

MDPC NEW MEMBERS

Today we are so happy to introduce these 20 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.



Jeff and Jennifer Beitler are the parents of Everett (3-½) and Easton (1). Jeff is a Contract Manager with TechnipFMC. He enjoys working and gardening outside and being on the water. Jennifer is a teacher at The Kinkaid School. She enjoys cooking and reading. They both love spending time with family and friends.



James and Cara Coe have two adult children and six grandchildren. James enjoys tennis, golfing, and fishing. Cara enjoys reading, gardening, and tennis.



Jim and Ann Gibson together have four adult children and four grandchildren. Jim is a Physics teacher at Logos Prep Academy. He has been interested in science since the age of nine, and he worked at NASA to put man on the moon and return. Ann is an educator, teaching most subjects and ESL. She was born in Costa Rica and grew up in Washington, D.C. She enjoys history, politics, government, travel, foreign food, cooking, science, foreign affairs, and teaching.



Dick and Sandy Humphrey have four adult sons and nine grandchildren.



Rafael and Edneia Moreira are the parents of a son, Matthew (11 months). Rafael is an IT Coordinator at Nabors. He loves playing the guitar and scuba diving. Edneia is HR Manager at BP America, Inc. She loves doing everything as a family, walking, watching movies, playing outside, and reading books.



Clay and Marissa Morgan are the parents of Charlotte (6) and James (4). Clay is an investment banker with Evercore, and he enjoys golfing. Marissa is a stay-at-home mom who enjoys LSU football and playing tennis. They both love spending time with family and friends.



Danielle Petroski is engaged to MDPC member Dillon Shindler and is looking forward to their upcoming wedding in August. Danielle is a Neurologic Physical Therapist. She is passionate about neurologic rehabilitation, and enjoys being outside and spending time with her family.



Hobert and Sue Plunkett are the parents of two daughters and three grandchildren. Hobert is a retired engineer. He enjoys live sports, especially Astros, Cougars, and the Crimson Tide! Sue is a retired school teacher and a wife, mom, and grandmom. She enjoys reading, cross stitch, traveling, and is a big sports fan. Go Astros, Texans, Rockets, and Cougars!



Ron Rogers has one adult daughter and one grandchild. He is a Physician in Psychiatry. He enjoys sailing and quail hunting with dogs. He is retired, but considering returning to practice. He has had an unusually long survival from brain cancer.



Rebecca Shindler is married to MDPC member Will Shindler. She is Director of Catering at Houston Country Club. Rebecca enjoys being outdoors, cycling, and working out. She is also getting into archery and hopes to hunt with her husband and father soon. She loves to travel and experience different cultures.



Brooks and Sarah Shughart are the parents of three children, Anna (12), William (9), and Warren (8). Brooks is Managing Director with First Reserve.



Jane Trusty is returning to MDPC. She has two adult children, Hailey and Michael. She is a Reservoir Engineer, working contract.

New Member Service Day at KIDS' MEALS

New Member Classes end with a Saturday spent serving in the community. This time, they helped at Kids' Meals, a long-time MDPC ministry partner that feeds some of the littlest Houstonians. Check out the other side of this bulletin for an opportunity to help out this awesome program that feeds tens of thousands of kids each year!



IS IT TIME FOR YOU TO JOIN MDPC?

DISCOVER MDPC WITH ALF

Want to know more about MDPC? Thinking about membership? This info meeting is about who we are and how we operate, within our walls and out in the world. No commitment required! Learn what it means to be part of our faith community.

Sunday, June 3 | 10:45-11:10 AM | The Nook

NEXT NEW MEMBER CLASS

If you are interested in membership, or in becoming a Christian, any of our pastors would love to meet you and discuss your questions! Taught by our Pastors and Elders, the class includes an outreach service project. The June session is an "Intensive," condensing the normally four-Sunday course into one Friday evening and one Saturday morning.

Friday, June 8, 6:30-9:00 PM and Saturday, June 9, 9:00 AM-Noon

Visit membership.mdpc.org to register for the next New Member Class.

