



SUPPORTING Lesser-Known Heroes of the Bible CHARACTERS

MIRIAM AND PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER

Exodus 2:1-10
Pastor Rick Myers preaching

Coming Attractions at MDPC

Sunday, July 9, 2017

Announcing the MDPC Prayer Wall

We've just rolled out a new interactive feature on the website for members and visitors to share concerns and prayer requests. We hope you'll take advantage of the Prayer Wall to share your concerns, and also to pray for those of others.
prayerwall.mdpc.org

Kanakuk KampOut! Day Camp

KampOut! is a week-long, high-energy, non-stop excitement, traveling Christian day camp experience from Kanakuk for 5- to 12-year-olds. Every KampOut! Kamper will see and hear that God is a loving Father and wonderful Creator who loves them and desires for us to love others.
August 7-11 | 9:30 AM-4:00 PM
More info: kampout.mdpc.org

REACH Classes for Kids & Adults

Registration for fall classes is open! Sign up for Abrakadoodle, Art Studio, Ballet, Basketball, Cooking, Strength Training, Dance, Soccer, Mini-Star Sports, Music Together, Piano, Tumbling, Voice, Woodworking, and Yoga
For a complete class list or to register, visit reach.mdpc.org.

Heads Up for Soccer Season!

Boys and girls in pre-K through 6th grade are invited to play on West Houston Christian Sports League teams coached by volunteers. Practices begin the week of Sept. 4.
Games at area churches: Saturdays, Sept. 23-Nov.11
\$120 (\$145 after Aug. 27): jersey, socks, picture, trophy
Registration opens today: sports.mdpc.org

Summer Serve: The Beacon

Summer is the perfect time to roll up your sleeves and jump into service! The Beacon at Christ Church Cathedral offers essential basics, transitional housing support with case management, and pro bono legal services to Houston's poor and homeless. MDPC will serve in the Beacon Day Center to prepare and serve lunch and wash, dry, and fold laundry.
Saturday, July 29 | 10:30 AM-1:30 PM
Contact Jan Roe to sign up: jroe@mdpc.org
Can't make it on the 29th? Check out more opportunities to share Christ's love at summerserve.mdpc.org.

Walking the Mourner's Path

This Christ-centered grief program is designed to help those dealing with the loss of a loved one. It is limited to 10 participants, creating a safe place to share feelings with each other and with God. Trained facilitators guide the group.
Wednesdays, September 6-October 25 | 6:30-8:00 PM
Register at grief.mdpc.org or with Beverly Fluke: bfluke@mdpc.org or 713-490-9542

MDPC Family & Friends Fun Night Returns

Next Wednesday is rockin' at MDPC! The evening kicks off with a fun, easy service project benefiting Kids' Meals. Dinner's available, then stay for a free, family-friendly flick.
Wednesday, July 19 | Fellowship Hall
4:30 PM Service Project (bring 2 loaves sandwich bread)
5:00-6:30 PM Dinner Available
6:00 PM Movie: Disney Pixar's Up
More info and dinner menu/prices: movie.mdpc.org

8:30 AM BLENDED • 9:45 AM CONTEMPORARY

WELCOME

Christyn Knoop (8:30), Michael Middleton (9:45)

*SONGS OF PRAISE

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

Christyn Knoop (8:30), Laura Miller (9:45)

SONG OF RESPONSE

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

MESSAGE

Supporting Characters: Miriam and Pharaoh's Daughter

Rick Myers

Musicians in these services: Sahily Esteves and Michael Middleton, worship leaders • George Heathco, guitar • Daniel Martinez, keys • Asher Pudlo, drums • Dennis Whittaker, bass

11:15 AM TRADITIONAL

PRELUDE

Adagio

T. Albinoni (1671-1751)

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rachel Poysky

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

#341; Vs. 1, 2, 3 | ASSURANCE

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The Gloria Patri

Hymn #579

SOLO

My Heart Ever Faithful

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

OFFERTORY

Wonderful Words of Life

Philip Bliss/arr. Mark Hayes

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 2:1-10

Charlotte Benes

MESSAGE

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*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

#464; Vs. 1, 2, 3 | HYMN TO JOY

POSTLUDE

Sound the Trumpets

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

Musicians in this service: Lisa Borik, soloist • Kathryn White, organist/pianist

*Please stand if able.

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MDPC FEATURES

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.



MOMS UNITE!

MOPS
Mothers of Preschoolers



MOPs (Mothers of Preschoolers) is for moms of young kids. Come for connection, solid content, and fun. We'll save a seat for you!

1ST & 3RD THURSDAYS STARTING SEPT. 7
9:30-11:15 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Free childcare!

