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 Becky Riggs at [briggs@mdpc.org](mailto:briggs@mdpc.org) or 713-953-2570.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
SPOTLIGHT****Seekers**

The Seekers class is a group of people seeking to know more of God's plan for our lives in new roles and expanding possibilities for deepening faith and action. With deep Bible teaching, answering hard questions, and engaging in ministries, we are dedicated to keep on growing!

**Sundays at 11:15 AM | MC Room 103**

Drop in, or contact Carmen Petzold with questions:  
[carmenphd6@aol.com](mailto:carmenphd6@aol.com)

**Ministry Partners 2016**

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

**Stoney Creek Ranch** helps young people come to know Christ and His role in their lives, and to develop an authentic personal relationship with Him. It works closely with churches and organizations that support urban youth. These young people, who rarely experience the beauty of God's creation, visit Stoney Creek for a life-changing camping adventure in the great outdoors.  
[stoneycreekranch.org](http://stoneycreekranch.org)

**Fuller Theological Seminary Houston** was founded to bring the rich programs of Fuller Theological Seminary to Texas. It provides scholarships to seminarians so that these future leaders in the Body of Christ may complete their seminary education without the burden of significant debt.  
[fuller.edu/campuses-online/texas.aspx](http://fuller.edu/campuses-online/texas.aspx)

**Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo (ETSC)** graduated almost all of the leaders of the Evangelical Church in Egypt. The most exciting aspect of the seminary is how it equips students to witness to the gospel of Jesus in and beyond Egypt in the midst of political and cultural transitions, especially in neighboring Sudan. Pray for the Body of Christ in Egypt and for ETSC's Dr. Atef Gendy and his team as they share the love of Jesus.  
[etsc.org](http://etsc.org)

**WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE****OPERATING INCOME**

2016 Annual Budget	\$ 11,050,000	100%
Actual Income to Date (Oct. 23, 2016)	\$ 7,026,651	64%
Needed to Meet 2016 Budget	\$ 4,023,349	36%

Pictured: MDPC partner Stoney Creek Ranch's Urban Initiative summer program offers "camperships" for inner-city children to experience God's great outdoor creation. Stoney Creek's goal is for cost never to keep a child from a life-changing Christian camping experience, and your support helps make that possible. >



All Saints Sunday, October 30, 2016

# HIGHER GROUND

## Jesus' Sermon on the Mount

**Coming Up at MDPC****Concert Series 2016-2017 Begins**

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

**This Saturday, Nov 5 | 2:30 PM | Chapel**

Tickets start at \$19; purchase at [mercuryhouston.org](http://mercuryhouston.org).  
 Visit [concerts.mdpc.org](http://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](http://blessfriday.mdpc.org).

**All-Church Lunch Next Sunday**

Offerings include Catfish Pecan or Roasted Turkey served with Sweet Potato Mash, Squash Casserole, and Fresh Green Beans (\$10); an entrée salad of Grilled Chicken with Goat Cheese and Green Apples (\$8.50); and Fried Chicken Tenders for the kids (\$4).  
**Sunday, Nov 6 | 11:00 AM-1:00 PM | Fellowship Hall**

**Blood Drive**

Donating is a simple way to reach out in support of our community.

**Sunday, Nov 13 | 8:00 AM-2:00 PM | Fellowship Hall**

**Venturers presents: Wise About Texas**

Venturers senior adults November dinner features Justice Ken Wise, a fifth-generation native Texan and avid Texas historian. He hosts the *Wise About Texas* podcast, with thousands of listeners nationwide.

**Monday, Nov 7 | 6:00 PM | Westchase Hilton**

RSVP for dinner by Nov 2: 713-785-7115

**Pies & Treats for a Thanksgiving Feast**

Order made-from-scratch pies, breads, and giant cookies from MDPC Food Ministries!

Order by Wednesday, Nov 16: [treats.mdpc.org](http://treats.mdpc.org)

Pick-up: Nov 21-22, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

**Help Texas Children**

Over 6,000 children in Texas are waiting for families to call their own. MDPC partner Spaulding for Children is looking for loving families to adopt special situations: disabled, older, and minority children, and sibling groups. Join us to learn how God could use you to make a dramatic difference in a child's life.