Contact Diann Turet with questions: dturet@mdpc.org, 713-490-9553

Sunday, May 20, 2018

PRAY LIKE JESUS

LIFE LESSONS FROM THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lead Us Not into Temptation, but Deliver Us from Evil | Matthew 6:13

8:30 AM BLENDED

WELCOME	Dan Aikins
*SONGS OF PRAISE	
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE	Brett Hurst
NEW MEMBERS	Dave Steane
GIFTS OF GRATITUDE	Clay Brown
MESSAGE	Lead Us Not into Temptation, but Deliver Us from Evil
RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE	Alf Halvorson

9:45 AM CONTEMPORARY

WELCOME	
NEW MEMBERS	Dave Steane
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE	Kyle Collins
*SONGS OF PRAISE	
MESSAGE	Lead Us Not into Temptation, but Deliver Us from Evil
GIFTS OF GRATITUDE	Alf Halvorson
Musicians in these services: Gisele Duque and Meliza Gómez, worship leaders • Daniel Amaya, bass • George Heathco, guitar • Daniel Martinez, keys • Asher Pudlo, drums	

11:15 AM TRADITIONAL

PRELUDE	<i>The Mission/How Great Thou Art</i>	arr. Schmidt/Beek/Nelson
WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP		Dan Aikins
CHORAL INTROIT	<i>Praise the Lord</i>	arr. Ralph Johnson (b. 1955)
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	#467; Vs. 1, 2, 3 O STORE GUD
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE		
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	from The Apostles' Creed	
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	#467; (Refrain) O STORE GUD
NEW MEMBERS		Dave Steane
ANTHEM	<i>The Old Rugged Cross</i>	arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)
GIFTS OF GRATITUDE		Clay Brown
OFFERTORY	<i>Order My Steps (In Your Word)</i>	Glenn Burleigh (1949-2007)
MESSAGE	Lead Us Not into Temptation, but Deliver Us from Evil	Alf Halvorson
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us</i>	#387; Vs. 1, 2 BRADBURY
POSTLUDE	<i>The Old Rugged Cross</i>	Don Hustad (1918-2013)

Musicians in this service: Alberto Graulau, prelude pianist/violinist • Charles Hausmann, conductor • Kathryn White, pianist/organist

YOU MAKE THE [PRAYER] TEAM!

Join MDPC's Partner in Prayer Team! You'll grow spiritually while interceding for your church family through this quiet but valued ministry. Stop by the Connection Center in the lobby to learn more and get connected to prayer partners and prayer resources.

Visit the table in the Sanctuary Lobby this morning between services, or sign up today at pip.mdpc.org.



Our local ministry partners need volunteers in a variety of ways - especially during the summer. From serving a family dinner to facilitating fun activities at a Christian camp, there are many ways for you to make a difference while making an impact for Christ! Look through the opportunities below, and contact the name listed for more information.

STONEY CREEK RANCH

Each year, Stoney Creek Christian Camp (located in New Ulm, 60 miles west of Houston) hosts its Summer Urban Initiative serving over 2,500 inner-city youth campers. The staff's hope and prayer is that each camper feels forever changed by God's unending love. Stoney Creek needs adults or parent/child volunteers in the areas of fishing, crafts, kitchen, maintenance, evening programs, Bible study, and activity facilitation. There are 10 different date options for this three-day/two-night commitment. The cost is \$100 per person and participants must be 12+ years of age.

Chelsi Shoup at chelsi@stoneycreekranch.org

JUNE IS MAM MONTH

MDPC ministry partner, Memorial Assistance Ministries, helps families stretch their budgets by providing items through its Home Care Pantry. The next time you're shopping, consider helping your Spring Branch neighbors by picking up some or all of the needed items listed below. Bring them to church during **the month of June**, and drop them at one of the grocery carts located around campus.

- Deodorant
- Shampoo (full-size or travel-size)
- Disposable razors
- Toothbrushes
- Diapers (size 4, 5, & 6)

OPERATION IMPACT

Help 4,000 homebound seniors prepare for hurricane season. Deliver five days worth of shelf-stable meals and a case of bottled water to clients of Interfaith Ministries' Meals on Wheels. These supplies will be essential if IM's regular deliveries are interrupted by a storm. Recruit your friends and small groups to make the deliveries on **Saturday, June 2**.

