

A Great New Year's Resolution!

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 today!
Sundays through April 13 | 11:15 AM | Amphitheater



THE BIBLE IN 90 DAYS™
An Extraordinary Experience with the Word of God

↑ bind.mdpc.org

↓ 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 | Room 208
Grades 1-5 and 6-8 (Two Groups): 6:15-7:30 PM | Room 209

↓ seniors.mdpc.org

Prime Timers presents

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 at the MDPC Front Office by Wednesday, January 15.



↓ cbgr.mdpc.org

★ CBGR COOKOFF ★

THE 2ND ANNUAL CHILI, BBQ, GUMBO, & ROADKILL COOK OFF

Saturday, February 1 | 2:00-6:00 PM
Spring Valley Village City Park | Register at cbgr.mdpc.org (\$35 per team)

MDPC HIGHLIGHTS

Safe Haven January Meeting: Stress Management

At Safe Haven Adoption and Foster Care Ministry's 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

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 a Christ-centered grief program. Two trained facilitators along with a pastor will guide the group, which is limited to ten participants.

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

Everyone is invited to enjoy a great, family-friendly film. This month's screening:

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'll register for Parents' Confirmation class, designed to help you give support to your children as they go through the Youth Confirmation program.

Sundays, January 19-February 9 | 11:15 AM | Room 102

Details and registration: confirmation.mdpc.org

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

Feeling the Nudge to Start a Small Group...

...but not sure where to start? We can help. Shoot an email to Adult Ministries Director Christyn Knoop to swap ideas, learn best practices for groups that work, and see how the church can be of support.

Contact Christyn Knoop: cknoop@mdpc.org or 713-490-0940

Elementary Pizza Parties

Come eat pizza and play games at a Pizza Party! Kindergarteners and first graders party in January; Pizza Parties for second through fifth graders come in February and April.

K & 1st Grade: Sunday, January 26 | 12:30-2:00 PM | The Galaxy

Contact Mallory Moore: mmoore@mdpc.org or 713-490-9262

Discover MDPC

Want to know more about MDPC? Interested in membership? Attend this informational meeting to find out more about who we are and how we operate, both in our community and around the world.

Sunday, January 26 | 10:45-11:10 AM | Gathering Room

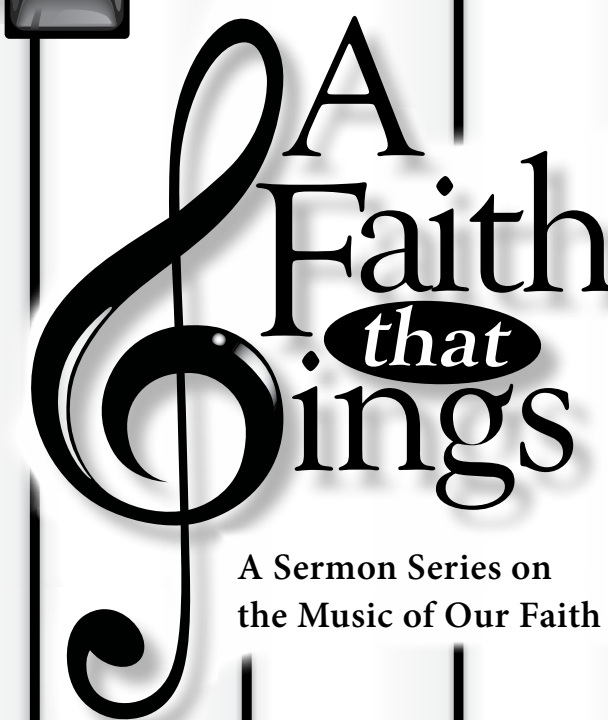
Joseph: The Forgotten Man of Christmas

This wonderful Christmas book about Joseph was written by Dr. Howard Edington in honor and memory of his and Trisha's son, John David.

A limited supply is available for purchase at the Front Office (\$15).



Sunday, January 12, 2014



A Sermon Series on
the Music of Our Faith

Christian Leadership In Christ Alone

Hymn: *In Christ Alone*

1 Timothy 4:6-12 (ESV)

Dave Steane Preaching

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

Dave Peterson to MDPC! She looks forward to serving once again as an Elder. Kathy is blessed to have two children and two grandchildren.