Details and registration:

mops.mdpc.org



SUFFERING: WHERE IS GOD?

HOW CAN GOD BE GOOD WHEN THERE IS SO MUCH HURT AND EVIL IN THIS WORLD?

SUNDAYS, JULY 23, 30, & AUGUST 6
11:00 AM IN THE AMPHITHEATER

JOIN US AS OUR GUEST SPEAKERS - A PHILOSOPHY PROFESSOR, A PASTOR, AND A COUNSELOR - HELP US WRESTLE WITH THE PROBLEM OF EVIL AND GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY.



MDPC needs your help! Share your summer-fun photos with us using the hashtag #MDPCSummer17 on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Pictures posted to MDPC social media accounts by August 6 will be used in a look-back photo montage to be shown in worship in August.

The White Rose is in memory of MDPC member Bill Biddison, who passed away June 22, 2017.

Outreach Ministry Partners 2017

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

Interfaith Ministries' Meals on Wheels program serves meals to almost 4,500 homebound seniors, five days a week. It has over 3,000 volunteers who work to pack and deliver the meals.

imgh.org/meals-on-wheels

JoyRide Center offers equine-assisted therapy and occupational/life skills for individuals of all abilities. Through this emphasis, participants increase competence and become part of a community! Clients, their families, and the volunteers all are enriched. JoyRide operates mainly on volunteer support.

joyridecenter.org

Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship (PFF) is privileged to help Presbyterians join in what God is doing in the world! PFF works with congregations and individuals to help them understand God's passion for unreached peoples and how they can be involved. Its goal is to see every ethnic group have its own church, reflecting its own cultural characteristics.

pff.net

Consider This...

On June 25, before his sermon, Pastor Alf shared about his and Shari's prayerful decision to pre-pay their July and August tithe in order to fuel our summer mission trips and significant outreach distributions.

We normally come out of the summer about 30% behind budget and then have to make it up all fall, especially in December. This year, would you consider offering your gifts earlier so that we don't have to stress about the annual "Christmas Miracle"?

give.mdpc.org

OPERATING INCOME: 2017 Budget	\$ 11,400,000
Expected income to date	\$ 4,395,404
Actual income to date (July 2, 2017)	\$ 4,126,585
Current income deficit	\$ 268,819
Needed to meet budget	\$ 7,273,415



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Our summer Sermon Series continues with the story of Moses' birth and his miraculous rescue. The *Supporting Characters* in our passage for this morning are Miriam (the sister of Moses) and Pharaoh's daughter. The Hebrew people knew the stories of Joseph and Jacob and how they'd settled in Egypt four centuries ago. But that was then, and now they were slaves under the rule of the Egyptians. Some might have thought it was 430 years too late, yet God's plan for deliverance was right on schedule. His servant Moses was born during the rule of a tyrannical Pharaoh whose infanticide program was aimed at annihilating the nation of Israel. Ironically, baby Moses was delivered from danger when Pharaoh's daughter rescued him from the Nile. Then, Miriam talked her into hiring Moses' mother to nurse him, and raise him as a royal son.

Little did the participants know that the story of God's people had just begun. The details of Moses' rescue form an outline of the big picture found in the New Testament story of Jesus. God delivered His people from bondage in Egypt as a preview of the deliverance that Christ would eventually bring to us. It would be centuries before Jesus would come as God's perfect Passover Lamb and secure deliverance for His people. Yet the blood of the Passover foreshadows what was to come when the Lamb of God set foot on the stage of history.

The main point of the amazing story of Moses' birth and rescue is this: **God always has a plan, and He can use anybody to carry it out – even Moses' sister and Pharaoh's own daughter! God can use anyone to carry out His plan – even you!** It's what the Israelites needed to know as they wandered in the wilderness for 40 years, and it's what you and I need to be reminded of every day as we wander in the wilderness of our lives.

QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What were Pharaoh's original plans for the life of Moses? What do we know about God's eventual plan for Moses? Who were some of the people and what were some circumstances God used to make sure His plans would succeed and Pharaoh's did not?
2. What are some examples of times you've needed protection?
3. Who did God use to protect you?
4. Was there anything that Moses could have done to save himself from all the danger around him?
5. Have you learned to trust God with His plan for your life?

Our passage for today is about God protecting a helpless little baby. What an amazing story of a sister and mother's love for Moses. We all know how Moses grew to be one of the greatest leaders the people of Israel has ever known. And it all started with a little baby hidden in the bulrushes down by the river. God used Miriam and Pharaoh's daughter, and God can use you to make a difference in the world. Trust God's plan for your life!

