

HAPPENING AT MDPC

New Member Class

This 4-week class series is taught by the Associate Pastors and Elders, and includes a Saturday service project at one of the organizations supported by MDPC.

Sundays, Sept 15-Oct 6 | 9:45-11:00 AM | Room 122

Register: membership.mdpc.org

Knitting for Missions: The Evening Edition

Can't make our daytime group? Come to The Evening Edition of Knitting for Mission at the home of Shari Halvorson. Meetings begin September 10 and will continue thereafter on second Tuesdays of the month.

Begins Tuesday, September 10

Contact Shari for details: halvorsons4@yahoo.com

The Fabric of Mission

If you have extra fabric lying around, our Sewing for Missions group can use it for one of their outreach projects. Our Uganda mission team recently took dozens of their beautiful handmade dresses to the girls living at Lulwanda Children's Home.

Fabric can be dropped off at the Outreach Offices.

Marriage Retreat 2019

Longtime marriage educators Brett and Kellie Hurst lead a fun and intentional getaway weekend focused on your married life. The retreat includes a comfortable atmosphere, excellent food, a one-on-one date night with your spouse, and expert teaching.

Sept 28-29 | Sugar Land Marriott | \$220/couple

Register: marriageretreat.mdpc.org

Youth Confirmation

Our yearly program for all students currently in 8th grade or above. Join us for a time of focusing on what it means to follow Jesus and be part of His Church.

Kick-off: Sunday Evening, January 5, 2020

Sundays, January 12-March 1 | 11:00 AM-12:15 PM

Confirmation Sunday: Sunday, March 8

Register: confirmation.mdpc.org

\$125 fee covers Confirmation Retreat expenses.

Community Art Gallery

MDPC's Community Gallery kicks off the fall season with the beautiful art of Bridget Wolk, MDPC's long-time REACH class art teacher. Bridget shares her

passion for art with her students in weekly painting classes and is a leader in MDPC's art community. The Gallery has a new look with more lights and space. Come see for yourself!

East Hallway, between MC 122 and The Nook

The Antioch Partners Fundraising Dinner

ONE Night, ETERNAL Impact. In an exploration of our theme, "Together" (1 Cor. 12:12), be enveloped in an experience or Southeast Asia, hear stories from our partner in Myanmar, and enjoy a delicious dinner!

Thursday, October 3 | 6:00 PM | MDPC

With questions or to register, contact Hope Whitney: admin@theantiochpartners.org, 713-490-9571

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 connection, solid content, and adult conversations. Childcare is free, so come join us!

Every other Thursday | 9:30-11:15 AM | Parlor ... OR

Monthly on Wednesdays | 6:00-7:00 PM | MC 102

Check dates and register: mops.mdpc.org

"The Big Ten" Bible Study

Taught by pastors Beth Case, Rachel Poysky, and Clay Brown. Not to be confused with the start of college football! This "Big Ten" walks us through the Ten Commandments and reveals their continuing insight for today's world. No homework or pre-registration. Tuesday Morning Bible Study is back!

Tuesdays, 9:00-10:00 AM | MC 122 (Near the Nook)

The Well Speaker Series for Women: "It's Not Supposed to Be This Way"

Has life gone differently than expected? Have you wrestled with envy, contentment, joy? Join us at The Well, our semi-annual gathering for women of all ages and life stages to commune and connect. This fall, we have the honor of hearing from Teri Adair, Meliza Gómez, Debbi Nager, and Rachel Poysky.

Wednesday, October 9 | 6:30-8:00 PM | Chapel

Light refreshments at 6:00 PM | Parlor

We sure hope you'll join us. To help us prepare for the evening, please RSVP at thewell.mdpc.org.

