



Please lift up the American armed forces, and these men and women serving abroad. We ask that you keep our loved ones and countrymen who are in harm's way in your daily prayers.

Berklee and David Baay's nephew:
Stephen Middlebrook Baay | Marines

John and Kay Krebs' son:
Lieutenant Kory Krebs | Navy

Craig Behm's son-in-law:
Jeremy Fleming | Marines

Barbara Mourglia's nephew:
Staff Sergeant Brandon Macken | Air Force

Mark and Judy Blanchard's nephew:
Second Lt. Jimmy Shipley | Air Force

Jim and Carol Newlin's son-in-law:
Lt. Commander Michael J. Canzone | Navy

Second Lt. Mark Bressler | Army Reserves

David and Shannon Perry's son:
Aircraft Commander Sean Perry | Air Force

Tom and M.A. Dunscombe's son-in-law:
Commander Stephen W. Burgher, MD | Navy

Deborah Pruitt's son-in-law:
Major Neil McMullin | Marine Surgeon

Paul and Susan Galvin's nephew:
Major Joseph Galvin | Army

Virginia Russell's grandson:
Sergeant Joseph Russell | Army

Bob and Carol Giles' daughter:
Major Ellen Giles Jones, MD | Army

Joe and Jean Simmons' grandson:
Specialist William Bruce Berry | Army

Scott Gilley's brother:
Captain Stephen R. Gilley | Marines

Jane Ann Smeck's son:
BUCA Cameron Freeman | Navy

Sergeant Kyle Hinton | Army

Dave and Jenny Steane's son:
Specialist Tyler Steane | Army

Bud and Janet Hughes' son:
Chase Hughes | Navy

Mark and Lisa Susman's son:
Lieutenant JG Max Susman | Navy

Brenda and Fred Jackson's grandson:
First Lieutenant Charles Smith | Army

Jim and Gladys Taylor's nephew:
Gunnery Sergeant Christopher Taylor | Marines

Sharon Johnson's son:
Staff Sergeant Richard Johnson III | Army

Danilo Toledo and Zoraya Ávila Tellez's daughter:
Private Daniela Toledo | Army

Willie and Jody Jordan's grandnephew:
Lieutenant Josh Kash | Navy

Alejandro and Raquel Vasquez's son:
Sergeant Alan Bejarano | Army

Grant Judge, Jr.'s son-in-law:
Chaplain Lieutenant Jeffrey Quinn | Marines

Bart and Barbara Westmoreland's family:
Major Justin Westmoreland | Air Force
Lt. Commander Andrew Cain | Navy
Lt. Colonel Brian Deas | Air Force

James and Lori Keeter's nephew:
Staff Sergeant Tommy Keeter | Army

Pauline Wolcott's grandson:
ET3 Robert Leeland | Navy

Margaret Kelmison's son-in-law:
Major General Kevin Kennedy

We strive for accuracy and sincerely regret any errors. Edits and additions may be sent to Eva Kaminski Shaw at eshaw@mdpc.org. Please notify us when you are blessed with the return home of your loved one.

HAPPENING AT MDPC

C-O-L-L-E-G-E Students!

Finals are in the rearview mirror and sunshine is ahead. Stay connected to your faith and your church this summer with MDPC's Summer College Bible Study. We meet for breakfast, coffee and community every Sunday. Come on upstairs and say hi.
10:45-11:00 AM | Breakfast & Coffee
11:00 AM-12:00 PM | College Bible Study | Rm 217
Questions? Text Trevor Harris: 713-446-8388

YA Volleyball

Come bump, set, spike with us... or just jump around in the sand (you know who you are...). All skill levels welcome! Bring \$5 to chip in toward court rental costs. Afterward, we'll find a patio that will take our sweaty, sandy selves and enjoy a beer/early dinner together.
Next Sunday, June 2 | 3:00 PM | Sideout VolleyBar
Contact Sarah Stone: 832-605-8129, ssstone@mdpc.org

National Cancer Survivors Day

National Cancer Survivors Day® is held on the first Sunday in June each year to acknowledge cancer survivors, to raise awareness, and – most importantly – to celebrate life. If you or someone you love has been affected by cancer, please stop by the table next Sunday for recognition and light refreshments.
Next Sunday, June 2 | 9:30-11:15 AM | Lobby

Theology On Tap: The Bloody Bible

Have you ever struggled with the "God of Wrath" in the Bible? Come learn how to read and navigate questions about the war and violence in the Old Testament, and then text in your questions to a panel of pastors, priests, and professors, while drinking craft beer.
Tuesday, June 11 | 7:00-9:00 PM | Kindred Montrose Open to Young Adults (20s & 30s)
\$5 gets you craft beer & food
facebook.com/theologyontaphouston

