HAPPENING AT MDPC

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**

face book. com/theology on taphouston

Kids' Meals Service Project

School is letting out, but the needs of Houston's food-insecure preschoolers continue throughout the summer. To fight childhood hunger, simply show up with a hat or hairnet and 4 loaves of bread (plain white or wheat, nothing fancy needed) per sandwich-maker. Wednesday, June 12 | 4:30 PM | Fellowship Hall *kidsmeals.mdpc.org*

ROM 20th Anniversary Celebration

All are invited to celebrate the first 20 years of MDPC partner Renewing Our Minds ministry. It has transformed and equipped hundreds of young lives across the world for leadership, service, and reconciliation. Come hear about its history and vision for the future. Wednesday, June 12 | 6:30 PM | Parlor

 $Contact \ Kelsi \ with \ questions: \ kmccormack @mdpc.org$

Summer Movie Series

Prime Timers' Senior Group proudly hosts another film series for your enjoyment! Beat the heat while enjoying free popcorn and these acclaimed films. All are welcome, free of charge. Closed captioning provided. Select Wednesdays at 3:00 PM | Amphitheater June 12 - *The Greatest Showman* (PG) June 26 - *Mary Poppins Returns* (PG) July 17 - *Won't You Be My Neighbor*? (PG-13) July 31 - *RBG* (PG; documentary) *Not all movies are suitable for all ages. Review movie content at pluggedin.com*.

Preschool Playground Play Date

Snow cones and fun provided! Preschoolers must be accompanied by a parent. This is a great opportunity to meet Preschool Ministry's summer interns. Wednesday, June 19 | 2:30-3:30 PM

Contact Mayra Escamilla: mescamilla@mdpc.org

Today's Chancel Flowers are given by

Nancy Kimmey, in loving memory of her daughter, Dana Dowler.

This week's Ministry Partner prayer focus:

Hope for Youth builds and maintains long-term Christian mentoring relationships with at-risk urban youth, many of whose families are staying at Star of Hope shelter. It organizes weekend outreach activities and ongoing development programs. A popular event is Friday Night Live, with games, dinner, and a pastor-led Gospel lesson. *hopeforyouth.org*

Houston Achievement Place helps children and their care-providers develop the relationships and skills necessary for home, school, and life success. It provides foster care, adoption programs, and life skills classes. *hapkids.org*, *projectclass.org*

God is at work in the world in unprecedented ways, and **Frontier Fellowship** (FF) is privileged to help us join in what He is doing. It shows congregations and individuals how they can be involved in God's passion to seek out the unreached. FF's goal is to see every ethnic group have its own church, reflecting its own cultural characteristics. *frontierfellowship.com*

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE		
	at 6/2/19	
2019 Annual Budget	\$12,240,000	
Actual Income to Date	\$4,237,651	
Needed to Meet Budget	\$8,002,349	



Today! Sunday Supper

Choose from chicken-fried steak or glazed ham served with fried okra, mashed potatoes, creamed spinach, and squash casserole (\$10/adult, \$7 for a veggie plate). Kids' menu of chicken tenders is just \$4! Meals come with a dessert, side salad, bread roll, and beverage. This is the last Second-Sunday Supper till August, so don't miss it. All are welcome!

Served 11:00 AM-1:00 PM | Fellowship Hall food.mdpc.org

June Canned Food Drive Continues...

Hunger is high in the summer, with very critical need due to no school meals and some after-school programs closed. Our families are planning vacations, not on making food donations, so pantries become low on food. Please consider donating some of these items: Cans only, please: soup, fruit, diced tomatoes, tomato sauce, chicken, tuna

Donations accepted through Sunday, June 16. Collection sites are at points-of-entry around campus.

Summer Celebration Needs

Please consider donating the following to help out with our upcoming VBS: old electronics (no glass), soda can tabs, individual snack packs (no peanut products), canned sodas.

Drop off in Children's Ministries now through June.

Save the Date: ML Kickoff Breakfast

Join MDPC and Houston area men as we kick off Men's Life 2019: Man Alive! Come hear Pastor Emeritus, Dave Peterson, and enjoy delicious breakfast and fellowship. Open to all men of all ages.

