

# FACES and PLACES AROUND THE CROSS

## Begins Today!

*Eat Pray Lent* is MDPC's seven-week small group study that explores the Lenten sermon series at a deeper level. Come by our table in the Lobby to pick up your study guide and/or register for a small group.

You also can use the free MDPC app to access study materials. For links to download it to your smart phone or tablet, visit [epl.mdpc.org](http://epl.mdpc.org).

Groups meet once weekly through April 25

Information: [epl.mdpc.org](http://epl.mdpc.org)



↑ [epl.mdpc.org](http://epl.mdpc.org)

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

## Prime Timers Presents

### The Latest from

*Bill Stubbs*

Join us to learn about recent trends from favorite television star, author, and designer, Bill Stubbs.

**Tuesday, March 18 | Fellowship Hall**  
**Free Program 10:30 AM, Lunch (\$9.50) Noon**

Your check (\$9.50) is your lunch reservation. Checks made out to MDPC must be received at the Front Office by Wednesday, March 12.



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

**All-Church Movie Night**

**Grace Unplugged**  
(PG; 2013)

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

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



## Table Talk

### A Lenten Family Devotional

During Lent (March 9-April 18), make it a priority for your family to have dinner together once a week - no TV, no DS, no iPad, no distraction. At that dinner, use the MDPC app to read through that week's Table Talk devotional, pray, talk about your day, and enjoy one another. Together, celebrate your faith in the risen Jesus!

Visit [children.mdpc.org](http://children.mdpc.org) for details on accessing the devotional.

Contact Rachel Poysky: [rpoysky@mdpc.org](mailto:rpoysky@mdpc.org) or 713-490-9269

↑ [children.mdpc.org](http://children.mdpc.org)

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

This  
Saturday



## 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.

Details at [outreach.mdpc.org](http://outreach.mdpc.org)

Lend a helping hand!

**Saturday, March 15**

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

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This  
Wednesday

## Kids' Meals

### Monthly Service Opportunity

Help fight childhood hunger by making sandwiches for Kids' Meals. Please bring two loaves of white or wheat sandwich bread to the project.

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



↓ [men.mdpc.org](http://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](http://mensretreat.mdpc.org)



Confirmation Sunday,  
March 9, 2014

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*Gethsemane*  
Mark 14:32-42

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

MDPC HIGHLIGHTS

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

Mo-Ranch on Memorial Day Weekend

It's not too late to register! There still are a handful of rooms available at Pheasant Run and Westminster. Join us in the beautiful hill country for a Memorial Day weekend of fun and fellowship, not soon to be forgotten.

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

Details and registration: mo.mdpc.org

Girls' Getaway: Live Life • Love Life • Speak Life

At Camp for All in Burton, Texas, we'll enjoy campfires, horseback riding, zip lines, a rock wall, fun crafts, and an engaging speaker. It's an unforgettable weekend for women of all ages. Come nurture existing friendships, and create some new ones. Guest speaker Darla Baerg uses scripture and her love for the Lord to turn hilarious real-life experiences into powerful messages for women. Don't miss the fun at this yearly women's retreat!

Saturday-Sunday, March 29-30 | Camp For All | Cost: \$100 (partial scholarships available)

Information and registration: women.mdpc.org

Did You Know...

...that MDPC has a 501(c)(3) Foundation? It was founded in 1994 for the purpose of accepting outright gifts and/or gifts through your last will and testament. It is not intended to conflict with normal pledges to the church budget.

Contact Becky Riggs: briggs@mdpc.org or 713-953-2570

Discover MDPC

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

Sunday, March 30 | 10:45-11:15 AM | Gathering Room

Contact Diann Turet: dturet@mdpc.org or 713-490-9553

Walking the Mourner's Path

Transform grief into joyful living through this 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, April 1-May 20 | 3:30-5:00 PM | Chapel Bride's Room 116

Cost: \$25 (scholarships available; no one will be turned away due to lack of funds)

To register, contact Bitsy Cleveland, LPC: bcleveland@mdpc.org or 713-490-9542

Renovaré: A Conference for Spiritual Renewal

Explore spiritual formation for WHOLE life. You'll grow in your understanding of Christian identity, community, and mission as you are encouraged in your walk with God. Key-note speakers include Larry Crabb and Ruth Haley Barton.

Thursday-Saturday, April 3-5 | First Presbyterian-Houston

Register: renovar.org (Use code HOST1413 to receive 15% off registration!)

