

THIS WEDNESDAY **THE WELL: A WOMEN'S SPEAKER SERIES** **AGES 17+ ARE WELCOME**

"CONNECTED"

At this semi-annual gathering, a panel of real, honest MDPC women bravely share their personal stories, showing us that we are not alone in our life experiences.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24
6:00-8:00 PM • CHAPEL

Enjoy light bites in the Parlor at 6:00 PM, and the speakers start at 6:30 in the Chapel. Learn more and let us know you're coming! Visit us online: THEWELL.MDPC.ORG




Sponsored by **MDPC DADS**

TRUNK or TREAT

Sign up to participate &/or volunteer!

Sunday, October 28 | 3:30-4:45 PM
trunkortreat.mdpc.org




TODAY! **ALL ADULTS WELCOME**

PARENT POW-WOWS


What's Influencing Our Kids Now

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

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

November 4, 11, & 25
• Critical Conversations

POWWOW.MDPC.ORG





MDPC Backpack Buddy

Help provide healthy food to students who otherwise would go hungry on weekends. You spend just a few hours in the morning volunteering at Houston Food Bank.

Select Mondays & Saturdays in the Fall

Visit the webpage to learn about the program and sign up to fill backpacks!

bpbuddy.mdpc.org

WRAPS ON WEDNESDAY

THE ANATOMY OF TRAFFICKING

EDUCATION TO UNDERSTANDING TO PREVENTION


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

Learn about the often overlooked impact of pornography on human trafficking. Each speaker will contribute to better understanding. The goal is to pull the problem out of the shadows, enable conversation, and move toward finding a solution.

OCTOBER 24: Reducing the Demand
BOB RODGERS, President & CEO of *Street Grace*

Street Grace is a faith-driven organization that mobilizes community resources – financial, human, and material – to fight Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking (DMST) through awareness, education, and action.


JUSTICE INITIATIVE
justice.mdpc.org



MDPC Covenant Sunday
November 4 | All services

Pledging is at once a sign of your trust in God's provision, a tangible commitment to His work through MDPC, and a tool to help church leadership plan and budget. Convenient online pledging is available at pledge.mdpc.org (participate on Covenant Sunday by checking "I pledged online" on the card you submit).

pledge.mdpc.org



All-Church **Worship Night**

Thursday, November 15
7:00-8:00 PM | Chapel
6:30 PM: Doors open & snacks

Worship...it's not just for Sundays. Come hungry for music, prayer, Spirit-filled encouragement, and space to listen and respond to our amazing God.

Multi-Generational Event!

No registration required. Reserve free childcare at childcare@mdpc.org.



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.

HONDURAS Tegucigalpa

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

Email Trevor to learn more: tharris@mdpc.org

Sunday, October 21, 2018

Passion Into Action

—Acts 20:35





*Please stand if able. **8:30 AM BLENDED • 9:45 AM CONTEMPORARY** CCLI # 182374

WORSHIP INVITATION

NEW MEMBERS (9:45)

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE (8:30)

MESSAGE **PASSION INTO ACTION: THE MODEL** Alf Halvorson
Luke 10:25-37 (NRSV)

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE (9:45)

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 *Lied (Song)* Louise Vierne (1870-1937)

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Dave Steane

CHORAL INTROIT *I Will Praise Thee, O Lord* Robert Baker (b. 1941)

***HYMN OF PRAISE** *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* #482; Vs. 1, 3 | LOBE DEN HERREN

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE** Amy Delgado

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from the Apostles' Creed

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *The Gloria Patri* Hymn #579

ANTHEM *Thou Gracious God, Whose Mercy Lends* Mack Wilberg (b. 1955)

NEW MEMBERS

OFFERTORY *Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace* Mary McDonald (b. 1956)

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***HYMN OF RESPONSE** *Lord Jesus, Think on Me* #301; Vs. 1, 2, 3 | SOUTHWELL

POSTLUDE *Toccata* Georgi Mushel (1909-1989)

Musicians in this service: Emily Borling, guest organist; Charles Hausmann, conductor; Jason Zacher, Rodney Strong, and Avery Rabon, soloists

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY: Following the 9:45 service, there will be a congregational meeting in the Sanctuary to elect the Elder Class of 2021, Trustees (terms noted), and the 2019 Nominating Committee.