Saturday, Aug 24 | 8:30-9:30 AM | Fellowship Hall Register (\$10): mlkickoff.mdpc.org

Save the Date: Perspectives Course

Interested in learning more about God's global purpose and how you can be involved in His plan? Perspectives is a 15-week study around four vantage points or "perspectives" on the world Christian movement - Biblical, Historical, Cultural, and Strategic. This class has been held around the nation for over 30 years and will be offered this fall at Bayou City Fellowship. **Mondays, Aug 26-Dec 9 | 6:00-9:00 PM** *For more information, contact Kelsi McCormack: kmccormack@mdpc.org*



8:30 AM BLENDED & 9:45 AM CONTEMPORARY

*PRAISE & WORSHIP

*CONFESSION (prayers.mdpc.org)

MESSAGE

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE+

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

11:15 AM TRADITIONAL			
PRELUDES	Come Down, O Love Divine and Crown Him With Many Crowns	arr. Wilbur Held (1914-2015)	
CHORAL INTROIT	O God, Beyond All Praising	Holst (1874-1934)/Proulx	
*HYMN OF PRAISE	Let Every Christian Pray	#130; vs. 1, 2, 3 Laudes Domini	
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE			
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from Romans 8			
CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSEThe Gloria PatriHymn #579			
ANTHEM	I Waited for the Lord (from Hymn of Praise)	Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)	
OFFERTORY	The Great Commission	Bruce Greer (b. 1971)	
MESSAGE			
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove	#126; vs. 1, 2, 4 St. Agnes	
POSTLUDE	Rondo	Sue Mitchell-Wallace (b. 1944)	

Musicians in this service: Dr. Cassandra Black and Jessica Glenn, Anthem soloists; Dr. Jan Taylor, guest conductor; Kathryn White, organist; Sanctuary Choir





Ladies, this is your Summer to Connect!

Check out the group opportunities below and sign up for as many as you like. Most meet one-time only, but some may add additional dates if needed.

Registration is required so group leaders can plan. Contact Amanda Caldwell with questions (acaldwell@mdpc.org, 713-490-0931). Register at stc.mdpc.org.

MORNINGS

• \$ "Weeding, Seeding, Feeding" Gardening & Spiritual Growth with Martha Moore

Let's gather for some yummy refreshments and a garden tour as we share how we might grow in our relationship with God, to learn the deeper rhythms of walking with Him in the cool of the day. Friday, June 14 • 10:00 AM • Martha's Garden

Bike & Chat

with Beth Case and Christine Gentil Cycle to the Heights! 15 miles on a trail. No-drop ride with a stop for refreshments & conversation. Road cycle required (or at least an athletic hybrid). Friday, May 31 (early in season before it gets TOO hot) Park on the street at 300 Jackson Hill St, 77007

• \$ Paper Flower-Making Class

with Raquel Vasquez

We roll at 6:00 AM

Learn how to create your own paper flowers for decorating your home or for events! Thursday, June 6 • 9:30-11:00 AM • MDPC Parlor

• \$ Art Journaling Group

with Janell Kelleher

Create a piece of art while we ponder a scripture. No experience needed. All supplies provided. July 18 • 10:00-11:30 AM • MDPC Rm 265 (CLC)

• # Moms and Kids "Splash" Date

with Lyndsey Dottavio and Christyn Knoop Please bring a snack to share. We'll tucker those kids out and fill up their tummies so they can have a good afternoon nap. Friends are welcome! Monday, June 17 • 10:00-11:30 AM Nottingham Park: 14205 Kimberley Lane, 77079

• # Miller Outdoor Theater

with Courtney Cadwell

Bring your blankets and a picnic lunch and join MDPC Moms & Kids on the hill to enjoy the new musical adventure based on Barbara Park's popular book, Junie B's Essential Survival Guide to School.

Moms of Littles Active • Creative Thinking • Just for Fun # Kids Welcome

* Childcare Available \$ Cost

Come early and fly kites with us prior to the performance.

