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MDPC Foundation

For information, contact Business Administrator
 Becky Riggs at briggs@mdpc.org or 713-953-2570.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
 SPOTLIGHT**

BIBLE BASICS

A new adult class beginning August 21!

Bible Basics is a place for parents to connect with other parents and to begin to learn some basics about the Bible. We begin with a 4-week series called "The Bible for Dummies." A great place to get comfortable with your Bible and meet new friends!

Rachel Poysky will be teaching for our first two Sundays, August 21 and 28, then Brett Hurst teaches on September 4 and 11.

Sundays, 11:15 AM | Room 127

Contact Catherine King:
catherine.cooper.king@gmail.com

The White Rose is in memory of

- Jackie Rankin, who passed away July 22, 2016.
- Natalie Aldrich, who passed away August 2, 2016.

Today's Chancel Flowers are given by

Dr. and Mrs. Christopher Sierra and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sontheimer, in celebration of the marriage of Martha Sontheimer and Christopher Sierra.

Ministry Partners 2016

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

Parent Project Muscular

Dystrophy serves the Duchenne community in the U.S. and in the world. It is committed to finding a long-term treatment and cure for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. This is done through research funding, advocacy efforts, raising awareness, and an annual conference for parents, families, and medical professionals.

parentprojectmd.org

Prayers of the People,

which began at MDPC in 1974 as POPS Ministry, visits patients hospitalized in the Medical Center and other hospitals in the greater Houston area. Volunteers' purpose in visiting is to listen, to offer comfort and support, and to affirm God's loving, healing presence.

popministry.org

MDPC Field Partners Steve and

Barbara Johnson serve in Budapest, Hungary, through Youth With a Mission, a ministry of evangelism, training, relief, and development. The Johnsons operate a coffeehouse that serves as an evangelism center, reaching out to the Budapest community with music and conversation that sparks spiritual discussion. They welcome visitors and mission teams.

ywambudapest.org

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

OPERATING INCOME

2016 Annual Budget	\$ 11,050,000	100%
Actual Income to Date (August 7, 2016)	\$ 5,383,693	49%
Needed to Meet 2016 Budget	\$ 5,666,307	51%

Pictured: Your giving through MDPC helps the fight to end Duchenne muscular dystrophy, the most common fatal genetic disorder diagnosed in childhood. >



QUESTIONS

God Asks Of Us

AND WHY OUR ANSWERS MATTER.

Sunday, August 14, 2016

Who Do You Say that I Am?

Matthew 16:13-20 | Andrew Adair Preaching



Kickoff Sunday Is Coming...

Pastor Alf returns, a delicious brunch, teacher commissioning, Parent Open House, and more!
Sunday, August 21 | Details on today's insert.

12 Huge Mistakes Parents Can Avoid

Bestselling author Dr. Tim Elmore is one of today's wisest voices concerning millennials. In this workshop, he outlines parental pitfalls, and methods to help you rear emotionally-healthy kids who become thriving adults.

**Saturday, August 27 | 9:00 AM-1:00 PM
 Houston's First Baptist (7401 Katy Fwy)**

Registration: houstonfirst.org

Companion | with bread

"I am the bread of life; those who come after Me will not hunger." Join other companions for this sermon-series small group to feast on Jesus' words from the Sermon on the Mount. Weekly *lectio divina*, plus centering prayer using Sunday's scripture.

Tuesdays, August 30-November 22 | Noon

Facilitated by Martha Moore, Teacher-in-Residence

BSD: Becoming & Being the Church

We will explore the development of the early church in Acts, then turn to 2 Timothy, in which Paul passes leadership to the next generation. BSD classes begin meeting September 8. Classes are offered at five days/times throughout the week to fit any schedule.

Find out more at our **Welcome Coffees:**

Thurs., Sept. 1 | 9:30-10:30 AM | Fellowship Hall
Sunday, Sept. 11 | 9:15-11:00 AM | MC 101

Program details and registration: bsd.mdpc.org

Run Like Clean Water

Miah Collins will be here with info about signing up to run with Team Living Water at the Houston Marathon in January. Last year, 18 MDPC runners raised over \$16,000 for Living Water International.

Sunday, August 21 | Between Services | Lobby

The Music Box Kids' Choir

This ensemble is for all kids in elementary school to learn about the fundamentals of music and choral singing in a fun and worshipful environment. They'll be featured in seasonal programs, and even have the opportunity to lead worship on Sundays!

