


Today!



MDPC Dads: Tech Tips

We'll explore the technologies that your children interact with daily. You'll get helpful tips for discussing technology with your teen, setting healthy boundaries, and keeping up with the ever-changing tech landscape.

Today at 11:15 AM
The Gathering Room

This class for fathers and father-figures is presented by Dan Aikins, Middle School Discipleship Director.

↑ men.mdpc.org

↓ singles.mdpc.org

Friday

BURGERS & COMEDY NIGHT: MDPC SINGLES & FRIENDS

Friday, February 28 | 6:00 PM | Meet at Grub Burger Bar



Join us for a burger, drink, and fun with friends. We'll meet at Grub Burger Bar in CityCentre, then walk over to ComedySportz for its team-competition, "Whose Line Is It Anyway?"-style comedy show - clean and appropriate for all audiences. Cost is \$10 plus the price of your Grub.

It Anyway"-style comedy show - clean and appropriate for all audiences. Cost is \$10 plus the price of your Grub.

RSVP to Sarah Stone: ssstone@mdpc.org

↓ seniors.mdpc.org

Venturers Presents

Greater Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau

Greg Ortale describes how the Bureau facilitates and promotes professional sports, Broadway shows, museums, and conventions, and how these events impact Houston's economy.

Monday, March 3 | 6:00 PM

Social Hour, followed by Dinner & Program
 Location: Westchase Hilton
 RSVP by February 26: Chuck Edwards, 713-785-7115

↓ women.mdpc.org



Girls' Getaway

Live life • Love life • Speak life

Saturday-Sunday
March 29-30
 With Guest Speaker Darla Baerg

Our yearly women's retreat at Camp for All in Burton, Texas. Campfires, horseback riding, zip lines, rock wall, fun crafts, and an engaging speaker make this an unforgettable weekend for women of all ages. Come to meet a friend or make a friend!

Contact Patty Leonard:
pleonard@mdpc.org or 713-490-0931

FACES and PLACES AROUND THE CROSS

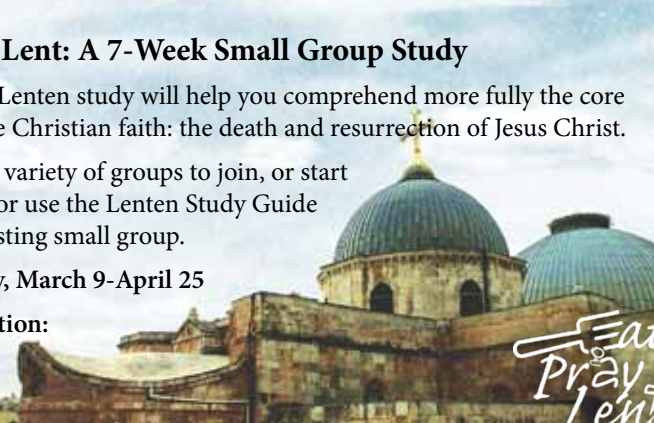
Eat Pray Lent: A 7-Week Small Group Study

This year's Lenten study 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 25

Information and registration:
epl.mdpc.org



Eat Pray Lent

↑ epl.mdpc.org

↓ outreach.mdpc.org



Spring Break In Galveston

We'll spend our Spring Break service day helping at St. Vincent's House. Everyone is invited! Children (5+) must serve with a parent or guardian.

Lend a helping hand!

Saturday, March 15
 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Contact Valerie Rivera:
vriviera@mdpc.org or 712-490-9551

Details at outreach.mdpc.org

↓ finearts.mdpc.org

SPRING SESSION HAS BEGUN!

MDPC Children's Choirs
 For Pre-K through 6th Grade • Three groups, divided by age
 Wednesday Evenings

Visit finearts.mdpc.org for details and to sign up!

↓ men.mdpc.org

RIDIN' ON FAITH
 ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT

Saturday-Sunday
April 5-6

Lazy A Ranch in Fayetteville, TX

Special Entertainment by Cory Morrow

Cost: \$100
 (partial scholarships available)

mensretreat.mdpc.org




Sunday, February 23, 2014

A Faith that sings

A Sermon Series on the Music of Our Faith

The Greatest Songwriter's Greatest Song
 Hymn: The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want
 Psalm 23
 Howard Edington Preaching

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

MDPC HIGHLIGHTS

Blood Drive Today!

