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## Pastors Emeritus

Dave Peterson  
 Gary Bowker

## STUDY & SMALL GROUP SPOTLIGHT

### Memorial-area Small Group: Nearly & Newly Marrieds



We are a community group comprised of young marrieds who get together every week to share life, pray for one another, and follow Jesus. We meet on Monday evenings at a home in the Memorial area. We are open to any young marrieds, engaged, or newly-married couples.

**Mondays, 6:30-8:30 PM | Member Home, Memorial**  
 Contact Tyler Moore: [tylerlanemoore@gmail.com](mailto:tylerlanemoore@gmail.com)

## Today's Chancel Flowers are given by:

- Buz and Cindy Jochetz, in celebration and gratitude to God for 40 wonderful years of marriage.
- Susan and David Eyre, in praise and gratitude to God, celebrating Moscelene Myers' 100th birthday.

## The White Rose is given in memory of the MDPC members who recently passed away:

- Zachary Chittick, December 13, 2016
- Mary Keating, January 2, 2017
- Nancy Burnett, January 1, 2017
- Fran Lenser, January 3, 2017

## Ministry Partners 2017: The New Outreach Ministry Partner Booklets Are Here!

This morning Outreach Ministries is handing out the 2017 Ministry Partner booklets, which 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 and volunteers. 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.

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



**Aldine Family Hope Center** is for residents of all ages in Aldine, a low-income, unincorporated, often-overlooked area of Harris County. Its educational, vocational, social, recreational, and spiritual programs empower positive change in the lives of youth and families.  
[aldineyouth.org](http://aldineyouth.org)

**Alpha Houston** trains, equips, and encourages Christian communities to effectively utilize the Alpha Course as an evangelism tool. This discipleship program is taken to churches, homes, business and – more recently – prisons/jails with the Good News of Jesus Christ.  
[alphahouston.org](http://alphahouston.org)

**MDPC Field Partner Jeff Burns** has a call on his life to reach North American Muslims with the love of Jesus Christ. He and his family live in North Carolina, where Jeff teaches Christians ways to reach out in friendship to Muslims in peaceful, respectful witness. He has trained Presbyterian Church members in the U.S. and around the world.

## WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

The weekly financial update will be shown on the screens in this morning's services.

Pictured: Your generosity allows us to support Aldine Youth. Its Buckner Family Hope Centers are child-centered, family-focused places where families go to find hope, support and empowerment in their community to reach their fullest God-given potential. >



# DISCOVER Develop Deploy Your Spiritual Gifts

*Discovering Your Gifts*

Romans 12:1-8

## Coming Up at MDPC

### 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, January 15-February 19 | 9:45-11:00 AM**  
 Contact Diann Turet: [dturet@mdpc.org](mailto:dturet@mdpc.org), 713-490-9553

### 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](mailto:rpoysky@mdpc.org) for details.

### Volunteers Needed for Second Family

Thinking about how to use your time to God's glory in 2017? MDPC's Second Family ministry uses a team approach to support church members facing challenges from illness, disability, and aging. Volunteers provide practical help such as transportation and respite care for caregivers, as well as Christian fellowship.  
**Training Session: January 18 | 3:00-5:00 PM**  
 Contact Beverly Fluke with questions or to sign up for the training session: [bfluke@mdpc.org](mailto:bfluke@mdpc.org), 713-490-9542

### Pathways Sunday Class for Women

In Pathways, women can feel comfortable sharing both weaknesses and strengths. Join them today as they begin a new study: *Prayer* by Richard Foster.  
**Sundays, 9:45 AM | Room 116**

### K & 1st Grade Pizza Party

Come eat pizza and play games! K & 1st grade party this month; 2nd-5th grade in February and March.  
**Sunday, January 29 | 12:30-2:30 PM | The Galaxy**  
 Registration: [children.mdpc.org](http://children.mdpc.org)

### The Breakfast Club

With resolutions come and gone, cold weather, and the possible letdown of a new year, January may have you feeling sad, alone, or depressed. Have coffee and light breakfast items while Jill Gilbert, LMFT, LPC discusses ways to shake the blues.  
**Sunday, January 29 | 8:30-9:30 AM | Parlor**  
 RSVP: [counseling.mdpc.org](http://counseling.mdpc.org)

### Former Oiler Bruce Matthews

MDPC hosts hall of famer Bruce Matthews, who will speak about his career and faith: "I played 19 years in the NFL without missing a single game due to injury. While this success has been an incredible gift, all that really matters is knowing Jesus. Everything else is secondary at best."  
**Tuesday, January 31 | 6:00 PM**  
 Limited seating, RSVP today: [bruce.mdpc.org](http://bruce.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)

### Cookies for the Troops

Everyone is invited to bake and bring cookies that Sewing for Missions group will package and send to 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.**



# MDPC MORNING WORSHIP

\*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

SONG OF RESPONSE

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

MESSAGE

Discovering Your Gifts  
Romans 12:1-8

Alf Halvorson

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

## 9:45 AM SERVICE

WORSHIP INVITATION

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

\*MOMENT OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

Kyle Collins

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

MESSAGE

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Alf Halvorson

Musicians in these services: Joe Gavito, guitar; Jessica Gray, worship leader; Craig Gysler, keys; Michael Middleton, worship leader; Asher Pudlo, drums; Dennis Whittaker, bass