**Next Sunday, Nov 6 | 12:30 PM | Parlor**

Contact Keri Mosk: [kmusk@mdpc.org](mailto:kmusk@mdpc.org), 713-490-9265

**New Member Classes**

This series is taught by the associate pastors and elders and includes a Saturday service project at one of our local mission partners.

**Sundays, Nov 6-Dec 11 | 11:00 AM-12:15 PM**

Contact Diann Turet: [dturet@mdpc.org](mailto:dturet@mdpc.org), 713-490-9553

**God on the Move in Southeast Europe**

Join Tihomir Kukolja, Hope Manley, and musician Liviu Bocaniala as they share the latest stories of what the Lord is doing through Renewing Our Minds reconciliation ministry. You'll be amazed at the transformational stories of refugees who have encountered Jesus at ROM or on their journey through Europe.

**Wednesday, Nov 16 | 6:30 PM | Parlor**

**Lunch Connection**

A monthly small group for parents of children with special needs. Enjoy a brief presentation by a community resource provider followed by discussion and questions. Lunch provided. Come as you are!

**Second Tuesdays | 12:00-1:00 PM | MC Room 102**  
**Nov 8 - Behavior Modification Strategies for Children with Challenging Behaviors**

RSVP to Keri Mosk: [kmusk@mdpc.org](mailto:kmusk@mdpc.org), 713-490-9265

**4th & 5th Grade Pizza Party**

Come eat pizza and play games at a Pizza Party. K through 3rd grade partied earlier in the year, and now it's your guys' turn for food and fun!

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

RSVP to Mallory Moore: [mmoore@mdpc.org](mailto:mmoore@mdpc.org)





# MDPC MORNING WORSHIP

**Reminder: Daylight Savings Ends**  
Next Sunday, Nov 6

\*Please stand if able.

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## 8:30 AM SERVICE

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

Rick Myers

\*SONGS OF PRAISE

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

Laura Miller

TIME OF GRATEFUL REMEMBRANCE

SONG OF REMEMBRANCE

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

MESSAGE Higher Ground: Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 7:1-12)

Alf Halvorson

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

## 9:45 AM SERVICE

WORSHIP INVITATION

Meliza Gómez

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

\*MOMENT OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

Dan Aikins

TIME OF GRATEFUL REMEMBRANCE

Rick Myers

SONG OF REMEMBRANCE

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

MESSAGE Higher Ground: Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 7:1-12)

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

## 11:15 AM SERVICE

PRELUDES

*My Heart Is Ever Faithful*  
*The Lord Is My Light*

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)  
Frances Allitsen (1848-1912)

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Christyn Knoop

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*For All the Saints*

#526; Vs. 1, 4 | SINE NOMINE

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from The Apostle's Creed

ANTHEM

*Sanctus (Holy) from St. Cecilia Mass*

Charles Gounod (1818-1893)

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

Rick Myers

OFFERTORY

*Speak, O Lord*

arr. John Ferguson (b. 1945)

TIME OF GRATEFUL REMEMBRANCE

CHORAL REMEMBRANCE

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

arr. Roy Ringwald

MESSAGE Higher Ground: Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 7:1-12)

Alf Halvorson

POSTLUDE

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

Musicians in this service: Cassandra Black, prelude soloist; Tomer Eres, anthem soloist; Charles Hausmann, conductor; Kathryn White, organist/pianist

## 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:dturet@mdpc.org) and join one of our New Member Classes that run throughout the year.

