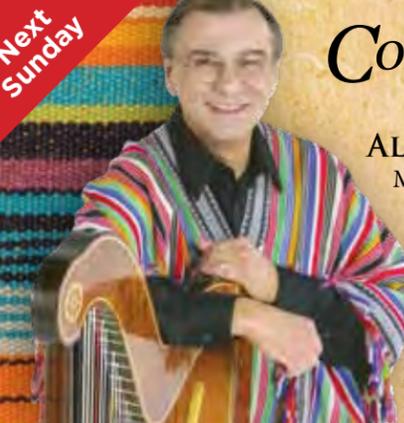


**Next Sunday**



**MDPC Concert Series**  
2013-2014

**ALFREDO ROLANDO ORTIZ**  
MDPC Worship and Music Ministries is pleased to introduce to Houston Cuban-born master of the South American harp, Alfredo Rolando Ortiz. With a multicultural repertoire of folk, classical, and popular music, Alfredo has performed all over the world and recorded over forty albums.

**Sunday, February 9 | 3:30 PM | Sanctuary**  
*This concert is presented free-of-charge.*

↑ [concerts.mdpc.org](http://concerts.mdpc.org) ↓ [epl.mdpc.org](http://epl.mdpc.org)

**Today!**

Today at 11:00 AM  
Fellowship Hall



**All-Church Lunch**

**Entrée** (\$10.00) Catfish Pecan or Roasted Chicken  
Served with Sweet Potato Mash, Green Beans with Mushrooms, Corn Relish

**Entrée Salad** (\$8.50) Grilled Chicken with Hummus and Pita Bread

**Children's Menu** (\$4.00) Chicken Tenders

↑ [food.mdpc.org](http://food.mdpc.org) ↓ [sermons.mdpc.org](http://sermons.mdpc.org)



Sunday, February 2, 2014

**FACES and PLACES AROUND THE CROSS**

**Eat Pray Lent: A 7-Week Bible Study During Lent**  
This year's Lenten study, *Faces and Places Around the Cross*, will help you comprehend more fully the core event of the Christian faith: the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. There are a variety of groups to join, or start your own, or use the Lenten Study Guide in your existing small group. **Groups meet once weekly, March 9-April 20**  
Information and registration: [epl.mdpc.org](http://epl.mdpc.org)



↓ [adults.mdpc.org](http://adults.mdpc.org)

**The MDPC App is Live.**



Download the MDPC App to listen to sermons, see upcoming events, and participate in church-wide Bible studies. Content will change periodically, so check it often!

Visit [sermons.mdpc.org](http://sermons.mdpc.org) for a link to get the app for your smart phone or tablet.

Available through



↓ [outreach.mdpc.org](http://outreach.mdpc.org)

**Kids' Meals**  
Monthly Service Opportunity

Help feed hungry children by making sandwiches for Kids' Meals. Please bring two loaves of white or wheat sandwich bread to the project.

**Wednesday, February 12**  
5:00 PM | Fellowship Hall



↓ [seniors.mdpc.org](http://seniors.mdpc.org)

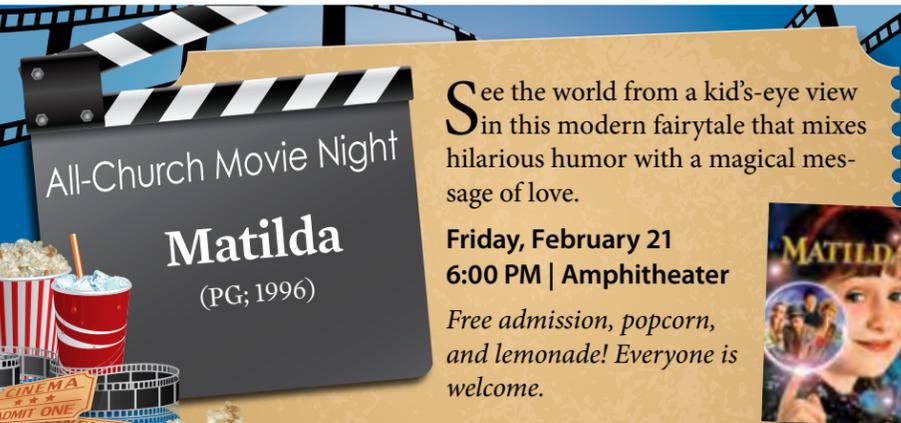
**All-Church Movie Night**

**Matilda**  
(PG; 1996)

See the world from a kid's-eye view in this modern fairytale that mixes hilarious humor with a magical message of love.

**Friday, February 21**  
6:00 PM | Amphitheater

*Free admission, popcorn, and lemonade! Everyone is welcome.*



**Prime Timers Presents**

**Fiddlin' Faron Evans: A Nostalgic Trip through Country Music History**

**Tuesday, February 18**  
MDPC Fellowship Hall

**Free Program: 10:30 AM | Lunch (\$9.50): Noon**

Your check is your reservation. Checks made out to MDPC must be received at the Front Office by Wednesday, February 12.