Elizabeth Seidensticker | Children’s: Elementary

An MDPC member since 2002, Elizabeth has been an active participant in the life of the church. She worked part time for the REACH sports and recreation program (2003-2007), served on the Children’s Day Inn Board (2005-2007) and as preschool storyteller, and currently serves on the lead team for Children’s Ministries. Elizabeth has enjoyed participating in a variety of Bible studies, including RISE for Moms and, currently, Bible Study Discussion. She has taught preschool Sunday school with her husband since 2008, and volunteered with Summer Celebration for the past eight years. Elizabeth is blessed to be married to her wonderful husband of 20 years, Alan. Together they enjoy raising their three children: Jack (12), Aiden (9), and Evelyn (6). She is a 1993 graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, and runs her own business, Order N Everything Consulting, as a professional organizer.



Lisa Shelfer | Equipping: Fellowship Groups (Class of 2015)

Lisa Shelfer and her husband, David, have been members of MDPC since 1988. Lisa has been active in the Seekers Sunday school class for many years, and she and David have served as moderators and as curriculum coordinators of the class several times. She is a Stephen Minister and also attends Bible Study Discussion. Lisa taught hearing-impaired students for 22 years prior to her retirement. Lisa and David have two grown sons, Mark and Brian, as well as three grandchildren. She is an avid reader and loves to needlepoint, work in the garden, and spend time with her family. Lisa is excited about serving MDPC as an Elder in Equipping Ministries.



Sandy Smith | Treasurer Elect-Elect

Sandy and his wife, Sandra, joined MDPC shortly after moving to Houston in 1977, and have been active participants since. He was a member of the Outreach Committee for three years, and has been a member of the Finance and Audit Committees for the past five years. During his time serving with Outreach, he represented MDPC in assisting the Presbytery of New Covenant resolve significant financial issues and continues as a member of their audit committee. He qualified as a Chartered Accountant in Scotland before he and Sandra moved to the United States in 1964 to join KPMG. He retired as a partner in 2002 after 38 years working in various parts of United States and Latin America. They have three children and five grandchildren, and many in their family are involved in MDPC programs.



Suzanne Stiles | Outreach: Connections

Suzanne is a native Houstonian and graduated from Memorial High School in 1991. She has been active in Children’s Ministries for many years, teaching Sunday School and serving on the Summer Celebration Leadership Team for the past six years, the past three years as the Chair. She and her husband, Adam, have three girls: Catherine (11), Caroline (9), and Charlotte (8). Suzanne writes the monthly Memorial Mentions column for the local magazine, *Absolutely Memorial*. She also volunteers with many organizations in the community, including Bunker Hill Elementary where all three of her daughters attend school.



Ricardo Villamar | Fuente Ministries

Ricardo Villamar, his wife, Yanet, and their daughters, Montserrat, Helena, and Paulette, have been part of Fuente Ministries for six years. They began attending just one week after they arrived in the United States. The whole family is very active in the life of the church, serving each week in the Food Pantry, as ushers and readers in worship, and volunteering in other community events. Currently, Ricardo leads the Biblical Sunday School and Financial Peace (Paz Finaciera) programs in Spanish for Fuente members and guests. He and Yanet are also members of the Missioner Core (grupo Timon), leading the Evangelism and Christian Education committee. Ricardo graduated from university in Mexico in 1990, and works with a custom home and remodeling corporation in the Houston area.



Ralph Wheeler | Equipping: Spiritual Development

Ralph is happy to again serve as an Elder on session. Paul’s letter to Titus continues to shape Ralph’s attitude about serving in the church. Ralph and Mary raised their two children in this church. Countless times, they have praised God and the founding Elders, who, from MDPC’s inception, placed high value on daily prayer and radical generosity as ways to honor God, raise a family, and care for friends and strangers alike. Ralph knows that he is blessed and that, in turn, he is meant to bless others, and he does so with a sense of honor and duty to our Lord and the body of believers at MDPC.