## 11:15 AM SERVICE

PRELUDES

Consolation  
A Simple Song from MASS

Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)  
Leonard Bernstein (1918-1990)

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Dave Steane

CHORAL INTROIT

Joined Together As One Body

James Biery (b.1956)

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

#423; VS. 1, 3, 5 | DUKE STREET

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Amy Delgado

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from Romans 8

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Doxology

Hymn #592

ANTHEM

The Call of Wisdom

Will Todd (b. 1970)

OFFERTORY

Greater Love Hath No Man Than This

John Ireland (1879-1962)

MESSAGE

Discovering Your Gifts  
Romans 12:1-8

Alf Halvorson

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Take My Life

#391; Vs. 1, 2, 6 | HENDON

POSTLUDE

March

Alexandre Guilmant

Musicians in this service: Jason Amos, Soloist; Charles Hausmann, conductor; Kathryn White, organist/pianist

## MORE ON MDPC SUNDAY MORNINGS

**11:00 AM FIFTH SERVICE:** Join folks in the Amphitheater for energetic worship, dynamic teaching, and casual community. Pastor Alf will preach this Sunday. 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.



**Parent Palooza**  
Wednesday Evenings,  
January 11 and 18


Free Parenting Seminar!  
Location: MDPC Fellowship Hall  
Registration: [palooza.mdpc.org](http://palooza.mdpc.org)



**THE MUSIC BOX KIDS' CHOIR**  
All kids in grades K-5 are welcome!

WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 18-APRIL 12  
4:45-5:30 PM | CHAPEL

Register today:  
[kidsmusic.mdpc.org](http://kidsmusic.mdpc.org)



**Wednesday Night Bible Study for Boys and Girls!**

**Gems & Jewels**  
Finding Treasure in God's Word

Begins Wednesday, January 18  
5:30-6:30 PM | The Galaxy  
3rd-5th grade girls who'd like to know more about the Bible and Jesus.

**FOR GIRLS!**

**SCUBA**  
Dive Deeper into Your Faith

Begins Wednesday, January 18  
6:30-7:30 PM | The Galaxy  
3rd-5th grade boys who'd like to dive deeper into their faith.

**FOR BOYS!**



**Mission Trips**

Middle School Mission Trip San Antonio • June 4-10 Open to current 7th-8th graders	6th Grade Mission Trip Houston • June 28-29 Open to current 6th graders
High School Mission Trip June 18-24 Open to current 9th-12th graders	Uganda Mission Trip July 18-27 Open to current Juniors and Seniors

Registrations are open: [youthmissions.mdpc.org](http://youthmissions.mdpc.org) • For Uganda, email Kyle Collins to apply: [kcollins@mdpc.org](mailto:kcollins@mdpc.org)



**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!

**COOK-OFF**

[cbgr.mdpc.org](http://cbgr.mdpc.org) • \$35 per team

# DISCOVER Develop Deploy

## Your Spiritual Gifts

*Discovering Your Gifts*  
Romans 12:1-8

Last week I attempted to share what is emerging as MDPC's New Vision for this next season in our life together. If you missed it, I recommend that you listen to or watch it so that you can begin praying to see where God might want you to invest, grow, serve, or lead.

For the next three weeks, we will look at what Scripture has to say about *Spiritual Gifts*. Some might be very familiar with the topic, and others not at all aware of it. The idea is that each believer in Christ is given at least one gift from God for the common good.

1. Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-11. Paul says in verse 1, "Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I did not want you to be uninformed." Where does it say that God gives each Christian at least one gift? And where does it talk about the gifts not just being for our own good, but for the good of the wider church and world?
2. Is there any other surprising insight that you found in 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 which you want to share with the other members of your group?
3. I am asked a lot by people, "How can I know or find God's will?" In fact, it is the number one question pastors are asked by church members. Read Romans 12:1-8. How does the Apostle Paul tie knowing God's will to understanding your spiritual giftedness? Dissect his argument for a minute and try to follow and explain his rationale.
4. I talked in my sermon about how "if you have struggled to serve God in the past, it might be because you did not serve out of (or in) your spiritual giftedness." You had to work against the grain or swim upstream and against the current. When has that been true for you? On the other hand, when has your service been meaningful, productive, joy-filled, fulfilling, even if it was hard?
5. I told a story about a man named Bruce Bugbee, who moved from California to Iowa. He built a house and went to the nursery and bought trees, shrubs, and flowers for the yard based on plants he liked from CA. A few did well, some didn't. Where did that story hit home for you? I also talked about a man named Ivan from a former church who led a committee but then found his 'sweet spot' in another location. Do you know your sweet spot yet? Ask your group members to share what gifts they see in you and where they think you might thrive.
6. A Spiritual Gifts Test is available on the MDPC website at [spiritualgifts.mdpc.org](http://spiritualgifts.mdpc.org). If you have never taken a spiritual gift assessment, now is the time. If you have taken one in the past, perhaps you need a refresher—some new insight or nuance might emerge that you hadn't pondered before now. Don't wait to discover your gifts. It will help you to "do" God's will.

