

Sunday, September 25, 2016

Coordinating Team

Mauricio Chacón | Associate Pastor for Fuente
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MDPC Foundation

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT



Life 2.0

This laid-back group of late 20s to late 30s studies topics related to the Bible and marriage. Some have started families and others are just enjoying being married. They all enjoy spending time together in God's Word on Sunday mornings, and at other times for socials and laughs.

Drop in any Sunday to see if this community is a good fit for your family to grow in your faith at MDPC!

Sundays at 11:15 AM | MC 122

Drop in, or contact Josh and Hattie Noworatzky with questions: hattienow@gmail.com

Today's Chancel Flowers are given by

- Lee and Larry Mueller, in memory of Ann Shidell Mueller and in celebration of her life.
- Beverly Uhlmer Roberts, in memory of Mathew Michael Uhlmer.

The White Rose is in memory of

- Marie Hewson, who passed away September 12, 2016.
- Steve Beasley, who passed away September 13, 2016.
- Evelyn Clauson, who passed away September 14, 2016.
- Betti Saunders, who passed away September 19, 2016.

Ministry Partners 2016

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

SEARCH Homeless Services helps thousands of men, women, and children each year by providing necessities such as food, showers, and laundry services. Its ultimate goal is for clients to achieve some stability so they can move into permanent housing and increase their incomes. A primary SEARCH resource is in-depth, individually tailored case management. searchhomeless.org

Sewing for Missions is a special group of MDPC ladies that works on sewing-related projects for local community needs, such as premie blankets and walker caddies for the Medical Center, as well as for global missions, such as clothes for Lulwanda Children's Home in Uganda. Contact Pat Ikard: 713-461-3654

MDPC Partner Family living in New York is building relationships for the Kingdom within the Bangladeshi community. Please pray for God to cover the members of this family, keep them safe and healthy, and strengthen them as they reveal Christ's grace by building relationships and sharing stories of Jesus to immigrants.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

OPERATING INCOME

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| 2016 Annual Budget | \$ 11,050,000 | 100% |
| Actual Income to Date (Sept. 18, 2016) | \$ 6,210,522 | 56% |
| Needed to Meet 2016 Budget | \$ 4,839,478 | 44% |

Pictured: Your giving enables Sewing for Missions crew, which works year-round to send items like premie blankets, walker caddies, and dresses for orphans into the community and around the world. The lovingly made pieces send a message of support and encouragement as they comfort and clothe. You also can support them by shopping the Holiday Craft Sale this November!



MDPC OUTREACH SUNDAY

Jesus Is Building His (Underground) Church

Matthew 16:13-18 | Dr. Sasan Tavassoli

Welcome MDPC Local and Global Ministry Partners!

Today our local and global ministry partners join us for worship. Drop by the Sanctuary Lobby before and after the 9:45 and 11:15 services to extend a warm MDPC welcome to our special guests. And be sure to invite a partner to worship with you!

Happening at MDPC

K & 1st Grade Pizza Party

Come eat pizza and play games at a Pizza Party! Kindergartners and first graders party this month; Pizza Parties for 2nd-5th grade are later this fall. Today! 12:30-2:30 PM | The Galaxy

Marriage Retreat

Get away for the weekend to reconnect with your spouse while getting expert teaching from Brett and Kellie Hurst of Home Encouragement. Oct 1-2, Noon-Noon | Woodlands Marriott | \$210 Wait list is open: marriage.mdpc.org

Martha & Rachel's Bible Study

We will be studying the book of Matthew led by Martha Moore and Rachel Poysky. Tuesdays starting Oct 4 | 9:00-10:00 AM | MC 122 Contact Alicia Boykin with questions: aboykin@mdpc.org, 713-490-9261

Kristin Huffman Ministry Celebration

Save the date to celebrate Kristin and her 19 years of ministry at MDPC! Stay tuned for details. Sunday, Oct 16 | 4:00-5:30 PM

Join Pastor Alf as a Partner In Prayer

Through MDPC's Partners In Prayer program, thousands of people are prayed for every day. God uses the power of this quiet ministry to bring health, life, and peace to our church family. Sign-up Sundays are Oct 9 and 16.

