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# The Holy Land

October 2014 | [holy.mdpc.org](http://holy.mdpc.org)

Following in the footsteps of Jesus is a profound spiritual adventure.

Make a small start in a big church in this four-week class where you'll meet new people, reflect on the sermon, and learn about the many MDPC communities.

## The Front Porch

*A Place to Begin*

**Begins Next Sunday**  
11:15 AM-12:15 PM  
Room 126

**Register Now!**  
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**MDPC**  
Memorial Drive  
Presbyterian Church

Easter Sunday  
April 20, 2014

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


### April is MAM Month at MDPC

MDPC ministry partner, **Memorial Assistance Ministries**, offers items to help families stretch their budgets. Needed items include: **bars of soap, 4-pack toilet paper, powdered laundry detergent, household cleaners, deodorant, disposable razors, adult toothbrushes, and 6-oz. toothpaste.**

In April, please drop donations in the grocery carts located around campus, or in the Outreach Ministries office.



↑ [frontporch.mdpc.org](http://frontporch.mdpc.org) ↓ [mdpcblog.org](http://mdpcblog.org)



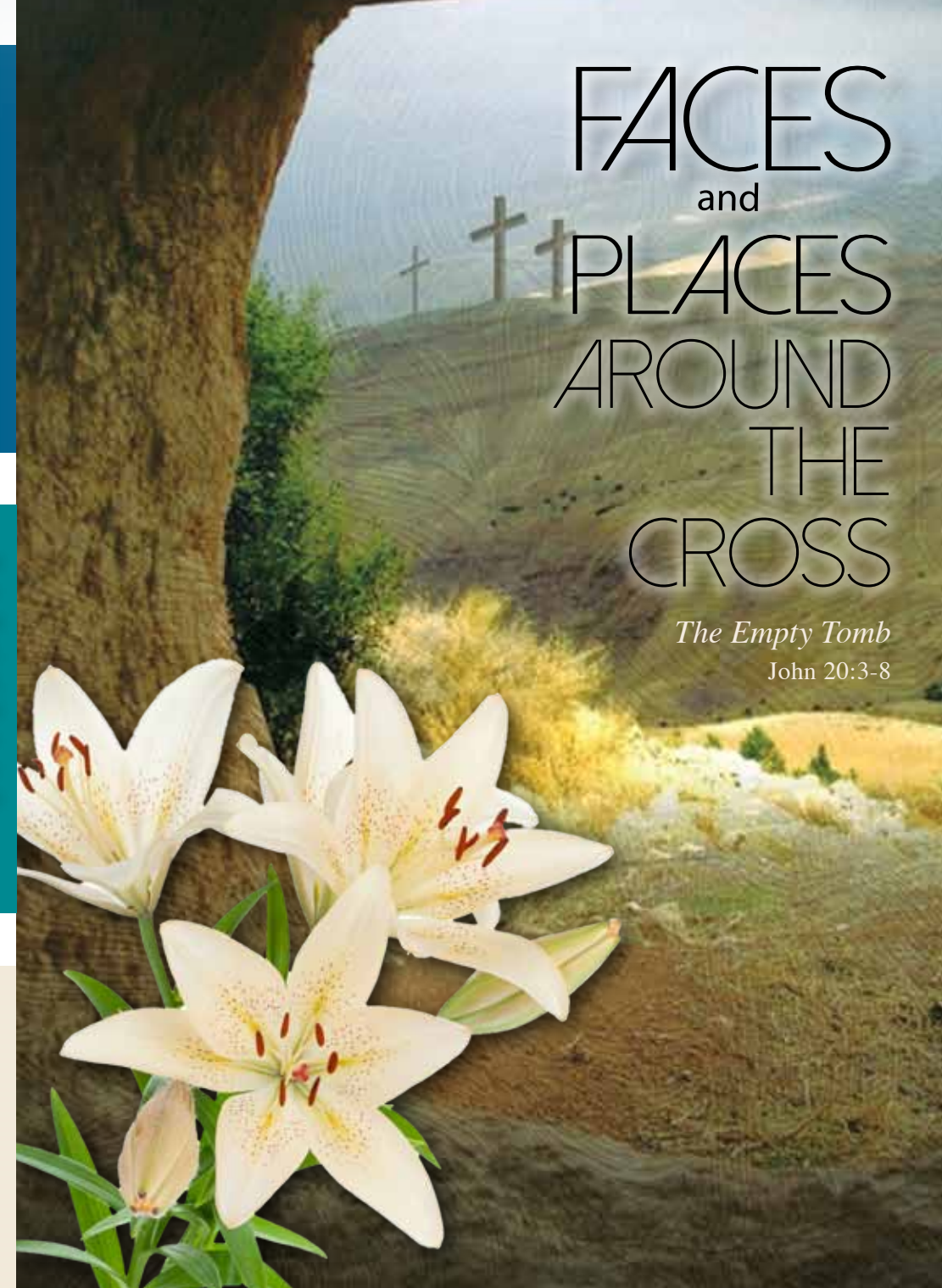
### Have you visited the MDPC Blog?

