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SUNDAY SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

Parenting by Design: Discovering God's Original Design for Your Family

Raising children is no easy task. No matter the child, no matter the situation, every parent longs for obedience from their offspring. However, God isn't overbearing when He deals with us, and His example is perfect. We're asking you to consider using the same parenting style with your children. *Parenting by Design* offers a more relational approach to raising children, relying less on rote obedience and more on walking with your children through their decision-making development. This book will help you parent with grace and love, two key elements in motivating a child to obey.



8-Sunday Class, starts Today! 11:15 AM in MC 218

Hosted by Full Life class
 Contact Michelle Enszer: m.enszer@comcast.net

Today's Chancel Flowers are given

• in memory of Bill and Natalie Aldrich, by Steve Jarvis and Ginger Benfield.

The White Rose is in memory of

• Helen Locker, who passed away August 16, 2016.

The Red Rose is in honor of

• Carter Bentley Dickerson, born August 23, 2016 to Rachel and Nick Dickerson. He is the grandson of Susan and Winton Starling.

Ministry Partners 2016

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

The Rose's mission is to reduce deaths from breast cancer by providing screening, diagnosis, and access to treatment, regardless of a patient's ability to pay. Last year they helped over 9,000 uninsured women.
the-rose.org

The Salvation Army is an international evangelical Christian ministry that operates shelters and transitional housing facilities in Houston. Motivated by the love of God, its mission is to preach the Gospel while meeting the needs of the community's homeless through comprehensive care and programs that foster recovery.
salvationarmyhouston.org

MDPC Field Partner Urgessa grew up in a Muslim family in Ethiopia. As a young man, he became a follower of Christ and had to leave his village for his personal safety. After 20 years, God placed it on his heart to bring education to Muslim villages that had no schools. He now trains teachers and meets with village leaders, forming relationships that we pray will show many the "Light of Hope" that Jesus is to all.
pff.net

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

OPERATING INCOME

2016 Annual Budget	\$ 11,050,000	100%
Actual Income to Date (Sept. 4, 2016)	\$ 5,842,614	53%
Needed to Meet 2016 Budget	\$ 5,207,386	47%

Pictured: As Southern Louisiana recovers from the recent flooding disaster, your steadfast support helps The Salvation Army see people through their darkest days. Your gifts through MDPC help bring hope to the people affected by allowing The Salvation Army to offer food, shelter, comfort, and a plan for recovery. >




HIGHER GROUND

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount

Coming Up at MDPC

Blood Drive Today

Walk-ins are welcome and encouraged.
 Today, 8:00 AM-2:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

BSD Welcome Coffee Today

Bible Study Discussion has begun, but you still can join! Weekly classes offered on five days/times to fit any schedule. Learn more at our Welcome Coffee:
 Today, 9:15-11:00 AM | MC 101
 Program details and registration: bsd.mdpc.org

Luke Gordon Ordination Service Today

All are invited to the ordination of former MDPC Youth Director, Luke Gordon. Reception to follow.
 Today at 5:00 PM | Sanctuary

The Antioch Partners' Fundraising Dinner

Less than 3% of Europeans are evangelical Christians. Join us as we learn how God is breathing new, spiritual life in Europe!
 Thursday, Sept 15 | 6:30 PM | Fellowship Hall
 Registration: theantiochpartners.org (Click EVENTS)

Walking the Mourner's Path

A Christ-centered grief program designed to help those dealing with the loss of a loved one. Limited to ten participants; guided by trained facilitators.
 Weds, Sept 14-Nov 2 | 3:30-5:00 PM
 Contact Beverly Fluke: bfluke@mdpc.org, 713-490-9542

Wednesdays with Alf

Jonah's story speaks volumes to all of us! Dive into the depths of this great book of the Bible with Dr. Halvorson. We'll look at our own faith journeys and how to avoid currents that pull us away from God.
 Weds, Sept 14-Oct 5 | 6:30 PM | Amphitheater

The Music Box Kids' Choir

Elementary school kids will learn about music and singing in a fun and worshipful environment. They'll be in seasonal programs, and even have an opportunity to lead Sunday worship!
 Wednesdays, Sept 14-Nov 30 | 4:45-5:30 PM
 Registration: register.mdpc.org

