

Congregational Meeting

Our church family will meet to approve the call of Brazilian Presbyterian Church's Pastor Almir as an MDPC Associate Pastor; review 2018 highlights; present the 2019 budget and pastors' terms of call; and look ahead to our vision for 2019. Plan to join us for lunch (details on the Sunday Supper ad inside) and the meeting.

Next Sunday, Feb 10 | 12:30 PM | Fellowship Hall

Theology On Tap: Catholicism

Come hear from Catholic and Protestant scholars on the distinctions between the two, and then text in your questions to a panel of pastors, priests, and professors, while drinking craft beer.

Tuesday, Feb 12 | 7:00-9:00 PM | 2515 Waugh Dr.

Open to Young Adults (20s & 30s)

\$5 gets you craft beer & food

facebook.com/theologyontaphouston

2019 Global Mission Trips

Interested in going on a mission trip or vision trip in 2019? Come and join fellow MDPC members to visit and serve alongside one of our beloved global outreach partners. Don't miss this opportunity to see and participate in the amazing work God is doing abroad. Trip details are available on the MDPC website and on flyers throughout MDPC... Where is God calling you?

Contact Kelsi McCormack: kmccormack@mdpc.org

ROM 20th Anniversary Celebration

Join us for an evening of celebration and thanksgiving for the first 20 Years of Renewing Our Minds Ministry (ROM). Over the years, this MDPC partner has transformed and equipped hundreds of young lives across the world for leadership, service, love, and reconciliation. Come hear about their impactful history and their vision for the future.

Wednesday, Feb 20 | 6:30 PM | Summit Room

Contact Kelsi with questions: kmccormack@mdpc.org

Youth Summer Mission Trips

Mission trips are planned for students in 6th grade, 7th-8th grade, and high school. Visit the link below to learn more and sign up! Scholarships available.

youthmissions.mdpc.org

This week's Ministry Partner prayer focus is on:

Back 2 Basics Ministry brings the love of God to forgotten teenagers living on the streets and in shelters, foster homes, and mental facilities. It provides consistent and loving relationships that help address each teen's unique spiritual, emotional, and material needs.

b2bministry.com

Be An Angel was started in 1986 by a parent at T.H. Rogers School to improve the quality of life for children living with multiple disabilities or profound deafness. It provides adaptive equipment, school programs, and specialized services.

beanangel.org

MDPC Field Partners Chris and Jaime live in the Middle East. Their goal is to mobilize disciple-making movements within the communities where they live and work. Pray for Chris, Jaime, their three children, and their team to be strengthened by God as they seek opportunities to share their faith in Jesus while building relationships with their neighbors, co-workers, and those that are placed in their path.

2019 Church in the City

The entire MDPC family will again serve together on a Sunday morning at Houston Food Bank!

Sunday, February 24

Register today: citc.mdpc.org

Who Will You Invite to Alpha?

Alpha is a great place to invite people to explore faith and discuss "the big questions." Its interactive sessions allow them to experience Jesus for themselves and make their own decisions about faith. See our ad inside.

Tuesdays, February 5-March 26 | 6:30-8:15 PM

For details, see today's insert or visit alpha.mdpc.org.

Gems & Jewels / Scuba: Correct Times

Bible study for 3rd-5th graders to get to know Jesus! Correction to what was printed in last week's bulletin: Girls meet at 5:30 PM and Boys at 6:30 PM.

Wednesdays through April 10

Register: children.mdpc.org

Outreach Committees Need You!

When you serve an MDPC local or global subcommittees, you get to see God at work through our ministry partners. You'll learn about, pray with, and participate in annual reviews of the ministry partners. Meet monthly to report, make recommendations for funding, and vote, and these are sent to Session for approval. **15 more volunteers needed. Please consider serving!**

If you feel God calling you to serve in Outreach, email Stan Simmons (cssimmons49@gmail.com) for details.

Blood Drive

Illness, disasters, and emergency surgeries are unpredictable - which is why regular blood drives are so important! Please plan to donate if you can.

Sunday, Feb 17 | 8:00 AM-2:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Sign up anytime at giveblood.org.

Youth Baseball/Softball and Volleyball

Baseball/softball is for boys and girls in pre-K to 6th grade. Volleyball is for girls in 4th through 8th grade who are not in club volleyball.

All practices begin the week of March 18.

Games: Saturdays, March 23-May 18

Register by February 17 (\$120): sports.mdpc.org

Get to Know and Pray for All the MDPC Ministry Partners!