You'll find posts from members, staff, and pastors on topics from dating to dog hair to the digital church.

Visit [mdpcblog.org](http://mdpcblog.org), or access the blog (along with sermons, studies, and events) through the MDPC app.

# FACES and PLACES AROUND THE CROSS

*The Empty Tomb*  
John 20:3-8



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


## Mozart REQUIEM

*and Choral Classics of the Faith*

Performed by the MDPC Sanctuary Choir with full orchestra; conducted by Charles Hausmann

**Sunday, May 4**  
7:00 PM | Sanctuary


Free admission  
[concerts.mdpc.org](http://concerts.mdpc.org)



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

## RELATIONAL TRANSPARENCY:

### The Power of Small Groups



**Wednesday, April 30**  
7:00-9:00 PM | MDPC Chapel | \$10

**Greg Ogden**, author of five books, including *Discipleship Essentials: A Guide to Building Your Life in Christ*, will speak on small groups, "the most effective way to create a transparent, reproducing, relational environment for transformation into Christlikeness."

[ogden.mdpc.org](http://ogden.mdpc.org)

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




Join Full Life for a three-Sunday series of top-notch counselors discussing our important relationships from a faith perspective. Full Life is a class for 30s/40s with young children.


**Sundays, May 4-18 | 11:15 AM | Room 218**

May 4 Topic: Growing Together, Emotionally and Spiritually

May 4 presenter Jill Gilbert, MA, LPC, LMFT, is an MDPC member and a Licensed Marriage and Family therapist in private practice.



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



### Tech Tips 101 for Parents

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.

**Sunday, May 4 | 11:15 AM in the Amphitheater**

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

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



MDPC HIGHLIGHTS

Check In and Check Out MDPC on Facebook!

As long as you have your cell phone or tablet device on, why not use it to spread the Word? Check In and share your thoughts about today’s message on Facebook. You also can follow us on Twitter (@MemorialDrivePC).

Login to MDPC’s Wifi (MDPCGuest, Password: followme) to enhance your connectivity.

Newspring Art Auction 2014

This is the annual fundraiser for MDPC ministry partner, Newspring, an organization that encourages Spring Branch students to pursue careers in art and design. All proceeds from the auction go directly to the student artists. We hope to see you there!

Thursday, May 1 | 6:30-8:30 PM | Newspring Art Studio: 8945 Long Point Road, Suite 100  
Contact Carol Andrews, Newspring Visual Arts Director: carol@newspringcenter.org or 713-590-0100

Venturers Dinner: History and Traditions of the Texas Rangers

Dan. H. North, Captain, Company A, Texas Rangers, Retired, shares how the Texas Rangers really won the West!

Monday, May 5 | Social Hour 6:00 PM, Dinner & Program 7:00 PM  
Westchase Hilton (9999 Westheimer)  
RSVP by Wednesday, April 30 to Chuck & Linnie Edwards, 9350 Shady Lane Cir., 77063 (713-785-7115)

Prom Dresses Needed

Spring is in the air and school dances are around the corner! Female students at Spring Branch schools are in need of dance attire. Please consider donating your gently-used tea-length and long dresses and/or shoes to help students have a special evening!

Donations can be accepted in Outreach Ministries until Monday, May 5.

Contact Maritza Pujols: mpujols@mdpc.org or 713-490-9556

Interested in starting a Married Life or a Parenting Life Group?

