

Coordinating Team

Mauricio Chacón | Latino Ministries Pastor
Amy Delgado | Interim Outreach Director
Brandon Gaide | Young Adult Pastor
Ginny Glass | Communications & Media Director
Meliza Gómez | Contemporary Music Director
Alf Halvorson | Senior Pastor
Charles Hausmann | Traditional Music Director
Brett Hurst | Relationships Pastor
Christyn Knoop | Adult Ministries Director
Gena Kookan | Senior Leadership Ministry Coord.
Laura Miller | Youth Director
Rick Myers | Caring Ministries Pastor
Rachel Poysky | Children's Pastor
Becky Riggs | Business Administrator
Dave Steane | Executive Pastor
Kathryn White | Coordinating Music Director
Karen Winship | Human Resources Director

Dave Peterson | Pastor Emeritus
Gary Bowker | Pastor Emeritus

MDPC Foundation

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

Students of Scripture



Do you want to go deep in studying the Word of God? In the Students of Scriptures class, we go verse by verse through teaching and class discussion. No homework required!

Currently we are studying 2 Corinthians.

Sundays at 9:45 AM | MC Room 126

Drop in, or contact David White with questions:
david_a_white@earthlink.net or 713-467-1444

The White Rose is given in memory of

- Brian Suthers, who passed away October 16, 2016.

Ministry Partners 2016

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

Spring Spirit Baseball focuses on the personal development of at-risk youth through baseball, softball, and educational programs. Its goals are to provide a safe and healthy outdoor environment for children to play and learn, to improve the quality of life for youth and their families, and to enrich the lives of youth through mentoring relationships.

springspiritbaseball.org

Star of Hope is a Christ-centered mission for men, women, and children provides shelter, meals, counseling, education, and childcare. It introduces each child to a loving relationship with Jesus. Positive life changes are encouraged through programs for spiritual growth, employment, and recovery from substance abuse.

sohmission.org

China Resource Center equips and strengthens the growing Chinese church and fosters constructive Western engagement in China by building churches in rural areas and distributing Bibles. This ministry is dedicated to reflecting the relevance and love of Jesus Christ as it shares the Good News.

chinaresourcecenter.org

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

OPERATING INCOME

2016 Annual Budget	\$ 11,050,000	100%
Actual Income to Date (Oct. 16, 2016)	\$ 6,895,002	62%
Needed to Meet 2016 Budget	\$ 4,154,998	38%

Pictured: We can't show you photos of the more than 1,000 men, women, and children who will call Star of Hope "home" tonight. But remember this: Every smile at the Mission is put there by someone like you who, moved by compassion, gave to support Star of Hope's daily care programs and long-term solutions to homelessness. >



Sunday, October 23, 2016

HIGHER GROUND

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount

Coming Up at MDPC

Stephen Ministry Lunch & Learn

MDPC's Stephen Ministry Program is looking for Christians who feel called to a caring one-on-one ministry. Join us for lunch and to learn more! Instruction and practice in listening, Christian care giving, and other areas of caring ministry are provided during training, and in continuing education sessions.

Lunch & Learn: Sunday, Oct 23 | 12:30-1:30 PM

Contact Beverly Fluke at bfluke@mdpc.org or 713-490-9542 to get more information and RSVP.

Elementary Pizza Parties

Come eat pizza & play games at your grade's Pizza Party! K and 1st grade partied in Sept, but there's lots of food and fun in store for other grades.

2nd & 3rd Grade: Today! 12:30-2:30 PM

4th & 5th Grade: Friday, Nov 11 | 6:00-8:30 PM

Contact Mallory Moore: mmoore@mdpc.org

Pie Love You

MDPC Women are teaming up with Tallowood to help Jesus Said Love, which shares Christ's love with women in the commercial sex industry. Your ingredient donations help JSL share its transformative mission with area businesses by treating employees to pie and a message. Here's how to help:

Through Nov 13: Donate canned pumpkin, 5-oz evaporated milk, metal pie pans, cash for crusts
Thursday, Nov 17, 10:00 AM-Noon: Pie assembly at Tallowood, with Sally Collier of JSL

Questions: Amanda Grace at acaldwell@mdpc.org

Discover MDPC with Alf

Want to know more about MDPC? Interested in membership? Attend an Informational Meeting to find out more about who we are and how we operate, both in our community and around the world.

Sunday, Oct 30 | 10:45-11:15 AM | Gathering Room

Contact Diann Turet (dturet@mdpc.org or 713-490-9553) or visit membership.mdpc.org.

Thanksgiving "Meal in a Bag"

Help others celebrate! Fill a grocery bag from a list provided by Outreach Ministries. These non-perishables, along with a bag of fresh produce and a turkey, will be given to a deserving Spring Branch family.

