

## MDPC Coordinating Team

Mauricio Chacón | Latino Ministries Pastor  
 Amy Delgado | Interim Outreach Director  
 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 | Young Adults 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

## Pastors Emeritus

Dave Peterson  
 Gary Bowker

## STUDY & SMALL GROUP SPOTLIGHT



### Early-morning Men's Small Group

Wednesdays, 7:15 AM

Café Express (6570 Woodway at Voss)

If you're interested in joining us or have any questions, contact Paul Helbling at paulhelbling1@gmail.com.

## The White Rose is given in memory of:

- Amy Coll, who passed away February 3, 2017.
- Dorothy Swinney, who passed away April 16, 2017.
- Shirley "Dolly" LeBlanc, who passed away April 21, 2017.

## Outreach Ministry Partners 2017

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

**Freedom Place** is a safe house for girls age 10 to 18 who are rescued from the sex trafficking trade. These young victims receive up to 18 months of treatment to address their educational, developmental, psychological, and spiritual needs. When they are ready to move out of the treatment program to independent living, onsite housing is provided.

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

**The Forge for Families** is a Christ-centered ministry that works to rebuild and strengthen distressed families in Houston's Third Ward. Its programs include Bible study, discipleship, mentoring, and tutoring.

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

**Far East Broadcasting Company** (FEBC) communicates the Good News among the nations through various media methods to inspire people to follow Jesus Christ. They broadcast in more than 100 languages in 40 countries. FEBC focuses on meeting the spiritual needs of their listeners and seeks to reach the least reached people of the world for the Kingdom.

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

## Operating Income

2017 Annual Budget	\$ 11,400,000	100%
Actual Income to Date (April 30, 2017)	\$ 2,881,467	25%
Needed to Meet 2017 Budget	\$ 8,518,533	75%

## Looking for a Place to Serve?

**Freedom Place** can use your help with on-site outdoor maintenance and yard work, vocational instruction, or help with art, sewing, and cooking classes. Or serve remotely by collecting needed items (listed at [arrow.org/freedom-place/current-need](http://arrow.org/freedom-place/current-need)) for Freedom Place residents.

Contact Mario Mendoza with questions or to volunteer: [mario.mendoza@arrow.org](mailto:mario.mendoza@arrow.org), 281-572-2300



Youth Sunday, May 7, 2017



**MDPC**  
 Memorial Drive  
 Presbyterian Church

# Full Circle

## Youth Sunday 2017

A Celebration & Commissioning

## Coming Up at MDPC

### 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)

### 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 Kakkhi Thompson: [kthompson@mdpc.org](mailto:kthompson@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 encourag-

ing 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)

### 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.

### 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)



# MDPC MORNING WORSHIP

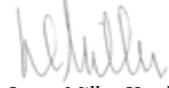
## Welcome to Youth Sunday

Thank you for joining us for our annual celebration of what God is doing in our youth. This year, God laid the theme "Full Circle" on the heart of the Youth staff, acknowledging the role that the whole church has played in shaping the lives of these students.

At Baptism and Confirmation, you as the congregation made commitments to our beloved students. You committed to shepherd them, walk with them in the faith, and show them Jesus Christ. Many of you have done so in a direct manner and many of you have faithfully loved our students behind the scenes through various avenues. We hope that today you will celebrate those commitments coming *Full Circle* as our seniors are ready to go out into the world, sharing the love of Jesus Christ to those around them.

Today isn't only a celebration - it is also a commissioning of our seniors who are taking the next step in their lives. In one sense of the word, we are releasing them to live out their faith in the world. In another sense, we are part of a "co-mission." They are not walking alone toward careers and college, we are walking with them and supporting them as their church family. Our commitment to them lives on! Please don't forget these young people as they move forward. Continue to support, nurture, and pray for them in their journey, offering a warm welcome every time they return.

Thank you for playing a part in their lives, for your prayers, and for your continued love toward the next generation!



