

Sunday, July 14, 2019



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It All

Joy

**Philippians 3:1-11**  
God's Power to Transform  
*Rachel Poysky preaching*

## HAPPENING AT MDPC

### **MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) Returns!**

Are you a mom of young children? Would you like a little break in the week to drop off the kids, relax, and chat with other moms? Then MOPS is for you! Come for coffee, solid content, and adult conversations. We will learn how to live life fully and abundantly - how God intended us to live! Childcare is free, so come join us - we'll save a seat for you.

**Every other Thursday beginning August 29**

**9:30-11:15 AM | MDPC Parlor**

*Register today: [mops.mdpc.org](http://mops.mdpc.org)*

### **Host Homes Needed for Counselors**

Please consider hosting college-age male Kanakuk Kampout counselors. Provide place to sleep and simple breakfast & dinner each day. We need 2 more homes!

**Host commitment Aug. 3-9, medical vols Aug. 5-9**

*Contact Alicia Boykin: [aboykin@mdpc.org](mailto:aboykin@mdpc.org), 713-490-9261*

### **Wacky Wednesday Water Day**

Preschoolers! Bring your parents to Wacky Wednesday Water Day. We'll have lunch, snow cones, and lots of water! Bring a towel, sunscreen, and a change of clothes. Chicken tenders will be provided for lunch. Preschoolers must be accompanied by a parent. So that this is a special time with your preschooler, we ask that elementary-age children not attend.

**Wednesday, July 31 | 10:00 AM-Noon**

*Register by July 26 with Mayra Escamilla: [mescamilla@mdpc.org](mailto:mescamilla@mdpc.org), 713-490-9263*

### **Heads Up for Soccer Season**

Boys and girls in pre-K through 5th grade are invited to play on West Houston Christian Sports League teams coached by volunteers. Practices begin the week of Sept. 2 at MDPC.

**Games at area churches: Saturdays, Sept. 21-Nov. 9**

**\$130 (\$155 after Aug. 25) jersey, socks, picture, trophy**

*Register by Aug. 25 to save: [sports.mdpc.org](http://sports.mdpc.org)*

### **Save the Date! August 9!**

Sign up to volunteer for the MDPC Helping Hands at Housman Day. We will help the teachers and staff with projects to get them ready for the first day of school -

and also shower them with encouragement and serve a delicious lunch. Let's show this special SBISD elementary school they matter and are making a difference for their students and families.

**Friday, August 9 | 10:00 AM-2:00 PM**

*Register: [helpinghands.mdpc.org](http://helpinghands.mdpc.org)*

### **Men's Night Out @ Karbach Brewery**

Come hang out, watch the Astros on the big screen, and enjoy cornhole, BBQ dinner, brewery tours, and fellowship with other Houston men! Ages 21 and up.

**Thursday, Aug 1 | 5:30 PM (6:00 BBQ, 6:05 first pitch)**

**\$20/ticket or \$15 each for 4+! Cash bar**

*Register: [karbach.mdpc.org](http://karbach.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](http://marriageretreat.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](http://bpbuddy.mdpc.org)*

### **You Can Change the Life of a Child**

Help out children at local schools. Caring adults are needed for roles that range from mentoring to tutoring kids, helping in the library, at the science fair, or serving at teacher appreciation events, and more. There's something for every type of servant spirit!

**Sign-ups on Sunday mornings in Aug and Sept**

*For more information: [change.mdpc.org](http://change.mdpc.org)*

## 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!



## 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; Daniel Amaya, bass; George Heathco, guitar; Daniel Martinez, keys; Asher Pudlo, drums

**11:15 AM** TRADITIONAL MUSIC

PRELUDE	<i>Fantasy from Sonata No. 2</i>	Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>Trust and Obey</i>	Vs. 1, 2, 3   TRUST AND OBEY
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	<i>The Gloria Patri</i>	Hymn #579
ANTHEM	<i>He That Dwelleth in the Secret Place of the Most High</i>	James MacDermid (1875-1960)
OFFERTORY	<i>How I Trust Him</i>	Mark Hayes (b. 1953)
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>More Love to Thee, O Christ</i>	#359; vs. 1, 2
POSTLUDE	<i>Toccata in D Minor</i>	J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Musicians in this service:

Dr. Charles Hausmann, conductor; Ivan Ley, soloist; Kathryn White, piano/organ



# FAITH FOR SKEPTICS

*Does God EXIST? Is God really GOOD? Is faith even RATIONAL?*

**Sundays, July 21-August 11 • 11:00-12:15 PM**

This is for ALL ages and stages of faith. Learn more about our speakers at [skeptics.mdpc.org](http://skeptics.mdpc.org).

### The White Rose is in memory of MDPC member:

Sharon Queen, who passed away July 8, 2019.

#### WEEKLY MINISTRY PARTNER PRAYER FOCUS

**JoyRide Center** offers equine-assisted therapy and occupational/life skills for individuals of all abilities. Participants increase competence and become part of a community that facilitates the enrichment of clients, their families, and the volunteers. JoyRide operates mainly on volunteer support. [joyridecenter.org](http://joyridecenter.org)

**Kids' Meals** • Texas is number one in the U.S. for food insecurity for children, according to Houston Food Bank. Kids' Meals provides lunches to preschool-aged children living in poverty in Harris County. It home-delivers nutritious meals free of cost, Monday through Friday, year-round, serving approximately 2,700 children daily. [kidsmealshouston.org](http://kidsmealshouston.org)

**New Life With Education** is a Christ-centered school that provides education for disabled Guatemalan students through the sixth grade. These children struggle to gain an education in the country's overcrowded school system. MDPC member Judy Kerschner designed this school to give dignity and education to students who would otherwise be forgotten. [newlifeguatemala.com](http://newlifeguatemala.com)

#### WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

at 7/7/19

2019 Annual Budget \$12,240,000

Actual Income to Date \$ 5,013,250

**Needed to Meet Budget \$ 7,226,750**



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## A Summer Series on the Book of Philippians

### Philippians 3:1-11

Rachel Poysky preaching

This is the seventh in our summer sermon series on Philippians. This week at Summer Celebration we focused on God's power to transform. Transformation is a fundamental part of a life with Christ:

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation. The old has passed, the new has come." 2 Corinthians 5:17*

1. How would you describe transformation? What does it look like in terms of the Christian life?

Paul experienced a major transformation when he was on the road to Damascus and had an encounter with God. He realized the life he had been living was completely counter to the life he should be living. He went from a persecutor of Christians to a champion of the Gospel who faced persecution. The persecutor became the persecuted.

Read Philippians 3:1-11.

3. Paul gave his resume before Christ, what was your resume before Christ? What did you value, what did you consider important?
4. Paul warned in this passage about confidence in the flesh. He meant that we cannot trust in rules or regulations, but rather we must trust solely in the power of Christ. What rules and beliefs do we hold about being a Christian that are separate from simply having faith in Jesus?
5. Paul calls everything but knowing Christ "rubbish." That was his image of the contrast between a life with Christ versus his life before Christ. What image would you use to talk about your life before Christ versus your life after Christ?
6. Paul says in this passage that he wants to gain Christ, be found in Christ, and to know Christ. What does it look like for you to gain Christ, be found in Christ, and to know Him?

