Lucado.

Sundays at 9:45 AM | MC Room 116

Summer Celebration Needs...

Please consider donating these items for this year's Summer Celebration VBS:

- shoeboxes (cardboard or plastic)
 - Christmas wrapping paper
 - old electronics (NO scanners, laptops, monitors, or items with glass can be accepted)
 - water, sodas, and individually packaged NUT-FREE snacks
 - loaves of white or wheat sandwich bread
- Please do not bring bread until Sunday, July 10 - we don't want it going stale!*

Drop off items other than bread at Children's Ministries through Friday, July 8.

We still have space for elementary-age kids to attend! Register them today at sc.mdpc.org.

Contact Alicia with questions: aboykin@mdpc.org

Men's Summer Study

Join MDPC Men's Ministries for a special book study on *The Conviction to Lead: 25 Principles for Leadership That Matters*, facilitated by Brett Hurst, Ken Harris, and MDPC Men. Open to all men! Free to attend.

**Tuesdays through July 26
6:30-7:45 AM | Amphitheater**

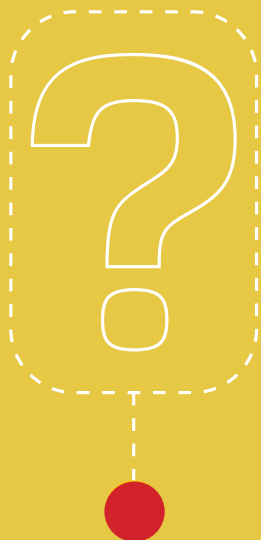
For more information, contact Brett Hurst at bhurst@mdpc.org or 713-490-0930.

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



Do YOU have questions
about God? Or for God?

Turn the page to ask 'em.



MDPC MORNING WORSHIP

Communion at MDPC is shared by intinction. All who confess their faith in Christ are welcome to the table. As directed by the ushers, come forward to the communion stations at the front of the section where you are seated. Dip the bread in the cup and eat, before returning to your seat.

Gluten-free bread is available. If you are celiac or severely gluten-intolerant, please note that it may have come into contact with gluten-containing bread during preparation of the sacrament.

Every child is an important part of our community of faith. We believe that each family decides when their child is ready to participate in communion. Children not taking communion are invited to come forward during the Lord's Supper to receive a blessing from the pastors and elders who are serving.

8:30 AM SERVICE

WELCOME		Dave Steane
*SONGS OF PRAISE		
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE		Brandon Gaide
GIFTS OF GRATITUDE		
MESSAGE	Questions God Asks of Us: <i>What Is That in Your Hand?</i>	Alf Halvorson
CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER		

9:45 AM SERVICE

WORSHIP INVITATION		Meliza Gómez
*CALL TO WORSHIP		
*MOMENT OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE		Rick Myers
NEW MEMBERS		
CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE		
GIFTS OF GRATITUDE		
MESSAGE	Questions God Asks of Us: <i>What Is That in Your Hand?</i>	Alf Halvorson
CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER		

Musicians in these services: Coppelia Acevedo and Meliza Gómez, worship leaders; Joe Gavito, guitar; Craig Gysler, keys; Gus Mercado, drums; Dennis Whittaker, bass

11:15 AM SERVICE

PRELUDE	<i>Lift Every Voice and Sing</i>	arr. K. White
WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP		Rick Myers
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>My Hope Is Built of Nothing Less</i>	#379; Vs. 1, 2, 3 SOLID ROCK
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON		
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	from 1 Corinthians 15:1-6 & Colossians 1:15-20	
OFFERTORY	<i>Order My Steps (In Your Word)</i>	Glenn Burleigh (1949-2007)
MESSAGE	Questions God Asks of Us: <i>What Is That in Your Hand?</i>	Alf Halvorson
CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER		
COMMUNION MEDITATIONS	<i>The Old Rugged Cross</i> <i>Gymnopédie No. 1</i>	arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953) Erik Satie (1866-1925)
POSTLUDE	<i>The Old Rugged Cross</i>	arr. Don Hustad (1918-2013)

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

*Please stand if able. CCLI # 182374

11:00 AM FIFTH SERVICE

Join the folks at Fifth for energetic worship, casual community, and dynamic teaching. Everyone is welcome! Fifth Service worships in the 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.

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unclutter your soul
• all are welcome •



Wednesday, 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.

Walk-ins are welcome, or let us know to expect you at register.mdpc.org (Equipping > Simplify).

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!



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Mondays starting August 15
6:30-9:30 PM | Grace Presbyterian
Contact Mike Lehde:
bearded.lehde@gmail.com, 713-829-7021

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



Sent To Serve Summer Service Opps

Have you heard God's call? He's sending you! Go out into the city and beyond to share the love and hope found in Jesus Christ. MDPC's Outreach Ministries has all sorts of opportunities for you to get sent...

For details, visit sent.mdpc.org.

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



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 at questions.mdpc.org.

