Today at 11:00 AM Fellowship Hall All-Church Lunch

Entrée (\$10.00) Almond-Crusted Tilapia *or* Meat Loaf with Mushroom Gravy Served with Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Green Beans & Carrots, Zucchini Sautéed with Tomatoes Entrée Salad (\$8.50) Grilled Shrimp with Fresh Fruit & Green Goddess over Greens Children's Menu (\$4.00) Chicken Tenders

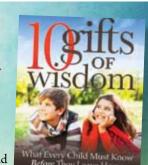
★ food.mdpc.org

♦ women.mdpc.org



Join RISE for its spring book study! Every mother wants her child to grow into a gracious and competent adult. How can she train her child's heart to be excellent and good? In 10 Gifts of Wisdom, Sally Clarkson will help you discover how to convey the gifts of character and wisdom to your children before they leave home.

Thursdays, starting January 9 | 9:30-11:00 AM | Room 218 childcare@mdpc.org (by reservation)



Paperbacks available for \$12; digital versions available at amazon.com.

♦ bind.mdpc.org



Read Through the Entire Bible in 90 Days!

Participants read 12 pages a day and meet weekly for support and encouragement. Three resources are recommended, but only one is required (minimum cost of \$10).

Begins Next Sunday, January 12 Register today! bind.mdpc.org

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An Extraordinary Experience with the Word of God

Sunday Mornings 11:15 AM



♦ finearts.mdpc.org

MDPC CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Play with MDPC Children's Fine Arts! This semester we focus on acting, blocking, and memorization. Your child will learn confidence, leadership, public speaking, teamwork, and other life skills. Join us, and bring your friends. All you need is a good attitude and willingness to participate — no experience or audition required!

Wednesdays, January 15-April 30
3.5 years-Kinder: 5:30-6:15 PM I Room 208
Grades 1-5 and 6-8 (Two Groups): 6:15-7:30 PM I Room 209

MDPC HIGHLIGHTS

Want to Try a Sunday School Class?

Are you looking for community with other 40s to 50s+? Cross+Roads would love to get to know you! Join them this morning as they begin a study of 1 Peter.

Sundays, 11:15 AM | CLC Room 170

Ask for Cross+Roads class member, Laura Guthrie, or email her if you have questions: gguthrie@att.net

Safe Haven January Meeting: Stress Management

Foundations Ministry has changed its name to Safe Haven Adoption and Foster Care Ministry. At our January meeting, Michael Migura (Trainer-STAR Health, Texas Foster Care Program) will speak on Stress Management.

Monday, January 13 (Second Monday of Every Month) | 6:00-8:00 PM | Room 122

A light meal will be provided for those who RSVP by Friday, January 10.
Free childcare available (reservation required): childcare@mdpc.org or 713-490-9266
Contact Ann Rome or Sandy Griffith with questions: mdpcsafehaven@gmail.com

Transforming Grief into Joyful Living

Walking the Mourner's Path is an eight-week, Christ-centered grief program. The group is limited to ten participants, creating a safe place to share feelings with each other and with God. Two trained facilitators along with a pastor will guide the group.

Tuesdays, January 14-March 4 | 3:30-5:00 PM | Chapel Bride's Room 116

To register, contact Bitsy Cleveland: bcleveland@mdpc.org or 713-490-9542 Cost: \$25 (scholarships are available; no one will be turned away due to lack of funds)

All-Church Movie Night

The Ultimate Life (PG; 2013): This touching story of hope, love, and family values is the much-anticipated follow-up to the heartwarming film and bestselling book *The Ultimate Gift*.

Friday, January 17 | 6:00 PM | Amphitheater

Free admission, popcorn, and lemonade!

Class for Parents of Confirmands

Has your son or daughter registered for the 2014 Youth Confirmation program at MDPC? If so, we hope that you as a parent will register for Parents' Confirmation class! It's a fourweek class designed to help you give support to your children as they go through the Youth Confirmation program.

Begins January 19 | 11:15 AM | Room 102

Details and registration: confirmation.mdpc.org

Prime Timers presents Rob Landes: Love Songs You Love

Beloved pianist Rob Landes returns to play your favorite love songs from the World War II era and the movies. You're sure to hum along to these "love songs you love!"

Tuesday, January 21 | Fellowship Hall | Free Program 10:30 AM, Lunch (\$9.50) Noon

Your check (\$9.50) is your lunch reservation. Must be received by Wednesday, January 15.

