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Ministry Partners 2016

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

Open Door Mission is a faith and evidence-based recovery and rehabilitation facility dedicated to transforming the lives of severely addicted, destitute, homeless, and disabled men in our community. It works to repair lives and families, thus interrupting the cycle of abuse, poverty, and violence.
opendoorhouston.org

Outreach Center of West Houston offers programs that restore purpose and productivity to clients' lives, helping them learn new skills, develop healthy relationships, and experience positive growth. Its core programs include Alcoholics Anonymous, Family Point Resources, Young Life, and Fellowship of Memorial.
oc-wh.org

MDPC Field Partner Jeff Burns has a call on his life to reach North American Muslims with the love of Jesus Christ. He and his family live in Raleigh, North Carolina, where he teaches Christians ways to reach out in friendship to Muslims in peaceful, respectful witness. He has trained Presbyterian Church members in the U.S. and around the world.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

OPERATING INCOME		
2016 Annual Budget	\$ 11,050,000	100%
Actual Income to Date (July 17, 2016)	\$ 4,843,258	44%
Needed to Meet 2016 Budget	\$ 6,206,742	56%

Your generosity supports **Outreach Center of West Houston** in its mission to strengthen the community. It provides programs through which Houstonians struggling with illness and addiction can restore their sense of purpose, learn new skills, develop healthy relationships, and experience positive mental, physical, spiritual, and emotional growth. >



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QUESTIONS

God Asks Of Us

AND WHY OUR ANSWERS MATTER.

Sunday, July 24, 2016

Do You Wish to Get Well?

John 5:1-9a | Dave Steane Preaching



Wacky Wednesday Water Day!

Parents, bring your preschooler to WWWD! We provide lunch, snow cones, and lots of water.

Wednesday, August 10 | 10:00 AM-Noon

Bring a towel, sunscreen, and change of clothes.
 Register by August 4: register.mdpc.org

Needed: Volunteers with Trucks

East Spring Branch Food Pantry has an opportunity to collect more food, but we need your help! You'd pick up food in the local area early (even 6:00 or 8:00 AM), and deliver to the pantry on Mondays or Thursdays. If you work, you can go early and be done before going to work!
 Call *Mary White*: 281-799-6752

How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth

Eager to experience God at a deeper level through His Word? These stand-alone sessions led by a team of MDPC teachers will help you glean crucial insights about reading God's Word. We use Gordon Fee's book, *How To Read the Bible for All Its Worth*, as our study guide. All are welcome!

Sundays at 9:45 AM | Parlor

Today – *The Law: Healthy boundaries are the secret sauce for healthy community*

July 31 – *Revelation: Next stop... forever!*

Honduras Mission Trip: December 3-11

An amazing opportunity to see two MDPC mission partners at once. We'll drill a water well with Living Water with The Micah Project working alongside us! Come be part of blessing and transforming a community through the gift of clean water, then spend time with Micah boys and staff as we end our trip at the Micah Project.

Ready to go? Contact *Amy Delgado* for details (adelgado@mdpc.org). Registration closes August 8.

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 | MC 103

Contact *Pattie Barrett*: pattieslp@yahoo.com

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.

Sundays, 10:30 AM | Amphitheater Hallway

Sunday School SPOTLIGHT

Sunday Morning Adult Life Groups*

Visit a class today! Typical group demographics are provided for your convenience, but you are invited to visit any class. For more info, pick up a flyer or visit the Connection Center.

- The Parish (20s). 101, 9:45 AM
- Life 2.0 (20s/30s, married). 122, 9:30 AM
- Quest (all ages). Parlor, 9:45 AM
- Students of Scripture (70s+). 116, 9:45 AM
- Faith Explorations (60s+). 170, 9:45 AM

- Pathways (all ages, women). 116, 9:45 AM
- Pilgrims in Progress (70s+). 103, 9:45 AM
- Full Life (30s/40s, married parents). 218, 11:15 AM
- Daily Bread (40s). Summit, 11:15 AM
- CrossRoads (50s+). 170, 11:15 AM

*This list is limited to classes that meet during the summer. Additional classes are available in the fall.

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



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



MDPC MORNING WORSHIP

*Please stand if able.