Discover MDPC

Want to know more about MDPC? Thinking about membership? Attend this brief informational meeting led by Pastor Dave. No commitment required! Learn what it means to be part of our faith community.
Next Sunday, June 2 | 10:45-11:15 AM | The Nook

New Member Class Summer Intensive

If you are interested in membership, or in becoming a Christian, any of our pastors would love to meet you

This week's Ministry Partner prayer focus:

Gracewood is a transitional housing and family care program for single mothers in crisis and their children. It exists to strengthen families that are at risk for homelessness, keep the family intact, and help them become independent.
gracewood.org

His Grace Foundation provides physical, emotional, and financial support to children receiving bone marrow transplants at Texas Children's Hospital. It also provides critical support to patients' families during the 100-day post-transplant phase, serving approximately 200 families per year.
hisgracefoundation.org

Far East Broadcasting Company (FEBC) broadcasts in over 100 languages in 49 countries, using a variety of media to share the Good News of Jesus with the least-reached people of the world. For over 70 years, FEBC has been focusing on meeting the spiritual needs of their listeners and inspiring them to follow Jesus Christ.
febc.org

and discuss your questions! Taught by our Pastors and Elders, the class includes an outreach service project. This session is an "intensive," condensing the normally four-Sunday course into two sessions.

June 7-8 | Parlor (Friday eve & Saturday morn.)
Register: membership.mdpc.org

Soccer Camp and VBS

Kids meet Jesus while having fun on the soccer pitch! Hosted by MDPC's Multicultural Ministries.
June 10-14 | 9:00 AM-2:00 PM | MDPC
Girls and Boy ages 7-11 | \$5 per child
Register today! soccercamp.mdpc.org

ROM 20th Anniversary Celebration

Join us for an evening of celebration and thanksgiving for the first 20 years of Renewing Our Minds (ROM) ministry. 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 its impactful history and vision for the future.
Wednesday, June 12 | 6:30 PM | Parlor

Preschool Playground Play Date

Snow cones and fun provided! Preschoolers must be accompanied by a parent. A great chance to meet Preschool Ministry's summer interns!
Wednesday, June 19 | 2:30-3:30 PM
Contact Mayra Escamilla: mescamilla@mdpc.org

Married Life Prep

Couples! Plan to join us this summer for a fun, free, marriage prep course taught by Brett and Kellie Hurst. It combines Biblical teaching with the best current marriage research and is open to all engaged couples and those who are in their first 2-3 years of marriage.
Sundays, July 7-28 | 10:00 AM-Noon | CLC 171-172
For more information and to register: mlp.mdpc.org

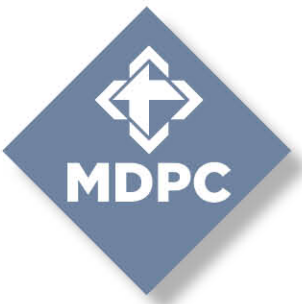
Marriage Retreat 2019

Come spend the weekend with your sweetie! Longtime marriage educators Brett and Kellie Hurst of Home Encouragement lead a fun and intentional getaway weekend focused on your married life. This special experience includes a comfortable atmosphere, excellent food, a one-on-one date night, and expert teaching.
Sept. 28-29 | Sugar Land Marriott | \$220/couple
Register: marriageretreat.mdpc.org

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

at 5/19/19

2019 Annual Budget	\$12,240,000
Actual Income to Date	\$3,816,301
Needed to Meet Budget	\$8,423,699



Sunday, May 26, 2019



TODAY WE CELEBRATE

All Saints AND Memorial Day

A TIME TO REMEMBER THOSE WE HAVE LOST.
A TIME TO HONOR THOSE WHO SERVE.

Count It All Joy

A Summer Series on the Book of Philippians

Preaching by Alf, the Associate Pastors, and other Bible Scholars!

Broken hearts, debt, illness, family strife...the challenges of a sin-ravaged world can easily steal our joy. Philippians directly addresses our tendency toward discouragement and hopelessness. Paul reminds us that the Gospel brings perspective and hope that is not contingent on how you feel or where you are or what you do. In this knowledge, we can find comfort, peace, and ultimately JOY!



Sunday, May 26, 2019

THE Antidote FOR Anxiety



Pursued • Psalm 23:6
Alf Halvorson preaching

* Please stand if able.

