



SUPPORTING Lesser-Known Heroes of the Bible CHARACTERS

BARNABAS

Acts 4:32-37; 11:19-26

Brett Hurst preaching

Coming Attractions at MDPC

Pentecost Sunday, June 4, 2017

All-Church Lunch Goes Caribbean

June's menu bursts with island flavors like citrus salmon or jerk chicken with pineapple-mango salsa. All are welcome!

Today! 11:00 AM-1:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Prices and full menu: food.mdpc.org

National Cancer Survivors Day

Cancer affects everyone. With more than 15.5 million people living with and beyond cancer in the U.S. today, we all know someone whose life has been touched by the disease. National Cancer Survivors Day® acknowledges cancer survivors, raises awareness of the ongoing challenges cancer presents, and – most importantly – celebrates life. If you or someone you love has been affected by cancer, stop by our table for recognition and light refreshments.

Today, 9:30-11:15 AM | Outside The Gathering Room

Men in Partnership & Discipleship

This quick summer study series is a must for men. Join other guys for engaging conversations about discipleship and how to grow closer to God.

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

Contact Brett Hurst with questions: bhurst@mdpc.org

Where Was God?

There is 400 years of silence after the Old Testament ends and before the New begins. Dr. Adam Winn, assistant professor of Christian Studies at Mary Hardin-Baylor, will teach us about key movements in this important time in history, an understanding that will help us read our own Bibles with greater clarity and insight.

Wednesday, June 7 | 7:00-8:30 PM | Amphitheater

wherewasgod.mdpc.org

Discover MDPC with Alf

Want to know more about MDPC? Interested in membership? Attend an Informational Meeting to find out more about who we are and how we operate, both in our community and around the world.

Today! 10:45-11:15 AM | The Nook

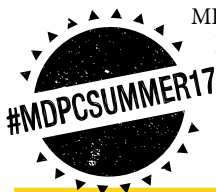
And if you feel ready to join the MDPC family...

New Member Class Summer Intensive

MDPC's New Member Class is taught by the associate pastors and elders. This one-weekend intensive course replaces the normally six-Sunday series. Includes a service project.

This Friday PM & Saturday AM, June 9 and 10 | Parlor

Contact Diann Turet to register: dturet@mdpc.org



MDPC needs your HELP! Share your summer-fun photos with us using #MDPCSummer17 on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to help us build a photo montage to be shown in worship in August. Are you new to hashtags (#) but want to get in on the fun? Attend a **Lunch and Learn on Thursday, June 8**, at noon in Room 103. Bring a mobile device with some pics you'd like to share, pick up lunch in Fellowship Hall (menu/prices at food.mdpc.org), and join us for a fun, easy tutorial. RSVP to Marquita at mpointer@mdpc.org.

8:30 & 9:45 AM SERVICES

WELCOME

Dave Steane

*SONGS OF PRAISE

*MOMENT OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

Dave Steane (8:30), Tara Reynolds (9:45)

SONGS OF RESPONSE

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

MESSAGE

Supporting Characters: Barnabas

Brett Hurst

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Musicians in these services: Joe Gavito, guitar • Meliza Gómez and Michael Middleton, worship leaders • Craig Gysler, keys • Asher Pudlo, drums • Dennis Whittaker, bass

11:15 AM SERVICE

PRELUDE

Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire

arr. Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Brett Hurst

CHORAL INTROIT

Praise, My Soul the King of Heaven

Carl Freeman

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

#417; Vs. 1, 2, 4 | REGENT SQUARE

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Amy Delgado

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from Romans 8

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The Gloria Patri

Hymn #579

ANTHEM

Jacob's Ladder

arr. Kent Newbury (b. 1925)

OFFERTORY

This Is the Day

John Rutter (b. 1945)

MESSAGE

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*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Seek Ye First

#333; Vs. 1, 2 | LAFFERTY

POSTLUDE

Rondo

Sue Mitchell-Wallace (b. 1944)

Musicians in this service: Dr. Jan Taylor, guest conductor • Kathryn White, pianist/organist

MDPC FEATURES

GOD WORKS
BEHIND THE SCENES

MDPC Summer Celebration VBS
July 10-14 • sc.mdpc.org

NOW COLLECTING!
PLEASE HELP BY DONATING:

- OLD ADULT-SIZE T-SHIRTS
- ELECTRONICS
(NONE WITH GLASS OR SCREENS CAN BE ACCEPTED)
- SNACKS/DRINKS FOR VOLUNTEERS
(NUT-FREE, PLEASE)

SUMMER FREE ADMISSION & POPCORN!
FILM SERIES

Sponsored by Prime Timers

SELECT WEDNESDAYS 3:00PM | AMPHITHEATER

STAY FOR A BRIEF GUIDED DISCUSSION OF EACH FILM AND ITS IMPACT ON OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH
led by Associate Pastor Rick Myers and Jeanmarie Tade, Interim Adult Ministries Director. Children must be accompanied by a parent.