ELDER NOMINEES, CLASS OF 2021:
Mary Lee Going, Admin., Clerk Elect-elect
Amy Harrington, Admin., Personnel Elect-elect
Marcus Jonesi, Admin., Treasurer Elect-elect
David Michels, Admin., Generosity
Nancy Kimmey, Caring, Memorial Services
Dick Harris, Caring, Vision and Planning
Betsy Farver, Caring, Visitation
Melanie Jaeger, Children's, Elementary (2-year term)
Malinn Saxe, Equipping, Speaker Series
Grant Hixson, Outreach, Local
Robert Casteel, Outreach, Local (2-year term)
Marsha Hartsell, Outreach, Global
Maureen Singleton, Worship & Music
Christine Gentil, Youth, Discipleship

TRUSTEE NOMINEES, 2019:
Marcus Jonesi, Treasurer Elect-elect (2019-2021)
Mary Lee Going, Clerk Elect-elect (2019-2021)
Tim Fenn, Personnel Elder (2019)

NOMINEES, 2019 NOMINATING COMMITTEE:
Jerry Blurton, Clerk-elect, Moderator
Buz Jochetz, Immediate Past Clerk
Michael Benes, At-Large
Sharon Fox, At-Large
Becky Funderburk, At-Large
Kelly Handel, At-Large
Bart Henson, At-Large
Jan Tomlinson, At-Large
Mary Lee Going, Clerk Elect-elect, Ex Officio
Dave Steane, Executive Pastor, Ex Officio

MDPC NEW MEMBERS

Today we are so happy to introduce these 13 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.



Carlos Chávez is married to MDPC member Elizabeth Cifuentes. They have three children Erick (17), Vivian (16), and Nayeli (10). Carlos works as a Coating Process Operator, and he enjoys serving others in his spare time. He attends the 11:15 AM Fuente service.



Armando Espinosa is single and enjoys working out, walking, and reading in his spare time. He works in a restaurant as a cook and attends the 11:15 AM Fuente service.



Sergio Guerrero is married to MDPC member Noelia Hernandez. They have two children, Aileen (24) and Christopher (17), and one grandchild, Isabella (4). Sergio works as a Machine Operator, and he enjoys exercising and walking in his spare time. Additionally, he would like to attend Men's gatherings more often. He attends the 11:15 AM Fuente service.



Larry and Kathy Kelley have one daughter, Colleen (26). Larry is a professor at the University of Houston. He enjoys Bible study and outreach. Kathy is a retired elementary school registrar and graphic designer. She loves reading, arts & crafts, and outreach and volunteer opportunities.



Katrina Mabon recently moved to Houston from Peachtree Presbyterian Church in Atlanta. She has two adult children, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. She's currently on the Buckingham Council. She is a Stephen Minister, and she also loves to sing.



John and Miranda McKee are the parents of Tyler (13) and Maxwell (10). John is a consultant with Hyperjump, LLC. He enjoys reading, volunteering with Boy Scouts, traveling, and skiing. Miranda is an accountant with BP America. She enjoys traveling, the kids' activities, their two dogs and a cat, and coaching Odyssey of the Mind.



Tracy McMullen is married to Randy, and she is the mother of Taylor (13) and Reese (11). She is a Solution Architect for interRel Consulting. She loves reading, tennis, and CrossFit.



Ashley Myers is the mother of Ford Miller, 2-½. She works in commercial real estate. She loves chasing her two-year-old, cooking, and volunteering with Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.