**Wednesdays, September 14-November 30
 4:45-5:30 PM | Chapel**

Contact Meliza Gómez: mgomez@mdpc.org

Perspectives: You Have a Role to Play

Get threaded into the biggest story of all time. This 15-week life and learning opportunity will change the way you view the world. A fantastic array of pastors, theologians, and international mobilizers will open your eyes to just how big God is and how much He desires that all come to know Him.

Starts August 15 | 6:30-9:30 PM | Grace -PC

Contact Mike Lehde: bearded.lehde@gmail.com

Disabled Christians in Action

Join us weekly for fun, fellowship, and food. Share in worship, Bible study, and breaking bread together.

Wednesdays, 2:30-5:30 PM | MC 103

Contact Pattie Barrett: pattieslp@yahoo.com



MDPC MORNING WORSHIP

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.

*Please stand if able.

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8:30 AM SERVICE

WELCOME		Dave Steane
*SONGS OF PRAISE		
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON		Rachel Poysky
SONG OF RESPONSE		
GIFTS OF GRATITUDE		
MESSAGE	Questions God Asks of Us: <i>Who Do You Say that I Am?</i>	Andrew Adair
RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE		

9:45 AM SERVICE

WORSHIP INVITATION		Michael Middleton
*CALL TO WORSHIP		
*MOMENT OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE		Christyn Knoop
GIFTS OF GRATITUDE		Dave Steane
MESSAGE	Questions God Asks of Us: <i>Who Do You Say that I Am?</i>	Andrew Adair
RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE		

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

11:15 AM SERVICE

PRELUDE	<i>Pastorale</i>	George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)
WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP		Dave Steane
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>O Worship the King</i>	#478; Vs. 1, 2 LYONS
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON		Rachel Poysky
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	from The Apostle's Creed	
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	<i>The Gloria Patri</i>	Hymn #579
ANTHEM	<i>He's Got the Whole World in His Hands</i>	arr. Moses Hogan (1957-2003)
OFFERTORY	<i>Make Me a Channel of Your Peace</i>	arr. Mark Hayes (b.1953)
MESSAGE	Questions God Asks of Us: <i>Who Do You Say that I Am?</i>	Andrew Adair
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>What a Friend We Have in Jesus</i>	#403; Vs. 1, 2 CONVERSE
POSTLUDE	<i>Fanfare</i>	G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

Musicians in this service: Rameen Charbaghi, soloist; Charles Hausmann, hymn leader; Kathryn White, organist/pianist

Know the Joy that Comes from Making Music Together

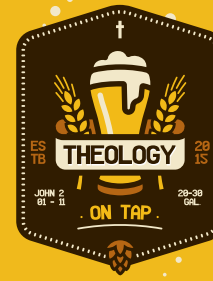
The MDPC Choir is seeking additional singers as we start the fall season. Our ensemble of singers ranges from novice to professional. Singing with a choir empowers your worship and your voice, and we encourage and invite your participation. Contact Tracy Stidam (tstidam@mdpc.org) with questions, or come to our first fall rehearsal:

Wednesday, August 17 | 7:00-9:00 PM | Choir Room

OTHER MDPC WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

11:00 AM Fifth Service: Join folks at Fifth for energetic worship, dynamic teaching, and casual community. Everyone is welcome! We meet in the Amphitheater. Visit fifthservice.mdpc.org for more.

11:15 AM Spanish Service: MDPC's Fuente Hispanic Ministries worships in the Chapel. For more information on Spanish and bilingual community events and programs, visit fuente.mdpc.org.



THEOLOGY ON TAP
Question freely. Think deeply. Drink a little.

Theology On Tap: *What I Hate About Church Is* _____

Do you have a love/hate relationship with church? If church is God's prized creation, then why do so many people hate it, and why is it so broken? At our August get-together, leaders of local churches (including our very own Alf Halvorson) will be there to hear your grievances as we seek answers for this dilemma. You'll be able to text in questions of your own to the panel, all while enjoying yummy food and craft beer! **Open to young adults, 21-40-ish.**

Tomorrow! Monday, August 15 | Doors open 6:45, Discussion at 7:00
8584 Katy Freeway, 77024 (Look for the yellow signs)

Details: ya.mdpc.org



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Wednesday Night Bible Study for Boys and Girls!

FOR GIRLS!