Nancy Blurton at nancyblurton@yahoo.com

WESTSIDE HOMELESS PARTNERSHIP (WHP)

- Volunteer once per month June-August by helping WHP students complete their summer reading books. Training is provided, and meetings are held at the Town & Country Barnes & Noble on **June 16, July 21, and August 11 at 11:00 AM**.
- Provide and serve lunch to approximately 30 children during WHP day camps, art camps, and summer reading sessions. Lunch to be served at 12:30 each day.
- Provide and serve dinner to approximately 100 adults and families prior to WHP Building Confident Family Classes, Tuesday and Thursday evenings in July at John Knox Presbyterian Church. Meal setup begins at 5:10 PM, and dinner is served at 5:30. Family/child-friendly meals can be homemade, purchased, or donated from a restaurant.

Christina Yaya at cyaya@westsidehomeless.org or 713-973-8083

THE JUICE BOX CHALLENGE

Each weekday, Kids' Meals delivers approximately 2,500 healthy meals to Houston's hungriest preschool-aged children. During the summer break, every child 19 and below living in one of these homes also receives a healthy meal from Kids' Meals - up to 4,000 kids per day. Help Kids' Meals meet the daily summertime demand of 4,000 juice boxes (100% fruit juice only) by bringing them to church on **Sunday, August 19**. Collection bins will be located around campus.

Betsy Farver at betsychalmersfarver@gmail.com

KIDS' MEALS

Texas is #1 in the nation in food insecurity for children. In Houston, one in four preschool children goes to bed hungry every night. You can help make sure there is one less empty tummy! Come make sandwiches for Kids' Meals. Bring four loaves of sandwich bread and wear a baseball cap.

Wednesdays, June 13 and August 8 • 4:30-6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall

Julie Hempel at hempeljulie@gmail.com



COMING UP AT MDPC

ONE Service Next Sunday

Next weekend on Memorial Day Sunday there will be one blended Unity Service at 10:00 AM.
Sunday, May 27 | 10:00 AM | Sanctuary

Blood Drive Today

Giving one hour to donate may save 3 lives! Blood banks still are low since Harvey. Please help if you can.
8:00 AM-2:00 PM in Fellowship Hall

Soccer Camp & VBS

Girls and boys age 7 to 11 are invited to the annual Soccer Camp Vacation Bible School, hosted by MDPC's Fuente Hispanic Ministries.
June 18-22 | 9:00 AM-2:00 PM
Girls and Boys age 7-11 | \$5 per child
Contact Maria Castillo (mcastillo@mdpc.org, 832-358-8003) for details.

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

Men's Summer Series: GOD IS...

Scripture says in various verses that *God is love; God is light; God is Spirit; God is fire*. How do we personally see those differing characteristics as we walk with Him? Ken Harris and other teachers will lead men in discovering the amazing attributes of God that are revealed in His Word!
Tuesdays, June 5-26 | 6:30-7:45 AM | Amphitheater
Details and registration: godis.mdpc.org

Summer Celebration Is July 9-13

Donate your old electronics and small appliances (toasters, vacuums, old phones, mixers, radios). No glass or screens, please! Also needed are adult T-shirts, preferably in bright colors for use in weaving projects.
Volunteers needed, too! sc.mdpc.org

The Chancel Flowers are given by

Nancy Kimmey, in loving memory of Bill Kimmey.

The White Rose is in memory of

Mike Gaetz, who passed away April 17, 2018.
Jim Zike, who passed away April 29, 2018.
Betty Shaw, who passed away May 9, 2018.
Bill Paisley, who passed away May 13, 2018.

Please Pray for MDPC Ministry Partners

This week, join us in lifting in prayer these MDPC partners in ministry:

The Gathering of Men brings disciples to maturity in Jesus Christ through outreach and service. The ministry continues to grow by word of mouth as participants bring men in their lives that are important to them. Events range in size from five to 1,000, with attendees coming from all walks of life.
houstongathering.org

Generation One furthers the spiritual growth of at-risk youth in Houston's impoverished Third Ward. Its focus includes both educational and economic interventions, including an after-school program, summer camp, abstinence programs, and a community beautification project designed to show children their potential.
generationone.net

Far East Broadcasting Company (FEBC) communicates the Good News among the nations and inspires people to follow Jesus Christ. It broadcasts in more than 100 languages in 40 countries. FEBC focuses on meeting the spiritual needs of its listeners and seeks to reach the least-reached people of the world for the Kingdom.
feb.org

We're All in This Together!