Every donation can help save as many as three lives!
8:00 AM-2:00 PM | Fellowship Hall
For information on donating: giveblood.org or health.mdpc.org

2nd & 3rd Grade Pizza Party

Second and third graders: come eat pizza and play games with your friends! Look for information in upcoming bulletins for the fourth and fifth grade party in April.
Today in The Galaxy (2nd Floor, Main Building) | 12:30-2:00 PM
Contact Mallory Moore: mmoore@mdpc.org or 713-490-9262

Prayer Retreat at the Museum of Fine Arts

Come spend a day at the museum finding God in beautiful works of art. In the morning, we'll have an overview of *Visio Divina*, or "holy seeing," a method of viewing art through prayer and meditation, then spend two to three hours prayerfully considering works of art.
Friday, March 7 | 9:30 AM-3:00 PM | MFAH | Registration deadline: February 27
Contact Mary Fuller for information: fullers1@swbell.net or 713-647-0390

Family Serve Weekend

Gather your family together for a weekend of serving side by side. We are going to stay in Downtown Houston and serve the city with Center for Student Missions. Children must be in second grade or older. We only have room for 28 people, so register early!
Saturday-Sunday, March 29-30 | \$25/person
Contact Rachel Poysky: rpoysky@mdpc.org or 713-490-9269

Spotlight: Full Life Class

Married with young children? Want to connect with other parents who encourage each other while growing in faith? We're just the class for you! And we want to meet you! Come visit us anytime, especially on March 9 when we welcome MDPC pastors to lead us through the seven-week Lenten small group study, *Faces and Places Around the Cross*.
Sundays, 11:15 AM | Room 218

Purely Parenting

Purely Parenting forums are for any adults that are currently in the parenting trenches. Led by Sara Kuhn, Brett Hurst, Jill Gilbert, and other seasoned MDPC parents, these stand-alone discussions will be opportunities for the exchange of new ideas and proven strategies. Join us for Purely Parenting conversations on the first Sunday of each month. No cost!
Sunday, March 2 | 11:15 AM | Room 218
March Topic - *Sibling Rivalry: Minimize and Manage* (Presenter Sara Kuhn)

Death, Dying, and Dessert with Dr. Susan Lieberman

"Most people," says Dr. Lieberman, "know they will die. They just don't expect it to happen in their lifetimes. They deny, avoid, and procrastinate." The result is added stress, chaos, and expense at the end of life. This conversation with Dr. Lieberman, at MDPC ministry partner Bo's Place, addresses how and why to talk about end-of-life issues while healthy.
Thursday, February 27 | 12:00-1:00 PM | Bo's Place (10050 Buffalo Spdwy, 77054)
Space is limited; pre-registration required: valencia@bosplace.org or 713-942-8339

Renovaré: A Conference for Spiritual Renewal

You'll grow in your understanding of Christian identity, community, and mission and be encouraged in your walk with God.
Thursday-Saturday, April 3-5 | First Presbyterian-Houston
Register: renovare.org (Use code HOST1413 to receive 15% off registration!)

MDPC App: Now Available for Android Tablets!

Download the MDPC App to listen to sermons, see upcoming events, participate in church-wide Bible studies, and more. Each Sunday's morning and Fifth Service messages normally are available by Monday afternoon.
Links to download are at sermons.mdpc.org.

MDPC WORSHIP

* Please stand if able. CCLI # 182374

8:30 SERVICE

WELCOME		Dave Steane
*SONGS OF PRAISE	<i>All Creatures of Our God and King</i> <i>Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us</i>	arr. Crowder arr. Agnew
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON		Brandon Gaide
SONG OF PREPARATION	<i>Cannons</i>	Phil Wickham
OFFERTORY	<i>From the Inside Out</i>	Joel Houston
MESSAGE	<i>The Greatest Songwriter's Greatest Song</i>	Howard Edington
SONG OF RESPONSE	<i>The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want</i>	CRIMOND

9:45 SERVICE

*SONG OF PRAISE	<i>Whom Shall I fear</i> <i>From the Inside Out</i>	Tomlin/Cash/Cash Joel Houston
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION		Luke Gordon
*SONG OF RESPONSE	<i>All Creatures of Our God and King</i>	arr. Crowder
WELCOME		Dave Steane
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11:15 SERVICE

PRELUDE	<i>Gabriel's Oboe from The Mission</i> Grace Tice, oboe; Kathryn White, organ	Ennio Morricone
WELCOME		Dave Steane
*CALL TO WORSHIP		
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>To God Be the Glory</i>	#485; Vs. 1-2 TO GOD BE THE GLORY
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON		Kristin Huffman
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	from 1 Corinthians 15:1-6 and Colossians 1:15-20	
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	<i>The Gloria Patri</i>	Hymn #579
ANTHEM	<i>O Divine Redeemer</i>	Gounod/arr. Schrader/White
OFFERTORY	<i>The Lord Is My Shepherd from Requiem</i>	John Rutter
*HYMN OF PREPARATION	<i>Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us</i>	#387; Vs. 1 BRADBURY
MESSAGE	<i>The Greatest Songwriter's Greatest Song</i>	Howard Edington
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want</i>	#170; Vs. 1-5 CRIMOND
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	<i>Toccata from French Suite</i>	Gordon Young