Pick up a free 2019 Ministry Partner booklet and get to know and pray for MDPC's 150+ local and global ministry partners. You and YOUR prayer are a vital part of their work! Three ministries to pray for are listed each week for the year.

**The Red Rose is in honor of:**

Owen Henry Jensen, born January 16, 2019, to Cristen and Justin Jensen. He is the grandson of Cathy and Carl Moerer and the great-grandson of Lucy Cruce.

The White Rose is in memory of:

Dennis Krumnow, who passed January 22, 2019.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

MDPC's 2019 Operating Budget is pending review and approval by MDPC Session.

**8:30 AM BLENDED**

WELCOME

Clay Brown

***SONGS OF PRAISE**

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

Brett Hurst

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

MESSAGE

THIS IS US | Genesis 39:1-12 (NRSV)

Alf Halvorson

9:45 AM CONTEMPORARY

WELCOME

Brett Hurst

SCOUT SUNDAY | EAGLE SCOUT RECOGNITION

Scoutmaster: Tom Cain

Eagle Scout Honor Roll: Chase Bains, Noah Czelusta, Morgan Ekblad, David Jeske, Trace LaRue, Alex Lamprecht, Colin McClellan, Luke McLane, David Mouton, Joe Pfeifer, Miles Prator, Tyler Presswood, Luke Snelling, Samuel Vassar

God & Life Awardees: Austen Bossio, Thomas Cain, Ryan Lamprecht, Kyle Moore, Joseph Park, Baker Wardell

PRAY Program Leader: Elizabeth Snelling
Eagle Scout Coordinator: Ronald Wardell

CALL TO WORSHIP

James Shea, Troop 642 Sr. Patrol Leader

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Tara Reynolds

MESSAGE

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Alf Halvorson

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

Musicians in the first two 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

Fantasy in G Minor

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Clay Brown

CHORAL INTROIT

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

arr. Vaclav Nelhybel (1919-1996)

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

#281; vs. 1, 2, 3 | CWM RHONDDA

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

Christyn Knoop

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

OFFERTORY

Hear Me, Redeemer

Henry Mollicone (b. 1949)

MESSAGE

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Alf Halvorson

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion will be shared by intinction. As directed by the ushers, you will come forward to the Communion stations in the front of the section where you are seated. Dip the bread in the cup and eat, before returning to your seat.

COMMUNION MEDITATIONS

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus
Sweet Hour of Prayer

arr. Dan Forrest (b.1978)
arr. Camil Van Hulse (1897-1988)

POSTLUDE

Rondo Giocoso


Douglas Wagner (b. 1952)

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

* Please stand if able.

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Thank you to the Troop 642 Boy Scouts serving as ushers in the 9:45 AM service.



Is there more to life?

Alpha's interactive sessions start with a free meal and a short talk on a faith-related topic, followed by time for discussion. No question, belief, or idea is off limits. Say as much or as little as you want.

Tuesdays, February 5-March 26 • 6:30-8:15 PM
Alpha is **FREE**. Dinner and childcare are provided.
Info and registration: alpha.mdpc.org

STARTS TUESDAY

Try it once or come each week. No pressure and no follow-up to return.



Let's do this!

MDPC

CHURCH IN THE CITY

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Serve shoulder-to-shoulder with your MDPC family at our annual Sunday morning of service! Meet here at 8:00 AM, bus to Houston Food Bank with some mobile worship, serve at HFB, and return to MDPC around noon for lunch.

[Details and sign-up: CITC.mdpc.org](http://CITC.mdpc.org)



FAITHFUL FATHERING

MDPC DADS & FAITHFUL FATHERING PRESENT

MARCH DADNESS

dadness.mdpc.org

Tuesdays
February 12-March 5
6:30-7:45 AM | Amphitheater

Step up your game as a dad!
Join other fathers and father-figures for a 4-week "Exploring the Seasons of Fathering" study.