My Question: _____

☐ Please contact me personally about my question:

Name _____

Phone (_____) _____

Email _____

Another way to ask your questions: There's a chalkboard just north of the Front Office where you're encouraged to leave your questions for (or about) God. The pastors also will answer some of these questions on Facebook. You'll find chalk, pens, and Post-its near the board.



Today, we warmly welcome 15 new members to our church family! We look forward to helping them get connected into the **MDPC** community.



Alex and Tracey Antestenis are the parents of twins, Ellie and Gus (15). Alex is a human resources manager with Castleton Commodities International. Tracey is an administrative assistant for the Gathering of Men. She enjoys reading, photography, graphic design, and being in the outdoors. They both enjoy movies, live music, and traveling.



Claire Caldwell works in real estate marketing and loan servicing. She enjoys traveling, needlepoint, antiques, and playing with her nieces and nephews.



Jason and Maren Cooper are the parents to two boys, Davis (7) and Zach (4). Jason is senior vice president of Arch-Con Corporation. He enjoys golfing, fishing, hunting, and tennis. Maren is a stay-at-home mom. She enjoys playing tennis.



Tom Guu is married to MDPC member Lilly Guu. They are the parents of two-month-old Daniel. Tom has a PhD in Biochemistry from Rice and is a fourth-year dental student at University of Texas School of Dentistry at Houston. He was born and raised in Taiwan, spent his high school years in Belize, then came to the U.S. for college and stayed. He has always been interested in healthcare and helping people and he looks forward to serving the Lord and our community in this capacity. Tom enjoys family time with his wife and baby.



Jamie Haskins is an interior designer and the owner of Stylized Interiors. She is in the process of starting Renew, a ministry that will help people rebuild their homes for free following natural disasters.



John and Jennifer Henderson are the parents of Jack (2). John is a commercial relationship manager for Iberia Bank. He enjoys LSU football, fishing, and being outdoors with his family. Jennifer is a physician assistant. She enjoys food, beach vacations, family walks, and hiking down Buffalo Bayou.



Tihomir Kukolja is the husband of MDPC member, Christine Kukolja. He has three adult children that live in Melbourne, Australia. Tihomir and Christine are the parents to Matthew (8). Tihomir is a missionary with The Antioch Partners and MDPC, Executive Director for Forum for Leadership and Reconciliation, and Director of ROM-Renewing Our Minds.



Shirley Landers is the wife of MDPC member Jerry Landers. They have three adult children and two grandchildren. Shirley works for ABB with the software used by electrical utilities to control their electrical network. She enjoys family time, hiking, biking, golfing, and traveling to outdoors destinations, such as national parks.



Rob Maret is a former MDPC member. He has four adult children. He is retired. Rob enjoys fishing, golfing, painting, music, and attending Bible Study Fellowship.



Jean Skinner has one adult son. She is presently looking for a new work opportunity. She enjoys sailing, motorcycles, and horses.



Thad and **Sue Woodruff** have one adult son and a grand-daughter. Thad is retired from the financial and computer industries. He enjoys classic cars. Sue is retired from IBM. She enjoys tutoring ESL and exercising.

Is it Time for You to Join **MDPC**?

Discover **MDPC** with Alf

Attend an informational meeting to learn more about MDPC. No commitment required! A great opportunity to explore church membership and what it would mean to be part of our faith community.

Sunday, August 28 | 10:45-11:15 AM | Gathering Room

New Member Classes

New Member Classes are for those interested in membership. They are taught by the associate pastors and elders, and include a Saturday service project.

Sundays, September 11-October 16 | 9:45-11:00 AM | Summit Room

Visit membership.mdpc.org for additional dates and to register for New Member Classes, or contact Diann Turet, Membership Director (dturet@mdpc.org or 713-490-9553).



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QUESTIONS

God Asks Of Us

What Is That in Your Hand?

Exodus 4:1-5

Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson Preaching

This is the third in a series of sermons we are preaching on “Questions God Asks of Us. The first question was directed to Adam and Eve—Where are you? The second question is one God asks Cain after he has murdered his brother Abel—Where is your brother? Today’s question is directed to Moses by God—What is that in your hand?

From the first two sermons, and the question & answer time after the messages, what is your reaction to the idea that questions are an important tool for spiritual growth? Some churches don’t want any questions. Why not?

1. Rehearse Moses’ history before the burning bush. Look at Exodus chapters one through three if needed. What are his successes and failures up until his encounter with God?
2. When God asks Moses to return to Egypt and free the Hebrew People, what are the excuses Moses gives to try to get out of the mission? (Look at Exodus 3:10-4:13. There are at least five reasons Moses suggests for not being the right person for the job.)
3. God offers many assurances to Moses, that God will be with him and help him accomplish his mission. What is the significance, in your mind, to the response of God in Exodus 4:2: “What is that in your hand?” What is God getting at with this question symbolically?
4. Pastor Alf shared about David and Goliath, people who have overcome addictions, Chuck Colson, and The Cookie Lady. What was/is in their hand(s)?
5. What excuses do you offer God these days? What might be in your hand?
6. In response to Pastor Alf’s closing story about Abraham Lincoln listening to a sermon in New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington DC, “what is something great you could do for God,” based on what is in your hand