Volunteer & Eat

Help feed others, then feed yourself! First assemble sandwiches for Kids' Meals (they feed Houston preschoolers from families struggling with food insecurity), then grab a delicious meal at Wednesday Night Dinner. This week's menu includes lasagna, grilled shrimp brochette, corn dogs, and more. Prices from \$4 kid meal to \$10 adult entrée.
 Wednesday, Sept 14 | 5:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Lunch Connection

A monthly small group for parents of children with special needs. Our NEW FORMAT includes a brief presentation by a community resource provider as well as time for discussion and questions. Lunch will be provided. Come as you are!
 Second Tuesdays, 12:00-1:00 PM | MC Room 102
 Sept 13: Helping Your Child with Special Needs Build Friendships That Last
 Contact Keri Mosk with questions: kmosk@mdpc.org

MDPC Dads Coffee & Kolaches

Join other dads for a cup of coffee and a kolache. Bring your kids to snap a picture in our homemade photo booth, complete with fun props!
 Sunday, Sept 18 | 10:45-11:30 AM | Breezeway

Prime Timers: Books Are Here to Stay!

Whether you're in a book club or just enjoy a great story from time to time, come meet Valerie Koehler, owner of Blue Willow Bookshop!
 Tuesday, Sept 20 | Parlor
 Free Program: 10:30 AM | Lunch (\$9.50): Noon
 To have lunch, your check must be received by Sept 14. More information is at seniors.mdpc.org.

Teens & Tweens Group Starting

This will be a time to connect and build friendships with other adopted and foster children, ages 12-18. There will be food, games, a movie, and more! Bring your favorite bean bag chair, blanket, and/or pillow. Registration is required.
 Saturday, Sept 24 | 4:00-8:00 PM
 RSVP to Ann Rome: mdpcsafehaven@gmail.com



MDPC MORNING WORSHIP

Congregational Meeting Next Sunday

MDPC Session has called a congregational meeting for the purposes of calling the Rev. Rachel Poysky as Associate Pastor for Children's Ministries; calling the Rev. Brett Hurst as Affiliate Associate Pastor for Relationship Ministries; approving the revised MDPC by-laws, dated August 22, 2016; and dissolving the call between MDPC and the Rev. Dr. Kristin Huffman, effective October 16, 2016.

Sunday, September 18, following 9:45 AM Worship | Sanctuary

*Please stand if able.

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8:30 AM SERVICE

WELCOME		Dave Steane
*SONGS OF PRAISE		
*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		Rick Myers
BAPTISM		Alf Halvorson
	River Loughridge Harlan Chapple, son of Ryan and Morgan Chapple	
GIFTS OF GRATITUDE		
MESSAGE	<i>Jesus' Sermon on the Mount</i> (Matthew 5:21-26)	Alf Halvorson
RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE		

9:45 AM SERVICE

*CALL TO WORSHIP		
*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		Tara Reynolds
BAPTISM		Alf Halvorson
	Daniel Changsheng Guu, son of Sheng Yaw (Tom) and Lola Lilly Guu	
GIFTS OF GRATITUDE		Dave Steane
MESSAGE	<i>Jesus' Sermon on the Mount</i> (Matthew 5:21-26)	Alf Halvorson
RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE		

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

11:15 AM SERVICE

PRELUDES	<i>March of the Priests</i> <i>How I Trust Him</i>	W. A. Mozart (1756-1791) William Kirkpatrick (1838-1921)
WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP		Dave Steane
CHORAL INTROIT	<i>O God, Beyond All Praising</i>	Holst (1874-1934)/Proulx
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>How Firm a Foundation</i>	#361; Vs. 1, 2 FOUNDATION
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON		Rick Myers
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from The Heidelberg Catechism		
ANTHEM	<i>Blessed Assurance</i>	arr. Keith Hampton
OFFERTORY	<i>There Is a Balm in Gilead</i>	arr. Bruce Saylor (b.1946)
MESSAGE	<i>Jesus' Sermon on the Mount</i> (Matthew 5:21-26)	Alf Halvorson
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>	#276; Vs. 1, 2 FAITHFULNESS
POSTLUDE	<i>Spring from The Seasons</i>	Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