OTHER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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

ABOUT MDPC

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For information, contact Business Administrator
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Ministry Partners

Pray for these MDPC partners working to make a difference in the lives of others:
Breath of Life Children's Clinic provides accessible healthcare to uninsured and under-insured parents, as well as guidance on the medical needs of their children.
boflife.com

Bridges to Life ministers to prisoners and victims by showing them the transforming power of God's love and forgiveness. They connect communities to prisons in an effort to reduce the recidivism rate (particularly from violent crimes) and number of crime victims, and enhance public safety.
bridgestolife.org

MDPC mission partner Dr. M and his family are called to reach the unreached for Jesus Christ. Dr. M practices and teaches dentistry while sharing the Good News of Jesus with tribes living in abject poverty in South Asia. There, the 98% Muslim population has the least amount of dental care in the world. Please pray for this family's health as they spend this year on furlough in Houston.



Please Pray

MDPC members recently released from the hospital:
Craig Kooken
Mary Ellen Plenge
Arlene Work

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).

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE	
OPERATING INCOME	
2014 Budget	\$ 10,550,000
Expected Income to date	\$ 1,374,888
Actual Income to Date	\$ 1,199,369
Current Income Deficit	\$ 175,519



The Greatest Songwriter's Greatest Song

Hymn: *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*

Psalm 23

Howard Edington Preaching

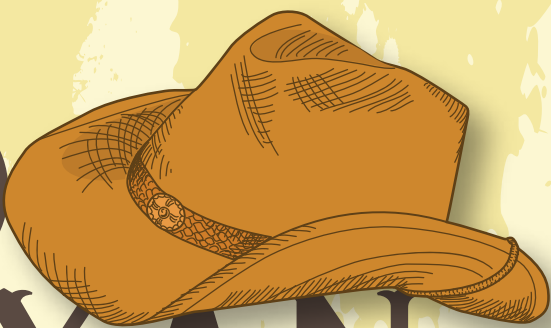
Today we continue our sermon series entitled, *A Faith That Sings*. German Protestant Reformer Martin Luther once said, “*I have no use for cranks who despise music, because it is a gift of God. Next after theology, I give to music the highest place and the greatest honor.*” The power of music in Christian 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.

Perhaps the best-known and most beloved Psalm is Psalm 23. Loved by Jews and Christians alike, this Psalm affirms God as the Shepherd of His people. It reveals God's unique character and shows the tenderness of His heart toward His people. Jesus, as the Good Shepherd, also is connected to the affirmations of Psalm 23. It is one of the most comforting passages in Scripture, and has been looked to during times of trial and grief.

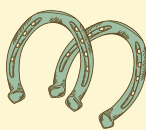
Psalm 23 has been set to music with a large number of different lyrics and musical arrangements. The most familiar and well known version is that which is found in the Scottish Psalter of 1650 set to the tune *Crimond*, entitled *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*.

- David wrote Psalm 23 to reflect on his intimate relationship with God. The Psalm begins with *The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want*. Note how personal the Lord is. He is not seen as our Shepherd, but as *my* Shepherd. In what ways is the Lord *your* Shepherd?
- The image of verse two suggests that God leads His people to places where sustenance and refreshment can be found. In what ways have you experienced this provision from God? Where are your *green pastures* and *still waters*?
- Verse three says that the Lord *restoreth my soul*. Reflect on the reason why our souls need restoring. In what ways does God restore your soul? To what extent is that restoration lasting or temporary?
- Verse four offers comfort and security in the face of death. As a shepherd would guard his flock from predators with his staff, so God also protects His people from similar threats. How have you experienced this protection? In what ways has your fear been abated because of the presence of Jesus in your life?
- Verses five and six speak about the incredible blessings from the Lord being our Shepherd. Perhaps the greatest blessing is that God's people will *dwell in the house of the Lord forever*. In what ways does this promise of eternity influence your life today? How secure are you in this promise of eternity in your life?

GO TEXAN DAY ^{AT} MDPC



Sunday, March 2



The Houston Rodeo is an institution around these parts, and we'd like to take a day to celebrate this fun Texas tradition.

So wear your boots and jeans to Worship next Sunday, but *p/*lease leave your horse and spurs back at the ranch!

