

HAPPENING AT MDPC

**Science & Faith**  
MDPC’s Speaker Series continues, exploring questions about the universe and how God created life. Two scientists present from opposite ends of the Christian faith as it relates to origins. The evening will explore how science and faith can not only coexist, but strengthen one another.  
**Saturday, Oct 13 | 5:00-8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall**  
*Learn more: [speakers.mdpc.org](http://speakers.mdpc.org)*

**The Antioch Partners Annual Gala**  
Experience West Asia through all five senses with the “experiential rooms,” dinner, and more! Our speaker is Michael Oh of the Lausanne Movement, started by Billy Graham in the 1970s and where the term “unreached people groups” was introduced.  
**Thursday, Sept 27 | 6:30 PM | MDPC**  
*Register: [theantiochpartners.org/events](http://theantiochpartners.org/events)*

**Mixon’s Mixer**  
Join other single young adults for an evening of food, games, and all manner of frivolity, including a mixology how-to by MDPC’s own Chef Bernie.  
**Friday, October 5**  
*For details, contact Kit Mixon: [kitmix@hotmail.com](mailto:kitmix@hotmail.com)*

**College Ski Trip**  
Start 2019 with a memorable few days tearing up the Colorado slopes! Cost includes lodging, meals on non-travel days, lift tickets, and ski/board rentals.  
**Tuesday-Sunday, January 1-6**  
**\$495 (\$200 deposit due Dec 1, balance by Dec 20)**  
*Learn more: [pizzatoslowdown.mdpc.org](http://pizzatoslowdown.mdpc.org)*

**Youth Confirmation Class 2019**  
Confirmation is for all students currently in the 8th grade or above. Join us for a time of focusing on what it means to follow Jesus and be part of His Church.  
**Sundays, Jan 6-Feb 24 | Confirmation: March 3**  
*Details and registration: [confirmation.mdpc.org](http://confirmation.mdpc.org)  
\$125 fee covers Confirmation Retreat expenses.*

**Bible Study for 20s & 30s**  
All young adults are invited to come out for dinner, conversation, and discussions about Scripture.  
**Tuesdays at 6:30 PM | The Heights**  
*For more info, text or call Sarah Stone: 832-605-8129*

**Today’s Chancel Flowers are given**  
• by Lee and Larry Mueller in memory of Ann Shidell Mueller and in celebration of her life.

**This week, please pray for these MDPC Ministry Partners:**

**Piney Point Elementary:** MDPC partners with the children and staff at Piney Point through daily programs like reading with second graders, staff appreciation events, workdays at the school, field trips, classroom help, and more. MDPC is considered part of the Piney Point Family!  
*To get involved, contact Chris Gehrman ([chrisgehrman@gmail.com](mailto:chrisgehrman@gmail.com)) or Judy Hartman ([judyehart@gmail.com](mailto:judyehart@gmail.com)).*

**Prayers of the People**, which began at MDPC in 1974 as POPS Ministry, visits patients in the Medical Center and hospitals throughout greater Houston. The volunteers’ purpose in visiting is to listen, offer comfort and support, and affirm God’s loving, healing presence.  
*[popministry.org](http://popministry.org)*

**MDPC Field Partners Tihomir and Christine Kukolja** direct Renewing Our Minds (ROM), a reconciliation program in Croatia that brings together different faiths, ethnicities, and cultures in the Balkan region by sharing how following the teachings of Jesus transforms lives. Participants in the ROM program are chosen based on leadership potential, with the hope that they will return to their home countries and impact their spheres of influence.  
*[forumforleadership.blogspot.com](http://forumforleadership.blogspot.com)*

**Knitting for Missions: Evening Edition**  
This MDPC group knits premie caps for Ben Taub, comfort dolls for Guatemalan children awaiting surgery, and so much more. The newly forming Tuesday group is for people who can’t make Knitting for Missions’ usual Monday-morning meetups at the church.  
**1st Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30 PM | Halvorson Home**  
*Contact Shari Halvorson for the address or with questions: [halvorsons4@yahoo.com](mailto:halvorsons4@yahoo.com)*

**Frustrated in Your Job Search?**  
WorkFaith Connection’s 8-Day Job Search Workshop can energize your job search and possibly change the course of your life. WorkFaith (4555 Dacoma St) offers hope, encouragement, and resources to job seekers.  
*For details, visit [workfaithconnection.org](http://workfaithconnection.org) or contact 713-984-9611 or [gthouse@workfaithconnection.org](mailto:gthouse@workfaithconnection.org).*

**Houston Pilgrimage, A Renewal Weekend**  
When was the last time you did something to ignite your faith, renew your soul, and fill you with peace? Pilgrimage is for adults (18+) from any Christian denomination. The purpose is to prepare you to help bring about God’s Kingdom on earth.  
**Oct. 25-28 in Palacios, Texas. \$150 all-inclusive. Scholarships available. You only have to register and show up; God will take care of the rest.**  
*Contact Bart Henson: [bartshenson@gmail.com](mailto:bartshenson@gmail.com)*