Musicians in this service: Cassandra Black, soloist; Charles Hausmann, conductor; Julio Sanchez, percussion; Kathryn White, organist

ISRAEL & THE HOLY LAND

Led by Alf and Shari Halvorson

March 5-17, 2017

Following in the footsteps of Jesus is a profound spiritual adventure — you will never again read the Bible in the same way!

holyland.mdpc.org

2 Opportunities to Support Our Kids and Schools!

MAM Back to School Drive

Providing uniforms or school-appropriate clothing plays a critical role in giving children the basics and the confidence they need to succeed! **Visit our table in the Breezeway** to give kids a great "Back to School."

\$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 helps!



Help Students & Schools Grow and Succeed

Encourage a teacher, read to a second grader, become a mentor to a 6th grader... MDPC has three ministries inside public schools that tutor, mentor, and support and encourage teachers. We need more volunteers to help with all three of the schools.

Stop by the table in the Breezeway this morning to learn how you can get involved!



MDPC's All-new 2016-2017 Bible Studies



Tuesdays at 6:15 AM | Sept. 13-January 24
men.mdpc.org



Wednesdays at 6:00 AM • Sept. 14-April 5
women.mdpc.org

Wednesday Night Bible Study for Boys and Girls!

FOR GIRLS!



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

FOR BOYS!



Begins Wednesday, September 14
6:30 to 7:30 PM | The Galaxy
3rd-5th grade boys who'd like to dive deeper into their faith.

8th Annual

NOCHE DE SABOR

Saturday, September 24
6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Come for an evening of Latin American culinary, musical, and artistic traditions!



Sunday, September 25

8:30-9:30 AM | Parlor
Morning's Topic: ANXIETY

Anxiety can affect anyone, at any stage of life. Join **Tim Mavergeorge**, LPC, LMFT, LCDC, to talk about regaining control of our lives and finding serenity despite anxious thoughts and feelings.

The Breakfast Club forums are offered bi-annually on Sunday mornings.



**YOU HAVE GIFTS. WE HAVE NEEDS.
VOLUNTEER HERE AT MDPC!**

THE AREAS OF GREATEST NEED:

Sunday Morning Ushers

Can you smile and say “good morning”? Then you can usher at Sunday services! You’ll greet congregants, hand out bulletins, and take up the offering. This is a great opportunity for families (4th graders and older) to volunteer together.

Contact Tracy Stidam at tstidam@mdpc.org or 713-490-0946.

Sunday & Weekday Youth Volunteers

Love on the rising generation of MDPC by spending time with our amazing adolescents. We have a variety of roles on Sunday mornings (10:45 AM-12:15 PM), including greeters, soda bar and snack servers, and relational connectors. Or lead a weekday Life Group Bible study, or Sunday morning Connection.

Contact Laura Miller at lmiller@mdpc.org or 713-490-2014.

Special Blessings Ministry

Volunteers are needed to work with special needs students age 13 and over. No experience required.

Contact Keri Mosk at kmosk@mdpc.org or 713-490-9265.

Sunday Morning Galaxy

Small Group Leaders for K-5th grade at the 9:45 and 11:15 hours lead activities that explore weekly Bible lessons.

Galaxy Storytellers are needed to teach, act, and excite as they share Bible lessons in a large-group setting.

Contact Mallory Moore at mmoore@mdpc.org or 713-490-9262.

Wednesday Nights

Build relationships with kids as you dive into God’s Word! Elementary Ministries needs volunteers for:

Gems & Jewels (Bible Study for 3rd to 5th-grade girls), 5:30-6:30 PM

SCUBA (Bible Study for 3rd to 5th-grade boys), 6:30-7:30 PM

Contact Mallory Moore at mmoore@mdpc.org or 713-490-9262.

Alzheimer's Gathering

Volunteer with The Gathering, which supports Alzheimer's patients and their caregivers. Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, 10:00 AM-1:30 PM.

Contact Beverly Fluke at bfluke@mdpc.org or 713-490-9542.

Second Family

Second Family is a Care Team® ministry offering friendship, help, encouragement, and hope to individuals with a special need due to aging or illness.