Sara Wiggins | Children’s: Preschool

Sara has been an MDPC member since January 1998. She and Mike were married in the Sanctuary in front of the gold wall in October 1998. Sara has volunteered in Preschool Ministries since 1998 as a Sunday School teacher. She leads Sunday morning Preschool Worship alongside Becky Funderburk, ushers at the 9:45 AM service, and is head usher for the Family Services on Easter and Christmas Eve. Her mom, Judy Peters, is also a member and active volunteer, and they joined MDPC together. She loves to spend time with her husband; her dog, Sammy; and family and friends.



Elder Ordination
JANUARY 12, 2014

Today, we install eighteen new Elders to the MDPC Session, Class of 2016 (two exceptions noted).

What is an Elder?

Elders are chosen by the congregation. Together with the Pastors, they exercise leadership, government, and discipline, and have responsibilities for the life of our church. Elders should be persons of faith, dedication, and good judgment. Their manner of living should be a demonstration of the Christian Gospel, both in the church and in the community.

What are the primary responsibilities of an Elder?

Through committees, Session, and a variety of other avenues, the Elders nurture and strengthen the faith of our congregation, provide spiritual direction, and minister to those in need.



Teri Adair | Worship & Music

Teri Adair has been a member of MDPC since 2009. She is the wife of Andrew Adair and they have three children: Rebekah (20), Matthew (17), and Gabrielle (11). Teri and Andrew lead The Antioch Partners, a mission organization which expands long term, incarnational mission opportunities for Presbyterians. Her role as Personnel Coordinator allows her to live into her passion for the world, seeing worshipping communities started among every tribe, tongue, and nation, and use her experience as a former PC(USA) mission co-worker to mentor those called into cross-cultural service. She has been a Sunday School Teacher, most recently with Special Blessings, and a mentor through SBISD and the MDPC mentor program since 2008. Teri is blessed to be part of a missional community and a small group with members of MDPC. She graduated from California State University, Long Beach with a BS in Business Administration. Teri also is a graduate of Fuller Theological Seminary of Pasadena, California, where she received a MA in Cross-Cultural Studies.



Meka Arend | Relationships: Women’s

Meka Arend and her husband, Chris, have been members of MDPC since 1998. Meka has served on several boards including the Child Care Plus board (2004-2007), MDPC MOMs Board (2004-2006), and Summer Celebration Leadership Team (2008-2011), and she chaired Summer Celebration in 2009. In addition, she has served on the leadership team for the Women’s Ministries retreat for the past two years. Meka has loved attending BSD (Bible Study Discussion) over the past eight years. She and Chris have been a part of a Married Life Group for seven years and are members of the Daily Bread Sunday School class. Meka is a 1997 graduate of Baylor University. She enjoys volunteering at her children’s school, playing tennis, photography, and scrapbooking. Currently, she is a stay-at-home mom after working in the IT industry. Meka and Chris have two children: Drew (11) and Mackenzie (9).



Jill Gilbert | Relationships (Class of 2014)

Jill Gilbert has been involved in many areas of the church, including BSD (Bible Study Discussion), Children’s Ministries, and Relationships Ministries. Professionally, Jill is a licensed marriage and family therapist and has a private practice in the area. Jill has a passion for Relationships Ministries and looks forward to serving as an Elder in this area. Jill and her husband, Michael, have been active members of MDPC since 2003. They are avid sports fans and share this passion with their three sons: Drew (10), Adam (8), and Hunter (5).



Fiona Guinn | Outreach: Local

As an MDPC lifer, Fiona has enjoyed many of the opportunities the church has to offer for personal and spiritual growth. Among her favorites are Thursday morning BSD (Bible Study Discussion) and serving on the Outreach Committee. Fiona and her husband, Shea, have been married for 16 years and have three children: Duncan (14), Colin (12), and Sophie (10). Fiona enjoys golfing, reading, traveling, and spending time with her family.