Contact Relationships Ministries to get started!  
Brett Hurst, Minister, bhurst@mdpc.org | Jill Gilbert, Relationships Elder, jillgilbert17@hotmail.com

Stroke Scan

Receive multiple screenings for a fraction of what it would cost in a hospital! A Stroke Scan rep will be in the Sanctuary Lobby next Sunday, April 27, to answer questions.  
Screenings: Tuesday, April 29 | 9:00 AM-8:00 PM | Summit Room  
Complete Package: \$135 (includes kidney, thyroid, liver, and gallbladder scans; an AFIB screening; and (for women) a bone density scan  
Visit health.mdpc.org for additional details. To make an appointment, call 281-646-7766.

The Gathering: Volunteer, or Bring a Loved One to Join Us

This ministry of compassion and support is for those facing early-stage Alzheimer’s or other forms of dementia, and an opportunity for their caregivers to enjoy a half-day of respite. The day is directed by a trained and supervised team of volunteer caregivers. Activities include fellowship, music, exercise, games, arts and crafts, and a light lunch served at no charge.  
First and Third Wednesdays at MDPC | 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM  
Contact us for further information about volunteering, or to register a loved one or friend:  
Rick Myers, Caring Ministries Associate Pastor, rmyers@mdpc.org or 713-490-9545

Dietrich Bonhoeffer: A Study of His Life and Writings

Wednesday Bible Study continues after Easter with this DVD-based study. New York Times best-selling author Eric Metaxas helps us discover the major themes of Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s writing and speaking and how he not only helped transform an entire faith community in Germany during World War II, but how his beliefs continue to impact the Christian faith of people throughout the world today.  
Wednesdays, April 30-May 14 | Noon or 6:30 PM | Summit Room

MDPC WORSHIP

Please stand if able.

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7:15 AM SUNRISE SERVICE

GATHERING MUSIC	Here Comes the Sun	George Harrison
*SONG OF PRAISE	Jesus Christ Is Risen Today	EASTER HYMN
WELCOME AND INVITATION TO WORSHIP		Dave Steane
*SONGS OF CELEBRATION	Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee	arr. Charlie Hall
	Jesus Paid It All	Grape/Hall/Nifong
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON		Brett Hurst
OFFERTORY	His Glory Appears	Sampson/Zschech
MESSAGE	Empty Tomb: The Story I Never Tire of Telling	Howard Edington
*SONG OF RESPONSE	In Christ Alone	arr. Stanfill

8:30 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

GATHERING MUSIC	Here Comes the Sun	George Harrison
*SONG OF PRAISE	Alive	King/Pappas
*SONGS OF CELEBRATION	Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee	arr. Charlie Hall
	This Is Amazing Grace	Riddle/Farro/Wickham
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON		Rick Myers
SONG OF RESPONSE	Jesus Paid it All	Grape/Hall/Nifong
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10:00 AM FAMILY SERVICE

Led by Children’s Ministries in the Sanctuary. For more information on Children’s Ministries at MDPC, join us for the service, or visit [children.mdpc.org](http://children.mdpc.org).

11:15 TRADITIONAL SERVICE

PRELUDE	Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee	arr. McKechnie/White
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Dave Steane
*HYMN OF PRAISE	Christ the Lord Is Risen Today	arr. Rutter
INVITATION TO WORSHIP		
*HYMN OF CELEBRATION	Crown Him With Many Crowns	#151; Vs. 1 & 4   arr. White
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON		Vicky Jones
ANTHEM	Risen Today	Dan Forrest
OFFERTORY	Rejoice, Ye Heavenly Powers	Stephen Main
MESSAGE	Empty Tomb: The Story I Never Tire of Telling	Howard Edington
*CHORAL BENEDICTION	Hallelujah Chorus (from Messiah)	G. F. Handel
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	Fanfare for Easter Day	arr. Young

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

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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 or 713-953-2570.