# TRUNK or TREAT

**TODAY!**

**3:00-5:00 PM**

**MDPC 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!

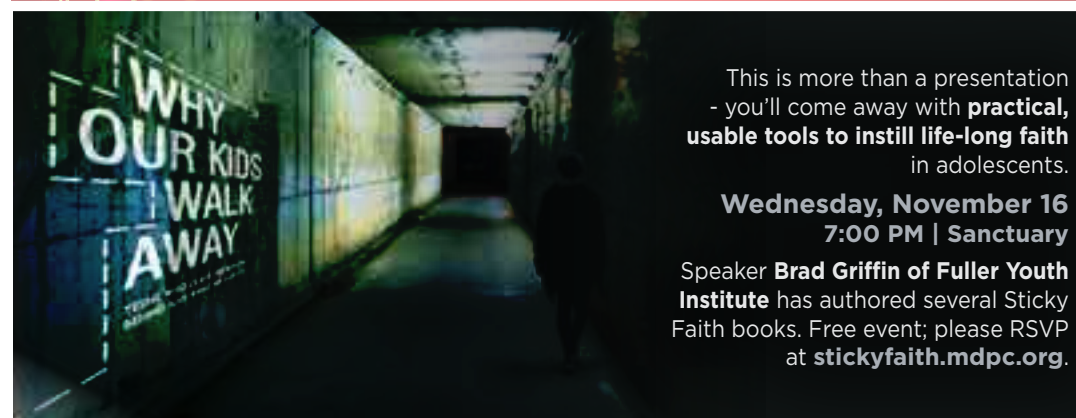
[dads.mdpc.org](http://dads.mdpc.org)



Sewing for Missions's annual craft sale is back, offering lovely hand-made gifts and decorations, and a selection of pendants in agate, tiger eye, and jasper. All proceeds support Sewing for Missions, and the items they make and donate all year long.

**Wednesday, November 16 • 5:00-8:00 PM | CLC 170**

**Thursday, November 17 • 9:00 AM-1:30 PM | CLC**



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**

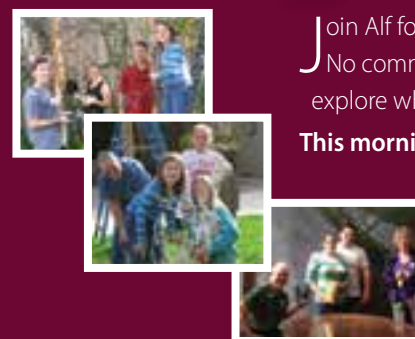
Speaker **Brad Griffin of Fuller Youth Institute** has authored several Sticky Faith books. Free event; please RSVP at [stickyfaith.mdpc.org](http://stickyfaith.mdpc.org).



**MDPC Women** is partnering with Small Steps Nurturing Center to provide Christmas gifts for 200 siblings of children in their programs. Donors are asked to provide three wrapped gifts per child for a total of \$50-100 per child.

Pick up forms and gift bags:  
**Sundays through November 20**

Please bring wrapped gifts to MDPC by **Friday, December 2**.



Join Alf for a casual conversation about MDPC and its ministries. No commitment required! It's just an engaging opportunity to explore what it would mean to be part of our faith community.

**This morning, 10:45-11:10 AM | Gathering Room**

[membership.mdpc.org](http://membership.mdpc.org)

**DISCOVER**  
**MDPC**



# Wednesday Night Bible Study

## THE HANDOFF

How Paul Transferred Christian Leadership to His Apprentice Timothy

Led by Executive Pastor Dave Steane

The epistle of 2 Timothy was written by the Apostle Paul around 67 AD, and it is most likely his last letter. Written to a young apprentice named Timothy, Paul offers encouragement and instruction for the continued expansion of the Christian Gospel, and for the health and well-being of the Christian church.

**Wednesday Evenings, through November 9**

6:30 PM | Amphitheater



**MDPC**

Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church  
11612 Memorial Drive  
Houston, Texas 77024

## All Saints' Sunday

October 30, 2016

*Today we honor and remember those MDPC members who, in the past year, passed on to the Church Triumphant.*



October 22, 2015  
Beverly Jane Jones



October 27, 2015  
Mae Elizabeth Gullickson



November 3, 2015  
Meredith L. Blickwede



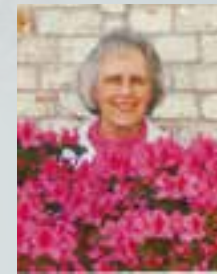
November 16, 2015  
James D. Thompson



November 19, 2015  
Hermann C. Schroeder



November 19, 2015  
Elizabeth E. Stuebing



November 23, 2015  
Shirley M. Noah



December 2, 2015  
Ross Lowell Kastor



December 3, 2015  
Jeannette Conway Marshall



December 14, 2015  
Coloma Dell Lafferty



December 23, 2015  
Boyd Lewis Henderson, Jr.



