

Sunday, June 23, 2019

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It All



Philippians 2:1-11

Dave Steane preaching

COMING FALL 2019

MDPC will release a powerful new mobile app, with all the features you've enjoyed in the past PLUS expanded features in the area of event info and easy registration, group communication, personalized notifications, check-in, and so much more. Stay tuned for additional details!



Well done, **MDPC**! During our recent food drive, you donated **2,100 pounds** of canned goods - enough to feed clients at the East Spring Branch Food Pantry for three weeks. We are grateful for your generous response to our **Hunger Initiative**.

HAPPENING AT MDPC

Visit Our Community Art Gallery

Take time to stop by MDPC's Community Gallery to view the newest display celebrating 25 years of ministry by Faith In Practice. Its volunteers provide health-care in the most remote parts of Guatemala, including medical and dental care and needed surgeries. See beautiful photography from the mission field in the Gallery (between Room 122 and The Nook).

Summer Camps & Classes

This summer's REACH camps and classes are as diverse as ever. Kids and adults can sign up now for fun including art, sports, coding, cooking, dance, science, music, and more! Really! Go online for a complete list. Details and registration: reach.mdpc.org

Young Adults: What's Up This Week

20s & 30s are invited to join us this week for fun events:
Monday, June 24: MDPC Theology On Tap
6:30 PM at The Owl Bar (Upper Kirby)
Wednesday, June 26: Trivia night!
7:00 PM at Little Woodrow's Midtown
Contact Sarah Stone: 832-605-8129 (text or call)

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 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.

Summer Celebration Needs

Please consider donating these items for our upcoming VBS: old electronics (no glass), soda-can tabs, individual snack packs (peanut-free), canned sodas. Drop off in Children's Ministries now through June.

Married Life Prep

All engaged couples and those in their first 5 years of marriage are invited to join us for this four-week course. Taught by Brett and Kellie Hurst of Home Encouragement, it combines Biblical teaching with the best current marriage research. **Starts in just 2 weeks!**
Sundays, July 7-28 | 10:00 AM-12:00 PM | MDPC
Register: mlp.mdpc.org

Help Fight Childhood Hunger

Recent studies reveal 1 in 4 children in Houston go without meals and live daily with hunger because their families cannot afford to buy food. A simple way you can help is preparing meals at Houston Food Bank. We need you to keep the fight against childhood hunger moving forward! Join our MDPC team in July:
Next date: Monday, July 15 | 8:00 AM-Noon
Registration and details: bpbuddy.mdpc.org

Faith for Skeptics

The speakers will be fascinating. These sessions will equip you to answer questions from coworkers, neighbors, family, and friends like, "Does God really exist?" and "Is faith rational or just a crutch?" and more. All are invited! This is for all ages and stages of faith.
Sundays, July 21-August 11
11:00-12:15 PM | Amphitheater
Learn more about our speakers: skeptical.mdpc.org

Volunteer with an MDPC Partner

East Spring Branch Food Pantry, an all-volunteer run ministry, provides food to families in urgent need. It served 32,219 individuals in 2018! Please consider volunteering. Only once/month commitment requested. **Volunteers perform varied duties at ESB Pantry (7901 Westview, 77055). Pickup trucks and drivers also needed. Morning and evening opportunities on Mo, Tu, Th, and Fri.**
Contact Mary White: mlwhite37@comcast.net

MORNING WORSHIP AT MDPC

8:30 AM BLENDED & **9:45 AM** CONTEMPORARY

PRAISE & WORSHIP • CONFESSION • MESSAGE • OFFERING

Musicians in these services: Meliza Gómez and Michael Middleton, worship leaders;
George Heathco, guitar; Daniel Martinez, keys; Asher Pudlo, drums

11:15 AM TRADITIONAL MUSIC

PRELUDE

This Is My Father's World
He's Got the Whole World in His Hands arr. Brant Adams (b. 1944)

CHORAL INTROIT

I Need Thee Every Hour arr. Moses Hogan (1957-2003)

*HYMN OF PRAISE #361

How Firm a Foundation Verses 1, 2 & 5

ANTHEM

Agnus Dei (from Winter's Dream) Paul Halley (b. 1952)

OFFERTORY

Nearer, Still Nearer Dan Forrest (b. 1978)

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #387

Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us Verses 1 & 3

POSTLUDE

Prelude in C Major J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Musicians in this service: Chris Schubert, clarinet;
Dr. Charles Hausmann, conductor; Kathryn White, piano/organ

Being Human

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

How do the Bible and mental health intersect? Join staff members Laurien Hook and Amanda Grace Caldwell, MA, LPC, in a podcast seeking answers to these questions and more, with special guests Alf Halvorson, Brett and Kellie Hurst, and Rachel Poysky. Check out their new episodes!