Trevor Harris | Youth: Middle School

Having grown up in the church, Trevor officially became a member in 2003 when he was confirmed while still in middle school. MDPC has provided a multitude of opportunities for Trevor over the past few years, including a role as a high school intern in the summer of 2010. Since then, he has been involved in mission trips, weekend retreats, and Youth’s Sunday morning Connections. After graduating from Texas A&M in May of 2013, Trevor helped lead a summer Bible study for college students and a high school freshman guys’ Bible study. His involvement in a Youth Life Group has been an amazing opportunity for growth within the church. Trevor is currently a salesperson for Hydraquip Distribution.



Marsha Hartsell | Worship & Music

Marsha Hartsell became a member of MDPC in November 1992. Since then, she has volunteered within the church in a variety of ways. She served on a Children’s Ministries Committee, taught children’s Sunday School, and was a small group leader in BSD (Bible Study Discussion). She currently attends Pathways Sunday School class, serves on Outreach Ministries’ Spring Branch-Hunger Subcommittee, and enjoys being in a covenant group. On Monday mornings, you will find her at Housman Elementary School tutoring second graders. She is married to Don Hartsell and they have two daughters: Lauren and Olivia.



Rick Lilliott | Food Service

Rick has been a member of MDPC for over 35 years. He has served as Treasurer of MDPC twice, as a Deacon and later as an Elder; on the Finance, Audit, and Giving Committees; with BSD (Bible Study Discussion); and has assisted with MDPC’s Fuente Food Pantry. He also serves on the Presbytery of New Covenant Audit Committee and participates in The Jewish-Presbyterian Dialog. Rick is married to Gwen, a long-time MDPC choir member. They have three grown children, David Lilliott, Elizabeth Lilliott-Gonzalez, and Marty Chapman (MDPC Elder Class of 2014), and five grandchildren, three of whom attend MDPC Sunday School. A native Houstonian, Rick is a retired CPA, and active in Rice University (Class of 1963) and Lamar High School (Class of 1959) alumni affairs.



Mark Madorsky | Facilities

Mark and his family have been part of the MDPC family since 2003. He lives in Piney Point Village with his wife, Kris, and two teenage sons, Jake and Nick, who both attend Memorial High School. Mark has been a frequent attendee and occasional small group leader of the various MDPC Men’s Life programs and has been involved in Caring Ministries’ Partner In Prayer program for the past three years. This is Mark’s first nomination as an Elder. Mark’s career as a consulting engineer at an A/E firm that practices in the building construction industry gives him a unique, insider’s perspective that equips him to serve effectively as a Facilities Elder.



Ray McLaughlin | Personnel Elder Elect-Elect

Ray McLaughlin and his wife, Barbara, have been members of MDPC since the late ‘80s. He has previously served as an Elder and has been active in various aspects of the church, including as Stewardship Moderator on the Planning and Evaluation Committee, and on the MDPC Foundation. Ray co-chaired the major capital campaign, A Future With Hope, in 1999 with his wife. He is an active participant in Bible study classes. Ray was a financial executive for most of his career and has been involved in various business start-ups; and, is currently retired from active business. He deeply enjoys and cherishes the community of believers that comprise the body of MDPC and is honored to be serving once again as an Elder.



Jere Overdyke | Clerk Elect-Elect

Jere and his wife, Carol, have been members of MDPC for over 22 years and are both former Elders. Jere has been an active participant in the life of the church since joining. He has worked with Youth Ministries, participates in Men’s Life, been a small group member for over 17 years, co-founded Grace Fellowship Sunday School class, served as Moderator of the Stewardship (Generosity) Committee, served on the Strategic Issues Committee, and, along with Carol, co-chaired the Good Housekeeping Capital Campaign. Jere has been involved in the E&P sector of the oil and gas industry his entire career. He and his wife both graduated from LSU and have two married sons. MDPC has provided Jere and his family with a special place for worship, fellowship, and spiritual growth.



Kathy Redden | Generosity

MDPC has been Kathy Redden’s church home since 1981. She previously has served as a Deacon and as an Elder, as well as on several committees. She is a Stephen Minister and is involved in the Prayer Chain, Bible Study Discussion, and Circle 10. MDPC has given Kathy many rewarding opportunities to serve, including being a part of the Pastor Nominating Committee that brought