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Pastors Emeritus

Dave Peterson
 Gary Bowker

STUDY & SMALL GROUP SPOTLIGHT

Westchase Outer Loop Women's Small Group



This group of mostly married ladies in their 20s and 30s meets every other week for delicious dinner and spiritually uplifting study and conversation.

Alternating Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00 PM
 Member Home (Westchase)

Contact Ginny Trevino, ginny481@yahoo.com

Ministry Partners 2017: The New Ministry Partner Prayer Booklets Are Here!

The 2017 Ministry Partner booklets list one global and two local partners to pray for each week. The amazing servants in these organizations care for individuals and communities that have great physical, emotional, and spiritual needs and they need our prayers. Each year when we visit or hear from them, our partners tell us how much our prayers mean and how thankful they are to partner with MDPC. Remember to pray for them in committee meetings and Sunday school classes or with your family, and consider supporting them as a volunteer!

For more ways to encourage and volunteer with our partners, contact Jan Roe: jroe@mdpc.org



Ministry Partners 2017

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

Back 2 Basics Ministry brings the love of God to forgotten teenagers living on the streets and in shelters, foster homes, and mental facilities. It provides consistent and loving relationships that help address each teen's unique spiritual, emotional, and material needs.
b2bministry.com

Be An Angel was started in 1986 by a parent at T.H. Rogers School to improve the quality of life for children living with multiple disabilities or profound deafness. It provides adaptive equipment, school programs, and specialized services.
beanangel.org

MDPC Field Partner Chris and Jamie moved to the Middle East in 2012 to work in community development and share their faith in Jesus while building relationships with their new neighbors. The couple met while serving in Iraq and Jordan. Pray for Chris, Jamie, their two children, and their team to be strengthened by God as they learn the language and share His love and grace with everyone He places in their path.

MDPC Dollar-for-Dollar in Action

This is Jonathan on the day he received his brand-new medical stroller from Be An Angel! With this special lightweight collapsible unit, Jonathan has more mobility as it allows his mother to stow it in the trunk instead of struggling, often unsuccessfully, to load his bulky wheelchair. Your generosity through MDPC not only furnished Jonathan a new means to move, but presented him a new opportunity to see the world. >



DISCOVER Develop Deploy Your Spiritual Gifts

Deploying Your Gifts
 Ephesians 4:7, 11-16

Coming Up at MDPC

Cookies for the Troops

Bake and bring cookies for Sewing for Missions group to package and send to our military overseas. Each year the number of cookies donated increases - help us break last year's record!

Thursday, February 2: Simply drop off cookies, or stay to help with package assembly.

Details: cookies.mdpc.org

History of the Texas Medical Center

The Venturers senior adult group welcomes Shawn W. Cloonan, Executive VP, General Counsel, Planning & Development at Texas Medical Center.

Monday, February 6 | 6:00 PM | Westchase Hilton
 RSVP by February 1 to Chuck & Linnie Edwards:
 9350 Shady Lane Circle, 77063 (713-785-7115)

A Very Special Dinner & A Marriage

Parents of children with special needs and foster/adoptive parents: Sit alone with your spouse, enjoy a low-key dinner, and learn ways to stay connected in the midst of raising your very special family.

Saturday, February 18 | 5:30-7:30 PM
 Register by February 7: special.mdpc.org
 \$15/couple (includes dinner and childcare)

Volunteers are needed for this event. More volunteers mean more families can be served!
 Contact Keri Mosk to learn more about this volunteer opportunity: kmosk@mdpc.org, 713-490-9265

New MDPC Women's Newsletter

Pick up the latest issue for articles, restaurant and book reviews, fit tips, and more!

Available around campus

Join Full Life for a New Study

Today Full Life Sunday school class begins a new study on the book of Acts. We are parents of young children who are looking to keep Christ at the center of our FULL lives! We hope you'll join us.

Sundays, 11:15 AM-12:15 PM | MC 218

Contact Michelle Enszer: m.enszer@comcast.net

Faith Training

Looking for fresh ways to work out your faith in the New Year? Join Christyn and Martha of Equipping Ministries to explore how to train for spiritual fitness. Optional meals will be available for purchase.

February 8, Lunch (11:30 AM) or Dinner (6:00 PM)

February 12, Breakfast (8:30-9:30 AM)

Email Martha with questions: marthamoore@mdpc.org

Souper Bowl of Caring

Next Sunday, Youth will take up a special collection for Souper Bowl of Caring, which mobilizes young people and unites communities for hunger relief.

Sunday, February 5, in all services

souperbowl.org

Children's Ministries Summer Internship

We're looking for college-age interns who love kids! This is a full-time, paid summer internship.

Email Rachel Poysky at rpoysky@mdpc.org for details.

Save the Date! Mo-Ranch Registration

Registration for this year's all-church retreat on Memorial Day Weekend!

Register starting 8:00 AM, Saturday, February 25
mo.mdpc.org



MDPC MORNING WORSHIP

† Communion at MDPC is shared by intinction. All who confess their faith in Christ are welcome to the table. As directed by the ushers, come forward to the communion stations at the front of the section where you are seated. Dip the bread in the cup and eat, before returning to your seat.

Gluten-free bread is available. If you are celiac or severely gluten-intolerant, please note that it may have come into contact with gluten-containing bread during preparation of the sacrament.

Every child is an important part of our faith community. We believe each family decides when its children are ready to participate in communion. Children not taking communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing from the pastors and elders who are serving.