Listen now: beinghuman.mdpc.org



The Red Rose is in honor of: William Stephen Aikins, born Thursday, June 14, 2019 to parents Dan and Lauren Aikins. Proud grandparents are MDPC members Tim and Diane Seckinger.

WEEKLY MINISTRY PARTNER PRAYER FOCUS

Houston Presbyterian Pilgrimage • Pilgrimage grows and renews faith in Jesus Christ by presenting three-day weekend retreats. Through the individuals who participate, it impacts the environments in which they live, work, and worship.
houstonpilgrimage.org

Help Us Grow (HUG) • HUG provides one-on-one tutorial help to at-risk second grade students at Housman Elementary School in Spring Branch ISD. *Contact*

Laura Bushong: laurabushong@att.net

Living Water International • Living Water International demonstrates the love of God by helping communities acquire desperately needed clean water and experience “living water”—the gospel of Jesus Christ—which alone satisfies the deepest thirst. Mission teams work in impoverished communities to provide a water well and hygiene education, and to share the love of Christ.
water.cc

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

at 6/16/19

2019 Annual Budget	\$12,240,000
Actual Income to Date	\$ 4,484,398
Needed to Meet Budget	\$ 7,755,602

MDPC ONLINE GIVING

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Consider switching to online giving this summer! Visit give.mdpc.org or follow the link through the MDPC app. We are thankful for all gifts, but this method, because of processing fees, is the most economical for the church. It allows us to use your dollars most efficiently.



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A Summer Series on the Book of Philippians

Philippians 2:1-11

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Imprisoned for his bold and courageous preaching of the Gospel of Jesus and facing imminent martyrdom, Paul wrote to a group of Christians in Philippi, for whom he had great affection. As we have already seen, the theme of joy is central to the Philippian letter. Christians faced persecution, ridicule, and violence, yet Paul encouraged them over and over to remain unified and joyful in Jesus Christ.

Philippians 2:1-11 is one of the best-known and most beloved sections of Paul's letter. In this passage, we see the intimate relationship between Paul and the Philippian Christians as Paul exhorts them toward a greater understanding of what it means to be unified in Christ. Furthermore, Paul provided the greatest example of how Christians should live, by emulating the humility of Christ in their thoughts and deeds.

- Chapter two begins by Paul picking up the theme of Christian unity, which he introduced in Philippians 1:27. Paul appeals to the Philippians to dig deeply to the very foundation of their faith and draw their unity from *"if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion..."* How have you found these to be a unifying connection with other Christians?
- Paul continues the unity theme by asking that the Philippians *"make my joy complete..."* The word Paul used for "complete" might be more accurately defined as being "fulfilled." It means something like the days of one's life have come to pass, or, the purpose of my life has been fulfilled. For Paul, it was about seeing Christians being strong and unified in Christ as they faced life's challenges. What events or moments would you include to be able to say your life has been fulfilled?
- In Philippians 2:3, Paul shifts from unity to humility. He says, *"Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves..."* We usually think of "selfishness" as an unwillingness to share. However, here it means to seek a position of importance and influence by using unfair tactics. Paul challenges his readers to avoid such behavior and to consider others as more important. In what ways do you wrestle with the tension of self-preservation/promotion over concern for the well-being of others? Compare this passage with Mark 9:33-37. What do you notice from this comparison? What action(s) might God be calling you to because of this?
- Scholars universally agree that Philippians 2:6-11 are the words from an ancient Christian hymn. If true, Paul inserted this hymn into his letter to give a familiar example of what he has been writing about; namely, that Jesus is the perfect example of this type of unity and humility. In what ways do you find familiar hymns/songs to be powerful reminders of sacred truths?
- The hymn affirms that though Jesus is fully God, He willingly surrendered Himself and was crucified, thus suffering the agonizing death of a reviled criminal. In what ways have you surrendered your "entitlement" in order to allow others to benefit? Why is this easy or difficult for you?
- Finally, Paul concludes this section by giving his readers a glimpse of the future glory for those who emulate Christ. Because of the death and resurrection of Jesus, God highly exalted Jesus so that all of creation would recognize Jesus for who He really is. Pause now and give God thanks for Jesus and the ways you have received the benefits from His sacrifice.