Friday, June 14 • Show Time: 11:00 AM (kite flyers, BYO-Kite & meet outside the Theatre around 9:30 AM) Miller Outdoor Theatre in Hermann Park

• #\$ Houston Zoo

with Courtney Cadwell

MDPC Moms & Kids - Pack your wagon or stroller with plenty of snacks and a lunch and meet up for a fun-filled morning at the Houston Zoo!

Monday, July 1 • 9:00 AM • The Houston Zoo Save time and purchase tickets in advance on the Zoo website (Adults \$19.95; Children \$15.95; Children 1-and-under & Zoo Members free)

• #\$ Butterfly Paint & Plant Day with Courtney Cadwell

Beat the heat and head over to HMNS Sugar Land with MDPC Moms & Kids for a special event celebrating butterflies! Participants will learn all about butterflies, munch on treats, and complete crafts in addition to painting a butterfly garden pot and starting a special plant with the guidance of butterfly garden experts.

Friday, August 2 • 10:00 AM

Houston Museum of Natural Science, Sugar Land

Space limited! Tickets must be purchased in advance at the HMNS website (Adults \$17; Kids \$12; Members \$5)

• #* MOPs Summer Small Group with Christyn Knoop

Gather with other moms of young kids for coffee, connection, and learning more about the Christian faith. We'll ask lots of questions as we get to know the basics of the Bible together, with plenty of conversation about how faith can help us in our busy lives today!

Alternating Thursdays • May 23-August 15 9:30-11:00 AM • MDPC Chapel Bride's Room Free childcare available by reservation

Run/Walk and Prav

with Charlotte Crawford

Let's gather to walk, talk, encourage each other to live well in every way! Enjoy the wonders of God's creation and get vitamin D for our skin and eyes! Delight in Christian conversation while we focus on right + tight, fit + focused posture. We will end our time together with prayer at a special swing garden spot. Depending on time and interest we may walk a total of 7 miles (see Luke 24). Wednesdays, June 5, July 17, August 14 • 8:00 AM • \$ 4th of July Cooking Class Meet at Bayou Entrance off Memorial Drive at end of Yorkchester

• "What Number Are You?" Enneagram

with Beth Case and Christyn Knoop What's Your Number? How the Enneagram can better your relationships, improve your walk with God, and keep you laughing! Beth will email participants an Enneagram test to take prior to our time together (cap at 8 participants). Thursday, July 25 • 9:30 AM-Noon • Beth's home Light morning fare: fruit, yogurt, pastries

• \$ Day-Hike in Bastrop State Park with Beth Case and Amanda Caldwell Strap on your shoes and join Beth and Amanda for a day hike and conversation about how God uses nature to declare His glory and speak to us. September Save the Date

LUNCHTIME

• \$ Creativity and Christianity with Carole Pena

Visit The Menil and enjoy lunch at the Menil Bistro where we'll have a conversation around creativity and Christianity.

Thursday, July 11 • 11:00 AM • The Menil

• *\$ "Keeping it Real" Marriage with Kellie Hurst

Enjoy a lunch-and-learn at MDPC where Kellie will lead a discussion on marriage topics. Wednesdays, June 5, July 3, August 7 Noon-1:00 PM • MDPC Parlor

• \$ Lanier Theological Library

with Amanda Caldwell Take a day-trip to Lanier Theological Library for

a guided tour of the library and enjoy a lunch beforehand.

June 27 • Lunch 11:30 AM, Tour 1:00 PM

• # Missions and Lunch

with Teri Adair and Michelle Collins Enjoy a lunch-and-learn at MDPC as Teri and Michelle talk about being missionaries here in Houston and all over the world. God brought the peoples of the world to Houston - how do we respond?

