Please Pray for Our Military

Please pray for the American armed forces, and these men and women serving abroad.

We ask you to continue praying through the week, through Independence Day on Tuesday, July 4, and every day our loved ones and countrymen are in harm's way.

Berklee and David Baay's nephew: Stephen Middlebrook Baay | Marines

Craig Behm's son-in-law: Jeremy Fleming | Marines

Dee Zook Bell's grandson: Christopher Zook | Army Special Forces Recruit

Naomi Black's son:

Chaplain Lt. Commander Peter W. Dietz | Navy

Second Lt. Mark Bressler | Army Reserves

Tom and M.A. Dunscombe's son-in-law: Commander Stephen W. Burgher, MD | Navy

Paul and Susan Galvin's nephew: Major Joseph Galvin | Army

Bob and Carol Giles' daughter: Captain Ellen Giles Jones, MD | Army

Scott Gilley's brother: Captain Stephen R. Gilley | Marines

Sergeant Kyle Hinton | Army

Captain James Howell | Army

Bud and Janet Hughes' son: Chase Hughes | Navy

Brenda and Fred Jackson's grandson: First Lieutenant Charles Smith | Army

Sharon Johnson's son: Staff Sergeant Richard Johnson III | Army

Willie and Jody Jordan's grandnephew: Lieutenant Josh Kash | Navy

Grant Judge, Jr.'s son-in-law: Chaplain Lieutenant Jeffrey Quinn | Marines

James and Lori Keeter's nephew: Staff Sergeant Tommy Keeter | Army

Margaret Kelminson's son-in-law: Major General Kevin Kennedy

John and Kay Krebs' son: Lieutenant Kory Krebs | Navy

Barbara Mourglia's nephew: Staff Sergeant Brandon Macken | Air Force

Jim and Carol Newlin's son-in-law: Lt. Commander Michael J. Canzone | Navy

David and Shannon Perry's son: Aircraft Commander Sean Perry | Air Force

Deborah Pruitt's son-in-law: Major Neil McMullin | Marine Surgeon

Don and Virginia Russell's grandson: Sergeant Joseph Russell | Army

Joe and Jean Simmons' grandson: Specialist William Bruce Berry | Army

Jane Ann Smeck's son: BUCA Cameron Freeman | Navy

Dave and Jenny Steane's son: Specialist Tyler Steane | Army

Mark and Lisa Susman's son: Ensign Max Susman | Navy

Jim and Gladys Taylor's nephew: Gunnery Sergeant Christopher Taylor | Marines

Danilo Toledo and Zoraya Ávila Tellez's daughter: Private Daniela Toledo | Army

Harvey Trammell's nephew: Shawn Blake | Marines

George and Dot Uthlaut's grandnephews: Lt. Colonel David Uthlaut | Army Captain Chris Uthlaut | Army

Alejandro and Raquel Vasquez's son: Sergeant Alan Bejarano | Army

Bart and Barbara Westmoreland's family: Major Justin Westmoreland | Air Force Lt. Commander Andrew Cain | Navy Lt. Colonel Brian Deas | Air Force

Pauline Wolcott's grandson: ET3 Robert Leeland | Navy

We strive for accuracy and sincerely regret any errors. Edits and additions may be sent to Eva Kaminski Shaw at eshaw@mdpc.org.

Please notify us when you are blessed with the return home of your loved one.

MDPC FEATURES





Final Week of MAM Month!

Our ministry partner **Memorial Assistance** Ministries offers items to help families stretch their budgets. This is the last week of MDPC's MAM Month - before it ends, please consider donating items on the "shopping list" fliers available around campus. Thank you for helping out neighborhood families!







The White Rose is in memory of MDPC members:

- Maryann Munroe, who passed away May 20, 2017.
- Adele Read, who passed away June 15, 2017.

The Red Rose is in honor of:

• Christopher Michael Farver, born June 19, 2017 to Thom's son, Peter, and his wife. Christopher is the first grandchild of Thom and Betsy Farver.

Outreach Ministry Partners 2017

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

Help Us Grow (HUG) provides one-on-one tutorial help to at-risk second grade students at Housman Elementary School in Spring Branch ISD.