SCUBA for Elementary Kids

SCUBA is a Bible Study for 3rd through 5th graders, who are seeking to learn more about the Bible and Jesus. Come and dive deeper into your faith!

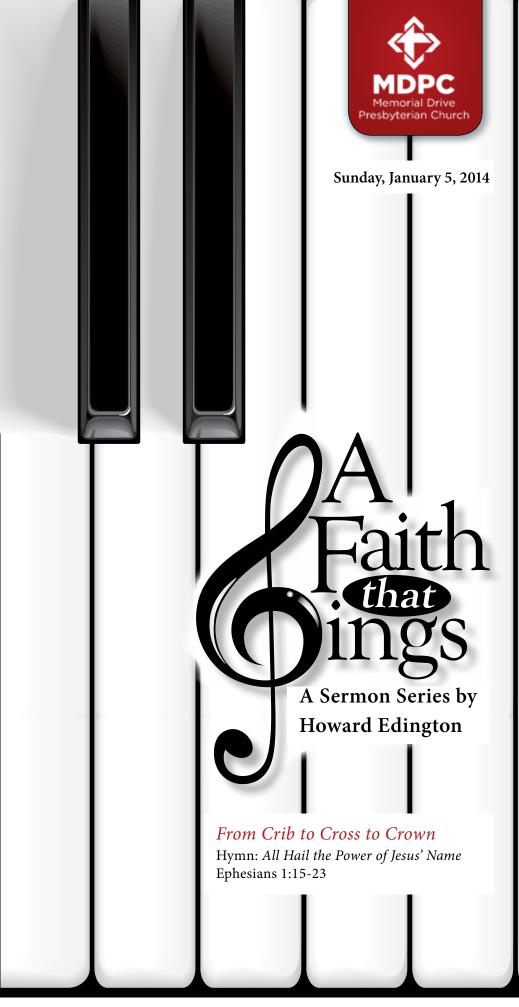
Wednesdays, beginning January 22 | 6:30-7:30 PM | The Galaxy Register: children.mdpc.org

2nd Annual Chili/BBQ/Gumbo/Roadkill Cook Off

There will be Best in Class trophies awarded for chili, bbq, gumbo, and roadkill. We'll have live entertainment throughout the event and a variety of kid's activities all over the park. This event is open for anyone to enter: church group, Sunday School class, neighborhood group, or sporting team!

Saturday, February 1 | 2:00-6:00 PM | Spring Valley Village City Park | \$35/team

Register: register.mdpc.org (MDPC CBGR Cookoff)
Contact Patty Leonard: pleonard@mdpc.org or 713-490-0931



Please silence all devices, and refrain from consuming food or beverages during worship.

MDPC WORSHIP

Please stand if able.

Communion at MDPC is shared by intinction. As directed by the ushers, come forward to the Communion stations at the front of the section where you are seated. Dip the bread in the cup and eat, before returning to your seat. All who confess their faith in Christ are welcome to the table.

8:30 SERVICE

WELCOME Dave Steane *SONGS OF PRAISE Come Thou Fount arr. Crowder 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus Stead/Kirkpatrick *PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON Vicky Jones **OFFERTORY** At Your Name (Yahweh, Yahweh) Wickham/Hughes MESSAGE FROM CRIB TO CROSS TO CROWN Howard Edington SONG OF RESPONSE All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name CORONATION CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Purify

Cantelon/Garrard

Andrew Lloyd Webber

Harold W. Friedell

9:45 SERVICE

COMMUNION MEDITATION

*SONG OF PRAISE God is Here Zschech/Wickham/Houghton At Your Name (Yahweh, Yahweh) Wickham/Hughes *PRAYER OF CONFESSION Christyn Knoop *SONGS OF RESPONSE Oceans (Where Feet May Fail) Crocker/Houston/Ligthelm WELCOME Dave Steane **OFFERTORY** Come Thou Fount arr. Crowder MESSAGE FROM CRIB TO CROSS TO CROWN Howard Edington SONG OF RESPONSE All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name CORONATION

