



SUPPORTING Lesser-Known Heroes of the Bible CHARACTERS

JOSIAH

2 Chronicles 34:29-33
Christyn Knoop preaching

Coming Attractions at MDPC

Sunday, July 30, 2017

Young Adults: Suffering Series Q&A Follow-Up

After this morning's second talk in the *Suffering: Where Is God?* series, we invite young adults with lingering questions or thoughts to join Pastor Bob Garment at The Flying Saucer (downtown) to munch/drink/discuss this tricky subject. **Monday, July 31 | 6:30-8:00 PM | Flying Saucer (upstairs)** See ad on reverse for more info, and visit suffering.mdpc.org.

Elder Nominations

Elder Nominations for the class of 2020 are open, and your involvement in this process is essential!

Nominations are due Monday, August 28.

Visit nominations.mdpc.org, or pick up a form and return it to the Front Office, Attn: Gena Kooker.

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 at MDPC. **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 Movie Series

Beat the heat while enjoying free popcorn and the acclaimed film, *The Glenn Miller Story* (PG). Everyone is welcome! Stay for a brief guided discussion of the film and its impact on our Christian faith.

Wednesday, August 2 | 3:00 PM | Amphitheater

Visit pluggedin.com to review movie content for your family.

MDPC Leader Training

Clear the calendar! Cancel the vacay! Back by popular demand, MDPC's don't-want-to-miss Leadership Training! Bring all the leaders from your group, sit together for lunch and a keynote address, then break up into ministry teams for prayer, planning, and additional training. If you lead an MDPC class or small group (children, youth, adults, etc.), this is your in-service day. Energize your vision, purpose, and classroom for Fall Kickoff (August 20).

Training Date: Sunday, August 13 | 12:15-2:30 PM
Lunch provided with your reservation.

Please RSVP: leadershiptraining.mdpc.org

Men's Life: Conversations That Matter

Sometimes pitfalls can be avoided by having a simple conversation—just by facing things head on. This fall, we're encouraging men to have more conversations that will make a difference in life. The all-new 12-week series looks at how to overcome the barriers that keep us from living the abundant life God intended.

Tuesdays, September 12-December 5 | 6:15-7:45 AM

Details and registration: ml.mdpc.org

All-Church Lunch Returns!

Next Sunday, plan to stay after services for beef tips or roasted chicken served with rice, mashed potatoes, roasted Brussels sprouts, honey-glazed carrots. Mmmmm-mm!

Next Sunday, August 6 | 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Prices, menu, and more: food.mdpc.org

8:30 AM BLENDED • 9:45 AM CONTEMPORARY

WELCOME

Rachel Poysky (8:30), Worship Team (9:45)

*SONGS OF PRAISE

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

Dan Aikins

SONG OF RESPONSE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (9:45)

Laura Miller

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

MESSAGE

Supporting Characters: Josiah

Christyn Knoop

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

11:15 AM TRADITIONAL

PRELUDE

Rêverie, Op. 24

Aleksandr Glazunov (1865-1936)

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rachel Poysky

*HYMN OF PRAISE

O Worship the King

#476; Vs. 1, 2, 4, 5 | LYONS

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from the Apostles' Creed

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The Gloria Patri

Hymn #579

SOLO

Domine Deus (from Petite Messa Solenne)

Gioachino Rossini (1792-1868)

OFFERTORY

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

William Kirkpatrick (1838-1921)

MESSAGE

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*HYMN OF RESPONSE

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

#441; Vs. 1, 2, 4 | ST. THOMAS

POSTLUDE

A Joyful March

Gordon Young (1919-1978)

Musicians in this service: Charles Hausmann, conductor • Adrian Vasquez, French horn • Kathryn White, organist/pianist • Brian Yeakley, soloist

MDPC FEATURES



SUFFERING: WHERE IS GOD?

GUEST SPEAKERS ADDRESS QUESTIONS SURROUNDING HOW GOD CAN BE GOOD WHEN THERE IS SO MUCH HURT IN THE WORLD...

SUNDAYS THROUGH AUGUST 6
11:00 AM IN THE AMPHITHEATER

TODAY'S SPEAKER: PASTOR ROBERT GARMENT
WHAT IS GOD DOING ABOUT SUFFERING? IS GOD ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE WORLD? IF HE'S ALL GOOD, DOESN'T HE WANT PAIN TO END? AND IF HE'S ALL POWERFUL, WHY DOESN'T HE FIX THINGS?



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 next Sunday, August 6** will be used in a look-back photo montage to be shown in worship.

Outreach Ministry Partners 2017

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

Medical Center Apartments:

A coalition of 13 churches operates apartments in the Medical Center that are leased to patients and their caregivers who are in Houston for long-term treatment. MDPC oversees nine one-bedroom apartments that provide a home-away-from-home.

Contact South Main Baptist:
713-524-2640

Memorial Assistance Ministries

(MAM) helps families and individuals in need due to temporary crisis maintain self-sufficiency and avoid homelessness. Its resources include social services, job counseling, an English as a second language (ESL) school, and a resale shop.

mamministries.org

Youth With A Mission serves through evangelism and leadership training. MDPC field partners Steve and Barbara Johnson created a coffeehouse that serves as an evangelism outreach tool — a place where music and good coffee help conversations go “beneath the surface.” MDPC members are always welcome to visit when traveling through Budapest. ywambudapest.hu

Sanctuary flowers have been generously gifted in memory of Ward Nommensen, Patricia Stringer, George Stringer, and in honor of Mary Nommensen, from the celebration of the marriage of Laura Nommensen and Jordan Payne.

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2017 OPERATING BUDGET	\$11,400,000
Expected Income to Date	\$ 4,794,897
Actual Income to Date (July 23, 2017)	\$ 4,632,005
Current Income Deficit	\$ 162,892
Needed to Meet 2017 Budget	\$ 6,767,995

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Josiah

2 Chronicles 34:29-33
Message by Christyn Knoop

The summer sermon series on the *Supporting Characters* in Scripture continues this week with a look at the life, reforms, and legacy of King Josiah. One of the few good guys in Israel's ill-advised experiment with kings, Josiah's heart for God and love for God's Word brings healing and new life to the people and the land, even if just for a time.

It's hard to fathom, but almost 20 years into Josiah's reign, something astonishing happens: the Book of the Law is uncovered from a dusty corner of the Temple. We don't know how long this book had been missing, but if the evil legacies of his predecessors are any indication, it could have been more than half a century. Can you imagine living without the sound guidance and revelation of God's character found in our holy Scriptures? When Josiah hears the words of God, he repents and obeys. Although these events took place more than 2,500 years ago, his example of devotion to God and courageous reform can serve as an inspiration to us today.

Getting Started

1. The sermon opened by sharing funny anecdotes about what was popular in 1984. If you were to take a trip down memory lane to an especially fond time in your past, when would that be? What made it so special?

Looking at the Word

2. Read aloud the story of Josiah from 2 Chronicles 34. What especially captures your attention? What did you like or dislike about the story? What convicts or inspires?
3. Look again at God's word to Josiah through the prophetess Huldah (2 Chronicles 34:24-28). Why was the Lord's anger burning against His people? Why do you think this is or isn't justified? Why, according to God, was Josiah to be spared? What does this teach us about God's character?
4. Read about Manasseh's repentance in 2 Chronicles 33:10-20. How did the Lord finally get through to Manasseh? What changes did Manasseh make? Has the Lord's whisper of correction ever had to become a shout in your life? If you're willing, share about that time.

Looking at Our Lives

5. When we hear, repent, and obey God's word, things really start to heat up in our spiritual lives (in a good way!). Is there something God has been nudging you toward lately? Even if not fully understood, share your thoughts with someone and ask for prayers for courage to obey.
6. What is one specific behavior change or new idea these scriptures and discussions have inspired you to take on (or recommit to) this week?

On Your Own

7. Think of someone you know who needs to hear about the story of Manasseh and the forgiveness offered to even the worst of us. Share this story with them this week.

