

Save the Date: Science & Faith

MDPC's Speaker Series presents an evening exploring questions about the universe, our origins, how God created life. Dr. Craig Story and Christopher Rupe, both scientists and Christians, present two views of how to interpret Genesis. Join us as we discover how scientific discovery bolsters our faith in and love for God.

Saturday, Oct 13 | 5:00-8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall
Learn more: speakers.mdpc.org

Parent Open House Today

Parents of all 6-12th graders, come meet the Youth staff and amazing volunteer team, have a snack, and hear about all our fall programs and events.

This morning, 10:45-11:10 AM | MDPC Gym

Sing with the Sanctuary Choir

All adult and youth are invited to sing with the Sanctuary Choir, led by Charles Hausmann and Kathryn White. We rehearse Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00 PM, and sing at Sunday's 11:15 service. No experience necessary.

Questions? Email Tracy Stidam: tstidam@mdpc.org

The Living Well

A study of Jesus through Luke's Gospel, led and facilitated by Charlotte Crawford. Come as you are to seek God at dawn through His Living Word and prayer. Women of all ages & faith stages are warmly welcomed.

Wednesdays, Sept 12-April 10 | 6:15-7:00 AM

More info and registration: tlw.mdpc.org

Men's Life 2018: Core Training

The all-new ML curriculum is about the foundational principles that strengthen the core of what makes us men. Invite a buddy to this 12-week series and rebuild the inner workings of your life. No matter where a guy is in his walk with Christ, Men's Life is for everyone!

Tuesday Mornings, Sept 11-Dec 4

New Time! 6:30-7:45 AM (Breakfast at 6:00 AM)

Details and registration: ml.mdpc.org

Special Buddies Needed

Could you give one hour of your time, once a month, to help a child with special needs? Special Blessings Ministry is looking for volunteers (ages 14+) to serve as "buddies" during Sunday School.

Contact Keri Mosk: kmosk@mdpc.org, 713-490-9265

Today's Chancel Flowers are given:

- in memory of Adela Villareal Holender, Sandy Willmann's mother, by Karl and Sandy Willmann.

This week, please pray for these

MDPC Ministry Partners:

Mission Greenspoint is an outreach ministry presenting the Gospel through both word and deed. Its programs include a food pantry, clothes closet, pregnancy assistance center, ESL classes, and Biblical counseling for individuals and families.

missiongreenspoint.org

Mission of Yahweh is a faith-based shelter and rehabilitation ministry for abused and homeless women and their children, and a provider of outreach services to low-income families in northwest Houston. It helps empower, enrich, and restore lives.

missionofyahweh.org

MDPC Field Partner Jeff Burns has a call on his life to reach North American Muslims with the love of Jesus Christ. He teaches Christians ways to reach out in friendship to Muslims in peaceful, respectful witness. Jeff has trained Presbyterian Church members in the U.S. and around the world.

Women's Ministry Fair

Did you know we have a women's ministry here at MDPC? MDPC Women exists to help connect you with friends and with Jesus. Next Sunday, visit us in the Breezeway or Chapel Hallway (depending on service) for a taste of green smoothie and banana bread and to see all that we have planned for you this year. We would love to help you find your landing place at MDPC!

Next Sunday, August 26 | Between services

MOPS This Fall

MOPs (Mothers of Preschoolers) supports and equips moms through connection, solid content, and fun. If you are longing for a place to belong or a place to connect, we have a seat for you. Childcare provided.

Every other Thurs. starting Aug. 30 | 9:30-11:15 AM
Learn more and register: mops.mdpc.org

Are you a working mom? We've got a MOPS for you, too! Check out workingmops.mdpc.org for details.

Romp Through the Old Testament

A Bible study led by Pastor Clay Brown, Pastor Beth Case, and Pastor Rachel Poysky.

Tuesdays, starting Sept 11 | 9:00-10:00 AM | MC 122
romp.mdpc.org

Young Adults: Come Have a Taco!

Starting today, the Young Adult Sunday classes meet next door to each other upstairs above the Sanctuary Courtyard. This includes The Parish, Fifth Community, and Nearly & Newly, a new class for couples focusing on marriage enrichment. So 20s to mid-30s, find the outdoor staircase off the Breezeway and come on up for a taco and Bible study. We can't wait to meet you!