Contact Beverly Fluke at bfluke@mdpc.org or 713-490-9542.

Home Visitation

Home Visitation provides you the opportunity to spend time with members who are in need of a brief visit once a month.

Contact Beverly Fluke at bfluke@mdpc.org or 713-490-9542.

Kitchen Volunteers

Food Service Ministries always needs volunteers in the kitchen to set up, serve, and clean up. You'll work with other servant-hearted volunteers!

Contact Debbie Cordell at mdpc.foodservice.volunteers@gmail.com.

The Yellow School

The Yellow School would love to have grandfathers, or other men with flexible schedules, to help make simple wood projects like an airplane, or a cat (or dog or horse - they all look pretty much the same).

Contact Naomi Black at naomib@theyellowschool.org or 713-784-0820.

Local Outreach Committees

Outreach Ministries is always on the lookout for dedicated individuals to serve on one of four local outreach committees. You'll visit ministry partners, review support requests, and participate in important financial decisions.

Contact Jan Roe at jroe@mdpc.org or 713-490-9552.

Adult Attendance Recorder

Equipping Ministries could use the help of a detail-oriented person to record weekly attendance for Adult Sunday School classes, and update and print class rosters as needed. Time required is typically two hours per week, any day of the week.

Contact Vicki Levins at vlevins@mdpc.org or 713-490-9561.

Mobile Unit Volunteer

Assist with the restocking of clothing and household items on the Clothes Closet Mobile Unit, and accompany the Unit on neighborhood visits, where you can assist customers with purchases.

Contact Maritza Pujols at mpujols@mdpc.org or 713-490-9556.

Need More Options?

Check out serve.mdpc.org for a plethora of volunteer opportunities here at MDPC, around the city, and around the world.

Contact Diann Turet at dturet@mdpc.org or 713-490-9553.



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mdpc.org | 713-782-1710



HIGHER GROUND

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 5:21-26

Pastor Alf Halvorson Preaching

Last week we looked at the idea that we are salt and light. To Jesus, that is our truest identity. And salt *of the earth* and light *of the world* require us to live our faith out in society, not just in the church. In the middle of the argument (verses 17-20), Jesus comments that He did not come to abolish the law and prophets, but rather to fulfill them. We are “least in the kingdom” if we belittle the law and advise others to belittle it; we are “great” if we practice it and teach others to practice it; and then Jesus says, “unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and the Pharisees, you will ‘never enter the kingdom of heaven.’” With verse 21 and following, Jesus shows us how we can walk out our faith in a truer and more significant way than did the scribes and Pharisees...

1. In verses 21-22, Jesus reveals three ways we can break the sixth commandment, even if we are not guilty of murder. What are they?
2. The first is holding on to anger (“crock-potting” it); the second is *hraca*, meaning calling someone idiot, stupid, blockhead; the third is using the term “fool,” meaning amoral or irredeemable—wishing they were dead. How are these three different? How do they feed each other? What is the progression?
3. In verses 23-26, Jesus gives two illustrations of how to keep the command or return to the command after we have broken it. What are the two prescriptions?
4. Why do you think the first prescription happens in worship? Jesus seems to suggest that we can't be right with God if we are not in right relationship with our fellow human beings. Why do you think that is? Read 1 John 4:18-21 and react to it in relation to our text.
5. The second prescription is when we are out in the world, and get crossways with our neighbor or enemy. Why come to terms quickly? What are possible lengthy and serious consequences? What are other possible consequences to not coming to agreement?
6. I ended with a story about Corrie Ten Boom after World War II. I said that, in nine out of 10 cases, a sincere apology from the offender is enough. However, in one in 10 cases, you need the supernatural help of the Holy Spirit to remove the anger and hate that still remains in your heart. How might Corrie Ten Boom's example guide you?
7. What broken relationship or situation will you attempt, with God's help, to mend or heal this week? If you do, you will be “great in the kingdom” (verse 19); if you and I do not try to address the inward issues (versus just the outward act of murder), we are no better, according to Jesus, than the scribes and the Pharisees (verse 20). Trust Him and try that which is hard, based on Jesus advice (and the advice of Romans 12:14-21).