HIDDEN FIGURES

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

June Is MAM Month at MDPC!

Our ministry partner **Memorial Assistance Ministries** offers items to help families stretch their budgets. Consider donating items on the “shopping list” flyers available around campus.

Thank you for helping out neighborhood families!

MAM
MEMORIAL ASSISTANCE MINISTRIES

MAM
June is MAM Month at MDPC!

When a family faces an MAM the help with items and advice can bring the budget to a manageable level. MAM offers these items to help:

TABLETOP NEEDS:

- Dishwasher
- Dishracks
- Lintrol
- Bar Soap
- Towel Rack
- Dishwashing Brushes
- Dishpan

The Next Step: you're shopping, consider picking up these or more of these products to donate.

Drop donations in the MAM canisters around MDPC's campus.

Contact: Audrey Quast with questions: audrey@mamministries.org, 281-461-2668

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Today's Chancel Flowers are given by

- Nancy Kimmey, in loving memory of her daughter, Dana Dowler.
- Frank and Eunice Gleason, in celebration of Keith Little's birthday.

Outreach Ministry Partners 2017

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

Home Encouragement strengthens marriages and encourages strong families in the Greater Houston area. They offer a monthly dinner for married couples, a premarital training class, and other enrichment opportunities.
homeencouragement.org

Hope and Healing Center & Institute is a comprehensive mental health resource offering education and awareness programs. It seeks to build and restore lives by providing free mental health support and coaching to clients, and continuing education for clergy and medical professionals.
hopeandhealingcenter.org

Grace International Children's Foundation (GICF) addresses the urgent needs of abandoned children and those left orphaned by east Africa's AIDS epidemic. MDPC teams have served at Lulwanda Children's Home, a GICF orphanage in Mbale, Uganda where 120 children receive love, housing, and Christian education. Many neighborhood children join the orphans for school.
ugandaorphans.org

MDPC Coordinating Team

- Mauricio Chacón | Latino Ministries Pastor
- Amy Delgado | Interim Outreach Director
- Bob Giles | Interim Business Administrator
- Ginny Glass | Communications & Media Director
- Meliza Gómez | Contemporary Music Director
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- 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 Poyksy | Children's Pastor
- Dave Steane | Executive Pastor
- Kathryn White | Coordinating Music Director
- Karen Winship | Human Resources Director

Pastors Emeritus: Dave Peterson • Gary Bowker

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Operating Income		
2017 Annual Budget	\$ 11,400,000	100%
Actual Income to Date (May 28, 2017)	\$ 3,351,322	29%
Needed to Meet 2017 Budget	\$ 8,048,678	71%

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This is the first in our new summer sermon series, *Supporting Characters*, about the often-hidden or underrepresented pillars of our faith. These people may have barely been mentioned in the Bible, but each of them impacted a Biblical “star” in a way that furthered the work of Christ. Many of us can relate to them, living and working in the wings rather than on center stage.

Today we look at Barnabas, an important figure in the book of Acts. Here in the 21st century, we take for granted that Christianity is vibrant on continents around the world. But in the early days of the church, the situation with new believers was very delicate—it wasn’t long after Jesus’ resurrection that His disciples and followers experienced a great deal of persecution. Christians began to be martyred for their faith. To counter this oppression, the Lord raised up a courageous and kindhearted Christian named Barnabas to encourage believers. We have much we can learn from the life of this humble servant.

1. Read Acts 4:36-37. What kind of restrictions, if any, did Barnabas put upon the money that he gave to the early church? Are you able to let the Spirit lead you in your giving?
2. Barnabas becomes an advocate for Saul (Paul) not long after Saul’s conversion (Acts 9:26-27). Why was this so important? Have you ever become an advocate for someone that was not trusted or understood?
3. Barnabas was a man led by the Spirit of God. How do you think this affected his ministry to the early church?
4. Read Acts 11:22-24. Why was Barnabas sent by the leaders in Jerusalem to Syrian Antioch? Why was his report important? In what was Barnabas personally convinced by his visit?
5. Continue reading Acts 11:25-26. How important was Barnabas in the development of Saul’s future ministry? Why was Barnabas’ humility important in his support of Saul?
6. Barnabas and Saul were sent to bring financial famine relief to the elders in Jerusalem. Why do you think Barnabas was selected for this duty?
7. As you read Acts 15:36-41, you see that Barnabas and Paul had a sharp disagreement. What was the difference of opinion? How did they settle it?
8. What personal characteristics of Barnabas are appealing to you?