Sundays at 11:00 AM | MC Rooms 217, 218, 219

Contact Christyn with questions: cknoop@mdpc.org

Marriage Retreat in The Woodlands

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	\$ 5,334,950
Actual Income to Date (8/12/18)	\$ 5,577,170
Current Income Surplus	\$ 242,221
Needed to Meet 2018 Budget	\$ 6,022,830



Sunday, August 19, 2018

All In!

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IN STEP • 1COR. 13:8B-12; LUKE 2:41-52
SENIOR PASTOR ALF HALVORSON PREACHING

8:30 AM BLENDED

WELCOME		Dave Steane
*SONGS OF PRAISE		
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE		Beth Case
SONG OF PREPARATION		
GIFTS OF GRATITUDE		
MESSAGE	IN STEP	Alf Halvorson
RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE		

9:45 AM CONTEMPORARY

WORSHIP INVITATION		
SONGS		
MOMENT OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE		Trevor Harris
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		Beth Case
SONG OF RESPONSE		
MESSAGE	IN STEP	Alf Halvorson
GIFTS OF GRATITUDE		

Musicians in these services: Meliza Gómez and Michael Middleton, worship leaders; Daniel Amaya, bass; George Heathco, guitar; Daniel Martinez, keys; Asher Pudlo, drums

11:15 AM TRADITIONAL

PRELUDE	<i>Adagio in E Major</i>	Frank Bridge (1879-1941)
WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP		Dave Steane
CHORAL INTROIT	<i>Joined Together as One Body</i>	James Biery (b. 1956)
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun</i>	#423; Vs. 1, 3, 5 DUKE STREET
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE		Beth Case
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	from 1 Corinthians 15:1-6 & Colossians 1:15-20	
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i>	#464; Vs. 2 HYMN TO JOY
ANTHEM	<i>When in Our Music God Is Glorified</i>	David Ashley White (b. 1944)
OFFERTORY	<i>Anthems of Love</i>	Dan Forrest (b. 1978)
MESSAGE	IN STEP	Alf Halvorson
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>Fairest Lord Jesus</i>	#306; Vs. 1, 3 CRUSADERS' HYMN
POSTLUDE	<i>Trumpet Tune</i>	Rob Landes (b. 1943)

Musicians in this service: Charles Hausmann, conductor; Kathryn White, piano/organ; Sanctuary Choir

*Please stand if able.

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Labor Day Sunday Lunch

Burgers & Dogs

Everyone's Invited!

Sunday, September 3
11:00 AM-1:00 PM • Fellowship Hall
Menu and prices: laborday.mdpc.org

Dave's Grilling Burgers & Dogs



THE ALL-CHURCH STUDY IS FINALLY HERE! JOIN US TODAY!

Saved by FAITH

A Study of the Book of Romans
A CHURCH-WIDE STUDY

This fall, MDPC members and friends are all exploring Paul's letter to the Romans together. Most Sunday school and small groups have signed on already. No "home" group? No problem! Join us for the new class that starts meeting this morning: **9:45 or 11:15 AM | Amphitheater**

No registration necessary. If you can't make it for class today, we hope to see you next week.

Weekday groups available: romans.mdpc.org


C.S. LEWIS FOR TODAY

WEDNESDAYS
AUG. 22 - SEPT. 26
6:30-7:30 PM, MC 122

Taught by Dr. Clay Brown, Equipping Pastor

It's been more than 50 years since his death, and we still read and talk about C. S. Lewis. This six-part course will examine why Lewis remains so popular and influential even today. Having done his doctoral dissertation on C. S. Lewis, Clay is abundantly qualified to lead us in exploring this fascinating subject.

LEARN MORE: LEWIS.MDPC.ORG





What A Relief!

Retired Navy SEAL Chad Williams will talk about what saved him from the chaos of indifference and what a relief it is to have Christ on our side. Grab a buddy and come for great food and a relaxed afternoon with other guys - men who've been through the same ups and downs of this past year in Houston.

Saturday, August 25
11:45 AM-2:00 PM

Register: relief.mdpc.org | Cost: \$20 (includes lunch)



MDPC Loves Children!

By participating in the programs below, you can help give students at under-privileged neighborhood schools the opportunity to succeed.