8:30 AM SERVICE

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

Rick Myers

*SONGS OF PRAISE

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

Laura Miller

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

MESSAGE

Deploying Your Gifts
Ephesians 4:7, 11-16

Alf Halvorson

† CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION MEDITATIONS

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

9:45 AM SERVICE

WORSHIP INVITATION

Meliza Gómez

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*MOMENT OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

Rachel Poysky

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Musicians in these services: Allison Delgado and Sonnie Kimani, vocals; Joe Gavito, guitar; Meliza Gómez, worship leader; Craig Gysler, keys; Tim Hughes, violin; Asher Pudlo, drums; Dennis Whittaker, bass; The Music Box Children's Choir, vocals at 9:45 service

11:15 AM SERVICE

PRELUDE

Nocturno, Opus 7

Franz Strauss (1822-1905)

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rick Myers

CHORAL INTROIT

Let All the World in Every Corner Sing

William Mathias (1934-1992)

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

#281; Vs. 1, 3 | CWM RHONDDA

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

Rachel Poysky

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from the United Church of Canada

OFFERTORY

Fulfilled in One Word (from Every Purpose Under the Heaven)

Howard Goodall (b.1958)

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Benedictus (from The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace)
Siciliano

Karl Jenkins (b.1944)
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Grand Triumphant March

Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

Musicians in this service: Charles Hausmann, conductor; Courtenay Pereira, cello; Julio Sanchez, percussion; Adrian Vasquez, French horn; Kathryn White, organ/piano

*Please stand if able.

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MORE ON MDPC SUNDAY MORNINGS

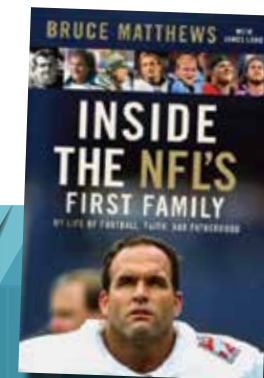
11:00 AM FIFTH SERVICE: Join folks in the Amphitheater for energetic worship, dynamic teaching from a diverse line-up of guest speakers, and casual community. Visit fifthservice.mdpc.org for more.

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.

OILER TITAN CHRISTIAN BRUCE MATTHEWS

TUESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 31

Dinner spots are filled, however, everyone is welcome to attend Bruce's talk. Details: BRUCE.MDPC.ORG



Elementary
PIZZA
Parties

K & 1st Grade
Today!

12:30-2:30 PM | The Galaxy

Food, fun, more fun, and more food...you don't wanna miss it!

2nd-3rd and 4th-5th grade parties coming soon!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

1:00-5:00 PM | Spring Valley Village Park
(1025 Campbell, 77055)

- An alcohol-free, family event, open to the community
- Free tastings and live entertainment
- Activities for kids throughout the park
- All teams & groups are welcome to compete
- With a new Cook-off Category: Dessert!

CBGR.MDPC.ORG - \$35 PER TEAM



Super Bowl Party Packs

Choose from 3 Kinds of "Crunchys,"
7 Kinds of Dip, & Loads of Extra Options!

Order by January 31: partypacks.mdpc.org

Pick up February 2, 3, or 5.

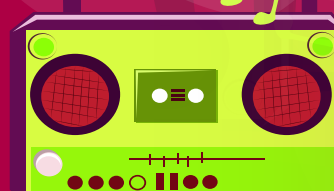
Proceeds benefit
Souper Bowl of Caring!

THE MUSIC BOX KIDS' CHOIR

All kids in grades K-5 are welcome!

WEDNESDAYS THROUGH APRIL 12
4:45-5:30 PM | CHAPEL

Register today:
kidsmusic.mdpc.org



DISCOVER Develop Deploy

Your Spiritual Gifts

Deploying Your Gifts
Ephesians 4:7, 11-16

This is the third and last in a short series on Spiritual Gifts. We have looked already at *Discovering Our Gifts* and *Developing Our Gifts*. Today we ponder what God has to say through Ephesians 4 about *Deploying Our Gifts*.

1. What has “hit home” for you so far in this series?
2. There basically are four major places in the New Testament where spiritual gifts are discussed: Romans 12:6-8, 1 Peter 4:8-11, 1 Corinthians 12, and Ephesians 4:7,11-16. In Ephesians 4:11-12, what does Paul say is the origin of the gifts? The use of the gifts?
3. In Ephesians 4:13, Paul has at least three goals, maybe four, depending upon how you break them up. What are they? Do they seem worthy enough for you? If you had to rate yourself on a scale of 1 to 10, how would you rate yourself on each factor?
4. In verses 14-16, Paul challenges his readers. What is his challenge?
5. If someone were to “speak the truth in love” to you, how would they need to do it in order to be effective? When you speak the truth in love, do you emphasize truth to the exclusion of love or love to the exclusion of truth? Or have you found a good balance of truth and love? Why is the balance so crucial? Explain.
6. In 1 Corinthians 12 and 14, Paul talks about gifts; in between, there is a whole chapter on love. Read 1 Corinthians 13. How does that chapter help us think about the best way to deploy our spiritual gifts, whatever they may be?
7. Ephesians 4 ends with the phrase about the body of Christ, that it must “build itself up in love.” Where is that needed right now at MDPC? How might you offer sacrificial love, so that unity, knowledge, maturity, and the full stature of Christ might be enhanced in our midst?
8. And where is that love needed in your family? At work? In Houston, and beyond?