Flu Shots at MDPC

MDPC Health Ministry has arranged for flu shots to be available next Sunday at MDPC. Save the date and see next week's bulletin for more details. Sunday, Oct 2 | 9:00 AM-12:00 PM | Caring Offices

National Night Out

Meet your Memorial Villages police officers, fire department, and local area government entities. The festivities will include hot dogs, popcorn, cotton candy, and snow cones, plus a moonwalk and a Chiefs Dunk Booth! Sponsored by MVPOA. Tuesday, Oct 4 | 5:00-8:00 PM | MDPC Parking Lot

How Then Shall We Live? A Bible Study

James is one of the most relevant and timely books in the Bible, full of practical guidance for ways to live out our faith. It's not an easy book, though! It steps on our toes and pokes us in the side, challenging us to let the presence of Jesus transform us into a new humanity. Join us for this five-week verse-by-verse study led by Executive Pastor Dave Steane. Wednesdays, 6:30 PM | Amphitheater Begins Oct 12 with James 1:1-27.

Special Blessings Needs Your Help!

We host monthly events for children with special needs, giving parents a much-needed break. Could you spare a Saturday afternoon so we can serve more families?

Contact Keri Mosk: kmosk@mdpc.org, 713-490-9265.

MDPC MORNING WORSHIP

*Please stand if able.

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8:30 AM SERVICE

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| WELCOME | | Alf Halvorson |
| *SONGS OF PRAISE | | |
| *PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON | | Brandon Gaide |
| SONG OF PREPARATION | | |
| GIFTS OF GRATITUDE | | |
| MESSAGE | Jesus Is Building His (Underground) Church Matthew 16:13-18 | Dr. Sasan Tavassoli |
| RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE | | |

9:45 AM SERVICE

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| WORSHIP INVITATION | | |
| *CALL TO WORSHIP | | |
| *MOMENT OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE | | Kristin Huffman |
| SONG OF RESPONSE | | |
| OUTREACH MOMENT | | |
| GIFTS OF GRATITUDE | | Alf Halvorson |
| MESSAGE | Jesus Is Building His (Underground) Church Matthew 16:13-18 | Dr. Sasan Tavassoli |
| 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

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| PRELUDES | <i>Prelude in C</i> <i>Make Me a Channel of Your Peace</i> | David N. Johnson (1922-1988) arr. Mark Hayes (b.1953) |
| WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP | | Alf Halvorson |
| *HYMN OF PRAISE | <i>Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!</i> | #341; Vs. 1, 3 ASSURANCE |
| *PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE | | Kristin Huffman |
| *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | | |
| CHORAL ANTHEM | <i>Thou Gracious God, Whose Mercy Lends</i> | Mack Wilberg (b.1955) |
| HYMN OF CELEBRATION | <i>Here I Am, Lord</i> | #525; Vs. 1 Daniel Schutte (b.1947) |
| OUTREACH MOMENT | | |
| OFFERTORY | <i>Ubi Caritas (Where Charity and Love Prevail) with Piano Solo</i> | Ola Gjelo (b.1978) |
| MESSAGE | Jesus Is Building His (Underground) Church Matthew 16:13-18 | Dr. Sasan Tavassoli |
| *HYMN OF RESPONSE | <i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i> | #464; Vs. 1 HYMN TO JOY |
| POSTLUDE | <i>Sound the Trumpets</i> | G. F. Handel (1685-1759) |

Musicians in this service: Dorothy Gal, Laura Coale, Jose Castejon, Ivan Ley, Eliodoro Castillo, Avery Rabon, soloists; Charles Hausmann, conductor; Kathryn White, organ/piano

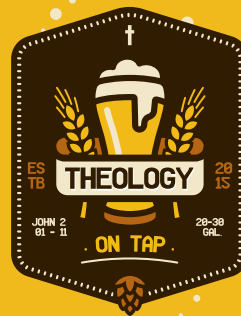
MORE ON MDPC SUNDAY MORNINGS

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.