**MDPC Young Adult Fall Retreat**  
Join the young adult community on a retreat from the city to enjoy the tranquility of the Hill Country. This is for 20s to mid-30s looking for a chance to relax and experience the glory of the Lord with great friends. We leave Friday after work and return midday Sunday. Food and room provided!  
**Nov 2-4 | Near Round Top, Texas | \$65**  
*Register today: [yaretreat.mdpc.org](http://yaretreat.mdpc.org)*

**Hoop It Up with Youth Basketball!**  
Boys and girls in PreK to 9th grade are encouraged to participate. Fee of \$150 includes a jersey and a trophy for PreK-5th grade teams.  
**Practices begin the week of Nov 26. You must register at MDPC if you want to practice at MDPC!**  
**Games: Saturdays, Jan 5-Feb 16 at area churches**  
*Register by Nov 18: [sports.mdpc.org](http://sports.mdpc.org)*

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE	
2018 Operating Budget	\$ 11,600,000
Expected Income to Date	\$ 5,958,355
Actual Income to Date (9/16/18)	\$ 6,420,765
Current Income Surplus	\$ 462,410
Needed to Meet 2018 Budget	\$ 5,179,235





# Worshipping Well

Your Part

Romans 11:33-12:2 (NRSV)

Sunday, September 23, 2018

8:30 AM BLENDED

WELCOME	Rachel Poysky
*SONGS OF PRAISE	
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE	Clay Brown
SONG OF PREPARATION	
GIFTS OF GRATITUDE	
MESSAGE	WORSHIPPING WELL: YOUR PART Beth Case
RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE	

9:45 AM CONTEMPORARY

WORSHIP INVITATION

MOMENT OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SONG OF RESPONSE

MESSAGE

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

Christyn Knoop

Lyndsey Dottavio

Beth Case


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	Choral in B Minor	César Franck (1822-1890)
WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP		Rachel Poysky
CHORAL INTROIT	Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty	arr. Zebulon M. Highben (b. 1970)
*HYMN OF PRAISE	When in Our Music God Is Glorified	#264; Vs. 1, 2, 3, 4   ENGELBERG
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE		
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	from 1 Corinthians 15:1-6 & Colossians 1:15-20	
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	The Gloria Patri	Hymn #579
ANTHEM	Joined Together as One Body	James Biery (b. 1956)
OFFERTORY	Breath of Life	Mark Hayes (b. 1953)
MESSAGE	WORSHIPPING WELL: YOUR PART	Beth Case
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	Open My Eyes That I May See	#324; Vs. 1, 2   OPEN MY EYES
POSTLUDE	Toccata in A	Johann Anton Koberich (1714-1791)
Musicians in this service: Charles Hausmann, conductor; Kathryn White, organ; Sanctuary Choir		
*Please stand if able.		
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**MDPC Prayer Wall**  
Visit our church’s digital prayer wall to share your praises and petitions, and to pray for the concerns of your church family.  
[prayerwall.mdpc.org](http://prayerwall.mdpc.org)



**BEGINS TODAY!  
ALL ADULTS WELCOME**



# PARENT POW-WOWS

What's Influencing Our Kids Now

Sundays, 11:00 AM-12:15 PM | MDPC Gym

September 23 & 30 • Speaker Travis Crim  
• God's Design for Sexuality & Relationships


October 7, 14, & 21 • Speaker Beau Abdulla  
• Love People Not Pixels  
• Who's Talking to Your Kids About Porn?  
• Media Literacy & Technology Plans

November 4, 11, & 25  
• Critical Conversations

# THE ANATOMY OF TRAFFICKING

WEDNESDAYS, OCTOBER 3 - 24 | 6:30 - 8:00 PM

A series of speakers approaching pornography from different angles. Each view contributes to better understanding. The goal is to pull the problem out of the shadows, enable conversation, and move toward finding a solution.



justice.mdpc.org

**THIS SATURDAY**

# NOCHE DE SABOR

Saturday, September 29 | 6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

MDPC Fuente Ministries invites you to its annual "Night of Flavor" celebrating the many traditions and cultures represented here in our church. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

Invite others to this free event: [flavor.mdpc.org](http://flavor.mdpc.org)

# SCIENCE & FAITH

## IS GENESIS HISTORY OR LEGEND?

SATURDAY, OCT. 13, 5:00-8:00 PM at MDPC

More information on the back of this bulletin and at [speakers.mdpc.org](http://speakers.mdpc.org).



## Stephen Ministry Lunch & Learn

Sunday, October 7 | 12:30-1:30 PM

In times of trouble, those who are hurting look to caring Christian friends to walk beside them. A Stephen Minister is just such a friend. Come learn more about this special ministry and how to potentially become a Stephen Minister. Contact Beverly Fluke with questions and to RSVP ([bfluke@mdpc.org](mailto:bfluke@mdpc.org)).