Contact Laura Bushong: Contact Robin Helbling: laurabushong@att.net

IMPACT is a mentoring ministry at Spring Woods Middle School in Spring Branch ISD. MDPC members volunteer grade all the way through high school!

robin.helbling@gmail.com

One Eight Catalyst (formerly China Resource Center) wants to see every Christian know about the Great Commission and how God is calling for a simple one-year commitment to visit them be a part of its fulfillment. It is working to a student weekly, but often end up staying finish the task of the Great Commission through connected with their students from sixth rural Bible distribution, Bible translation, and theological training in Asia. The ministry is dedicated to reflecting the relevance and love of Jesus Christ as it shares the Good News. oneeightcatalyst.org

MDPC Coordinating Team

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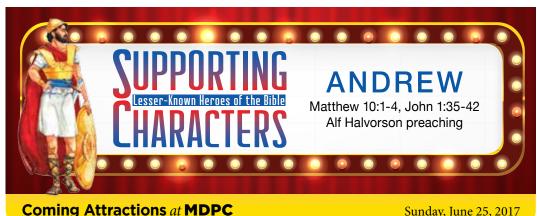


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Operating Income

2017 Annual Budget \$ 11,400,000 100% Actual Income to Date (June 18, 2017) \$ 3,768,992 33% Needed to Meet 2017 Budget \$ 7,631,008



Sunday, June 25, 2017

Kitchen Summer Closure

MDPC's Kitchen is closed until July 17. Daily Community Lunch and Wednesday Night Dinner resume that week. To learn how to volunteer and for menus: food.mdpc.org

Call for Camp Volunteers!

Super Place Camp at MDPC is an exciting VBS experience for children with special needs. We needs LOTS of volunteers (age 13+) to serve as buddies for these special campers. Camp Dates: July 31-August 4, 9:00 AM-12:30 PM Contact Keri Mosk to volunteer: kmosk@mdpc.org

#Adulting

Where am I going? What career do I choose? Who do I marry? Why am I here? If this sounds like you and you're a woman age 22-34, join us for a new processing group led by LPC-Interns Katie Ashby and Amanda Grace Caldwell. Wednesdays, July 19-August 23 | 6:30-8:00 PM | MC 116 Group size is limited, so sign up quick! Contact Amanda Grace at acaldwell@mdpc.org.

Married Life Prep

Taught by Brett and Kellie Hurst of Home Encouragement, you'll start building your marriage upon a firm foundation. Sundays, July 9-30 | 10:00 AM-12:00 PM | CLC Room 171 Details and registration: mlp.mdpc.org

The MDPC Memorials Fund

Exists to collect contributions made In memory or In honor of individuals whom donors choose to recognize. The Memorials Committee is charged with dispensing these funds for capital items requested by MDPC ministries. Contact Committee Moderator, Peter Ham, with questions:

Save the Date for Men's Life

peterham@sbcglobal.net

An all new ML is coming this fall. Round up the men important in your life and get them ready for Conversations

Tuesdays, September 12-December 5 | 6:15-7:45 AM Contact Brett Hurst: 713-490-0930 or bhurst@mdpc.org

ATTENTION!

Next Weekend: Only 2 Services

On Sunday, July 2, in light of that week's Independence Day holiday, MDPC worship services only will be at the two later times: Contemporary at 9:45 AM and Traditional at 11:15.

8:30 & 9:45 AM SERVICES

WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS

Rick Myers (8:30), Meliza Gómez (9:45)

*SONGS OF PRAISE

*MOMENT OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

Rick Myers (8:30), Kyle Collins (9:45)

Alf Halvorson

Hymn #579

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

MESSAGE Supporting Characters: Andrew

†CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Musicians in these services: Sahily Esteves and Michael Middleton, worship leaders • Joe Gavito, guitar • Craig Gysler, keys • Asher Pudlo, drums • Dennis Whittaker, bas

11:15 AM SERVICE

PRELUDES Meditations on 'Be Thou My Vision' and 'Holy, Holy, Holy' arr. Rhonda Furr (b. 1951) WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Rick Myers CHORAL INTROIT

Lend Your Voice to the Song Carl Nygard Called as Partners in Christ's Service *HYMN OF PRAISE #343; Vs. 1, 2, 4 | Beecher

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Nicene Creed *CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE The Gloria Patri

NEW MEMBERS Dave Steane OFFERTORY Greater Love Hath No Man Than This John Ireland (1879-1962)

MESSAGE Supporting Characters: Andrew Alf Halvorson

†CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION MEDITATIONS Joined Together as One Body James Biery (b. 1956) Gymnopédie No. I Erik Satie (1866-1925)

Sonata in F C.P.E Bach (1714-1788)

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

*Please stand if able

†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.