Psalm 133:1 "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity..." Mark your calendar for Annual Teacher Training for volunteers in Equipping, Youth, Children's, Relationships, and anyone in discipleship, teaching, or leadership ministry! It'll include lunch, prayer & commissioning, and breakout time with your ministry area.
Sunday, August 12 | 12:30-3:00 PM
Details will be sent out closer to event.

Married Life Prep

Are you engaged? Did you get married in the last few years? Then grab your spouse(-to-be) and join us for Married Life Prep! Taught at MDPC by Brett and Kellie Hurst of Home Encouragement, it combines Biblical teaching with the best current marriage research.
Sundays, July 8-29 | 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
Register: mlp.mdpc.org

Save the Date: Money & Marriage

A couple's perfect evening out doesn't come around very often...but this is it. Money expert and #1 best-selling author Rachel Cruze, along with psychologist, relationship expert, and award-winning author Dr. Les Parrott, will help you get a better understanding of your spouse and a renewed vision of what you can accomplish together.
September 27 | 6:30-9:40 PM | Woodlands Church
<https://www.daveramsey.com/live/registration/intSeminarID/3088>

Marriage Retreat

Get away for a fun and intentional weekend together focused around your married life. This special experience includes a comfortable atmosphere, excellent food, a one-on-one date night with your spouse, and expert teaching from Brett and Kellie Hurst, longtime marriage educators.
Sept. 29-30 | Woodlands Waterway Marriott
Register (\$220/couple): marriageretreat.mdpc.org

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

2018 Operating Budget	\$ 11,600,000
Expected Income to Date	\$ 3,430,072
Actual Income to Date (5/13/18)	\$ 3,614,620
Current Income Surplus	\$ 184,548
Needed to Meet 2018 Budget	\$ 7,985,380



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SUMMER

Alpha

Alpha is an interactive series for you to explore Christian faith. Whether you're a believer, or you're questioning, or maybe you wouldn't even call yourself Christian, this open, honest, and accepting forum is for you.

Starts Tuesday, June 5 | 6:30 PM

Meets weekly through August 7

Alpha is **FREE**. Dinner and childcare are provided.

For more info and to register visit:

alpha.mdpc.org



ALPHA

explore life. faith. meaning.



Alpha is a series of interactive sessions to explore the Christian faith. Each Alpha includes a free meal, a video talk on a topic from the Christian perspective, and a conversation in smaller groups where everyone is encouraged to share their own perspective. No question or comment is off limits and everyone is able to share as much or as little as they'd like.

Alpha is for you if you...

- > Are wrestling with life's biggest questions: *Does God exist?* or *Why are we here?*
- > Are skeptical of faith, but open to having conversations with other folks who have different worldviews.
- > Have been a Christian for a while, but still are unsure about parts of the faith.
- > Are a new Christian looking to learn the basics of the Christian faith.

If you don't match any of these groups, consider inviting someone you know who does. You can even come along with them. Tear off the section below and offer it as an invitation to a friend, colleague, family member, neighbor, or anyone else.



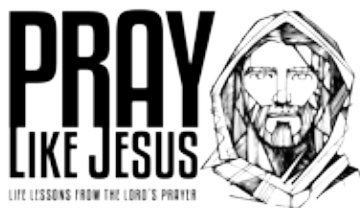
Food. Talk. Discussion.

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions to explore the Christian faith. Guests eat a free meal, watch a talk on a topic from the Christian perspective, then discuss their own beliefs about life and faith.

Tuesdays, beginning June 5 | 6:30 PM

Meets weekly through August 7. Details and registration:

alpha.mdpc.org



“Lead Us Not into Temptation...”