Friday, June 28 • 11:30 AM • Teri's Home

• # Ladies Who Lunch

with Chervl Moore

Enjoy a lunchbreak in the middle of the day? Join Cheryl at her home for a relaxing meal. June 20 • 11:30 AM-1:00 PM • Cheryl's Home

• \$ Wellness Lunch with Amy Waltz

In the spirit of wellness, join us for a healthy lunch as we discuss ways to thrive in our busy lives! Hear personal stories of triumph in overcoming illness by focusing on whole body wellness. Friday, June 28 • 11:30 AM • Amy's Home

AFTERNOONS

with Bernadette Loweree Learn to make a few 4th of July treats! Tuesday, June 25 • 3:00-5:00 PM • MDPC Kitchen

EVENINGS

• \$ Ask Us Anything Theology On Tap with Sarah Stone, Laurien Hook, & Rachel Poysky Bring your appetite and your toughest questions about God, the Bible, and the Christian faith to ask anonymously to our panel (Sarah, Laurien, and Rachel). Sip a beer, munch on a cheese platter, and hear our panel do their best to answer questions like, "Is God anti-science?" "How do I actually love my enemies?" "What does God think about sex?" and whatever else you think up!

Tuesday, July 30 • 6:30-8:30 PM The Black Labrador Pub in Montrose Cost: Whatever you order to eat/drink

Round of Spades

with Laura Benes and Mary Reed Have fun playing a round (or few) of Spades with Laura, Mary, and others. Thursday, June 27 • 6:00 PM • Mary's Home

• \$ Dinner & Dominoes

with Sara Kuhn

Enjoy a relaxed dinner and fun night of dominoes. Monday, June 3 • 6:00 PM • Sara's Home • BYOB

\$ Yoga

with Jimena Lieb and Amy Waltz Join Jimena for a relaxing and rejuvenating faithfilled yoga workout and a dialogue on self-care and wellness with Amy afterwards. Tuesday, June 18 • 5:00-7:00 PM • Rm 171/172

• \$ Supper Club

with Meka Arend Grab a friend and join Meka and others at her home for a laid-back dinner. Friday, June 7 • 6:30 PM • Meka's home

• \$ Astros Game

with Christine Gentil Take me out to a ball game! Come enjoy peanuts and Cracker Jacks at an Astros game. Wednesday, June 12 • Game starts at 7:10 PM

SERMON NOTES

Count It All

A Summer Series on the Book of Philippians Philippians 1:12-18a Martha Moore preaching

This week we continue our look at Paul's letter to the Philippians. Our hope and prayer being we might become, as Beth encouraged us last week, a person who radiates joy. It's easy to be filled with joy when everything is going our way, but what happens when life falls apart? Is joy dependent on our circumstances? Let's find out!

- 1. Last week, Beth asked us, "when has God's grace made an impact on you?" Share how you either received or gave grace this past week.
- 2. Who is a person in your life who radiates joy? What brings you the greatest joy?
- 3. When did God's good news that Jesus had died for you and forgiven you for your sins become more than just words on a page for you? What are one or two details from that experience?
- 4. Paul shared the gospel even though he was in prison, in chains. What are one or two ways you are "in chains"? Where are you kept from where you want to be?
- 5. What has happened to you that has actually helped to spread the gospel? Bonus points if you can name something that happened in the past two months!
- 6. Introspectively, what might be a way you are living your life now that is keeping someone else in chains? What can you do to change that?
- 7. It goes without saying, but we'll say it anyway: the Roman guards who keep Paul in prison could be seen as his enemies. Yet, Paul took the opportunity to love his enemies by sharing the gospel with them. Who are your "Roman guards"? Is there someone or even a group of people whom you won't "invite to the table"? Would you pray for a heart so filled with love, so transformed by grace that, if given the opportunity, you could initiate a relationship with that person, build trust with that person, so that ultimately, one day, you might even share the gospel with that person? Would you pray that prayer right now whether you are alone or with your group of family or friends? Consider writing that person's name in the margin of your Bible next to this Philippians passage.
- 8. As Christians, each of us is filled with the Holy Spirit. However, we allow fear, shame, apathy, distractions, and a myriad of other reasons to keep us from telling others about what God has done, and how God has changed our story. How does knowing we have the power and presence of the Holy Spirit in us reframe how we will live our lives and use our stories to share the gospel with others? How will my life be different because of what I have experienced today?

