

## MDPC Coordinating Team

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## Pastors Emeritus

Dave Peterson  
Gary Bowker

## STUDY & SMALL GROUP SPOTLIGHT



### Grace Circle

This group of ladies in their 50s+ is working through the Ann Spangler study book, *Wicked Women of the Bible*. Some of the women are traditionally wicked, like Jezebel and Delilah, but others are *wicked* - as in slang for "cool", "awesome," and "very, very good," like Sarah and Esther.

**Tuesdays, 10:00-11:30 AM | Member Home**

Contact Cindy Holloway: [cihollow@gmail.com](mailto:cihollow@gmail.com), 713-464-3350  
Circles are small groups of women that meet monthly for study and fellowship. Interested in starting a new Circle? Contact Amanda Grace at [acaldwell@mdpc.org](mailto:acaldwell@mdpc.org) or 713-490-0931.

## The Red Rose is given in honor of:

- Parker James Beasley, born April 11, 2017, to Brad and Kelsey Beasley. Parker is the grandson of Nancy Beasley.

## The White Rose is given in memory of:

- Bob Hooker, Sr., who passed away April 15, 2017.
- Dick Berry, who passed away April 15, 2017.

## Outreach Ministry Partners 2017

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

**Faithwalking** is a ministry that serves Christians seeking to live a fully integrated, missional life, building missional communities where they live and work. There are now 50 such communities across Texas, in corporations, public schools, impoverished neighborhoods, and prisons.

[faithwalking.us](http://faithwalking.us)

**FamilyPoint Resources** empowers children and families in the Nottingham Park area of West Houston to overcome the cycle of poverty. Its programs include a community library; after-school educational enrichment; art, theater and dance classes; and a full schedule of summer activities and camps.

[familypointresources.com](http://familypointresources.com)

**Faith Ministry** in Reynosa, Mexico, aims to meet the basic physical needs of families living in poverty on the Mexican border, and in so doing, it shares the love of Jesus Christ. Through home construction, medical, feeding, child sponsorship, and skills training programs, it cares for the community and makes Christ's Name known. Mission teams are invited to join Faith Ministry in its work.

[faithministry.org](http://faithministry.org)

## Operating Income

2017 Annual Budget	\$ 11,400,000	100%
Actual Income to Date (April 16, 2017)	\$ 2,724,437	24%
Needed to Meet 2017 Budget	\$ 8,675,563	76%

## Looking for a Place to Serve?

Coordinate with **Faithwalking** staff writing and editing of stories, articles, and other documents. Some writing assignments may include phone interviews with people. Volunteers also are needed to do data entry and other administrative tasks.

Contact Angela Raley at [angelaraley@faithwalking.us](mailto:angelaraley@faithwalking.us) or 832-798-1380.



# Jesus Talks

with the Woman at the Well  
John 4:1-26

## Coming Up at MDPC

### We Love Our Teachers & Leaders!

MDPC wants to show our appreciation to the folks who lead our children's, youth, and adult classes and groups. We truly are a better community, *Engaging All* with the love of Christ, because of you. Teachers and leaders and their families are invited to stop by for a breakfast treat and to let us say *Thank You!*  
**Today in Fellowship Hall | 9:15-11:45 AM**

### Wednesday Night Bible Study: Heartbreaks, Hopes, & Heroes

Are the Old Testament stories just quaint tales or can they become a narrative that speaks into our lives? If the Christian life is supposed to be so wonderful, why is my own such a mess? A variety of teachers lead this four-part summer study. Join us!  
**Wednesdays starting May 17 | 7:00-8:00 PM**  
**May 17 - Joshua:** *If this is the Promised Land, where is the promised good life?* (Michelle & Miah Collins)  
**May 24 - Samson & Gideon:** *Everyone is all evil all the time, how can I have any impact?* (Sarah Stone)  
**May 31 - Nehemiah:** *How can God use me to rebuild what's been ruined?* (Dan Aikins)  
**June 7 - Where Was God?** (Special guest speaker Adam Winn of Fuller)  
[hhh.mdpc.org](http://hhh.mdpc.org)

### Kids' Meals Monthly Service Project

In Houston, one in four preschool children goes to bed hungry, but you can make sure there is one less empty tummy! Give one hour of your time, bring two loaves of bread per sandwich-maker, and make sandwiches for Kids' Meals. That's all it takes to make a difference.

**Wednesday, May 10 | 5:00 PM | Fellowship Hall**  
Contact Julie with questions: [hempeljulie@gmail.com](mailto:hempeljulie@gmail.com)

### Summer Celebration Needs

We're collecting old adult-size T-shirts, electronics (we cannot accept any with glass or screens), and snacks/drinks for volunteers (NUT FREE please).  
*Please bring donations to Children's Ministries.*

### Blood Drive

Pre-registering at [giveblood.org](http://giveblood.org) helps Blood Center provide enough techs so you won't have a long wait, but walk-ins on the day of the drive are welcome!