Laura Miller, Youth Ministries Director

## 8:30, 9:45, & 11:15 AM SERVICES

CCLI # 182374

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Abigail Tomaski (8:30)  
Mackenzie Arend (9:45)  
Henry Finnila (11:15)

### PRAISE SONGS

*Grace Like a Wave*  
*This Is Amazing Grace*

arr. Steve Furtick  
arr. Phil Wickham

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION, composed by Elise Bounds

Maddie Gentil (8:30)  
Zach Harkins (9:45)  
Jack Hampton (11:15)

### GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

Dave Steane (9:45, 11:15)

### OFFERTORY

*What a Beautiful Name*

arr. Hillsong

### SENIOR TESTIMONIES

Zach Peters, Olivia Siciliano (8:30)  
Caroline Crawford, Hannah Pruitt (9:45)  
Randall Royall, Jackie White (11:15)

### MESSAGE

Jesus Talks with an Invalid (John 5:1-9a)

Alf Halvorson

### CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### FIRST COMMUNION (9:45)

Andon Bowman	Raegan Johnson	Connally McCullough	Shepherd Scimemi
Meredith Cunningham	Ben Marshall	Joshua Petzold	Aiden Woodbury
Sam Dodson	Campbell McCullough	Joshua Scimemi	

### COMMUNION MEDITATIONS

*Broken Vessels*  
*O Come to the Altar*

arr. Joel Houston  
arr. Elevation Worship

### PRAYER FOR SENIORS

Dave Steane

#### YOUTH VOCALISTS

Ellie Antstenis (11:15)  
Audrey Crawford (9:45)  
Allison Delgado (9:45)  
Lauren Dodds (8:30)  
Kyle Goodson (8:30, 9:45, 11:15)  
Stephanie Muschalik (11:15)

#### MUSICIANS IN ALL SERVICES

Keys: Meliza Gómez  
Guitar: Arthur Ceker  
Bass: Uvaldo Callejas  
Acoustic: Kyle Goodson  
Drums: Gus Alvarado

...

**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.

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

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.

## CELEBRATE

# CINCO DE MAYO

With All-Church Lunch!

**All-Church Lunch Today!**  
11:00 AM-1:15 PM in Fellowship Hall

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

¡Todos son bienvenidos!  
Everyone is welcome!



## HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS NIGHT

SUNDAY NIGHTS IN JUNE & JULY  
KICKS OFF JUNE 4 • 6:30 PM • BALL FIELD



## TUBESDAY, AUGUST 1

8:00 AM-8:00 PM

Road trippin' to New Braunfels  
[youth.mdpc.org](http://youth.mdpc.org)

# ALL-YOUTH TUBING TRIP

## HEARTBREAKS HOPES & HEROES



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

## Jesus Talks

...with and Invalid

John 5:1-9a • Alf Halvorson preaching

This is the third in a series of messages we are offering on the conversations of Jesus with various people in the Gospel of John. Jesus has talked with a powerful Jewish leader, an emotionally wounded Samaritan woman, and, here, He talks with an invalid. We don't know if the man is blind, lame, or paralyzed in some fashion. We do know from verse five that he had been at the pool for 38 years.

1. Read John 5:1-5. Why was Jesus in Jerusalem? What is distinctive about the Pool of Bethzatha (Bethesda)? Why were so many physically challenged people at this pool? (If necessary for the third question, read the notes in most study bibles about verse 4.)
2. Read and ponder verse 6. What kind of question does Jesus ask? Is He serious? Can you think of any reasons why a person would not want to be healed? What are possible benefits to being ill?
3. In verse 7, the man answers Jesus. What does he say? There are two parts to his answer. Are they excuses or legitimate reasons? Are both equally compelling? Does the man own any part of his problem? How or where?
4. In verses 8 and 9, Jesus responds. What does Jesus say? What happens?
5. What does this reveal about Jesus? Is the man's faith involved here or is this really just about what Jesus chooses to do for this guy? How or where does the man show faith?
6. Where, in your life, have you chosen illness over health?
7. I said in my sermon that we sometimes refuse wellness because of the benefits of being ill. What are your/my benefits to staying ill?
8. Do you want your faith to grow, to have that deep need for connection with God and others met? Where are you struggling right now? Where is your life unbalanced? Do you really want to be made well? What changes might be required by you? Where might God want your cooperation for His healing power to "take"?
9. Is there any sin to confess? Promise to claim? Attitude to change? Command to obey? Example to follow? Prayer to pray? Error to avoid? Truth to believe?