William and Rebekah Stowe are the parents of Whitney Katharine (7 months). William is an attorney with Jackson Walker, LLP. Rebekah is Senior Manager of Planning and Allocation at Academy Sports and Outdoors. She loves gardening, cooking, and yoga. They both love spending time with family.



Dexter Turner has one son, Griffin (22). Dexter is Software Support Manager for Edge Technologies. He relocated to Houston from Plano in 2016. After visiting many churches in the area he found the MDPC staff helpful, its members encouraging, and the worship uplifting, and decided to make MDPC home. He has a variety of hobbies and interests but tends to fill his free time with reading and writing and spending time with friends and family.

New Member Service Day at EAST SPRING BRANCH FOOD PANTRY

New Member Classes end with a Saturday spent serving in the community. This time, they helped out a long-time MDPC ministry partner, East Spring Branch Food Pantry. It provided 1,000 turkeys and meals-in-a-bag to clients for Thanksgiving 2017, and YOUR generous bag donations played a huge part in making that outreach possible! MDPC is supporting the program again this year - look for details inside this bulletin.



IS IT TIME FOR YOU TO JOIN MDPC?

DISCOVER MDPC WITH ALF

Want to know more about MDPC? Thinking about membership? Discover MDPC is a brief informational meeting 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, November 4 | 10:45-11:10 AM | Gathering Room

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.

Sundays, November 11-December 9 (No class Nov 25) | 11:00 AM-12:15 PM | Parlor

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

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

HAPPENING AT MDPC

Congregational Meeting Today

Motion: to approve a Congregational Meeting for the purpose of electing the Elder Class of 2021 and the 2019 Nominating Committee.

Today following 9:45 AM Worship | Sanctuary

Nearly and Newly

A small group for engaged and married couples in their 20s & 30s. Using videos, books, articles, discussions, and guest speakers we will learn together how to build a strong marriage that lasts a lifetime!

Sundays at 11:00 AM | MC 217

Email Michelle Collins: michellejeanea@gmail.com

All Saints Day Reception

At the All Saints Service, we honor and remember members who passed on to the Church Triumphant in the past year. Following each worship service that day, you are invited to a reception in honor of your loved one and other Christian brothers and sisters who have departed to their heavenly home. Drop by anytime, 9:30 AM-12:45 PM, for light refreshments. You will be welcomed by a team of caring staff, lay persons, and pastors. Invite others to join you for worship and for the reception on this important day.

Sunday, Oct 28 | Caring Ministries Office (CLC)

Advent Silent Retreat

Everyone is welcome. Villa de Matel provides a beautiful, quiet, reverent setting to stop and listen to God.

Monday, December 3 | 9:00 AM-2:30 PM

Villa de Matel Convent (6510 Lawndale, 77023)

\$30 (includes lunch and supplies)

Register by Nov. 16: silentretreat.mdpc.org

MDPC Young Adult Fall Retreat

Join the young adult community on a retreat to the tranquility of the Hill Country. This is for 20s to mid-30s looking 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

Thanksgiving Meal-in-a-Bag

Nourish a family and lift their spirits by providing groceries for a homemade Thanksgiving meal. The recipients are screened by East Spring Branch Food Pantry; most of the families have children in SBISD schools. A list of specific items is attached to a provided cloth shopping bag for you to fill and return. Volunteers will hand these out on Oct. 28 and Nov. 4 after all services, or pick up a kit in the Front Office during the week.

Return filled bags by Sunday, November 11.

Pick up a bag and list while on campus, or visit thanksgiving.mdpc.org for the list.

Knitting for Missions: Evening Edition

This MDPC group knits preemie 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

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: collegeskitrip.mdpc.org

Volunteer Opportunity

MDPC's Medical Center Apartment Ministry is in need of manpower. All you need is a heart for welcoming out-of-towners, compassion for patients experiencing serious health issues, and/or the ability to do simple administrative tasks such as completing forms and using a website. The few hours a week needed are flexible. This is a fantastic opportunity to see the difference Christian outreach can make in a person's life.