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11:15 SERVICE

POSTLUDE

PRELUDE Variations on 'Coronation G. Young WELCOME Dave Steane *HYMN OF PRAISE Open My Eyes That I May See #324; Vs. 1 & 3 | Open My Eyes *PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON Vicky Jones *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed **OFFERTORY** He Comes to Us Jane Marshall FROM CRIB TO CROSS TO CROWN MESSAGE Howard Edington *HYMN OF RESPONSE All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name #142; Vs. 1-4 | CORONATION CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER **COMMUNION MEDITATIONS** Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether Harold W. Friedel

Pie Jesu (Blessed Jesus)

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

OTHER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SPANISH SERVICE 11:15 AM | Chapel fuente.mdpc.org FIFTH SERVICE 5:00 PM | Chapel fifthservice.mdpc.org

SERMON NOTES

From Crib to Cross to Crown

Hymn: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Ephesians 1:15-23

Howard Edington preaching

roday we begin a new sermon series entitled A Faith That Sings. German ▲ Protestant Reformer Martin Luther once said, "I have no use for cranks who despise music, because it is a gift of God. Next after theology, I give to music the highest place and the greatest honor." The power of music in Christian worship is both soul stirring and spirit lifting. God speaks personally and powerfully to His people through the singing of songs, which reaffirms His love and strengthens our faith.

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name is one of the most beloved hymns of the Christian church. Edward Perronet wrote the lyrics in 1779 while he was serving as missionary in India. All Hail is sometimes referred to as the National Anthem of Christendom because it exalts the Lord Jesus Christ like no other hymn.

Its biblical foundation is found in Ephesians 1:15-23. The Apostle Paul was writing to a community of Christians in the city of Ephesus. At the time of writing, Paul was in prison in Rome because of his relentless preaching of the Gospel. Instead of dwelling on his misfortune, Paul took the opportunity to encourage Christians to be strong in their faith.

- Paul said that he had heard about the Ephesians' faith and had never stopped giving thanks for them. For whom are you thankful? In what ways do you express this gratitude?
- Paul said that he kept asking God to give wisdom and revelation to the Ephesians so that they would know God better. In what ways do wisdom and revelation accomplish this? How has this been true in your life? How have you seen it in others?
- He also prayed that the *eyes of their hearts might be enlightened*. This statement forms the basis for the contemporary worship song Open the Eyes of My Heart. In what ways can the heart see things? In what ways have you seen Jesus in your heart?
- The power of God is mentioned in verse 19. This is a power like no other, for it was this power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead. In what ways have you experienced God's power in your life?
- Paul says that Jesus Christ is exalted high above all rule, authority, power, and dominion. Paul also tells his readers that all things are under the feet of Jesus, and that He is the head over everything. In what ways is Jesus the head over your everything? Is this easy or difficult for you to embrace? What would your life look like if you surrendered completely to Jesus' authority?

Notes written by Executive Pastor Dave Steane

ABOUT MDPC

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Ministry Partners

Pray for these MDPC partners working to make a difference in the lives of others:

3 "A" Bereavement assists indigent and lowincome families with access to affordable and respectful services to be able to bury their loved ones.

3abereavement.org

Agape Development Ministries prepares young adults ages 18 to 30 for success in life, working to stop the cycle of poverty from continuing to the next generation. Mentors, job training, and transitional housing help equip them to attain financial health and the life skills necessary for success. Agape is committed to bringing positive change and Christian love to the entire community.

agapedevelopment.org

MDPC mission partners Reverend Andrew and Teri Adair launched The Antioch Partners (TAP), a missionary-sending agency, in 2007, to train, equip, and send Presbyterian cross-cultural servants into the world to demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ in tangible ways. TAP's goals are to see people become followers of Jesus, and to foster the formation of worshipping communities among the unreached.

theantiochpartners.org

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The White Rose is in memory of these members who have recently passed away:

Information Centers

- Barbara Volkel, December 21, 2013
- Norma Fain Braly, December 23, 2013
- Jerome H. Ferguson, Jr., December 24, 2013

Births, Deaths, and Hospitalizations

Please notify Kakki Thompson in Caring Ministries of births to member families, member deaths, and hospitalizations: kthompson@mdpc.org or 713-490-9541

Pastor Nominating Committee

Please pray for the committee and the congregation during this time of transition. Prayer cards are available at the Front Office. Visit pnc.mdpc. org for updates on the committee's progress.

Chancel Flower Dedications

Chancel flower dedications may be made for a \$50 contribution. Visit the Front Office to sign up! Your dedication will be printed here on the Sunday of your choice (some exceptions apply).

