

Sunday, July 21, 2019



Count
It All

Joy

Philippians 3:12-4:1

Dan Aikins preaching

HAPPENING AT MDPC

Women's Theology On Tap

"Is God anti-science? How do I actually love my enemies? What does God think about sex?" Bring your questions about God, the Bible, and faith to ask anonymously to our panel (Sarah Stone, Laurien Hook, & Rachel Poysky). Sip a beer, munch on a cheese platter, and watch them do their best to answer! Open to women of all ages and stages of faith.

Tuesday, July 30 | 6:30 PM | The Black Labrador

Please RSVP: stc.mdpc.org

Wacky Wednesday Water Day

Preschoolers, bring your parents for lunch, snow cones, and lots of water! Each child must be accompanied by a parent. So this is a special time with your preschooler, we ask elementary-age children not attend.

Wednesday, July 31 | 10:00 AM-Noon

Register with Mayra by July 26: mescamilla@mdpc.org

Summer Movie Series

Prime Timers' Senior Group proudly hosts another film series! Beat the heat while enjoying free popcorn and acclaimed films. All are welcome, free of charge. On July 31, we're screening *RBG* (PG; documentary).

Wednesday, July 31 | 3:00 PM | Amphitheater

Not all movies are suitable for all ages. You can review movie content at pluggedin.com.

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 | Doors open 5:30 PM
\$20/ticket or \$15 each for 4+! Cash bar**

Register: karbach.mdpc.org

Helping Hands at Housman Elementary

Getting ready for the first day is a huge job for schools. Let's lighten the load for the teachers and staff at Housman Elementary in SBISD! We'll assemble parent packets, update bulletin boards, sort supplies, and assist teachers with classroom setup, plus serve lunch.

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

Register: helpinghands.mdpc.org

MOPS Summer Small Group

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

Upcoming dates: August 1, August 15 | 9:30 AM

To learn more and RSVP for free childcare, visit summermops.mdpc.org.

Transformed by Hope: A Study of Luke

Nothing transforms you like studying the words and deeds of Jesus Christ in Scripture! Grab this opportunity to grow through exploring the Gospel of Luke.

The study begin Kickoff Sunday, August 18. Many opportunities to participate:

Sunday Schools using curriculum • 9:45 & 11:15 AM

New Sunday Pastor-led Class • 9:45 & 11:15 AM

New Sunday In-depth Study Group • 9:45 AM

New Wednesday Study Group • 6:30-7:30 PM

Learn more and sign up: luke.mdpc.org

Men's Life 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 per person): mlkickoff.mdpc.org

Heads Up for Soccer Season

Boys/girls in pre-K-5th grade are invited to play on WH 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

Fee of \$130 (\$155 after Aug. 25) includes jersey, socks, picture, trophy

Register by Aug. 25 to save: sports.mdpc.org

REACH Fall Classes

Children's classes include cooking, coding, sports, art, dance, voice, piano, and more! Adults can take art, bridge, core strength training, piano, voice, and yoga.

Go to reach.mdpc.org to see the complete list and register, or call the REACH office at 713-490-9564.



Who do YOU know that would make a great MDPC OFFICER?

The Nominating Committee requests your help to find members with gifts that equip them for MDPC leadership. Prayerfully consider whom you know that God may be preparing to serve as an Officer. Submit his/her name(s) at nominations.mdpc.org or by using the printed forms available around campus.

We need your help to identify qualified candidates to serve as MDPC Officers!

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; Uvaldo Callejas, bass; George Heathco, guitar; Daniel Martinez, keys; Asher Pudlo, drums

11:15 AM TRADITIONAL MUSIC

PRELUDE	<i>Prelude, Fugue and Variation</i>	César Franck (1822-1890)
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>	#356; vs. 1, 2, 3 NETTLETON
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	<i>The Gloria Patri</i>	Hymn #579
ANTHEM	<i>He's Got the Whole World in His Hand</i>	arr. Margaret Bonds (1913-1972)
OFFERTORY	<i>To God Be the Glory</i>	arr. Mark Hayes (b.1953)
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go</i>	#384; Vs. 1, 3 ST. MARGARET
POSTLUDE	<i>Toccato</i>	Mary McDonald (b. 1956)

Musicians in this service:

Megan Berti, soloist; Dr. Charles Hausmann, conductor; 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.

Today's Chancel Flowers are given:

in loving memory of Gladys Sartin, from her daughter, Carolyn Moore..

WEEKLY MINISTRY PARTNER PRAYER FOCUS

MDPC Knitting for Missions • Several years ago, a group of women who enjoy knitting decided to knit for others. Just a few of their ongoing projects include dolls for child patients (distributed by Faith in Practice), shawls for MDPC members under the care of Caring Ministries, premie caps for babies at Ben Taub Hospital, sweaters for Guatemalan children in mountain villages, and caps and scarves for Houston's homeless. *Contact Sue Phipps: sbphipps@comcast.net*

The Landing daytime drop-in center is where survivors of human trafficking and sexual exploitation can experience an atmosphere of acceptance and be introduced to social support. Founded on Biblical principals, its intention is to meet people where they are—wherever that may be—and support them throughout their journey. thelanding.org

One:Eight Catalyst wants to see every Christian know about the Great Commission and how God is calling them be a part of its fulfillment. It is working to finish the task through rural Bible distribution, Bible translation, evangelism training, church planting, and theological training in Asia. oneeightcatalyst.org

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

at 7/14/19

2019 Annual Budget \$12,240,000

Actual Income to Date \$ 5,110,351

Needed to Meet Budget \$ 7,129,649



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A Summer Series on the Book of Philippians

Philippians 3:12-4:1

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There is always more to Jesus! That's Paul's message to the Philippians in this passage from the second half of chapter three. Even after decades of living for Jesus, proclaiming the gospel, leading countless people to Jesus, and planting a bunch of churches, Paul doesn't want anyone to think that he has "arrived" in his faith. For Paul, knowing Jesus and the power of His resurrection is a never-ending adventure worth giving every shred of life to.

1. How would you summarize in two or three sentences what Paul is trying to communicate to the Philippians in this passage?
2. How did Dan explain the "upward call of God in Jesus Christ"?
3. What characterizes mature faith from this passage?
4. What does it mean to live as a citizen of heaven who is awaiting the resurrection? What impact does that have on life today?
5. Have you ever longed for more from your Christian faith or wondered if you were missing something? What is one area of faith that you would like to explore more or develop? What practical first step will you take to go deeper in this area?
6. What were the circumstances that led to you first following Jesus or your childhood faith first coming alive? What has kept your faith going since then?
7. Imagine you are having a conversation about faith with a close friend or family member who doesn't share your faith in Jesus. How would you respond if they asked, "So why are you a Christian? What's the point of believing in all of that?"

RESOURCES DAN MENTIONS IN HIS SERMON:

- *How to Pray: A Simple Guide for Normal People* by Pete Greig. Available now from Amazon.co.uk and for pre-order on Amazon.com. Expect the UK version to be full of Britishisms!
- *Dirty Glory: Go Where Your Best Prayer Take You* by Pete Greig
- The biographies by Eric Metaxas: *Bonhoeffer: Pastor Martyr, Prophet, Spy* and *Martin Luther: The Man Who Rediscovered God and Changed the World*.