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.



Theology On Tap: Closer Than You Think...?

What do atheists really believe? What about humanists? And where do Christians agree/disagree? Come hear a panel of guests representing different belief systems answer questions about God, morality, worldviews, and more - followed by a large format discussion where you can text in questions of your own. Plus free craft beer and food! Open to young adults, 21-40-ish.

Tuesday, October 11 | 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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THE WELL: WOMEN'S SPEAKER SERIES

WHO DO YOU THINK I AM?

Join us at The Well, our semi-annual gathering for women of all ages and life stages to commune and connect. Hear a panel of real, honest women talk about how they learned of the ways God views them.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

6:30-8:00 PM • CHAPEL (LIGHT SNACKS @ 6:00 PM)

For details and to RSVP, visit women.mdpc.org.
Childcare available by reservation; email childcare@mdpc.org.



TRUNK or TREAT

Sunday, October 30
3:00-5:00 PM | Ball Field & Parking Lot

Join other MDPC families to trick-or-treat from car trunk to car trunk and other family-friendly activities. Awards will be given for Best Costume, Best Decorated Trunk, and Best Candy. All are welcome! Please register if you are passing out candy, or signing your child up to participate...

Sign up at men.mdpc.org.



Women's Spiritual Retreat

Get away from the hustle and bustle of Houston and connect with other women and with Jesus at a beautiful ranch in Brenham, Texas.

Saturday, November 12 | 9:00 AM-5:00 PM | Cost: \$20

Register at women.mdpc.org, or contact Amanda Grace Caldwell for more information (acaldwell@mdpc.org, 713-490-0931).



The Venturers at MDPC present

Travel THAT Transforms

With Pastor Alf Halvorson

Monday, October 3

Social Hour 6:00-7:00 PM

Dinner/Program 7:00 PM

Westchase Hilton (9999 Westheimer Road)

RSVP deadline is **Wednesday, September 28**.
Pick up a flier for registration details.



MDPC

OUTREACH SUNDAY

Matthew 16:13-18

Notes written by Pastor Brett Hurst

This week, we take a break from our series on the Sermon on the Mount and we revisit the famous passage later in Matthew where Peter confesses that Jesus is indeed the Christ.

1. Peter's declaration of faith about Jesus takes place as Jesus and the disciples are entering the region of Caesarea Philippi. In this area, Greek and Roman culture and influence were everywhere, including many pagan temples and idols. Why do you think this story occurs in this setting?
2. Jesus asks the disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They respond with several popular answers: John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah, or possibly one of the other prophets (Matthew 16:14). The Jews knew that John the Baptist spoke of the Kingdom of heaven (Matthew 3:2); they understood quite well that the prophet Elijah was known for his dramatic miracles and prophecies; and they also were familiar with Jeremiah, a compassionate prophet that had expressed great concern for God's people. Why might the Jews have said that Jesus was one of those men?
3. Jesus then asks His disciples, "But who do you say I am?" (Matthew 16:15) What is your personal answer to this question?
4. Read Matthew 16:16-17. Who does Simon Peter profess Jesus to be? How does he know this?
5. Peter's answer to Christ's question often is considered the center of the Gospel of Matthew. Why do you think that his answer is so special?
6. According to Jesus, God Himself revealed to Peter His plan of salvation in Christ, the Messiah (verse 17). Why do you think God frequently reveals things to us in stages?
7. The first time we see the term "church" used is in Matthew 16:18. Can you define "church"?

In the Heidelberg Catechism, the following question (#54) is asked of believers:

Question: What believest thou concerning the "holy catholic church" of Christ?

Answer: That the Son of God from the beginning of the world, gathers, defends, and preserves to Himself by His Spirit and Word, out of the whole human race, a Church chosen to everlasting life, agreeing true faith; and that I am and forever shall remain, a living member thereof.

8. Read Ephesians 2:19-22. What is the foundation of the Church? Who is the cornerstone?
9. What is your "takeaway" (belief and action) from this section of Matthew's Gospel?