Faron is from a musical Texas family and has shared the stage with such legends as Mickey Gilley, Conway Twitty, and Willie Nelson.

# A Faith that Sings

A Sermon Series on the Music of Our Faith

*Night Is When the Stars Shine*  
Hymn: *Abide With Me*  
Romans 8:26-39  
Howard Edington Preaching

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

## MDPC HIGHLIGHTS

### Souper Bowl of Caring

Today's second offering supports MDPC's long-time ministry partner Houston Food Bank, the nation's largest Feeding America food bank, distributing food to nearly 600 hunger relief programs in 18 southeast Texas counties.

Today in All Services | [tacklehunger.org](http://tacklehunger.org)

### Congregational Meeting

Called by MDPC's Session to approve the Pastors' Terms of Call and to elect a Children's Ministries elder.

Sunday, February 16 following 9:45 AM Worship | Sanctuary

### Bible Study Discussion (BSD) Visitor Days

BSD's study of God's Abundant Gifts expressed in the book of Galatians starts this week (see insert for more information). Make good on that New Year's resolution to get involved in a Bible study! Come for a no obligation one-hour preview and register in time to receive your Galatians curriculum.

Today at 9:45 or 11:15 AM | Room 122 (For Co-ed Groups)

Wednesday, February 5 | 5:00 PM (Co-ed) or 6:30 PM (Women)

Visit [bsd.mdpc.org](http://bsd.mdpc.org) for details, or contact Marcia Davis ([mmdavis84@gmail.com](mailto:mmdavis84@gmail.com), 713-598-4330).

### New Member Classes Begin Today

MDPC's New Member Class series is taught by the associate pastors and elders. The series includes a Saturday service project at one of our local mission partners.

Sundays, February 2-March 9 | Room 171-172 | 11:00 AM-12:15 PM

Contact Diann Turet with questions: [dturet@mdpc.org](mailto:dturet@mdpc.org) or 713-490-9553

### A Very Special Dinner and a Marriage

#### For Parents of Children with Special Needs

Life is all about your children...make this night all about your marriage! We're hosting a romantic dinner for you and your spouse. We will focus on marriage encouragement and provide couples with the opportunity to reconnect through quality time together.

Saturday, February 8 | 5:30-7:30 PM | \$15 per couple (includes dinner)

Childcare and dinner are provided for children with special needs age 14 and younger at no cost. Child-care and dinner are available for siblings 10 and younger: \$20 for one sibling, \$15 for two, \$40 for three or more. Registration closes Wednesday, February 5, at Noon: [register.mdpc.org](http://register.mdpc.org)  
Contact Karen Lopes with questions: [klopes@mdpc.org](mailto:klopes@mdpc.org) or 713-490-9265

### Holy Land Trip

Following in the footsteps of Jesus is a profound spiritual adventure! We land in Tel Aviv and proceed with visits to Capernaum, Bethlehem, the Mount of Olives, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and much, much more. Details are available at [holy.mdpc.org](http://holy.mdpc.org).

#### Informational Meeting with Tour Director Barry Weiss:

Monday, February 10 | 7:00 PM | Chapel

Should you not be available that evening, Barry is able to meet earlier in the day, as needed. To set up an additional consultation, contact Gena Kookan at [gkookan@mdpc.org](mailto:gkookan@mdpc.org) or 713-953-2581.

### Feeling the Nudge to Start a Small Group?

...But not sure where to start? We can help! Shoot me an email to swap ideas, learn best practices for groups that work, and see how the church can be of support.

Contact Christyn Knoop, Adult Ministries Director: [cknoop@mdpc.org](mailto:cknoop@mdpc.org) or 713-490-0940

### Mo-Ranch 2014: Press On Toward the Goal

Mo-Ranch has become a highly anticipated annual event; a time to relax and enjoy great fellowship in the Texas Hill Country. The weekend is built around Philippians 3:14 (*I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus*). Over the weekend, we'll look at its meaning and our personal "goals."

Memorial Day Weekend, Friday-Monday, May 23-26

Registration opens Saturday, February 22 at 8:00 AM: [mo.mdpc.org](http://mo.mdpc.org)

Rooms are booked "first come, first served." Contact Vicki Levins with questions: [vlevins@mdpc.org](mailto:vlevins@mdpc.org)

## MDPC WORSHIP

Next Sunday, February 9, Dr. and Mrs. Edington will be vacationing with friends in Beaver Creek, Colorado. Dr. Edington returns to the pulpit on February 16.

\* Please stand if able.