New Member Classes

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, April 6-May 18 | Room 171-172 | 11:00 AM-12:15 PM

Contact Diann Turet: dturet@mdpc.org or 713-490-9553

MDPC WORSHIP

\* Please stand if able.

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8:30 BLENDED SERVICE

WELCOME		Dave Steane
*SONGS OF PRAISE	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty How Great Is Our God</i>	LOBE DEN HERREN Tomlin/Reeves/Cash
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON		Brett Hurst
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	from the 2014 Confirmation Class	
OFFERTORY	<i>Oh, Love That Will Not Let Me Go</i>	arr. Robbie Seay
MESSAGE	<i>Gethsemane: Where God Broke His Heart and His Son</i>	Howard Edington
SONG OF RESPONSE	<i>Lift High the Cross</i>	CRUCIFER

9:45 CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

*SONG OF PRAISE	<i>One Thing Remains</i>	Johnson/Black/Riddle
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION		Luke Gordon
CONFIRMATION		
RESPONSIVE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	Binz DeWalch, Catherine Parnell, Troy Austin, Caroline Bradley	
BAPTISMS	Davis Dunn, Elizabeth Dunn, Keegan Hodam, Alex Parizot, Jack Pittman, Cameron Sheets, Abby Work	Howard Edington

SONG OF RESPONSE	<i>All That We Are For Your Glory</i>	Houghton/Hood
CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE		
WELCOME		Dave Steane
OFFERTORY	<i>Oh, Love That Will Not Let Me Go</i>	arr. Robbie Seay
MESSAGE	<i>Gethsemane: Where God Broke His Heart and His Son</i>	Howard Edington
SONG OF RESPONSE	<i>Lead Me to the Cross</i>	Brooke Ligertwood

11:15 TRADITIONAL SERVICE

PRELUDE	<i>Psalm Prelude</i>	Herbert Howells
WELCOME		Dave Steane
CHORAL INTROIT	<i>God So Loved the World</i>	John Stainer
*CALL TO WORSHIP		
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>What Wondrous Love Is This</i>	#85; Vs. 1-2   WONDROUS LOVE
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON		Deborah Cooper
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	from the 2014 Confirmation Class	
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	<i>In the Cross of Christ I Glory</i>	#84; Vs. 1   RATHBUN
ANTHEM	<i>All For Love</i>	Robert Young
OFFERTORY	<i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross</i>	arr. Gilbert Martin
MESSAGE	<i>Gethsemane: Where God Broke His Heart and His Son</i>	Howard Edington
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>Lift High the Cross</i>	#371; Vs. 1, 3, 4   CRUCIFER
POSTLUDE	<i>What Wondrous Love Is This</i>	arr. Burkhardt

OTHER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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

ABOUT MDPC

Coordinating Team

Mauricio Chacón | Associate Pastor for Fuente  
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Ministry Partners

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

**Camp For All** is a unique, barrier-free camp 85 miles north of Houston. It works in partnership with other nonprofits to enrich the lives of individuals with special needs and those affected by challenging illnesses.  
campforall.org

**CanCare** provides one-on-one, long-term emotional support to cancer patients and their families. Cancer survivors volunteer to work with newly diagnosed patients and their families, listening to and encouraging them. They also visit cancer patients and their family members in 18 hospitals and clinics.  
cancare.org

**MDPC mission partners Reverends David and Kim** and their children moved to East Asia in 2013. There, they train and coach church leaders, and connect them to resources and curriculum. Please pray for Dave and Kim and their two children as they transition to a new culture. Pray that God would go before them in every way, helping them build new support systems and connections for ministry.



Please Pray

**MDPC members recently released from the hospital:**

Gena Kooken • Claudette Shelfer

**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.

**Births, Deaths, and Hospitalizations**

Please notify Kakki Thompson in Caring Ministries of births to parents who are MDPC members, of member deaths, and of hospitalizations: 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

OPERATING INCOME	
2014 Budget	\$ 10,550,000
Expected Income to date	\$ 1,730,371
Actual Income to Date	\$ 1,520,680
Current Income Deficit	\$ 209,691



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### GETHSEMANE: WHERE GOD BROKE HIS HEART AND HIS SON

Mark 14:32-42

Howard Edington Preaching

During the season of Lent, we take the opportunity to set aside time from our normal routines to reflect on Jesus and our lives of following Him. We begin these 40 days by looking at the account of what happened to Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Jesus has just finished what we call The Last Supper with His disciples, and they have made their way outside the main part of Jerusalem to the Garden of Gethsemane. Gethsemane (which means “olive press”) was probably a remote, walled garden; a place that Jesus often went with His disciples. It would have been natural for them to go there after the supper.