Mentoring/Tutoring mentoring.MDPC.org Give one hour a week to help kids succeed in school.	Backpack Buddy bpbuddy.MDPC.org Ensure that hungry children have food on the weekends.	Back to School backtoschool.MDPC.org Provide needed uniforms and shoes to students.
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HARVEY ONE YEAR LATER

MOMENTS OF REFLECTION AND HEALING

Sunday, August 26
Come and Go, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM
Begin in MC 122

Harvey was nearly one year ago. Next Sunday at MDPC, we will offer a quiet space for you to remember it in your own way, should you choose to do so. There will be stations to pray, give thanks, receive communion, be anointed with oil, or simply pause to reflect on God's presence in your life this past year. To learn more: remember.mdpc.org

Who do you know that would make a great MDPC ELDER?

The Nominating Committee seeks your help in nominating members with gifts that equip them for leadership at MDPC. Please prayerfully consider whom God may be preparing to serve as Elder, then submit his/her name using the online process at nominations.mdpc.org or the printed forms found throughout the campus.

We need your help to nominate qualified candidates to serve on MDPC Session!



word AND worship

2018-2019: A Study of Genesis

Five Weekly Day/Time Options • Groups begin September 6
Details and registration: wordandworship.mdpc.org

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. - Colossians 3:16


Start with Discover MDPC...	...then explore New Member Classes
Attend an informal meeting to learn more about MDPC. No commitment required! This is a no-pressure opportunity to meet Pastor Alf and explore what membership means.	The four-week New Member class series is taught by the Associate Pastors and Elders, and includes a Saturday service project at one of the organizations supported by MDPC.
Sunday, September 9 10:45-11:10 AM The Nook	Sundays, September 16-October 14 9:45-11:00 AM MC 122

More info: membership.mdpc.org

Alpha

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

Starts Tuesday, September 11
6:30 PM • Free • Dinner and childcare provided!
alpha.mdpc.org



CRISIS TRAINING

The Church's Role in Healing After Man-Made and Natural Disasters

Free and open to all. No previous training necessary.

Saturday, September 15
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM • MDPC Amphitheater
*Optional Support-Group Training, 12:00-1:00 PM
Register: crisis.mdpc.org

Are You Prepared to Help Your Neighbor?



All In

IN STEP • 1COR. 13:8B-12; LUKE 2:41-52
 SENIOR PASTOR ALF HALVORSON PREACHING

I hope everyone had a great summer, with chances to rest, recharge, reconnect with family and friends, and play a little. But fall is here, with its different pace and possibilities. This week we begin our fall schedule with a new sermon series on being “All In.” For 5 weeks, we will explore what it means to be a disciple of Jesus who is *All In*. Maybe you have never been

All In regarding Christ. You only have watched from the sidelines and wondered what it would be like to be on the field and in the game in partnership with Jesus. Or maybe you have been present on the field, but not fully present. You have been there physically, but you haven’t really been there emotionally or spiritually or wholeheartedly. There might be many reasons or excuses in answer to the “why not” question. But what would it look like for you to truly and fully jump in with “all your heart, soul, and mind”?

1. First, share with your group a highlight and perhaps a low-light from the summer. Do you enter the fall recharged or exhausted? Why or why not?
2. Both of our texts talk about the issue of change or growth. Read 1 Cor. 13:1-13, then focus on verses 8b-12. Why do you think Paul brings up verses 8b-10? What is he getting at here?
3. Now focus on verses 11 and 12. Paul makes change sound so easy. Has that been your experience? Name something significant you wanted to change and how the change happened or not. What is required for you to make positive changes in your life?
4. In verse 12 and also before, in verse 10, Paul seems to suggest that knowing the end or the complete picture will help us make changes in the middle. Is he right? Explain.
5. Now turn to Luke 2:41-52. It is the only story we have in the Gospels of Jesus as an adolescent. What things strike you in verses 41-51? What are the family dynamics? What does Jesus reveal about His priorities and choices? How does He honor His Heavenly Father? How does He show honor to His earthly parents in the end? Mary “treasured all these things in her heart.” How might you know you are treasured, and treasure others, based on Alf’s sermon?
6. Focus on verse 52. Pick it apart word by word: *increased, in wisdom, in years, in divine favor, in human favor*. Think of examples from His life to support each area of growth.
7. How might you join the examples of Christ and Paul in growing this fall, winter, and spring? What specific choices need to be made? Share them so the members of the group can encourage, pray for, and gently help hold each other accountable in love. [There is challenge in change; the first steps are hard; gravity tries to keep us grounded; but there is great joy and intimacy and purpose as we follow *All In* where God is leading us.]