Contact Peggy Vincent: yggepvincent@gmail.com, 713-816-3311

This week, please pray for these MDPC Ministry Partners:

The Rose's mission is to reduce deaths from breast cancer by providing screening, diagnosis, and access to treatment, regardless of a patient's ability to pay. Last year they helped over 9,000 uninsured women.

the-rose.org

The Salvation Army is an international evangelical Christian ministry that operates shelters and transitional housing facilities in Houston. Motivated by the love of God, its mission is to preach the Gospel while meeting the needs of the community's homeless through comprehensive care and programs that foster recovery.

salvationarmyhouston.org

MDPC Field Partner in Central Asia. This MDPC partner family focuses its ministry on reaching those who have not yet heard about or encountered Jesus Christ. They demonstrate God's love and power within the community and work with local believers on training and modeling church planting. They leverage their creation of a local business to build community and spread the love of Jesus.



WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

2018 Operating Budget	\$ 11,600,000
Expected Income to Date	\$ 6,660,916
Actual Income to Date (10/14/18)	\$ 7,031,942
Current Income Surplus	\$ 371,027
Needed to Meet 2018 Budget	\$ 4,568,058



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Passion Into Action

COMMIT: The Model

Luke 10:25-37 | Pastor Alf preaching

This is the first of a series on Generosity called *Passion Into Action: Commit, Connect, Affect* – or, as my three messages are titled, *The Model, The Motivation, The Method*. In this first sermon, we look at the parable of The Good Samaritan in Luke 10:25-37, maybe the best-known parable Jesus ever told. It is my second favorite, after the Parable of the Prodigal Son.

Let me set the stage and context for this amazing parable. According to Luke 9:1-5, Jesus has called the 12 together, given them power through the Holy Spirit, and sent them out to proclaim the Kingdom of God and to heal; and chapter 10 begins with the 70 being sent out in pairs to every town and place where Jesus intended to go with this charge: “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves.” The 70 return to share that amazing things have happened, “even the demons submit to us.” Then a lawyer stands up to test Jesus...

1. Read Luke 10:25-29.
 - a. What question does the lawyer (religious scholar) ask?
 - b. How does Jesus respond? What question does Jesus ask?
 - c. How does the lawyer respond to Jesus’ question?
 - d. What is Jesus’ response to that answer?
 - e. What is the lawyer’s last question? Why does the lawyer ask it, according to the text?
2. Jesus’ answer to the lawyer’s last question (e.) is the parable. Read Luke 10:30-35. What strikes you about this story in the wider context of the Mission of the 12 and 70, and the dialogue with the lawyer?
3. Do we know any cultural markings of the person who is hurt?
 - a. What do you know about the two people who do not help the wounded person? Why, do you think, did they walk by the injured man? (Note: In my sermon, I gave a couple of possible reasons.)
 - b. Who helps the injured man? What do you know about Samaritans? How, specifically did he help? And how did he not help? (For example, he did not stop his life. He kept his next day’s appointment.)
4. In verse 29, the lawyer asked, “And who is my neighbor?” *Neighbor* is a noun here. Read verse 36. Jesus asks the lawyer this question, “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” Or, in Greek, who “neighbored”? *Neighbor* in verse 36 is a verb. Is that significant? How? What might Jesus be trying to say not only to the lawyer but to the wider crowd, including us?
5. From reading and studying this passage, what is your definition of “neighbor” now? Who is your neighbor (noun), and how are we supposed to neighbor (verb)?
6. I tied the Samaritan’s gift of first aid and money (as well as his pledge to come back and repay whatever more was spent) to our generosity campaign? How might that connection influence your attitude toward pledging for 2019 and even what your pledge might be this year? Jesus does say, “Go and do likewise.” (Note: *There are so many needs in Houston and beyond, and I know of no church that vets its outreach partners more thoroughly than MDPC, and no church more committed to maximizing the impact of its staff and programs and becoming leaner where needed.*)