Please return filled bags by Nov 7.

Contact Maritza Pujols: mpujols@mdpc.org

Concert Series 2016-2017 Begins

Mercury, a downtown orchestra, plays Bach's Goldberg Variations as you've never heard it before!

Saturday, Nov 5 | 2:30 PM | Chapel

Tickets start at \$19; purchase at mercuryhouston.org. Visit concerts.mdpc.org for Concert Series details.

BLESS Friday, November 25

Instead of shopping on Black Friday, go serving and BLESS others! MDPC has been turning Black Friday into BLESS Friday since 2010. Serving instead of shopping is a great, Christ-focused way to begin the Advent Season with a thankful and giving heart.

Register for community projects and learn about projects you can do at home at blessfriday.mdpc.org. Contact Jan Roe: jroe@mdpc.org

Use Your Business Skills

Newspring's annual Business Plan Competition begins in January. Over the nine years of the competition, more than 100 MDPC members have served as advisers to help community college students draft business plans. It's a great opportunity to witness to your Christian faith in a secular world. Advisers work in pairs to mentor contestants.

Contact Robert Westheimer: rwestheimer1@comcast.net

Confirmation 2017

For all students currently in the 8th grade or above. Join us for a time of focusing on what it means to follow Jesus and be part of His Church.

Sundays, January 8-March 5 | 11:00 AM-12:15 PM

Register through Dec 1: \$115 (\$140 through Jan 8)



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Thank you!

MDPC MORNING WORSHIP

Congregational Meeting • Today following 9:45 Service, Sanctuary

Called by the Session of MDPC for the purpose of electing the Elder Class of 2019, electing the Nominating Committee for 2017, and electing a Pastor Nominating Committee to conduct multiple pastoral searches.

*Please stand if able.

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8:30 AM SERVICE

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

Dave Steane

*SONGS OF PRAISE

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

Brett Hurst

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

MESSAGE Higher Ground: Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 6:19-34)

Alf Halvorson

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

9:45 AM SERVICE

WORSHIP INVITATION

Meliza Gómez

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*MOMENT OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

Kaitlyn Wilson

NEW MEMBERS

Dave Steane

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

MESSAGE Higher Ground: Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 6:19-34)

Alf Halvorson

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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

11:15 AM SERVICE

PRELUDES

Meditation for Worship
Balm in Gilead

James Mansfield (1889-1968)
arr. Harry Burleigh (1866-1949)

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Dave Steane

CHORAL INTROIT

All Creatures of Our God and King

arr. Mark Hayes (b.1953)

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

#446; Vs. 1, 3 | AUSTRIAN HYMN

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from Romans 8

ANTHEM

Lay Up Your Treasures in Heaven

Pepper Choplin (b. 1960)

NEW MEMBERS

OFFERTORY

All Who Dwell in the Shadow of the Lord

Z. Randall Stroope (b.1953)

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

#370; Vs. 1, 2, 4 | WOODWORTH

MESSAGE Higher Ground: Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 6:19-34)

Alf Halvorson

POSTLUDE

Te Deum (We Praise Thee)

Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1643-1704)

Musicians in this service: Lisa Borik, prelude soloist; Sarah Bauer and Laura Coale, anthem soloists; Charles Hausmann, conductor; Kathryn White, organist

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.

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.



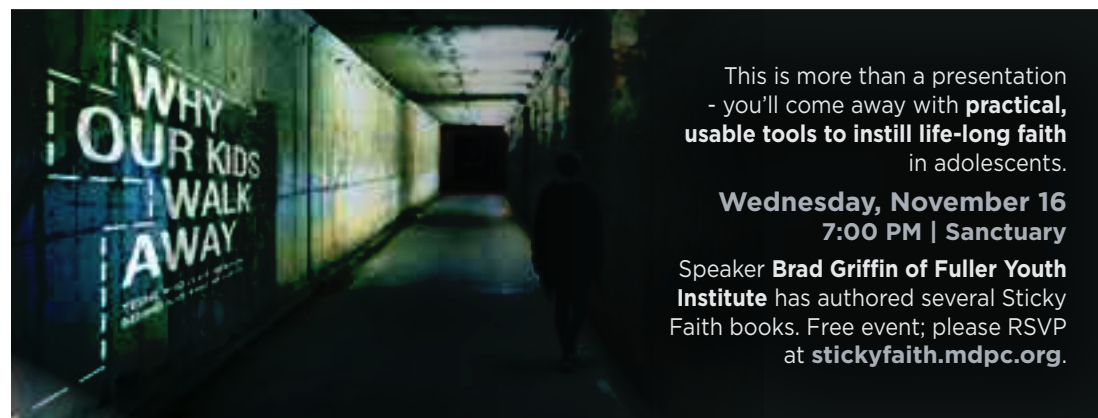
TRUNK or TREAT

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 dads.mdpc.org.