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### 8:30 SERVICE

WELCOME		Dave Steane
SONGS OF PRAISE	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Crown Him With Many Crowns</i>	LOBE DEN HERREN DIADEMATA
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON		Rachel Poysky
SONG OF PREPARATION	<i>Cornerstone</i>	arr. Liljero/Morgan/Myrin
OFFERTORY	<i>Desert Song</i>	Brooke Ligertwood
MESSAGE	<i>Night Is When the Stars Shine</i>	Howard Edington
SONG OF RESPONSE	<i>Abide With Me</i>	EVENTIDE

### 9:45 SERVICE

*SONG OF PRAISE	<i>Desert Song</i>	Brooke Ligertwood
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION		Dave Steane
*SONG OF RESPONSE	<i>Our God</i>	Tomlin/Reeves/Myrin/Redman
PRAY AWARDS; EAGLE SCOUT RECOGNITION		John Beall and Dave Steane
WELCOME		Dave Steane
OFFERTORY	<i>Cornerstone</i>	arr. Liljero/Morgan/Myrin
MESSAGE	<i>Night Is When the Stars Shine</i>	Howard Edington
SONG OF RESPONSE	<i>Abide With Me</i>	arr. Justin Smith

### 11:15 SERVICE

PRELUDE	<i>Passacaglia</i>	Dietrich Buxtehude
WELCOME		Dave Steane
CHORAL INTROIT	<i>Behold Now, Praise the Lord</i>	Everett Titcomb
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>God, You Spin the Whirling Planets</i>	#285; Vs. 1 & 3   AUSTRIAN HYMN
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON		Rachel Poysky
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	The Apostles' Creed	
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	<i>The Gloria Patri</i>	Hymn #579
ANTHEM	<i>If God Himself Be for Me</i>	Michael Costello
OFFERTORY	<i>Abide With Me</i>	John Cornish
MESSAGE	<i>Night Is When the Stars Shine</i>	Howard Edington
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>Abide With Me</i>	#543; Vs. 1, 3, & 5   EVENTIDE
POSTLUDE	<i>Lift High the Cross</i>	arr. Behnke

### OTHER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SPANISH SERVICE	11:15 AM   Chapel	<a href="http://fuente.mdpc.org">fuente.mdpc.org</a>
FIFTH SERVICE	5:00 PM   Chapel	<a href="http://fifthservice.mdpc.org">fifthservice.mdpc.org</a>

## ABOUT MDPC

### Coordinating Team

Mauricio Chacón | Associate Pastor for Fuente  
Howard Edington | Interim Senior Pastor  
Brandon Gaide | Next Generation Minister  
Ginny Glass | Communications & Media Dir.  
Meliza Gómez | Contemporary Music Dir.  
Luke Gordon | Youth Ministries Dir.  
Charles Hausmann | Traditional Music Dir.  
Kristin Huffman | Associate Pastor for Outreach  
Brett Hurst | Relationships Minister  
Victoria Jones | Associate Pastor for Equipping  
Gena Kookan | Sr. Leadership Ministry Coord.  
Rick Myers | Associate Pastor for Caring  
Rachel Poysky | Children's Ministries Dir.  
Becky Riggs | Business Administrator  
Dave Steane | Executive Pastor & Head of Staff  
Kathryn White | Coordinating Music Dir.  
Karen Winship | Human Resources Dir.

Dave Peterson | Pastor Emeritus  
Gary Bowker | Pastor Emeritus

MDPC Foundation

For information, contact Business Administrator  
Becky Riggs at [briggs@mdpc.org](mailto:briggs@mdpc.org) or 713-953-2570.

### Ministry Partners

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

**Be An Angel** improves the quality of life for children with multiple disabilities or profound deafness. They provide adaptive equipment, school programs, and specialized services. [beanangel.org](http://beanangel.org)

**The Beacon** provides hot meals, showers, laundry service, and case management to over 600 clients each day. These essential services meet both the most basic and critical needs of Houston's underserved and homeless clients. [beaconhomeless.org](http://beaconhomeless.org)

**MDPC mission partners Steve and Barbara Johnson** serve through Youth With a Mission (YWAM) in Budapest, Hungary. YWAM's strengths are in evangelism, training, relief, and development ministries. The Johnsons operate a coffeehouse that serves as an evangelism center, reaching out to the Budapest community with music and conversation that sparks spiritual discussion. They welcome visitors and mission teams. [ywambudapest.hu](http://ywambudapest.hu)



### Prayer Requests

**The White Rose is in memory of MDPC members who recently passed away:**

- George Volkel, January 21, 2014

#### Births, Deaths, and Hospitalizations

Please notify Kakki Thompson in Caring Ministries of births to parents who are members, of member deaths, and of hospitalizations: [kthompson@mdpc.org](mailto:kthompson@mdpc.org) or 713-490-9541

#### 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).

#### WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

The 2014 budget is pending Session approval.