WEEKLY MINISTRY PARTNER PRAYER FOCUS

Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy serves the Duchenne community in the U.S. and in the world. It is committed to finding a long-term treatment and cure for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. This is done through research funding, advocacy efforts, raising awareness, and an annual conference for parents, families, and medical professionals. parentprojectmd.org

Passages Treatment Center offers an intimate and supportive environment for women in recovery and their children. Its residential treatment program meets the spiritual and physical need of chemically dependent women in recovery. Women arrive at Passages after going through a detoxification program, and stay for a very structured, 90-day holistic program. passagesforwomen.com

MDPC Field Partners Chris and Jaime have lived in the Middle East since 2010. Their goal is to mobilize disciple-making movements within their life and work communities. Pray God strengthens Chris, Jaime, their three children, and the team as they seek opportunities to share their faith in Jesus while building relationships with neighbors, co-workers, and others God places in their path.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

at 9/1/19

2019 Annual Budget \$12,240,000

Actual Income to Date \$6,392,823

Needed to Meet Budget \$5,847,177

Sunday, September 15, 2019



INTO THE MARGINS THE PARABLES OF LUKE

The Good Samaritan

Luke 10:25-37

Alf Halvorson preaching

The Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)

²⁵ Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷ He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸ And He said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹ But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity.

³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

March of the Priests
Variations on a Theme by Haydn

W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)
Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

CHORAL INTROIT

Nearer, My God to Thee

arr. Dan Forrest (b. 1978)

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

#482; vs. 1, 3 | LOBE DEN HERREN

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The Gloria Patri

Hymn #579

ANTHEM

His Eye Is On the Sparrow

arr. Donald Moore (b. 1938)

OFFERTORY

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

arr. Mack Wilberg (b. 1955)

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Thou I May Speak

#335; vs. 1, 3 | O WYLY WYLY

POSTLUDE

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

arr. Richard Warner (1908-1983)

Musicians in this service:

Charles Hausmann, conductor; Kathryn White, organ/piano

* Please stand if able.

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THIS THURSDAY

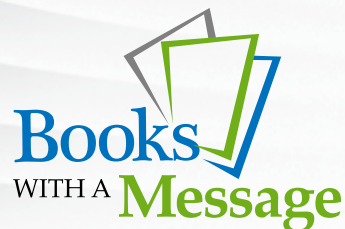
September 19
7:00-8:30 PM



MDPC Welcomes Radio Host & Author Carmen Fowler LaBerge

Carmen will talk about friendship and how to have meaningful discussions with people who are not Christians. Her passion is reconnecting the eternal with the everyday by equipping us to engage the culture in ways that honor Jesus.

► RSVP: speakers.mdpc.org



Beginning this fall, Equipping Ministries will host periodic series on important works by talented Christian authors.

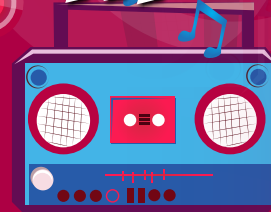
Come to a discussion on Carmen LaBerge's 2017 book, *Speak the Truth: How to Bring God Back into Every Conversation*. Even if you missed part 1, part 2 will be fascinating and prime us to hear Carmen speak on Thursday.

**Wednesday, September 18
6:30-7:30 PM • MC Room 122**

Dr. Clay Brown leads this course on the major themes and insights of the book.

► books.mdpc.org

THE MUSIC BOX KIDS' CHOIR



Learn about music and choral singing in a fun and worshipful environment! All kids in grades K-5 are welcome.
Sign up today: themusicbox.mdpc.org

WEDNESDAYS, SEPT. 18-NOV. 13 | 4:45-5:30 PM | CHAPEL

Who will you bring?



Alpha is for Christians and non-Christians. With no question or subject off-limits, it's a comfortable setting to talk about the tough stuff, like doubts or fears or inadequacy. Mark your calendar, and maybe start thinking...who will you bring?

**Tuesdays, Sept. 24 to Nov. 19
6:30-8:15 PM • MDPC**

Free dinner, free childcare
Learn more: alpha.mdpc.org

You can Change the Life of a Child!

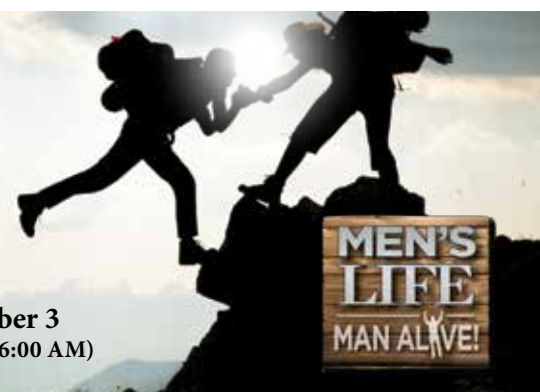
Come to the tables in the Breezeway this morning to learn more about MDPC's mentoring, tutoring, and volunteering programs in three local schools. Find out how you can be the difference in a young student's life!

change.mdpc.org

MEN'S LIFE: Man Alive!

ml.mdpc.org

**Tuesdays, September 10-December 3
6:30-7:45 AM (Continental Breakfast at 6:00 AM)**



word AND worship

Sundays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays
Sept. 2019 – Apr. 2020 • Cost: \$40

Exodus tells the story of how God rescues His people from oppression in Egypt and leads them through the wilderness. God remains faithful to His covenant and demonstrates His great love for His people countless times throughout this book. Join us as we learn more about our faithful God.