Ministry Partners

Pray for these MDPC partners working to make a difference in the lives of others:  
Cornerstone Family Ministries is a multicultural, faith-based nonprofit in Spring Branch that believes in the fact that when parents do well, their children do well. They partner with churches to address practical and spiritual needs in a less threatening setting outside the institutional church.  
cfmhouston.org

East Spring Branch Food Pantry is a small, completely volunteer-run organization. Located at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, it distributes food four days per week to families residing in zip codes neighboring MDPC.  
eastspringbranchfoodpantry.com

The Evangelical Theological Seminary (ETSC) in Cairo is one of the premier theological institutions in the Middle East. Almost all of the leaders of the Evangelical Church in Egypt graduated from ETSC. Please pray for the Body of Christ in Egypt, and for ETSC’s president Dr. Atef Gendy and his team as they share the love of Jesus.  
etsc.org/new



Praises & Prayers

The White Rose is in memory of:  
• Nancy Woehling Moore, who passed away April 8, 2014.  
Members recently released from the hospital:  
• Martin Piké

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

Senior 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.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE	
OPERATING INCOME	
2014 Budget	\$ 10,550,000
Expected Income to date	\$ 2,703,582
Actual Income to Date	\$ 2,520,845
Current Income Deficit	\$ 182,737

David and Linda White in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Ame Vennema  
David and Linda White in memory of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. White  
Jacky Woike in honor of Sue and Joe Warren  
Jacky Woike in memory of Bill Woike  
Jacky Woike in honor of Stephanie and John Wilkinson and Ben  
Jacky Woike in honor of Dianne Warren  
Nada Wood in memory of Barbara Railsback  
Nada Wood in memory of Edward Railsback  
Nada Wood in memory of Nada Seaman  
Roy and Joan Wood in memory of George Volkel  
Roy and Joan Wood in memory of Barbara Volkel  
Mary Belle Woody in memory of Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Manning  
Mary Belle Woody in memory of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Woody  
Mary Belle Woody in memory of Dale Woody  
Brittany Young in memory of her grandmother, Lois Graham  
Roy and Susan Young in memory of Laura Young  
Roy and Susan Young in memory of Evelyn Datweiler



SERMON NOTES

Easter Sunday  
April 20, 2014

FACES  
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THE EMPTY TOMB:  
THE STORY I NEVER TIRE OF TELLING

John 20:1-18 | Howard Edington Preaching

Today we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ! For more than two millennia, Christians have recognized this celebration as the pivotal moment in God’s wonderful plan of salvation. In rising from the dead, Jesus conquered sin and death once and for all, and opened the door for us to be fully reconciled to God. This news is beyond good...it is incredible, awesome, and life-changing!

The resurrection story from John’s gospel serves as the basis for today’s message. A small group of the disciples went to the tomb early that Easter morning, and, to their shock and amazement, the tomb was empty. They hadn’t understood yet that Jesus had been raised from the dead as He had promised, so they thought that someone had taken the Lord’s body. And then Jesus appeared to Mary, and the world hasn’t been the same since!

- Mary went to the tomb early in the morning when it was still dark. She saw that the stone had been rolled away. This would have been confusing and deeply troubling. Not only had Jesus’ closest followers been shaken to the core by the death of their Lord and spiritual guide, but now His body was missing. What range of emotions might Mary have been feeling? Have you experienced a season of your faith journey that has been especially confusing or troubling? What was the issue (or issues)? How did you move through that season and how did it change you?
- Mary told Peter and the other disciple (probably John) what she had seen, and the two ran to the tomb to see for themselves. They saw the grave clothes lying in an orderly fashion (the head cloth was folded up). What clues does this provide about the absence of the body? How might this dispel the theory that robbers stole the body?
- Mary stayed at the tomb after the others left. In the midst of her grief and confusion, Jesus appeared to her. At first she didn’t recognize Him, but then He revealed Himself fully to her, even speaking her name. Think of a time when Jesus revealed Himself more fully to you, when He may have spoken your name. What was that like? How do you make a point of remembering those experiences, letting them shape your relationship with God and drawing you closer to Him?
- Jesus told Mary to tell the other disciples that Jesus was about to return to His Father. Mary did so, and proclaimed, “I have seen the Lord!” She had experienced the risen Jesus Christ, and was compelled to tell others about it. During this Lenten series we have reflected on many ways in which we have “seen the Lord.” How do you share your experience with Jesus with others? Who is someone you feel you ought to share with?
- The resurrection is the most important event in world history. It is the vindication of Jesus’ teachings and claims about His identity. In fact, in 1 Corinthians 15:14, the Apostle Paul writes, “And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.” Why is our faith useless if Christ has not been raised? What specifically does the resurrection prove about Jesus? Use Scripture to make your points. How does this verse impact your personal faith in Jesus Christ?