Stay afterwards for All-Church Lunch: barbecue chicken or steak with mashed 'taters, green beans, and corn relish, made by our very own Cookie, Chef Michael Lieb. The entrée salad will have barbecue shrimp, and there's fried chicken for the young 'uns. It'll all be finger-lickin' good!



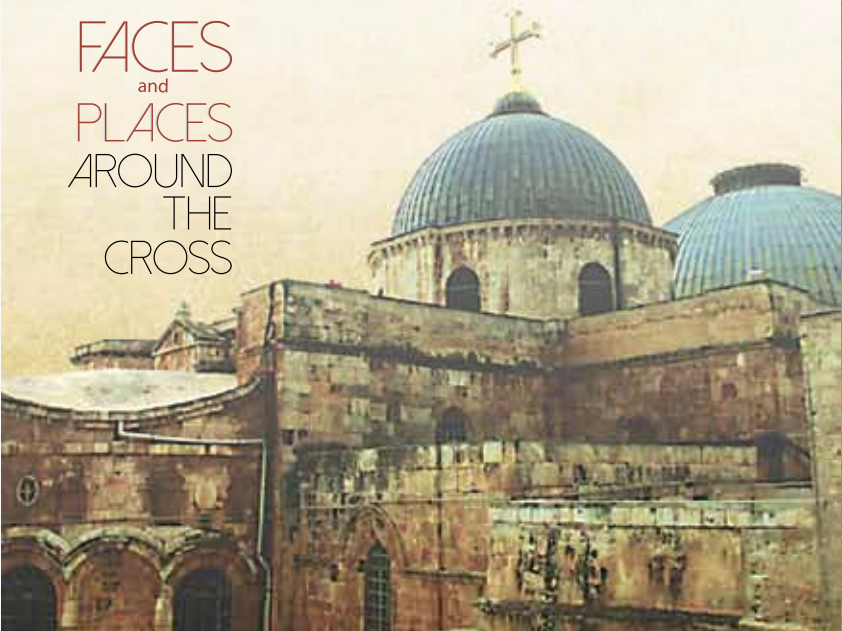


A LENTEN SMALL GROUP STUDY

Visit our Table in the Lobby to:

- Register for an EPL Small Group. The registration form is on the reverse side of this card. You also may register at epl.mdpc.org; or
- Pick up your Lenten Study Guide, *Faces and Places Around the Cross*.

FACES
and
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TELL US ABOUT YOU:

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

There are two ways to sign up for an EPL Group:

OPTION ONE: JOIN A SMALL GROUP!

Groups begin meeting the week of Sunday, March 9. Select a group to join (✓ indicates childcare is provided).

☒ **FOR ALL:** Sunday, 8:30 AM at MDPC (led by Ginny Glass; begins 3/9)

☒ **FOR ALL:** Sunday, 4:00 PM at MDPC
(before Fifth Service; led by Sarah Stone; begins 3/9)

☐ **FOR ALL:** Thursday, 9:00 AM at MDPC
(led by Rev. Vicky Jones; begins 3/13)

☒ **FOR YOUNG MARRIEDS:** Sunday, 11:15 AM at MDPC
(Life 2.0 Sunday School Class; begins 3/9)

☒ **FOR COUPLES with Young Children:** Sunday, 11:15 AM at MDPC
Each lesson led by MDPC Pastors!
(Full Life Sunday School Class; begins 3/9)

☒ **FOR 40s to 60s:** Sunday, 11:15 AM at MDPC
(Seekers Sunday School Class, led by Joe Warren, begins 3/9)

☒ **FOR WOMEN (all ages):** Sunday, 9:45 AM at MDPC
(Pathways Sunday School Class, begins 3/9)

☐ **FOR MEN:** Tuesday, 8:00-9:00 AM at MDPC
(led by Milt Hempel, begins 3/11)

We will notify the group leader to get in touch with you about the first meeting.

Don't see a group that fits your schedule? Consider hosting a new group! Contact Christyn Knoop to discuss: cknoop@mdpc.org

OPTION TWO: REGISTER YOUR SMALL GROUP TO USE THE STUDY GUIDE.

This can be a group that has been meeting for a while, or even a brand new group that you form with friends or neighbors for the study. Just let us know a few details...

Name of Group Leader(s) _____

Meeting Place _____ Meeting Time _____

Name of group members: _____

Number of study guides needed _____

For past small group studies, several groups opened up to a few new members who became regular members and new friends after the series ended. It's a great way to show hospitality to someone looking to get connected.

Will your group accept a few new members? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, how many? _____