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8:30 AM SERVICE

WELCOME		Dave Steane
*SONGS OF PRAISE		
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE		Brett Hurst
SONG OF RESPONSE		
GIFTS OF GRATITUDE		
MESSAGE	Questions God Asks of Us: <i>Do You Wish to Get Well?</i>	Dave Steane
RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE		

9:45 AM SERVICE

WORSHIP INVITATION		Meliza Gómez
*CALL TO WORSHIP		
*MOMENT OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE		Kaitlyn Wilson
SONG		
GIFTS OF GRATITUDE		Laura Miller
MESSAGE	Questions God Asks of Us: <i>Do You Wish to Get Well?</i>	Dave Steane
RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE		

Musicians in these services: Gus Alvarado, drums; Nina Bledsoe, violin; Uvaldo Callejas, bass; Joe Gavito, guitar; Craig Gysler, keys; Meliza Gómez and Joe Manuel, worship leaders

11:15 AM SERVICE

PRELUDE	<i>Two Summertime Preludes</i>	arr. Wayne Kerr and Charles Callahan
WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP		Dave Steane
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i>	#420; Vs. 1, 2, 3 CWM RHONDDA
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE		Laura Miller
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH		
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	<i>The Gloria Patri</i>	Hymn #579
ANTHEM	<i>Balm in Gilead</i>	arr. Harry Burleigh (1866-1949)
OFFERTORY	<i>On Higher Ground</i>	arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953) Tindley/Gabriel
MESSAGE	Questions God Asks of Us: <i>Do You Wish to Get Well?</i>	Dave Steane
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>Take My Life</i>	#391; Vs. 1, 5, 6 HENDON
POSTLUDE	<i>Sound the Trumpets</i>	G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

Musicians in this service: Lisa Borik, soloist and hymn leader; Kathryn White, organist/pianist

OTHER MDPC WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

11:00 AM Fifth Service: Join the folks at Fifth for energetic worship, casual community, and dynamic teaching. Everyone is welcome! Worship is 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.

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.



Is there someone YOU know who would make a great MDPC ELDER?

Nominations are currently underway, and we need your help in identifying members who possess the spiritual and leadership skills needed to serve on the MDPC Session.

Nominate online by August 29 at nominations.mdpc.org, or turn in a printed form, available around campus.

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.



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QUESTIONS

God Asks Of Us

Do You Wish to Get Well?

John 5:1-9a

Dave Steane Preaching

Today we continue our sermon series, *Questions God Asks of Us*. Through this series, we have looked at some of the provocative questions that either God or Jesus asked of people. In each case, the motivation for the question can be seen as a desire to have a personal interaction and connection with the one being questioned; to invite them to receive God's love and grace.

In Jerusalem, there was once a pool of water near the Sheep Gate called the Pool of Bethesda. It was believed that its water had healing capabilities, so people with a myriad of physical challenges would gather there, hoping to be healed. Jesus came to the pool and approached a man who had been ill for 38 years. Jesus asked, "*Do you wish to get well?*" This question changed the man's life!

1. To what extent have you visited people in the hospital or in nursing homes? Reflect on your experiences and emotions. In what ways have you been a blessing to someone who was sick? How have you been blessed by extending care and compassion?
2. The Bethesda Pool was a well-known place for sick people to gather. Jesus went to Jerusalem for a feast, a religious festival to commemorate God's blessings on the Jews. Rather than going to the holy places in Jerusalem, Jesus went to the hospital. What does this reveal about His nature and character?
3. Have you ever struggled with a chronic illness? How did you cope with it? The man in this passage suffered with his infirmity for 38 years. How might an illness of this length affect one's emotional and spiritual health?
4. The question Jesus asked the man seems almost silly. "*Do you wish to get well?*" Of course the man wished to get well! That's why he was at the Bethesda Pool day in and day out. What do you see as the value in Jesus asking this question?
5. Rather than answering Jesus' question, the man explained why he hasn't been able to get into the pool. Every time he tried, someone beat him into the water! Imagine how frustrating it must have been—to be that close, but denied every time. In what ways can you identify with this?
6. Jesus said, "*Get up, pick up your pallet, and walk.*" A pallet was a small, portable bed used to either carry someone, or to provide a place for resting. Given this man's history, how do you think you would have responded to Jesus' question?
7. Verse nine says that the man *immediately became well, picked up his pallet, and began to walk*. Jesus told the man to do something that didn't make sense, but something compelled the man to give it a try. Has Jesus ever told you to do something that didn't make sense? How did you reply?
8. Identify one practical application from this passage that you can put in practice in your life today.