► wordandworship.mdpc.org

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NOCHE DE SABOR

Saturday, September 28 | 6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

MDPC Hispanic Ministries invites you to its annual celebration of the many traditions and cultures represented here in our church. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

Invite others to this free event: flavor.mdpc.org

TODAY is the deadline to register!



Living Water Intl. Mission Trip
Honduras: December 7-14, 2019
Cost: \$1,500 Total

Witness the transformational power of water firsthand as you drill a water well, teach sanitation and hygiene lessons, and share God's love with the community.

The work you do on this trip will forever impact the community you visit!

To learn more, contact Kelsi McCormack at kmccormack@mdpc.org or 713-490-9295.

Walking Through Luke with the Pastors

Stand-alone lessons following the "Transformed by Hope" study. Choose either 9:45 or 11:15 AM, Amphitheater.

Today: Clay Brown, Equipping Pastor
"Joy and Suffering," Luke 2:21-52

Next week: Luke 3:1-38

Other Opportunities to join Transformed by Hope

- **9:45 and 11:15 AM:** 15 participating Sunday-morning classes
- **Together in the Word, 9:45 AM, MC 127:** A new in-depth group study. Weekly preparation and readings, registration required. Limited to 18 participants
- **Wednesday Evening Study & Discussion group, 6:30-7:30 PM:** MDPC's Kitchen is open so you can have dinner beforehand! Prices/menus at food.mdpc.org.



Nothing transforms you like studying the words and deeds of Jesus Christ in Scripture! Come grow by exploring the Gospel of Luke.

Learn more at luke.mdpc.org or visit one of the classes listed at left.

INTO THE MARGINS THE PARABLES OF LUKE

The Good Samaritan

Luke 10:25-37 | Alf Halvorson preaching

This is the second in our fall preaching series on the Parables of Luke. Last week's Parable of the Seed and Soils was recorded in all the Synoptic Gospels; in other words, Matthew, Mark, and Luke all share this important story by Jesus. However, today's parable, the Parable of the Good Samaritan, is told only in the Gospel of Luke.

I preached on the parable of the Good Samaritan last year during our Generosity Campaign. There is nothing that strikes fear and foreboding in a pastor more than a well-known text that he or she has already preached. But texts are polyvalent. That is, they have more meanings to communicate and riches to reveal than we can possibly mine and share in one or two settings.

1. As a group, discuss what is the general societal understanding of a "Good Samaritan." Is it your view? When, if ever, have you been on the receiving end of a Good Samaritan's work?
2. Read Luke 10:25-37. The parable, contained in verses 30-35, is sandwiched in a dialogue between a lawyer (religious scholar) and Jesus. Look at the two pieces of bread first (verses 25-29 & verses 36-37). What do we learn about the lawyer? What is the motivation for his questions? How does Jesus answer or deflect or question his questions? And what is the final question Jesus asks him? What is the lawyer's answer?
3. Now look at the parable itself in verses 30-35. Remember, a parable is a comparison of something we know generally with something we do not know, to help us understand what we don't know more fully. What is being compared here? What are the responses of the Priest, the Levite, and the Samaritan to seeing the half-dead man? What is the main difference of the Samaritan's response compared to the other two's actions or lack of action?
4. What might it mean for you to "come near someone" this week? If we *come near*, we see in a different way and, often, our gut gets involved. That is the root of compassion. When is the last time you have really been overcome with compassion? Describe the circumstances. What did that deep feeling and seeing require of you?
5. The Samaritan's Response to the man in need took time and there was a cost involved. However, it did not take all of his time or money. His compassion did not stop his other journey. What might it mean for you to "Go and do likewise"?