MDPC NEW MEMBERS Sunday, June 25, 2017

Today we are so happy to introduce these 34 new members of the MDPC family! Learn a little more about each in the brief bios below, and join us in warmly welcoming them to MDPC.





Francisco Javier Salgado Delgado and Maria Elisa Baguero are married. They have three children, Ginna Elisa Garcia Baguero, Shirley Nahir Garcia Baguero, and Charlie Stump. Francisco is an electrician and enjoys traveling and event planning.



Paul Bitner is managing director for Brokerslink AG. He enjoys football, basketball, soccer, photography, music, food, and wine.





Kevin and Courtney Cadwell are the parents of Addison (4). Kevin is a lawyer with Akin Gump. He enjoys hunting, fishing, tennis, golfing, and family time. Courtney is a homemaker and education consultant. She enjoys gardening, cooking, traveling, and serving as a leader with Community Bible Study. Courtney also loves going on adventures with Addison!



Charles Chang is the husband of member Linda Chang. They have three children and four grandchildren. Charles is retired from NASA and Chevron Oil. Charles loves





Mike and Angela Dina are the parents of Caroline (14) and Charlie (9). Mike is a director at UHY Advisors. Angela is the executive director at Turn It Gold. They enjoy traveling and time with family and friends. Following their son's battle with childhood cancer, they founded the non-profit Turn It Gold, which raises awareness and money for childhood cancer research.



Christy Engvall is the mom of Trey (13) and Seth (11). She is a fifth-grade science teacher at Frostwood Elementary in SBISD. Christy enjoys running with friends, reading, volunteering in Houston, and serving on mission trips around the world. She loves working with kids and special needs kids.



Leara Higginbotham is a retired CPA. She enjoys reading historical fiction and Christian literature, Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, and Southern and Gilded-age architecture.





Geoff and Catherine King are the parents of Cooper (12), Carter (9), and Charlotte, (6). Ron works for RLI Surety. Catherine is a stayat-home mon. She enjoys tennis and movies.





Ron and Pat Larson between them have four children, 22-and-counting grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Ron is a retired pharmacist and retired Colonel from the U.S. Army. He received his PHD from The University of Minnesota. Pat is a retired real estate broker from Coldwell Banker and was a previous leader with Community Bible Study. She enjoys knitting with the MDPC knitting group. They both enjoy square dancing.





Ken and Diane Lawson have three adult children and three grandchildren. Ken is a project director for Methodist Hospital. He enjoys hunting. They both enjoy gardening and raising Monarch



Doris Lim enjoys volunteering in the kitchen with MDPC Food Service Ministry. She likes yoga and taking long walks with her dog Lucy.



Andrea Magaña is a college student at the University of Houston studying psychology and nursing. She enjoys reading, yoga, and traveling, and likes to spend a lot of time at church!



Kristin Martin is the mother of Melanie (22), Stuart (15), and Archie (13). She is a stay-at-home mom and family coordinator. She enjoys running, gardening, traveling, cooking, and her friends.





Mitchel and Sara Nieto are newly-weds and have recently moved to Houston from Southern California. Mitchel is a senior IT administrator with MHI Shared Services. He is a veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan where he served in the United States Army with Able Company 2-503rd Airborne Infantry. He loves golfing, woodworking, barbecuing, and photography. Sara has a bachelors degree in Neuroscience. She loves to craft and play golf.



Maria Reyes is the mother of Mauricio Aguilar, Rafael Aguilar, and Rosalía Ruiz. She works as an interpreter and enjoys reading and cooking.



Sheryl Sanchez is married to Julio and they are the parents of Alec (19). She is the Creative Arts Director at MDPC. She enjoys traveling, reading, yoga, learning, skydiving, hang gliding, and is working toward obtaining her pilot's license.



John Schwartz works for Sharpest Knife in the Drawer, a knife sharpening company. He enjoys guitar building, music, traveling, and Spanish culture.





Matt and Elizabeth Schwieder are the parents of Jackson (10), Mary Margaret (8), and Stuart (5). Matt works as a trader for Mabanaft. He enjoys coaching youth sports and watching sports on TV. Elizabeth is a stay-at-home mom. She enjoys tennis and cooking.



Brittany Tinkler is newly married to Dan Tinkler. She has two children, Landon Long (13) and Payton Long (11). Brittney is an interior designer for K. Rouse-Long Designs. She enjoys cooking, golfing, working out, sports, and spending time with friends and family. She loves the Texas Longhorns!