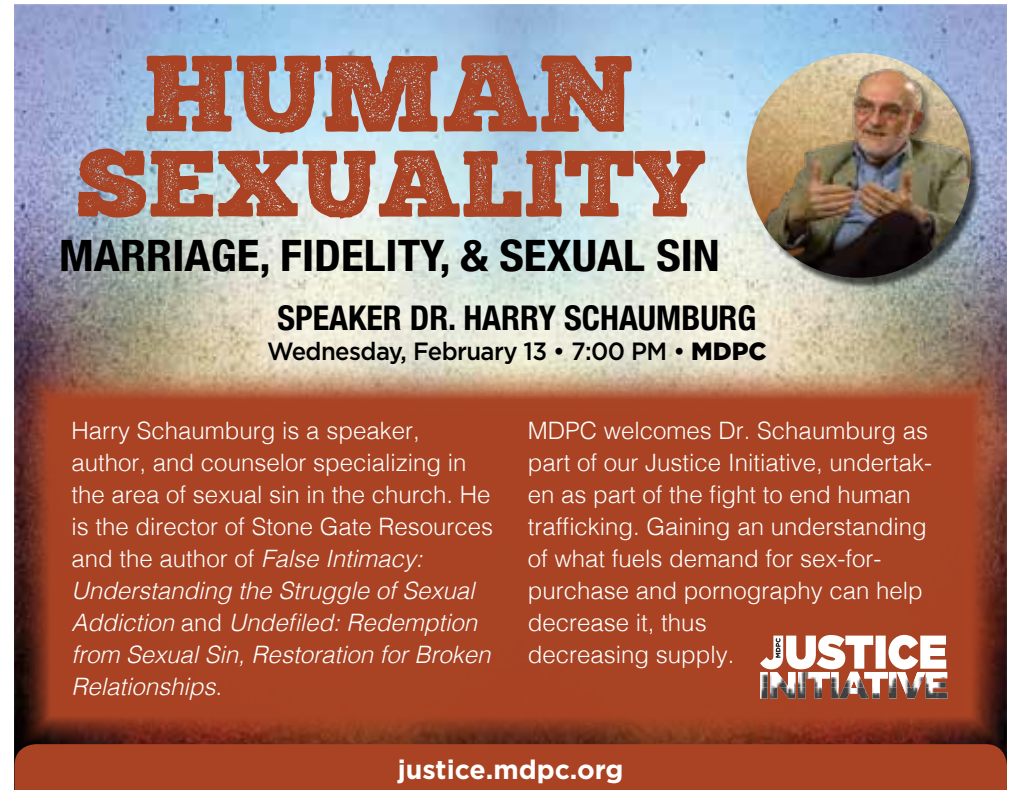


Being Human

YOU'RE FINE. I'M FINE. EVERYTHING'S FINE.

If you're finding Pastor Alf's sermons on **jealousy**, **family issues**, and **a longing to connect** relatable, check out new special episodes of the *Being Human* podcast. Hosted by seminarian Laurien Hook and Amanda Grace Caldwell, MA, LPC. In episode 6, guest **Rachel Poysky** talks about **Family Systems, Secrets, & Rules**.

Listen now: beinghuman.mdpc.org



HUMAN SEXUALITY

MARRIAGE, FIDELITY, & SEXUAL SIN

SPEAKER DR. HARRY SCHAUMBURG
Wednesday, February 13 • 7:00 PM • MDPC

Harry Schaumburg is a speaker, author, and counselor specializing in the area of sexual sin in the church. He is the director of Stone Gate Resources and the author of *False Intimacy: Understanding the Struggle of Sexual Addiction and Undefined: Redemption from Sexual Sin, Restoration for Broken Relationships*.

MDPC welcomes Dr. Schaumburg as part of our Justice Initiative, undertaken as part of the fight to end human trafficking. Gaining an understanding of what fuels demand for sex-for-purchase and pornography can help decrease it, thus decreasing supply.

JUSTICE INITIATIVE

justice.mdpc.org



Bake Cookies for U.S. Troops

MDPC: Put on your aprons, dig out your bowls & spoons, and bake!

Sewing for Missions is collecting homemade cookies to make care packages for U.S. military abroad. Our soldiers receive any gift with hearts full of gratitude...but it's homemade treats they really crave.

CARE PACKAGE ASSEMBLY: February 7 • 9:30 AM-1:00 PM • CLC 170
Drop your cookies off or stay to help package. All are welcome!



SECOND-SUNDAY SUPPER

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10 | 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Adults \$10 • Children \$4 • Vegetable Plate \$7

ENTRÉE: Kung Pao Chicken or Shrimp Fried Rice served with White Rice, Fried Rice, Steamed Bok Choy, Lo Mein with Cabbage

CHILDREN'S ENTRÉE: Child's Portion

ENTRÉE SALAD: Asian Chicken

Cong. Meeting at 12:30 PM (See back page)



Valentine Cookies by Chef Bernie

Homemade shortbread cookies with a hint of almond flavor (but nut free), decorated for spreading love to family, friends, or your sweetie!