Matthew 6:13 • Alf Halvorson Preaching
Sermon Notes written by Rev. Beth Case

The Lord's Prayer

1. The thought that God would actually “lead us into temptation” can be troubling. Why would Jesus encourage us to speak this petition? How did Pastor Alf’s sermon address this question?
2. How do the following verses help us understand the source of temptation, and the salvation from temptation? What can we learn about God’s attitude and action toward temptation?

James 1:13-14 (ESV) - *Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.*

Ephesians 6:12-13 (NRSV) - *For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.*

Luke 4:13 (ESV) - *And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Jesus until an opportune time.*

1 Corinthians 1:13 (ESV) - *No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it*

During this sermon series, Pray Like Jesus, these notes will discuss various models of prayer. Following a brief introduction and discussion of the week’s prayer practice, you will find practical suggestions for exercising that method of prayer. Try these as a small group, on your own, or with your friends or family.

Breath Prayers

Prayer is to the Christian, as air is to the lungs. We inhale; we exhale! And the soul alive unto God must breathe *in* the grace of God, while breathing *out* sin, distractions, and disordered lives.

Breath prayers have been used by mothers and missionaries, by monks and magistrates. You might be familiar with the breath prayer found in Luke 18:13: “God, have mercy on me, a sinner.” This prayer, uttered by a humble man, was affirmed by Jesus over and above the lengthy, lofty prayer of a priest.

Breath prayers can be said in the length of one breath. In words, they are simple. But in profound brevity, they give voice to the heart’s longings. Breath prayers:

- give words when we don’t know what to pray, especially in times of spiritual dryness.
- can be spoken in traffic jams and between back-to-back meetings.
- give us voice for connection with God amidst the constant demands of parenting little ones.
- keep us conversing with God during rigorous service, mission trips, or deep suffering.
- often (not always) include a poetic expression of opposites: human weakness and divine strength; human sin and divine grace, etc.

The fruit of regular breath prayer is often a sense of calm, and growing nearness to the Lord?

Put It Into Practice

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

1. Is there a time in your life when you were drawn to one brief prayer? Or is there one Scripture verse that you have prayed over and over again throughout your walk with Christ? When did you discover that prayer? What is significant about that prayer in your life?
2. Below are several Scripture verses composed of two phrases. Choose one of these Bible verses to pray throughout the day – all week long. Put it on the dash of your car, above your kitchen sink, or on the edge of your computer screen – somewhere you will be reminded to whisper, or even shout, this prayer:

<u>Inhale</u>	<u>Exhale</u>	<u>Scripture</u>
<i>Be still...</i>	<i>...and know that I am God.</i>	Psalm 46:10
<i>Find rest, o my soul...</i>	<i>...in God alone.</i>	Psalm 62:1
<i>Speak, Lord,...</i>	<i>...for your servant is listening.</i>	1 Samuel 3:10
<i>Those who wait upon the Lord...</i>	<i>...shall renew their strength.</i>	Isaiah 40:31
<i>Lead us...</i>	<i>...not into temptation.</i>	Matthew 6:13
<i>God, have mercy on me...</i>	<i>...a sinner.</i>	Luke 18:13
<i>Not my will...</i>	<i>...but yours be done.</i>	Luke 22:42

*Idea: As a group you could agree upon the same verse to pray this week! Check back next week to see what it was like for others to keep that verse in front of them.

*Idea: You could use a Scripture verse of your choosing for this exercise.

3. Begin your time with God by using the following prayer. Do this every day this week:
 - a. Exhale – “Holy Spirit, show me those things in me that are sinful and selfish. As I confess these before you, I breathe these out.”
 - b. Inhale – “Lord Jesus, into the places where sin used to reign, send your grace. As I fill my lungs with new air, fill me with your presence and the fruit of the Holy Spirit.”
 - c. Open Your Eyes – “Holy Spirit, open my eyes to see what you want me to see in your Word today.”

*Idea: replace singular pronouns (me) with plural (us); begin your small group using this prayer.

“Think of prayer as the breath in our lungs and the blood from our hearts. Our blood flows and our breathing continues ‘without ceasing’; “Prayer is not an exercise; it is the life of the saint. Beware of anything that stops the offering up of prayer. Maintain the childlike habit of offering up prayer in your heart to God all the time.”

- Oswald Chambers