Today’s Sermon Notes are adapted from *Eat Pray Lent: Faces and Places Around the Cross* Study Guide. Visit [epl.mdpc.org](http://epl.mdpc.org) for more information.

# EASTER DEDICATIONS

THE EASTER LILIES THAT ADORN OUR  
SANCTUARY AND CHAPEL WERE GIVEN IN  
HONOR OR MEMORY OF THESE LOVED ONES.

SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2014





Gayle Adamson in memory of Burton Ostrander

Gayle Adamson in memory of Olga Ostrander

Paul and Betsy Ache in memory of their parents

Jack and Sally Anderson in memory Marta Anderson, Louise Neibold, and Bonnie Monson

Esther Andrau in memory of Dale Maclay

Esther Andrau in memory of Ivy Bale

Kristen Arnett in honor of Linda and Bert Clark

Kristen Arnett in honor of Carolyn and Butch Arnett

Dee Bell in memory of her husband, Bob Bell

Dee Bell in memory of her parents, John and Doris Port

Ginger Benfield in memory of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Bowden

Ginger Benfield in memory of Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Benfield

Gerald and Sandy Bennett in memory of L. A. and Veneda Bennett

Gerald and Sandy Bennett in memory of Gil Turley

Tom Blocher in memory of George D. Blocher, Jr.

Andrew and Gillian Brooks in memory of Brian Brooks

Andrew and Gillian Brooks in memory of Albert Crosby

Larry and Cheryl Bryan in honor of Helen Bryan

Larry and Cheryl Bryan in memory of LZ Bryan

Larry and Cheryl Bryan in honor of Nancy Jolly

Larry and Cheryl Bryan in memory of Ted Jolly

Debbie Casey in honor of Ella Winger

The Communications and Media staff in honor of Dave Steane for his unwavering support and steadfast leadership

The Communications and Media staff in honor of Howard Edington for embracing and encouraging MDPC and its ministries

Nancy Conlin in memory of Juanita Conlin

Erin and Preston Cunningham in honor of their precious children: Ellie, Elizabeth, and Meredith Ann

Erin and Preston Cunningham in memory of their beloved grandparents

Erin and Preston Cunningham in memory of Alice Sue and Victor Brown

Erin and Preston Cunningham in memory of Marilyn Cunningham and Jay Cunningham

Dan Diaz in memory of Alice Diaz

The Dow family in memory of David’s father, Glenn Dow

The Dow family in memory of Barbara’s father, Doug Carson

Jan and Bill Fawley in memory of their parents

Betsy and Thom Farver in memory of her parents, Betty and Bill Vance

Betsy and Thom Farver in memory of his parents, Alice and Hans Farver

Beverly and Bob Fluke in memory of her mother, Francis Hughes

Bob and Carol Giles in memory of Bob and Margaret Giles

Bob and Carol Giles in memory of Leo and Ethelyn Smith

Walter and Mary Lee Going in honor of Melford and Helen Carter

Walter and Mary Lee Going in honor of Walter and Eugenia Going

The Goolsby family in memory of Carrie’s parents, Jack and June Long

Georgene A. Huckeba in memory of George B. Huckeba

Sara and Phil Hawk in memory of her parents, Dorothy and Clayborn Blackford

Sara and Phil Hawk in memory of his mother, Clarice Hawk

The Hempel family in memory of Ben and Ruth Hempel

The Hempel family in memory of Irene and Dick Rose

The Hempel family in memory of Jan Peine

Joanne Hunter in memory of Bill Hunter

Kenneth Isham in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Isham

Kenneth Isham in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kenady

Steve Jarvis in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Don Jarvis

Ann Fielder Johnson in memory of her parents, James and Eunice Fielder

Ann Fielder Johnson in memory of Wayne and Marjorie Johnson, parents of Robert L. Johnson