Order by Monday, February 11:

treats.mdpc.org

Chef Bernie reminds you, "The way to a person's heart is through their stomach..."



MARRIAGE SUPPORT

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Powerful Tools
for Caregivers

See Directory Listing on reverse side for additional information.

If you came from a family, chances are that you've experienced some of the issues addressed in Pastor Alf's THIS IS US sermon series. Feelings may be bubbling up as you listen to each Sunday's message and to the special editions of the *Being Human* podcast. MDPC has a variety of services to provide emotional and spiritual support for you and your family. We hope you'll reach out and get connected. Most of the services listed here are provided at no cost to MDPC members and to the community. We would love the chance to support you.

DIRECTORY OF CARE & SUPPORT SERVICES

MINISTRY	WEBSITE	CONTACT NAME
MARRIAGE SUPPORT Dinner & A Marriage Marriage Retreat Married Life Prep Marriage Tune-Ups Premarital/Marital Counseling <i>Marriage To The Max</i> Podcast	marriage.mdpc.org dinnerandamarriage.org marriageretreat.mdpc.org mlp.mdpc.org homeencouragement.org counseling.mdpc.org marriagetothemax.org	Brett Hurst Brett Hurst/Sue Harkins Brett & Kellie Hurst Anna Vickers Brett & Kellie Hurst Amanda Grace Caldwell
PARENTING The Galaxy Special Needs, Foster, & Adoption Youth Ministries <i>Kids These Days</i> Podcast	kids.mdpc.org galaxy.mdpc.org specialneeds.mdpc.org youth.mdpc.org ktd.mdpc.org	Rachel Poysky Lyndsey Dottavio Keri Mosk Laura Miller
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COUNSELING <i>Being Human</i> Podcast	counseling.mdpc.org beinghuman.mdpc.org	Amanda Grace Caldwell
PRAYER Prayer Chain Prayer Wall	caring.mdpc.org Email prayer@mdpc.org prayerwall.mdpc.org	Beth Case Annette Erickson Marquita Pointer
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This is the third in our series on Joseph's life and how it relates to ours. Joseph has had dreams where he will lead others and his brothers and father will bow to him; but his brothers have become jealous and acted on this envy to remove him and his dreams from their lives. When a caravan of merchants passes by on its way to Egypt, the brothers sell Joseph into slavery for 20 pieces of silver.

THIS IS US

The Story of Joseph's Family...and Ours

Overcoming Temptation

Genesis 39:1-12 (NRSV)

Alf Halvorson preaching

John Ortberg has written, "Joseph is far away from home, separated from his father, betrayed by his brothers, surrounded by strangers, bought and sold as a slave. He is penniless, powerless, friendless, and homeless. His dreams appear to be dead. But often our hearts are revealed and our character is forged when life does not turn out the way we had planned it."

1. When, in your life, have you experienced a setback? What was your dead-end place? How did you initially feel when it happened? And how did you eventually get past it?
2. Read just the first part (Gen. 39:1-6b) of our passage. What happens to Joseph when he gets down to Egypt? What is the progression of jobs he holds in Potiphar's world?
3. Verse 2 is the first time God is mentioned in the Joseph saga. What do you make of that fact? Where was God before? Is it that we often turn to God when things are tough, but we take God for granted when things are going well? Discuss.
4. Verses 3 and 5 seem to suggest that if God is with us then we will be successful or prosper. Is that always true or not? How would you define the word "prosper" here? Has that been your experience in your life, in the short-term and the long-term?
5. I suggested in my sermon that the first crucible for Joseph in Egypt was whether to give up or persevere. Where might you need to persevere right now? It may be a situation you didn't choose and wish you didn't have to walk through, but how might you learn from Joseph?
6. Now read Gen. 39:6b-12. I suggested in my sermon that the second crucible Joseph had to undergo was temptation. It's one thing to say "no" to temptation once and be done with it. How was this temptation so difficult and many-layered for Joseph?
7. What tools, approaches, and strategies did Joseph use to overcome this ongoing challenge? Is his argument that this would be a sin against God compelling to you? Why or why not?
8. What is a temptation from the past, big or small, you succumbed to or overcame? Share as appropriate. What lesson did you learn that might be worth sharing? And what temptation is lurking at the door in your life right now? How might you overcome it, with God's help?