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Sunday, February 2, 2014



## *Night Is When the Stars Shine*

Hymn: *Abide With Me*

Romans 8:26-39

Howard Edington Preaching

Today we continue *A Faith That Sings*, a sermon series exploring some of the great hymns and songs of our faith. 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.

Henry Francis Lyte wrote the beloved Christian hymn, *Abide With Me*, in 1874. With very little training, Lyte became an Anglican priest in 1815. A year later, as he attended to a fellow priest who was dying, Lyte experienced a powerful conversion when he discovered the “plain and literal” sense of the epistles of Paul. This radically transformed his life and faith. By 1874, Lyte was dying of tuberculosis and wrote *Abide With Me* just three weeks before his death. The hymn is a prayer asking God to be intimate and close through the hills and valleys of life.

Part of the inspiration for *Abide With Me* may well have been Romans chapter 8:26-39. This passage contains a strong affirmation that Christians are victorious because of God’s presence through Jesus Christ. We join our voices with the saints from old as we proclaim that nothing can separate us from God’s love!

- Paul said that the Spirit *intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express*. How do you understand this? How have you experienced this? Have you ever been speechless before God?
- Paul said that *in all things God works for the good of those who love Him*. In what ways have you found this to be true? How have you experienced God working for the good during times of trial and struggle in your life?
- *If God is for us, who can be against us?* This is one of the most powerful affirmations in all of scripture! To what extent have you been able to embrace this? What things interfere with living in this confidence? What does it mean that God is for *you*?
- Paul said that *nothing* can separate us from the love of Christ. Even trouble, hardship, persecution, famine, nakedness, or the danger of sword are unable to separate us from Christ’s love. How have you experienced that kind of love from Christ? How does believing in this love affect your view of your current circumstances?
- Paul said that Christians are *more than conquerors* through Christ’s love. What things have you *conquered* because of this love?
- Paul listed several things that are unable to thwart God’s love: death, life, angels, demons, present, future, powers, height, or depth. In what ways might these things try to separate God’s love from us? How have you experienced God’s abiding love in the face of these things?



# Boy Scout Troop 642

The Rainmakers | Houston, Texas

Chartered by MDPC, Troop 642 is one of the oldest and largest troops in the Houston area. The Troop has produced over 500 Eagle Scouts, one of the highest totals in the United States. A challenging and faith-based program, grounded in the legacy of Boy Scouts of America, helps prepare boys to be successful adults.

## 2013 Troop 642 Eagle Awardees

David C. Breunig

Spencer A. Dugan

Ryan Fairbairn

Grant Gunter

Trevor Hennington

Ross I. Kimmel

Will Ottens

John Scholl

Daniel M. Sweat

Michael A. Timte

Andrew W. Weitzel

Pearson Wolk

## God and Life Awardees

Harris Cooley

William Goolsby

Alec Norman

William Von Gonten

Frank Yang

To learn more about Boy Scouts and Troop 642, visit [troop642.org](http://troop642.org) or contact Don Leever at [deleever@sbcglobal.net](mailto:deleever@sbcglobal.net).

## MDPC HIGHLIGHTS

### BSD Begins Study of Galatians

**See our invitation to BSD Visitor Days inside today's bulletin!**

Bible Study Discussion (BSD) begins studying Paul's letter to the Galatians the first week in February. If you are new to MDPC, made a Bible study new year's resolution, or have been meaning to get involved in an in-depth Bible study for awhile, this is a great time to join! Included in this portion of the study are the gift of the Gospel, the gift of the Holy Spirit, the gifts of patience and prayer, and the gift of changed lives. Everyone is welcome, regardless of experience, age, or church affiliation.

**Thursday morning groups begin February 6\* (women)**

**Wednesday evening groups begin February 12 (women and co-ed)**

**Sunday morning groups begin February 9\* (co-ed)**

*\*Childcare is provided at no cost on Thursday and Sunday for ages 3 months to 5 years. On Thursdays, the Bible Buddies program is available, providing Bible-based activities for ages 2 to 5.*

*For more information, contact BSD Administrator, Marcia Davis: [mmdavis84@gmail.com](mailto:mmdavis84@gmail.com)*

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

### Moving Forward

**An MDPC Care Group for Those Grieving the Loss of a Spouse**

Grieving can take a long time, many times longer than one expects. It helps to have support from those who have gone through a similar experience. Losing a spouse is emotional and stressful, and it's hard to imagine a future without your soul mate. But, with support, encouragement, and listening, there is hope. Come join us for dinner, fellowship, and conversation once a month as you continue the journey of "moving forward."

**Third Wednesdays at 5:45 PM | Room 101 | Next meeting: Wednesday, February 19**

*Dinner will be available for purchase.*

*Questions? Contact Bitsy Cleveland: [bcleveland@mdpc.org](mailto:bcleveland@mdpc.org) or 713-490-9542*



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