Ann Fielder Johnson in memory of her grandmother, Bertha S. Culver

Ann Fielder Johnson in memory of her grandfather, Maude M. Culver

Ann Fielder Johnson in memory of Joe Goeser, loving friend of Bob and Ann Johnson

Grant and Gillian Keener in memory of her mother, Mrs. Joan Ryecart

Pat and Janell Kelleher in honor of their grandchildren: Caleb Edwards, Caroline Buys, Jack Holland, and Callie Buys

Pat and Janell Kelleher in memory of Dr. and Mrs. Robert C. Kelleher, Mrs. Lucene Boyette, and Mr. Pat Bailey

Pat and Janelle Kelleher in memory of Nat Leatherwood, Jan Peine, Sharon Thomas, and Betsy Bradley

Keith and Geraldine Kirby in memory of Robert Kirby

Calvin and Dorothy Koomey in memory of Harold and Lois Robb

Calvin and Dorothy Koomey in memory of Victor Barak Koomey

Jerry and Shirley Landers in memory of Tom W. Landers

Jerry and Shirley Landers in memory of Archie and Emily and Paul Kotara

The Lamoreaux family in memory of Joyce and John Lamoreaux

The Lamoreaux family in memory of Jennae and Richard Leslie

Virginia McMaster in memory of her father, Rev. Thomas J. Texada, Jr.

Gayle Mackay in memory of Donald Mackay

Josh and Anji Moore in honor of Ruthie Moore

Debbi Nager in memory of brothers, Gary and Mike Fritts

Dennis and Sally Nelson in memory of Betty Nelson

The Dennis Nelson, DeLaat, David Nelson, and Butrum families in memory of Anne and Gus Snellgrove

Janet Nemitz in memory of her husband, Jerry Nemitz

Eddie, Kim, Madelyn, and Nicolas Perdomo in loving memory of Joe Perdomo and in honor of Isabel (Babi) Perdomo

David and Shannon Perry in honor of her parents, Aaron and Peggy Dykes

David and Shannon Perry in memory of his father, Al Perry

Cathie Petak, Pamela, Lauren, Wendy, Jennifer, and Elizabeth in memory of Charlie Petak

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Purifoy in memory of son, Dr. W. L. Purifoy

Eleanor Prillaman in memory of Douglas Prillaman

Beverly and Charles Roberts in honor of Audrey and Harry Slye

Carol Lee and Ken Robertson in memory of mother, Gladys Anderson

Carol Lee and Ken Robertson in memory of brother, Dr. Vince Anderson

Rosalie Schermerhorn in memory of Corinne and Martin Black

Missy and James Shelton in memory of Arthur Edwin Shelton, Jr.

Missy and James Shelton in memory of Anne Pernius McMurry Bumstead

Adelaide and Ted Smith in honor of Leslie, Billie, Meg, and Tommy Mathias

Virginia and Don Smith in memory of Anne and Gus Snellgrove

Sheila and Rick Stegall in honor of Lollie Taylor

Sheila and Rick Stegall in honor of Ashley, Sean, Jordan, Travis, and Noble Gregory

Sheila and Rick Stegall in honor of Betty and Tom Lancaster

Sheila and Rick Stegall in memory of Jean and Doyle Stegall

Sheila and Rick Stegall in memory of Lanie and Jack Murchison

Sheila and Rick Stegall in memory of Floyd Taylor

Sheila and Rick Stegall in memory of Bonnie and Joe Thelen

Sheila and Rick Stegall in memory of Barbara and Pres Presley

The Stiles family in honor of Ruth and Charles Gerum

The Stiles family in honor of Judy and Mike Stiles

The Stiles family in memory of Regen Stiles

Tim and Jeanmarie Tade in honor of their parents

Tim and Jeanmarie Tade in honor of their children, Caroline and Miles

Tim and Jeanmarie Tade in honor of Connections Ministries Staff and Volunteers

The Tucker family in memory of our Bobba, Bobby Kelm

Elizabeth Ulsh in memory of Grandma and Grandpa Bailey

Margery Watson Royer in memory of her sister, Dr. Lucy Watson Sells

Mona Williams, Rick and Carla Bradford family, and Chris and Melanie Jaeger family in memory of Barbara Smith, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother