

Sunday, April 29, 2018



Youth Sunday 2018

Celebrating our students

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

GATHERING MUSIC

Alive

arr. Pappas/King

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rouse Family (8:30)
The King Family (9:45)
The Kieschnick Family (11:15)

PRAISE SONG

This Is Amazing Grace

arr. Riddle/Farro/Wickham

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jack Hampton (8:30)
Charles Fenn (9:45)
Carol Bishara (11:15)

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

Laura Miller

OFFERTORY

The Stand

arr. Hillsong

SENIOR SERMONS

Kevin Cowell, Kyle Goodson (8:30)
Berit Casteel, Sydney Dukes (9:45)
Ellie Pena, Erin Collins (11:15)

MESSAGE

Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread (Matthew 6:11)

Alf Halvorson

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

FIRST COMMUNION (9:45)

Rachel Poysky

Davis Cooper Vera Finnila
Connor Dillard Aria Garlington
Harrison Enszer Anne Hinde
Clarissa Escamilla Carter King
Rex Finnila Charlotte King

Kent Kubitza
Matthew Kukulja
Liam Osbon
Connor Pearson
Caroline Peterson

Everett Taylor
Quinn Walsh

COMMUNION MEDITATIONS

PRAYER FOR SENIORS / CHARGE & BENEDICTION

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YOUTH VOCALISTS

Ellie Antestenis
Addi Barrett
Allison Delgado
Lauren Dodds
Kyle Goodson
Stephanie Muschalik

MUSICIANS

Luke Fleener, Youth Guitarist
Daniel Amaya, Bass
George Heathco, Guitar
Daniel Martinez, Keys
Asher Pudlo, Drums

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. 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.

MDPC Youth

CONNECTION

Meet us in The Loft (Upstairs CLC)

CONNECTION is our weekly program for middle and high school students. We come together for fellowship, teaching, and worship. Join us Sunday mornings!

10:45-11:15 AM • Donuts, games, hangout time

11:15 AM-12:15 PM • Dive into Scripture and worship



Celebrate Cinco de Mayo!

All-Church Lunch options will include *tacos al pastor* and *muy delicioso* Mexican sides. Just \$10/adult and \$4/kid.
Next Sunday, May 6 | Served 11:00 AM-1:00 PM
food.mdpc.org

“Old Time Religion” Celebration

Join us on Sundays in May when we’ll sing Gospel congregational hymns, a hymn sing or two, and the choir will sing rousing renditions of favorite, old-time tunes.
Sundays, May 6-20 | 11:15 AM Worship Service
 Contact Tracy Stidam: *tstidam@mdpc.org, 713-490-0946*

Home Encouragement Annual Luncheon

The fundraiser guest speaker will be Reid Ryan, President and CEO of the 2017 World Series Champion Houston Astros. Business attire or your “Astros best”!
Friday, May 4 | Hotel Sorella City Centre
 Tickets: *homeencouragement.org*

Newspring Student Art Auction

SBISD student artists have submitted beautiful artwork to be auctioned off, with ALL proceeds going to the students.
Friday, May 4 | 6:00-8:00 PM | 8945 Long Point
 “Buy It Now” Open House: 1:00-5:00 PM

Kanakuk KAMPOUT! Day Camp

Kanakuk returns to MDPC! Kids age 5-12 will love ziplining, wall climbing, water slides, and learning about Jesus.
August 6-10 | 9:00 AM-4:00 PM | \$250
 Families are needed to host three counselors, providing a place to stay plus breakfast and dinner each day. We also need volunteers for the week (CPR and First Aid trained).
 Register at *kanakuk.com* or contact Alicia (*aboykin@mdpc.org*) if you can be a host family or medical volunteer.

The Continuing Refugee Crisis

MDPC partner, Renewing Our Minds Ministry (ROM), presents an evening with humanitarian activist and Croatian pastor Mihal Kreko regarding his work with refugees from Syria, Iran, and Afghanistan. Come hear encouraging stories from the front lines.
Tuesday, May 8 | 6:30 PM | MDPC Parlor

Kids’ Meals Monthly Service Project

One in four Houston preschoolers goes to bed hungry - you can make sure there is one less empty tummy! Bring 4 loaves of bread per volunteer, and come make sandwiches for Kids’ Meals. That’s all it takes to make a difference.
Wednesday, May 9 | 4:30-6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall
 Contact Julie with questions: *hempeljulie@gmail.com*

Summer Alpha Is Coming...

Explore Christian faith. Alpha is for everyone, but especially for those who are questioning, seeking, or even who would not call themselves Christian.
Tuesdays, June 5-August 7 | 6:30 PM
 More info and registration: *alpha.mdpc.org*

Married Life Prep

Are you engaged? Or married in the last 2-3 years? Then grab your spouse(-to-be) and join us for MLP! Taught at MDPC by Brett and Kellie Hurst, it combines Biblical teaching with the best current marriage research.
Sundays, July 8-29 | 10:00 AM-12:00 PM | CLC 171/172
 Register: *mlp.mdpc.org*

You Make the [Prayer] Team!

Join MDPC Partners in Prayer! Caring Ministries is eager to answer your questions and provide you with resources.
 Learn more: *pip.mdpc.org*

The White Rose is in memory of

- Tom Campbell, who passed away April 18, 2018.

Please Pray for MDPC Ministry Partners

This week, we’re lifting in prayer these MDPC partners:

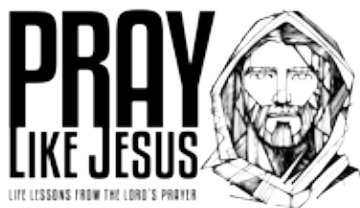
Faithful Fathering encourages and equips dads to become the true heroes of the next generation by sensitizing men and their families to the impact a father has on his children. Fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, and father figures are encouraged to establish the legacy of rearing a godly generation.
faithfulfathering.org

Faithwalking is a ministry that serves Christians seeking to live a fully integrated, missional life, building missional communities where they live and work. There are now 50 such communities across Texas, in corporations, public schools, impoverished neighborhoods, and prisons.
faithwalking.us

Evangelical Theological Seminary (ETSC) in Cairo counts as alumni almost all of the leaders of the Evangelical Church in Egypt. The seminary equips students to witness to the gospel of Jesus in and beyond Egypt in the midst of political and cultural transitions. Pray for the Body of Christ in Egypt, and for ETSC’s Dr. Atef Gendy and his team as they share the love of Jesus.
etsc.org

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE	
2018 Operating Budget	\$ 11,600,000
Expected Income to Date	\$ 3,042,887
Actual Income to Date (4/22/18)	\$ 3,128,223
Current Income Surplus	\$ 85,336
Needed to Meet 2018 Budget	\$ 8,471,777





“Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread...”

Matthew 6:11 • Alf Halvorson Preaching

Sermon Notes written by Rev. Beth Case

The Lord's Prayer

1. What type of bread do you prefer (whole grain, flatbread, croissants, etc.)? If bread is not part of your regular diet, what is your preferred staple?
2. When Jesus speaks of “daily bread,” is He talking about something spiritual, or physical? Is He referring to Himself as the Bread of Life, or is He speaking of an ordinary lunch item? How do we know? (Alf’s sermon will guide you!)
3. This request for daily bread comes only as the fourth petition in the Lord’s Prayer. How would you describe the petitions that precede this one? Why doesn’t Jesus begin the prayer with this basic request for bread?

During this sermon series, Pray Like Jesus, the sermon notes will discuss various models of prayer. Following a brief introduction and discussion of the week’s prayer practice, you will find some practical suggestions for exercising that model of prayer. Today, we focus on the...

Prayer of Gratitude

Gratitude has been defined as “a deep sense of who God is and what He is giving to us in the most *ordinary* moments.” Those words are written by Ruth Haley Barton, who goes on to say that “gratitude literally changes the shape of our souls as we learn to make space for it.”

1. Would you describe yourself as a “glass-half-full” person, or a “glass-half-empty” person? In other words, do you tend to see the best side of things, or the worst? Would your family & friends agree with your answer?

Scripture records five times when Jesus gave thanks to His Heavenly Father. Read Matthew 14:13-21:

2. For what does Jesus give thanks?
3. When, in relationship to the miracle, did Jesus give thanks? Why did He choose to give thanks at this time? What significance do these words of gratitude carry? How might this influence our prayers, even when we don’t have divine knowledge of the outcome?

4. *Extra Credit – just for fun! Discuss Questions 2 & 3 regarding the narrative in John 11:38-44.

G. K. Chesterton said, “When it comes to life, the critical thing is whether you take things for granted or take them with gratitude.”

5. Name someone who has practiced gratitude. What impact did gratitude make on that person’s daily life? What impact has their practice of gratitude had on your daily life?
6. Share about a time when you intentionally chose to be grateful. What was that experience like for you? What was it like for those around you?

Put It Into Practice

(Choose one to practice with your small group, and one to practice on your own.)

1. Make a list of basic needs to bring to God in prayer today: “Give us this day, our daily _____.”
2. Choose one day this week to pray only prayers of gratitude. Pray for the same people, the same scenarios that you usually do. But speak only words of thanksgiving.
3. As a small group, or family, close your time with “popcorn prayers” of gratitude. Anyone can pray, any number of times, using this sentence: “Almighty God, I am grateful for ____.” (Hint: pray long enough to get beyond the general topics of weather, shelter, and food.)
4. Call to mind a particular struggle. Be honest with God about the difficulty of this struggle, and how you are reacting to it: Are you trying as hard as you can to solve it? Are you angry about it, or simply trying to avoid it?
 - a. Then ask yourself: Is any evidence of God in this struggle? Can you find even one small thing to be thankful for? How is God working, even in the *now* of this struggle?
 - b. If there is nothing to be thankful for at this time, read Matthew 26:38-42 and sit with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. What might He want you to know?
 - c. Close your time by reading Isaiah 55:11 or Proverbs 19:21.
5. Ask several friends to share with you a Scripture, song, or quote that moves them to gratitude. Collect these; keep them in one journal/place. (Your small group could do this!)

“The grateful person knows that God is good, not by hearsay but by experience.”

-Thomas Merton

*“To be grateful rather than critical,
thankful rather than cynical,
and glad hearted rather than bitter minded,
is to be filled to overflowing with an abundance that sustains all of life.”*

-Steve Macchia