**Sunday, May 14 | 8:00 AM-2:00 PM**  
**Fellowship Hall**

Contact Kakki Thompson: [kthompson@mdpc.org](mailto:kthompson@mdpc.org)

### Fifth Community

All are invited into a new Sunday experience. We'll take a deep dive into each week's sermon. Bring in your coffee and your questions! We'll have Q&A, discussion, teaching, prayer, and communion.

**Sundays, 11:00 AM | Amphitheater**  
[fifth.mdpc.org](http://fifth.mdpc.org)

### Men's Summer Series:

#### Men in Partnership and Discipleship

This quick summer series is a must for men. Join other guys for engaging conversations about discipleship and how to grow closer to God. Relationships Pastor Brett Hurst will lead sessions encouraging men into a deeper relationship with Jesus, and we'll hear from Ken Harris and Clint Harrington. Get practical tools and insights on how to move closer to Christ while being in quality relationships with other godly men.

**Tuesdays, June 6-27**  
**6:30-7:45 AM | Amphitheater**

Contact Brett Hurst with questions: [bhurst@mdpc.org](mailto:bhurst@mdpc.org)

# MDPC MORNING WORSHIP

\*Please stand if able.

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## 8:30 AM SERVICE

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

Rick Myers

\*SONGS OF PRAISE

\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

SONG

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

MESSAGE

Jesus Talks with the Woman at the Well (John 4:1-26)

Alf Halvorson

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## 9:45 AM SERVICE

WORSHIP INVITATION

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

Christyn Knoop

BAPTISM AND TESTIMONY

Matthew Ajdari

Alf Halvorson

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

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Musicians in these services: Gus Alvarado, drums • Joe Gavito, guitar • Craig Gysler, keys • Michael Middleton and Tara Reynolds, worship leaders • Dennis Whittaker, bass

## 11:15 AM SERVICE

PRELUDE

*Ye Who Claim the Faith of Jesus  
Hymn of Promise*

arr. Matthew Corl (b. 1965)

arr. Brenda Portman (b. 1985)

WELCOME

Rick Myers

TESTIMONY

Matthew Ajdari

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

#403; Vs. 1, 2, 3 | CONVERSE

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

ANTHEM

*Like as the Hart*

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

OFFERTORY

*Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus*

Dan Forrest (b.1978)

MESSAGE

Jesus Talks with the Woman at the Well (John 4:1-26)

Alf Halvorson

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Open My Eyes that I May See*

#324; Vs. 1, 3 | OPEN MY EYES

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Allegro from Sinfonia No. 1*

Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

Musicians in this service: Charles Hausmann, conductor • Kathryn White, organist

## MORE ON MDPC SUNDAY MORNINGS

**11:00 AM FIFTH COMMUNITY GROUP:** Fifth Service has transformed into Fifth Community. See the announcement in this bulletin for details, or visit [fifth.mdpc.org](http://fifth.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.

## CELEBRATE



With All-Church Lunch!

**All-Church Lunch**  
Next Sunday, May 7 | 11:00 AM-1:15 PM

Entrée (\$10):

Beef or Chicken Nachos or Enchiladas  
served with Beans, Spanish Rice, Mexican Corn, Squash

Entrée Salad (\$8.50):

Bagels & Lox

Children's Menu (\$4): Nachos

Everyone is welcome!



A new Sunday morning experience...

**FIFTH**  
*Community*

11:00 AM\* Sundays | Amphitheater

Ask hard questions. Share your story.  
Learn and grow in authentic community.

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

\*10:45 if you love breakfast tacos.

## HEARTBREAKS HOPES & HEROES



WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY | MAY 17-JUNE 17 | 7:00-8:00 PM | [HHH.MDPC.ORG](http://HHH.MDPC.ORG)

## POWERFUL TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS



Has being a caregiver left you feeling drained and frustrated? This educational program equips family caregivers with self-care tools to reduce personal stress, communicate more effectively, and deal with difficult caregiving situations.

**Wednesdays, May 24-June 28**  
**3:30-5:00 PM at MDPC**

Contact Beverly Fluke to register:  
[bfluke@mdpc.org](mailto:bfluke@mdpc.org), 713-490-9542

\$30 fee for program resources. Class size is limited. (No professional caregivers, please.)



## Come Before His Presence with Singing!

### Pick-Up Choir Sundays in June

Do you love to sing but don't have time for a weekly commitment? Come sing with our summer choir! There's no Wednesday rehearsal required.

Starting June 4, come to the choir room at 10:00 AM and sing for the 11:15 service.