Roberto and Sylvia Varela are the parents of Jeshua (11). Roberto works in management for Westmont Hospitality Group. He enjoys reading, baseball, movies, photography, and making videos. Sylvia is an assistant teacher at MDPC's Yellow School. She enjoys running, biking, dancing, and reading the Bible with her son.



Blanca Lilia Veloza is a widow. She enjoys sewing, crocheting, and music.





Kyle and Susan Wienert are the parents of two children, Carter (14) and Everett (12). Kyle is an oil analyst at Vitol Inc. He enjoys traveling, boating, coaching and watching sports. Susan is a stay-athome mom. She enjoys exercising, reading, traveling, and volunteering with Spring Branch ISD.





Rick and Connie Wittenbraker have two adult children and five grandchildren. Rick is a retired lawyer, formerly with Bracewell Law Firm and the law department at Waste Management. He enjoys golfing, reading, cycling, TCU sports, and especially chasing his five grandkids. Connie enjoys traveling, gardening, and enjoying her grandchildren.

IS IT TIME FOR YOU TO JOIN MDPC?

DISCOVER MDPC WITH ALF

Come learn more about MDPC. No commitment required! This brief meeting is an opportunity to explore church membership and what it means to be part of our faith community.

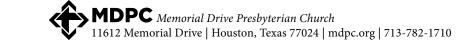
Sunday, August 27 | 10:45-11:10 AM | Gathering Room

NEXT **NEW MEMBER CLASS** SERIES

The New Member Class series is for those interested in membership. They are taught by the associate pastors and elders, and include a Saturday service project.

Sundays, September 10-October 15 | 9:45-11:00 AM | Summit Room

Visit membership.mdpc.org for additional dates and to register for New Member Classes, or contact Diann Turet, Membership Director (dturet@mdpc.org or 713-490-9553).





Andrew

Matthew 10:1-4, John 1:35-42 Pastor Alf Halvorson preaching This is the fourth in our summer sermon series on the "behind-the-scenes" figures in the Bible - the Supporting Characters. Simon Peter's brother, Andrew, always has intrigued me. I have two older sisters who are quite accomplished academically. Every teacher that I had, when they saw my last name on the first day of school, would ask me, "Are you the brother of Kari or Andrea?" When I nodded, they would say, "Well, I

Pastor Alf Halvorson preaching expect a lot out of you." I intensely disliked being compared to my older sisters from Day 1. Andrew was someone who had to figure out how to live in the shadow of *his* brother, Simon Peter.

- 1. Read Matthew 10:1-4. How does Matthew identify certain disciples, including Andrew, and including himself? Who is first? Who is second?
- 2. In verse one, the twelve are identified as disciples. In verse two, they are named apostles. What are the differences? Why does *disciple* come first and *apostle* come second?
- 3. John 1:35-42 records the calling of the first disciples of Jesus. Read the passage and look first for how Jesus gently and patiently engages them. What is His first question? What is His answer to their answer?
- 4. What does Andrew do during this amazing day? How is he a seeker of spiritual things? How is he a bringer of his brother to Jesus?
- 5. Would you describe yourself as a seeker? At this stage of your life, what does your spiritual seeking look like? As Jesus puts it, "What are you looking for?" And who do you need to hang around? Where might you need to "come and see"?
- 6. Andrew serves as an evangelist to his brother in this passage. In my sermon, I talk about how Andrew brings people to Jesus over and over again. He does that in John 6:1-14 by bringing the boy with the loaves and fishes to Jesus; in John 12:20-26, he brings the Greeks. He repeatedly seeks to connect people with Jesus. Andrew is not the savior, he just helps people to meet the Savior. Who in your life might benefit from that crucial service? I bet Peter thanked Andrew his whole life.
- 7. We will not accomplish our goal of worship growth here at MDPC if we do not get a widespread buy-in into becoming more like Andrew. We don't take on the role of Andrew to just increase numbers, but rather to help people satisfy the deep hunger they have in their lives for meaning and community and depth and "life and it more abundant." Will you consider this specific plan this summer? Pray for God to put five people in your mind and path. When they get identified to you, pray daily for their spiritual health and growth. Ask God to give you an opportunity to naturally invite them to something of the faith that would feed their souls (worship, Sunday school, grief recovery, a meal, kickball, a lecture, etc.). Invite them to "come and see." Often it helps if you pick them up or meet them there.