This is more than a presentation - you'll come away with **practical, usable tools to instill life-long faith** in adolescents.

Wednesday, November 16
7:00 PM | Sanctuary

Speaker **Brad Griffin of Fuller Youth Institute** has authored several Sticky Faith books. Free event; please RSVP at stickyfaith.mdpc.org.

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Wednesday Evenings, through November 9
6:30 PM | Amphitheater

THE HANDOFF: How Paul Transferred Christian Leadership to His Apprentice Timothy

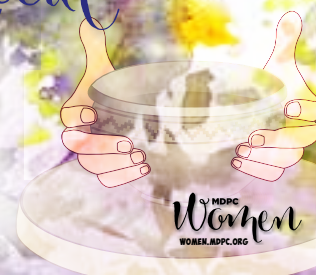
This study of 2 Timothy will be led by Executive Pastor Dave Steane. The epistle was written to a young apprentice named Timothy, whom Paul offers encouragement and instruction for the continued expansion of the Christian Gospel, and for the health and well-being of the Christian church. Attend one or all sessions of this four-week study.

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).



MDPC NEW MEMBERS

Sunday, October 23, 2016

Today, we warmly welcome 17 new members to our **MDPC** family!



Jeremy Bettram and fiancée, **Lizzie Green-Burns** – Jeremy works for PKF Texas as a CPA. Lizzie works for Merrill Lynch as a financial advisor. They both enjoy traveling and college football, especially Alabama – Roll Tide!



Tom and Teresa Cain have one son, Thomas, III (14). Tom is a firearms technician. He enjoys hunting, fishing, and scouting. Teresa is a property manager for Abbey Residential. She enjoys running and outdoor activities.



Karen Clingan has one adult son, Kevin. She works part-time for a retired CEO. Karen enjoys Bible studies, swimming, watercolor, monarch butterflies, and volunteering at Center Ministries.



Jeff and Mary French have three children, Max (15), Sara Jane (13), and James (10). Jeff is a benefits consultant for Arthur J. Gallagher. He enjoys racquet sports, outdoor activities, and at-home entertaining. Jeff serves on a board for a missions organization. Mary works part-time in accounting and volunteers at her children's schools. She enjoys running, playing golf, outdoor recreation, and CBS Bible study. As a family they enjoy traveling to other parts of the world to experience different cultures and the beauty of God's creation.



Dan and Rosanna Hinde are the parents of two children, David (9) and Annie (7). Dan is a judge for Harris County Civil Courts. He enjoys running, history, and classical music. Rosanna is self-employed as a personal concierge for Go-fer Girl. She enjoys sewing and volunteering at her children's school.



Jonathan and Margaret Humphreys – Jonathan is a senior engineer with Southwestern Energy. He enjoys music, running, traveling, fishing, and being outdoors. Margaret is the Director of the Academic Success Center at Houston Baptist University. She enjoys reading, theater, traveling, and running the half-marathon with Living Water. Margaret loves serving with Fifth Service.



Chandler and Abbey Martin - Chandler works for Plains All American Pipeline in business development. He enjoys cycling, scuba diving, woodworking, traveling, and photography. Abbey is an interior designer with The Den Design. She enjoys cycling, scuba diving, traveling, sewing, and photography.



Marsha Parris has two adult children, Will and Jennifer. She is a teacher in Katy ISD.



Evans and Susan Trammell are the parents of a newborn, Beau (5 months). Evans is also dad to Emma (13). Evans is a real estate appraiser for Property Interlink. He enjoys fishing, hunting, camping, and currently is playing baseball in a men's league. Susan is a school psychologist for Spring Branch ISD. She enjoys fishing and running, and loves to camp.



Brenda Vega is the mother of six children: Jennifer (16), Mark (15), Damaris (13), Christian (11), Victoryous (9), and Gianna (3) Navarrete. She is self-employed with Esmerald Cleaning Service. Brenda enjoys helping other people in any way she can.

New Member Classes participate in a service project at one of our local ministry partners, such as home and grounds maintenance at Gracewood, a safe home for single mothers and their children.



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, October 30 | 10:45-11:10 AM | Gathering Room

NEW MEMBER CLASS

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

Sundays, November 6-December 11 | 11:00 AM-12:15 PM

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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WHY OUR KIDS WALK AWAY

TEENS WHO LEAVE THEIR FAITH
BEHIND AND WHAT WE CAN DO

The reality is that almost half of high school students struggle deeply with their faith in college. In response to this problem, Fuller Youth Institute conducted a national study to determine: What can we do to help students develop a lasting faith in God? By following high school seniors into their first three years of college, Fuller gained an understanding of the transition and found some answers.