## POWERFUL TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS

Family caregivers: Has being a caregiver left you feeling drained and frustrated? Learn self-care tools to reduce personal stress, communicate more effectively, and deal with difficult caregiving situations.

Wednesdays, Oct. 10-Nov. 14  
3:30-5:00 PM

Register: [caregivers.mdpc.org](http://caregivers.mdpc.org)  
\$30 fee for program resources. Class size is limited. No professional caregivers, please.

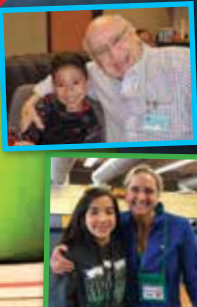



**PROGRAM BEGINS IN OCTOBER**

## Change the World One Child at a Time...

Help young students succeed through mentoring, tutoring, or volunteering. The one-session trainings are offered on multiple days, and there are multiple ways to give your time. See how you can make a difference in a local kid's life:


[mentoring.mdpc.org](http://mentoring.mdpc.org)



# THE MUSIC BOX KIDS' CHOIR

Learn about music and choral singing in a fun, worshipful environment! All kids grades K-5 are welcome. Sign up at [themusicbox.mdpc.org](http://themusicbox.mdpc.org).

WEDNESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 19-NOVEMBER 14  
4:45-5:30 PM | CHAPEL



# word AND worship

2018-2019: A Study of Genesis

Five Weekly Day/Time Options

Details and registration: [wordandworship.mdpc.org](http://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

## MDPC Young Adults on Mission 2019

We're traveling to serve with MDPC's amazing mission partner, The Micah Project. Come see the love of Christ while experiencing the beauty that is Honduras.

Wednesday-Sunday, March 20-24, 2019  
\$600 out of pocket/\$600 fundraising

Email Trevor to learn more: [tharris@mdpc.org](mailto:tharris@mdpc.org)

## Worshipping Well

**Your Part** • Romans 11:33-12:2

Beth Case preaching

This is the first in a new sermon series: *Worshipping Well*. Worship is one of the core practices of the Christian life. The word “worship” doubles as both a noun (will you attend worship today?) and as a verb (will you worship today?). Over the next four weeks, we will look carefully at the opportunities and responsibilities presented to us in a setting of worship and worshipping. Together, we follow the invitation offered in Psalm 100:4: “Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His Name.”

1. Richard Foster suggested that churches throughout history have tended toward one of the following. Which one(s) of these most accurately reflects your early assumptions about, or understanding of, the Christian life? Which one(s) have you experienced at MDPC?
  - a. A Prayer-filled Life
  - b. A Holy & Virtuous Life
  - c. A Spirit-empowered Life
  - d. A Compassionate or Just Life
  - e. A Word-centered Life
  - f. A Sacramental Life
2. Op-ed columnist David Brooks observes that organizations are either *thick* or *thin*. A *thick* organization is one that leaves on you an impression, while *thin* organizations may leave scarcely a memory. James K. A. Smith speaks of practices/routines in the same way, saying that tooth brushing is a *thin* practice, while worship is a *thick* practice. What makes a practice, or an organization *thick*? How might God be inviting you toward something that would make worship “thicker” for you?
3. Read Romans 11:33-12:2. Then read Isaiah 40:12-17. How do these two passages relate to each other? What Scriptural truths, or stories from your life, support this doxology of praise to God?
4. In 1925, Frederick Lewis Donaldson listed the following as the *Seven Social Sins*: *Wealth without work. Pleasure without conscience. Knowledge without character. Commerce without morality. Science without humanity. Worship without sacrifice. Politics without principle.* How applicable is this list for today? What, if anything, would you add/change to make it relevant in 2018? What sacrifice might you make each week in preparation for worship?
5. The words I heard from Rev. Alistair Begg have stuck with me since college: “I can promise you that Sunday worship will never be boring again if you worship every other day of the week. You might be angry, you might be convicted, you might have to change the way you live, ...but you will never be bored.” How do these words confirm, or deny, your own understanding of worship?
6. The topic of Christian Worship is discussed by many authors, each one doing his/her best to put words to something greater than our human understanding. Read the following, one at a time, and respond/discuss:
  - a. “Prayer is an asking. Worship is an offering.” –Evelyn Underhill
  - b. “Worship means seeing God’s worth, and then doing something about it...Worship is grasping a truth about God and then letting that truth strike you in the center of your being. It thrills you, comforts you. That’s when the truth has moved from left to right brain—from mind to heart.” –Tim Keller
  - c. “We will never worship God with a sincere heart, or be roused to fear and obey Him with sufficient zeal, until [we] properly understand how much [we] are indebted to His mercy.” – John Calvin