Gems & Jewels
Finding Treasure in God's Word

Begins Wednesday, September 14
5:30 to 6:30 PM | Galaxy
3rd-5th grade girls who'd like to know more about the Bible and Jesus.

FOR BOYS!

SCUBA
Dive Deeper into Your Faith

Begins Wednesday, September 14
5:30 to 6:30 PM | Galaxy
3rd-5th grade boys who'd like to dive deeper into their faith.



Send kids back to school with needed clothes and shoes!

What your gift will buy:

- \$20 Supply a belt, socks, shoes, and underwear
- \$50 Purchase a new uniform and a pair of shoes
- \$100 Outfit two children from head to toe
- \$___ Your gift of any amount will help kids succeed!

Visit our table in the Sanctuary Breezeway,
August 21 & 28, and September 11

Thank you for supporting kids and MAM!

The Living Well
Revival of Heart
Renewal of Mind
Rest for Soul

A New Study for Women • Wednesdays, beginning September 14

Details and registration: women.mdpc.org

Tuesdays
September 13 - January 24
6:15-7:45 AM | Fellowship Hall
Continental Breakfast 5:45 AM

Register: ml.mdpc.org

It's
Fall, Y'all!



Kickoff Sunday Is August 21

Pastor Alf Returns ↶

Dr. Halvorson will return to the chancel to conclude the *Questions* sermon series. The following Sunday, August 28, he'll launch his fall series, *Higher Ground*, based on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount.

Pound the Pantry ↶

The idea of an old-fashioned "pounding" comes from the Amish tradition of bringing a pound of flour, sugar, rice, etc. to a new neighbor or a newlywed couple to welcome them and to stock their pantries.

On Kickoff Sunday, we want to "pound" the MDPC Fuente Food Pantry with **boxes of macaroni**

POUND the
FUENTE PANTRY

Bring these items to church on Kickoff!

& cheese, canned tuna and chicken, and any variety of dried beans (*these items only, please*). Bring the items to church on August 21, and drop them into the containers found around campus.

For additional information, contact Debbi Nager at debnager7@gmail.com.

Brunch Is Served! ↶

Our new chef, **Corby Wimp**, will serve a delicious Kickoff Sunday brunch, so stop by the kitchen from 9:30 AM-1:00 PM to enjoy choices like Eggs Benedict Casserole, Chicken-Fried Chicken, or Biscuits & Gravy, each served with a choice of Sliced Bacon, Corn Casserole, or Fruit Cup. Optional entrée salad, assorted pastries (\$2), and a children's meal also will be available. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children, with a family max of \$25.

kickoff.mdpc.org



Happy Anniversary, Alf!

Did you know that August 2 was Pastor Halvorson's one-year anniversary at **MDPC**? To celebrate, here are a few different ways to get to know Alf while getting connected into the life of our church...



Discover MDPC with **Alf**

If you're interested in membership, or you'd just like to learn more about **MDPC**, attend this brief informational meeting.

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



Cheeseburger in Paradise

Let's celebrate the kickoff of **Men's Life** with cheeseburgers, pie, and a visit from Alf! All men are invited.

Wednesday, August 31
6:45-8:00 PM | Parlor

JOIN US FOR **All-Church Lunch**

★ **Labor Day Sunday** ★



...Dress Casual for Church, Stay for Lunch...

Sunday, September 4
Cooked up and served by the MDPC Pastors and staff.



Wednesdays with **Alf**



September 14-October 5

Start with
Wednesday Night Dinner
Food service begins at 5:00 PM
Fellowship Hall



End with
Wednesday Bible Study
6:30 PM | Amphitheater



Who do YOU know
that would make a great
MDPC ELDER?

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.

—Hebrews 13:7



We need your help to nominate qualified candidates to serve as Elders on the MDPC Session!

The Nominating Committee seeks your help in identifying members with gifts that equip them for leadership at MDPC. Please prayerfully consider who God may be preparing to serve as Elder, and then submit his/her name using the online process at nominations.mdpc.org or the printed form on the other side of this page. Additional forms are available throughout the campus. Thank you in advance for participating in this important process in the life of MDPC.

What is an Elder?

Elders are chosen by the congregation. Together with the Pastors, they exercise leadership, government, and discipline, and have responsibilities for the life of our church. Elders should be persons of faith, dedication, and good judgment. Their manner of life, both in the church and in the community, should be a demonstration of the Christian Gospel.

What are the qualifications for Elders?