Speaker Brad Griffin is Associate Director of Fuller Youth Institute and the author of several Sticky Faith books. He will present some of Fuller's findings, and then teach us some practical, usable tools to instill a life-long faith in adolescents - a faith that *sticks*.

FREE, ONE-NIGHT EVENT

Wednesday, November 16

7:00 PM | Sanctuary

Please register: stickyfaith.mdpc.org

Contact Laura Miller, MDPC Youth Director, with questions:
lmiller@mdpc.org, 713-490-2014



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Congregational Meeting | October 23, 2016

Motion One. To elect the presented slate of nominees for the position of Elder, Class of 2019 (except where noted):

- Cheryl Moore**
Administration | Clerk Elect-elect
- Tim Fenn**
Administration | Personnel Elect-elect
- Lydia Junek**
Administration | Treasurer Elect-elect
- Troy Vickers**
Administration | Facilities
- Charmaine Denney**
Administration | Food Service
- Warren Bright**
Administration | Generosity
- Bart Westmoreland**
Administration | Generosity
(1-year term, Class of 2017)
- Michelle Chambers**
Children's | Elementary
- Carla Bradford**
Children's | Preschool
- Barbara Mueller**
Children's | Special Blessings

- Marty Chapman**
Children's | Preschool
(1-year term, Class of 2017)
- Ted Meyer**
Equipping | Prayer Initiatives
- Nimia Tillmann**
Fuente
- Paul Helbling**
Outreach | Connections
- Stan Simmons**
Outreach | Local
- Laura Benes**
Relationships | Women's
- Susanne McClean**
Worship and Music
- Sally Roach**
Worship and Music
- Chris Rush**
Youth | Middle School

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Motion Two. To elect the following Elders to the position of Trustee, 2017:

- Jody Harrington**
Personnel Elder
- Cheryl Moore**
Clerk Elect-elect
- Tim Fenn**
Treasurer Elect-elect

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Motion Three. To elect the presented slate of nominees to serve on the 2017 Nominating Committee:

- Buz Jochetz**
Clerk Elect | Moderator
- Jere Overdyke**
Immediate Past Clerk
- Chris Arend**
At-Large
- Gerald Bennett**
At-Large
- Mary Card**
At-Large
- Sara Kuhn**
At-Large
- Elizabeth Snelling**
At-Large
- Marcus Vajdos**
At-Large
- Cheryl Moore**
Clerk Elect-elect | Ex Officio
- Dave Steane**
Executive Pastor | Ex Officio

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Motion Four. To elect the presented slate of nominees to serve on a Pastor Nominating Committee, charged with conducting multiple Pastor searches:

- Mindy Bradley • At-Large**
- Tom Braschayko • At-Large**
- Sharon Fox • At-Large**
- Dick Harris • At-Large**
- David Michels • At-Large**
- Andrew Miller • At-Large**
- Larry Pena • At-Large**
- Shirley Swinbank • At-Large**
- Mary Kent Yochum • At-Large**



HIGHER GROUND

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount
Matthew 6:19-34
Pastor Alf Halvorson Preaching

This is the eighth in our series on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. We don't have to take a break from the series to cover our Generosity Conversation. Right at this point of the Sermon, Jesus talks again about "money and what our approach to it might be." Remember He first talked about "when you give alms" (money to the

poor) in verses 2-3 of chapter 6. Now He comes back around to address the topic more completely.

1. Years ago, one of the world's richest men, John D. Rockefeller, was asked, "How much is enough?" He famously answered, "Just a little bit more." Is he right? What does Jesus say in verses 19-21?
2. Jesus is really talking about *permanence*. Where does Jesus say our money is safe and secure? And how does He connect that to our "hearts"? Explain.
3. In verses 22-24, Jesus talks about *priorities*, to be careful what our eyes get drawn to in this life. How does what our eyes focus on determine who our master is?
4. In verses 25-34, Jesus talks about living by fear or faith. Here, worry is tied to lack of faith. Jesus wants to liberate us from obsessing with what we drink, what we wear, what we eat. What is His advice? How does He suggest we *plan* differently than the Gentiles?
5. Are you a worrier? How does worry show up in your life? What is the antidote to worry, according to Jesus?
6. Verse 33 seems to be the key for this entire section. Jesus says, "But strive first for the Kingdom of God." Run after it, and seek it as most important. You've seen the illustration of putting sand into a jar, then trying to put in a few big rocks *last*—there is not enough room. However, if you put the big rocks in *first*, the sand will all fit, too. How can you make sure you "seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness" this week?
7. Looking at this whole section (verses 19-34), how might your 2017 financial pledge to MDPC help you invest in that which is permanent, get your priorities right (and thus your heart invested right), and help you plan for *faithful* instead of *fearful* living?