No experience needed. Contact Tracy Stidam with questions: [tstidam@mdpc.org](mailto:tstidam@mdpc.org), 713-490-0946







# MDPC LEGACY GIVING

*We are all indebted to the past, and to those who preceded us. But we are also seeds of the future for those who succeed us. We dream, we envision, and we set things in motion. The fruit of those decisions will be known only to others whom we will not meet and will not know. We are called to partner in faith with those who have gone before us and to offer the best that we have to give to those who will follow.*



# How to Make a Legacy Gift

You can enhance the ministries and missions of MDPC by making financial resources available for special projects and initiatives over and above the annual budget and to insure the future of MDPC. Listed below are a few ways that those gifts may be facilitated:

## **APPRECIATED SECURITIES:**

The gift of appreciated securities is most often in the form of common stock or mutual funds. Such a gift is a valuable way to benefit MDPC and for you to receive tax benefits based on the fair market value of the assets.

## **REAL ESTATE:**

Real estate may be deeded outright to Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church or left by bequest. The irrevocable gift of property may provide an immediate tax deduction and avoid capital gains. Due to complexities, be prepared to work with the church and your qualified advisors to ensure that this is a suitable gift for both you and for the church.

## **CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY:**

The gift annuity is an irrevocable gift of cash or securities where you receive a predictable fixed income for life. At termination, MDPC receives the residual value of the annuity. There are also potential tax benefits depending upon your particular situation.

## **RETIREMENT PLAN ASSETS:**

In some cases, retirement assets can be the heaviest taxed assets in an estate. Naming MDPC as beneficiary can avoid that taxation, enabling the asset to pass tax-free to the church.

## **CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST:**

The remainder trust is an irrevocable gift of assets into a charitable trust

that provides you a fixed (Annuity Trust) or variable (Unitrust) income for life or for a set term. At the trust's termination, the trust assets become a generous gift to MDPC.

## **LIFE INSURANCE:**

Make a gift of a policy or buy a policy making MDPC the beneficiary or partial beneficiary.

## **CHARITABLE LEAD TRUST:**

The lead trust's income payments are distributed to the church for a set period of years, after which the assets are transferred back to the grantor or whomever the grantor has named the beneficiary. This provides generous annual support for MDPC now, removes the asset from the estate, and passes the asset to heirs with little or no tax. There is no immediate deduction for the lead trust.

## **BEQUEST:**

The bequest is a gift through your will or revocable trust that enables you to retain the asset during your life and provide significant support when you no longer require the asset. You may choose a specific item, a percentage, or a residual bequest.

## **BANK/INVESTMENT ACCOUNT:**

Financial accounts can be a simple and inexpensive way to leave a legacy gift for MDPC. Contact your financial advisor to see how easy the process is to make MDPC the beneficiary of a particular investment or cash from a bank account.

To learn more about how to make a legacy gift, contact  
**David Eyre** at [legacygiving@mdpc.org](mailto:legacygiving@mdpc.org) or 281-797-6916, or  
**Bob Giles** at [bgiles@mdpc.org](mailto:bgiles@mdpc.org) or 713-953-2570.

You may also visit the website at [legacygiving.mdpc.org](http://legacygiving.mdpc.org).

## Jesus Talks

...with the Woman at the Well

John 4:1-26 • Alf Halvorson preaching

This is the second in a series of messages from the Gospel of John on the conversations Jesus had with a variety of people. Today we focus on His conversation with the Samaritan Woman at the well. This is Jesus' longest recorded conversation with anyone in the Gospels. On many fronts, it seems extraordinary that it took place at all: by custom, men and women did not talk in public this way; He was a Jew and she was a Samaritan;

One offered living water and one was stuck in the ceaseless round of drawing water daily at the well. And if you compare it to the conversation Jesus had with Nicodemus last week, Nicodemus came at night, the woman came at noon; he was an Israelite, she was a Samaritan; he was a teacher, and she a housewife; he was a male, she a female; he a "stuck" learner, and she a jaded hurting outcast. It appears that Jesus will meet with anyone, including us, which is great news.

1. Read John 4:1-15, especially paying attention to the questions that are asked and the answers given. What is actually said back and forth? Does it seem civil or tense? Light-hearted or are they engaged in verbal jousting? How would you describe the progression: from shallow to deep, or from distant to intimate, or from civil to spiritual, or from what to what?
2. What do you think Jesus means by "living water"?
3. Read John 4:16-26. There is definitely a change of subject or focus here. What is the change, in your mind? Jesus makes her face herself, and she calls Him a prophet. But how does Jesus ultimately reveal Himself to her in verses 24-26?
4. What is the significance of Jesus saying to her, "I am He?" Look up Exodus 3:14, Psalm 46:10, Isaiah 41:10, and John 6:35, 8:12, 10:7, 10:11, 11:25, 14:6, 15:1.
5. Read John 4:27-42. I was not able to preach much on this section of the story. How do the disciples react? What does Jesus say to them? What does the woman do as a result of her conversation with Jesus? What results from her actions? How does she become a witness that we might imitate?
6. Verse 42 suggests that the townspeople didn't rely on the woman in the end for their faith but investigated it for themselves and heard/saw for themselves. Where might you need to quit relying on others for your faith and take matters into your own hands? What would that look like this week? What did the townspeople do that you might replicate?