Jesus’ experience in the Garden was intense, difficult, and full of emotion. We read of His distress and sorrow, His loneliness, His plea for release, His relinquishment of His will, and the strengthening of His resolve. These many themes could all be sermons by themselves and you are encouraged to consider them throughout the Lenten season.

May the Holy Spirit guide your reflection about this significant moment in Jesus’ life as He walked toward the cross.

- To put the passage in context, read Mark 14:1-31 and consider the events leading up to today’s passage. Notice that Jesus said that one of them would betray Him (vs. 18) and that they would all fall away (vs. 27).

Now read Mark 14:32-42 again. In this passage, Jesus experiences feelings of deep sorrow and distress. Think about why He would have these feelings. What has happened leading up to this point to affect Him in this way? What does He know is coming next? What does He do in the face of these feelings?

- Dark times of sorrow and distress come to all of us. Think about a dark time in your own life when your soul has felt overwhelmed with sorrow. Not to dwell on this too much, but think about how you were able to gain strength to get through it. In Jesus’ case, He began to pray fervently to the Lord, even to the point of sweating blood (Luke 22:44). How has prayer helped you get through times of darkness?
- Jesus came back to Peter, James, and John three different times and found them asleep. His words indicate some frustration and disappointment. What a lonely experience for Jesus! Think about times you have been lonely and disappointed in loved ones who have not been there for you. On the flip side, think about this scene from the disciples’ point of view: exhausted, full-bellied, sitting in a remote, dark garden, and clueless as to what was really going on. What might their reactions have been to Jesus’ frustration with them? Have you ever been the one to disappoint a friend?
- In His prayer, Jesus let go of His own will and opened Himself to God’s will. Even though Jesus knew what God was asking of Him and that it would be painful and grueling, He let go of wanting His way, and asked that God’s will be done. It is so difficult for us to let go of our own will and what we want. We think we have the best plan for everything and we usually just want God to bless it. But, in truth, we DO NOT have the best plan—God does. Think of a time in your life when you finally were able to let go of your own plan and ask God to take over. What happens when you release and begin to let go?
- With this prayer of release came Jesus’ resolve to take the next steps toward the cross and fulfillment of God’s plan; the plan of hope and forgiveness and salvation for all of us. What a gift of grace and love! Spend a few minutes in prayer, thanking Jesus for walking into that Garden, and for walking out of it ready to do God’s will. Amen.

Today, we welcome 68 students into the church family at MDPC. These students have spent the past eight weeks exploring God's amazing story of redemption found in Jesus Christ. Now, they are ready to confirm their trust in Jesus and renew their commitment to live for God through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Christians use a variety of metaphors when talking about the Church. It is referred to as the body of Christ, the community of believers, and the bride of Christ. One of my favorite theological images for the Church is *adoption*. The Church is not merely a collection of individuals, but rather a family of families. Today, we celebrate the adoption of these students into our church family, affirming that these students are children of God and co-heirs with Christ.

In the fragmented world in which we live, the urgency to be the family of God is increasingly important. These student need you to step up and support them as their adopted aunts, uncles, cousins, brothers, sisters, grandmothers, and grandfathers. I invite you to find new ways to invest in and care for the young people who are in your circles of influence.

Luke Gordon

MDPC Youth Ministries Director

## Confirmands

Peter Adams	Clark Faulconer*	Laurie Marie Robbins
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Troy Austin†	Kyle Goodson	Brianna Rowland
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Carol Bishara*	Madeline Harms	Cameron Sheets
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Caroline Bradley†	Nick Johnston	Turner Snelling
Johnathan Bradley	Hunter Kottwitz	Rachel Sparks*
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Emily Bruchmiller	Sydney McCloskey	Bethany Sturgis
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Kevin Cowell	Peyton Moak	Madeline Tucker
Cameron Dasher	Andrew Nash*	Baileigh Turet
Brandt Daughtry	Clayton Overbergen	Frances Waring
Matthew DeAyala	Alex Parizot	Hope Witmer
Ryan DeLongchamps	Catherine Parnell†	Abby Work
Binz DeWalch†	Ellie Pena	Amanda Wright
Sydney Dukes	John Pitner*	Grace Yochum
Davis Dunn	Jack Pittman	Nick Zimmerman
Kaylee Farber	Will Powell	

\*Contributors to this morning's Prayer of Confession

†Contributors to this morning's Affirmation of Faith



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