January 18, 2016  
Rosemary Wallace Burnett Johnson



January 21, 2016  
Charles A. Moore

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Rosemary T. Mears



January 28, 2016  
Rosemary Ross Perkins



February 3, 2016  
William E. (Bill) Harlan, III





February 7, 2016  
Jayne L. Pace



February 12, 2016  
Edith Lillian Little



February 13, 2016  
John Patton  
Marshall



February 22, 2016  
Marilyn M.  
Chapman



February 29, 2016  
Mary Olive  
Stewart Horton



March 7, 2016  
Deborah Jane Frye



March 14, 2016  
Doris Ruth Praino



March 16, 2016  
Alexander G.  
Kopatic



March 22, 2016  
Robert R. Jenkins



March 28, 2016  
Dr. William  
Rugeley Livesay



March 29, 2016  
Jane Dunlap Wren



March 29, 2016  
Alexander Scott  
Kelso



April 7, 2016  
Eleanor S. Kaptain



April 9, 2016  
Emmy Lell Jones  
Harper



April 26, 2016  
James W. Smith, Jr.



April 30, 2016  
J Randall  
Quisenberry



May 2, 2016  
Bill W. Kimmey



May 28, 2016  
Richard Cressie  
Dixon



May 30, 2016  
Reva Baker



June 14, 2016  
Alan Riedel



June 29, 2016  
Ruben Steptoe

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July 6, 2016  
Robert E.  
Henderson



July 11, 2016  
Mary Alice Henney



July 22, 2016  
Jackie Wiggins  
Rankin



August 2, 2016  
Natalie Brooks  
Aldrich



August 2, 2016  
Elizabeth Anne "Liz"  
(O'Hare) Schuette



August 13, 2016  
Stanton Pollard  
Fischer, MD



August 16, 2016  
Helen Elizabeth  
Pattillo Locker



August 26, 2016  
Roy H. Trice, Sr.



August 29, 2016  
Susan D. Young



September 4, 2016  
Lawrence  
Kelminson



September 9, 2016  
Norma L. Benson

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September 12, 2016  
Marie Kramer  
Hewson



September 13, 2016  
Stephen Craig  
Beasley



September 14, 2016  
Evelyn May  
Clauson



September 19, 2016  
Betti Friedel  
Saunders



September 27, 2016  
Dawn D. Kinsler



## HIGHER GROUND

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 7:1-12

Pastor Alf Halvorson Preaching

This is the ninth in our Sermon on the Mount series, Higher Ground, and the second in our Generosity discussion within the larger series.

It is my observation and experience that people in the world, even if they are atheists, will often quote verse one of chapter seven, "Do not judge, so that you may not be

judged." One of the worst accusations possible is to be called judgmental.

1. Read verses 1-5 of chapter 7. How do verses 2-5 help interpret verse 1?
2. In verse 5, Jesus says to take the log out of your own eye; then you can see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye. Isn't He saying we can intervene in other people's lives only after we have engaged in deep self-examination to "take the log out" of our own eyes? If we do the hard work on ourselves first, then we move from self-righteousness to compassion. Do you think that is true? Give an example to support or oppose this line of thinking.
3. How is verse 2 similar to or different from Matthew 6:12, 14-15?
4. I explained that the word "judge" here in Greek is *katakrino*. *Krino* means "judge;" *kata* intensifies the word to mean "fully or finally." So *katakrino* means, "to say the last word." We are never to make final judgments about anyone or anything. That's God's job. Only God knows all the facts; only God knows the person all the way through; only God is pure and impartial. But don't verses 6 and 15-20 suggest that we are to judge or assess or evaluate dogs, swine, and wolves in sheep's clothing? Where and when are we permitted to judge and when must we leave judgment to God?
5. In verses 7-12, Jesus moves back to another discussion about prayer. To you, what is the difference between asking, searching, and knocking?
6. How do verses 9-11 help you see prayer in a different light?
7. William Temple famously said, "When I pray, coincidences happen. When I stop praying, coincidences stop happening." Has that been true for you or those you love? At the end of verse 11, Jesus says, "...how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask Him." Are the "good things" always the same as what we ask for in prayer? How do verses 7 and 11 challenge each other or keep each other honest and faithful?
8. Verse 12 seems a fitting bookend to verse 1. How will these two verses (and the ones in between) impact your thoughts and actions the rest of the week?