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8:30 AM BLENDED & 9:45 AM CONTEMPORARY

*PRAISE & WORSHIP

*CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE (prayers.mdpc.org)

TIME OF GRATEFUL REMEMBRANCE

MESSAGE

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE+

+ In the 8:30 Service, *Gifts of Gratitude* precedes the message. Musicians in these services: Allison Delgado and Meliza Gómez, worship leaders; Daniel Amaya, bass; George Heathco, guitar; Tim Hughes, violin; Asher Pudlo, drums

11:15 AM TRADITIONAL

PRELUDE *Soon and Very Soon* arr. Joel Raney (b. 1956)

CHORAL INTROIT *Lead, Kindly Light* Howard Goodall (b. 1958)

*HYMN OF PRAISE *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* #466; Vs. 1, 2, 3, 4 | AZMON

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from Romans 8

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *The Gloria Patri* Hymn #579

ANTHEM *Eternal Life* Craig Courtney (b. 1948)/arr. White

TIME OF GRATEFUL REMEMBRANCE

OFFERTORY *The Lord Is My Shepherd from Requiem* John Rutter (b. 1945)

MESSAGE

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* #171; Vs. 1, 6 | ST. COLUMBA

POSTLUDE *Chaconne* Louis Couperin (1626-1661)

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



TODAY, WE REMEMBER THESE MDPC MEMBERS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY SINCE OCTOBER 2018.

Reception: 10:30 AM-12:30 PM • Prayer Service 10:55-11:05 AM

We invite all who grieve the loss of a loved one to stop by the South Gallery this morning for refreshments. We also will hold a brief prayer service in the Columbarium. We invite anyone to join us as we remember those gone before us.



Claudette Shelfer
October 24, 2018



Mary Lew Carnahan
November 12, 2018



Walter F. Worth
November 16, 2018



William E. Fickert
November 20, 2018



Marie K. Chapline
February 24, 2019



LaVeta Bradley
March 12, 2019



Dorothy Bing
March 14, 2019



JoAnn Suthers
March 15, 2019



Robert C. McNair
November 23, 2018



Emily D. Warren
November 23, 2018



Robert A. Bussian
December 1, 2018



Richard D. Humphrey
December 22, 2018



Charles Thomas Ward
March 19, 2019



Larry Glasgow
March 23, 2019



Lance Livingston
April 8, 2019



James H. Kepner
April 13, 2019



Dorothy B. Homeyer
December 23, 2018



Betty Carr
January 13, 2019



Dennis C. Krumnow
January 22, 2019



Josephine A. Tarr
February 17, 2019



Ronald Larson
April 22, 2019



Don L. Russell
May 4, 2019



Margaret P. Smith
May 5, 2019



Shirley S. Lott
May 6, 2019

June Canned Food Drive
to benefit East Spring Branch Food Pantry

Summer donations are critical for Spring Branch students who will be without the benefit of school food programs.

Items Needed (cans, please):
Soup, Fruit, Diced Tomatoes,
Tomato Sauce, Chicken, Tuna

Collection dates:
Sundays, June 2, 9, & 16

THE Antidote FOR Anxiety

PSALM 23

PURSUED • Psalm 23:6

Alf Halvorson preaching

This is the fifth and final sermon in our post-Easter series on the Good Shepherd from Psalm 23. We have examined our picture of God to see if it is big enough and true enough. A faulty view of God, I am convinced, causes us as believers much of our worry, anxiety, and fear. A God-revealed picture, however, from God's Word, can give us great hope and

confidence in God's care, presence, provisions, and power.

1. I ended last week's sermon with some billboard signs, which originated in Florida, that are signed by God. Have you seen any of them in your travels? Many are funny and offer a helpful aspect of God's character or activity. One, I pointed out, made me cringe. It said, "Don't make Me come down there." Signed, God." What does that billboard convey about God? How does Psalm 23 counter that saying?
2. Read Ps. 23:1-6. Focus especially on the final part, verse 6. What does the word "surely" mean? What are the two attributes of God the verse says will follow us? Read Luke 18:19 and Ps. 103:2-12. Discuss what you think goodness and mercy mean in the context of God's "benefits."
3. The text says goodness and mercy shall "follow me." The Hebrew literally means, "pursue, chase, or hunt—in a good sense." Have you ever thought God pursues you? Why would God need to pursue you?
4. Have you ever fled or hid from God? Read Ps. 139:1-15, 23-24. How and in what ways does this text describe you/us? There is an 1890 poem by Francis Thompson called "The Hound of Heaven." It begins, "*I fled Him, down the nights and down the days; I fled Him, down the arches of the years; I fled Him, down the labyrinthine ways of my own mind; and in the mist of tears I hid from Him, and under running laughter. Up vistaed hopes I sped; and shot, precipitated, Adown Titanic glooms of chasmed fears, from those strong Feet that followed, followed after. But with unhurrying chase, and unperturbed pace, deliberate speed, majestic instancy, They beat—and a Voice beat more instant than the Feet...*" How have you experienced God as the "hound of heaven"? Explain.
5. The Psalm ends, "And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long" (or "forever," depending on the translation). The idea literally is "for length of days." One way to look at it is that David suggests that we can dwell in God's presence and house in this life and in the life to come. John 10:27-28a says, "My sheep hear My voice; I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." Can you say at the end of our Psalm 23 Series, "The Lord is my Shepherd"? How can you listen to His voice and follow Him this very day and every day to come?