- A personal and growing relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior
- A willingness and commitment to perform all duties required of an Elder, including regular attendance at assigned committee and Session meetings
- A passion for and ability in the ministry area to which they are nominated
- A high level of spiritual maturity, leadership ability, and interpersonal and teamwork skills
- Faithfulness in marriage between a man and a woman, or chaste if single
- Regular attendance in worship services at MDPC
- Identifiable financial contributions to MDPC
- Minimum of one year's membership at MDPC

Is there a limit to the number of nominations that can be submitted by one person?

No. Please submit the names of as many members as you feel called to nominate. Each and every nomination will be given the same consideration.

Deadline and process for nominations:

- Nominations are due Monday, August 29, 2016.
- After due consideration of all candidates, the Nominating Committee will prepare a list of prospective nominees to fill each open position in the upcoming class. Each nominee will then be consulted to determine his or her willingness to serve.
- In October, a Congregational Meeting will be called for the purpose of electing the Elder class of 2019 based on the Nominating Committee's recommendations, plus any nominations from the floor.

Elder Nomination Form

I recommend MDPC member _____.

Briefly describe this person's faith walk with Jesus Christ, considering small groups, spirit of generosity, commitment to worship and Bible study, and commitment to the life of the church.

How is this person's dedication to the Christian life shown through involvement in leadership inside MDPC and out in the world?

Describe the gifts and expertise this person would bring to the leadership of MDPC, including integrity, flexibility, listening and discerning skills, accountability, teamwork, and availability of time.

For which area(s) would you recommend this candidate?

Session Officers

- Clerk of Session Personnel Elder Treasurer

Administrative Areas

- Facilities Food Service Generosity

Ministry Areas

- Children's Ministries | Elementary
 Children's Ministries | Preschool (2 Elders)
 Children's Ministries | Special Blessings
 Connections Ministries | Connections
 Equipping Ministries | Prayer Initiative
 Fuente Hispanic Ministries
 Outreach | Local
 Relationships Ministries | Women's
 Worship & Music Ministries (2 Elders)
 Youth | Middle School

Recommended by (please print) _____

Email _____

Phone (primary) _____ Phone (secondary) _____

Mail completed form to:

MDPC - Attention: Gena Kookan, Confidential;
11612 Memorial Drive · Houston, Texas 77024

For questions or more information, contact:

Martha Moore, Nominating Committee Moderator
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QUESTIONS

God Asks Of Us

Who Do You Say that I Am?

Matthew 16:13-20

Andrew Adair Preaching

In Matthew 16:13-20, Jesus asked His disciples, “But what about you? Who do you say I am?” Just like the disciples, how we answer this question radically impacts the shape and impact of our Christian lives. One of the dangers we face is molding our concept of Jesus to fit our lifestyle and values, rather than allowing the revelation of Jesus in the New Testament to define our understanding of who Jesus is.

1. “If your conception of God is radically false then the more devout you are the worse it will be for you. You are opening yourself to be molded by something else. In terms of your practical life, you had much better be an atheist.”

- William Temple (Archbishop of Canterbury, 1942-44)

The KKK and the German Christians under the Nazis are two examples of what this dynamic can look like. Can you think of others?

2. Jesus asked His disciples, “But what about you? Who do you say I am?” In the same way, He asks each of us this question. In what ways has your understanding of who Jesus is and what it means to follow Him changed over the years you’ve been a Christian? If you’re a new Christian (or not yet a Christian), what are some things you’re learning now about who Jesus is and what it means to follow Him?
3. In verse 17, Jesus made it clear it was the Father who had revealed Jesus’ true identity to Peter. This is the case for anyone who recognizes Jesus for who He is and puts his/her faith in Him. These are gifts from God. We can’t produce these on our own, nor will our intellect or compelling logic produce them in others. How might our prayer lives look different if we really believed these things? Are there specific people you think God wants you to be more intentional about praying for?
4. Why did Jesus end verse 20 by telling the disciples not to tell anyone that He is the Messiah?
5. Do you agree or disagree with the statement that we are all at risk when it comes to fashioning our concept of Jesus so He fits our values and lifestyle choices? Are there examples from your own life where you’ve struggled with this? What is at stake in this?
6. What is your attitude towards the church, the “ekklesia” of God? Is meaningful participation in an “ekklesia” essential to your understanding of what it means to live the abundant, Kingdom life to which Jesus calls us? If not, why not?

