

Wednesday **Preschool Playground Play Date!** Come meet our Summer Interns!

Wednesday, June 18
2:15 to 3:30 PM

Snow cones and fun provided! Preschoolers must be accompanied by a parent. Contact Becky with questions: bfunderburk@mdpc.org

↑ children.mdpc.org ↓ movies.mdpc.org

Wednesday **SUMMER FILM SERIES** **FREE ADMISSION!** Ages 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Frozen (PG)
Wednesday, June 18
3:00 PM | Amphitheater

FREE POPCORN & LEMONADE
 Sponsored by Prime Timers

Not all movies are suitable for all ages. Please visit pluggedin.com to review movie content to see if it is appropriate for your family.

↓ classes.mdpc.org

How to Study Your Bible

Wednesdays through June 25
 6:30 PM | Summit Room



The Bible is our most reliable source of insight and wisdom for knowing God and living the Christian life. Yet most of us don't have a clue how to study it for ourselves. This fun, interactive, three-week course is designed to equip you with practical ways to study Scripture on your own or in a small group setting.

Taught by Christyn Knoop, MDPC's Adult Ministries Director and MDiv student at Fuller Theological Seminary.

Sign up today!
register.mdpc.org

↓ fifthservice.mdpc.org

FIFTH SERVICE

≡ A casual evening service that's serious about Jesus ≡

Been meaning to make it to Fifth Service?

Come spend a summer Sunday evening with us as we worship God, listen to His Word, and love one another.

Sunday Evenings
5:00 PM | Chapel

Childcare is available. Classes for K-5th grade are held during the sermon. Visit fifthservice.mdpc.org for info.

Pursuing Intimacy In Marriage
SUMMER LOVIN'

Learn more about different forms of marital intimacy during this fun, three-week series. Taught by Brett and Kellie Hurst and other leaders.

Wednesdays through June 25
6:30-7:30 PM | Parlor | No cost!

Register: marriage.mdpc.org

↑ marriage.mdpc.org ↓ singles.mdpc.org

MDPC Singles, Single Parents, & Friends

Bowling

A kid-friendly bowling event at Bowlmor on Bunker Hill!
Saturday, June 21 | 12:00 PM
 \$10/adult, \$6/kid

↓ men.mdpc.org

Heart & Mind

DISCIPLESHIP

An 11-week small group discipleship program from the C. S. Lewis Institute

Are you ready for the next step in Christian maturity? All men are welcome to this study, perfect for new believers, as well as for men who want to deepen their understanding of faith and grow in Christ.

Tuesdays through August 19 | 6:30-7:45 AM
June 17: God's Story of Redemption (Bill Kynes, CSLI Senior Fellow & Pastor)

More information and registration: men.mdpc.org

↓ wednesdays.mdpc.org

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STUDYING GOD'S WORD TOGETHER

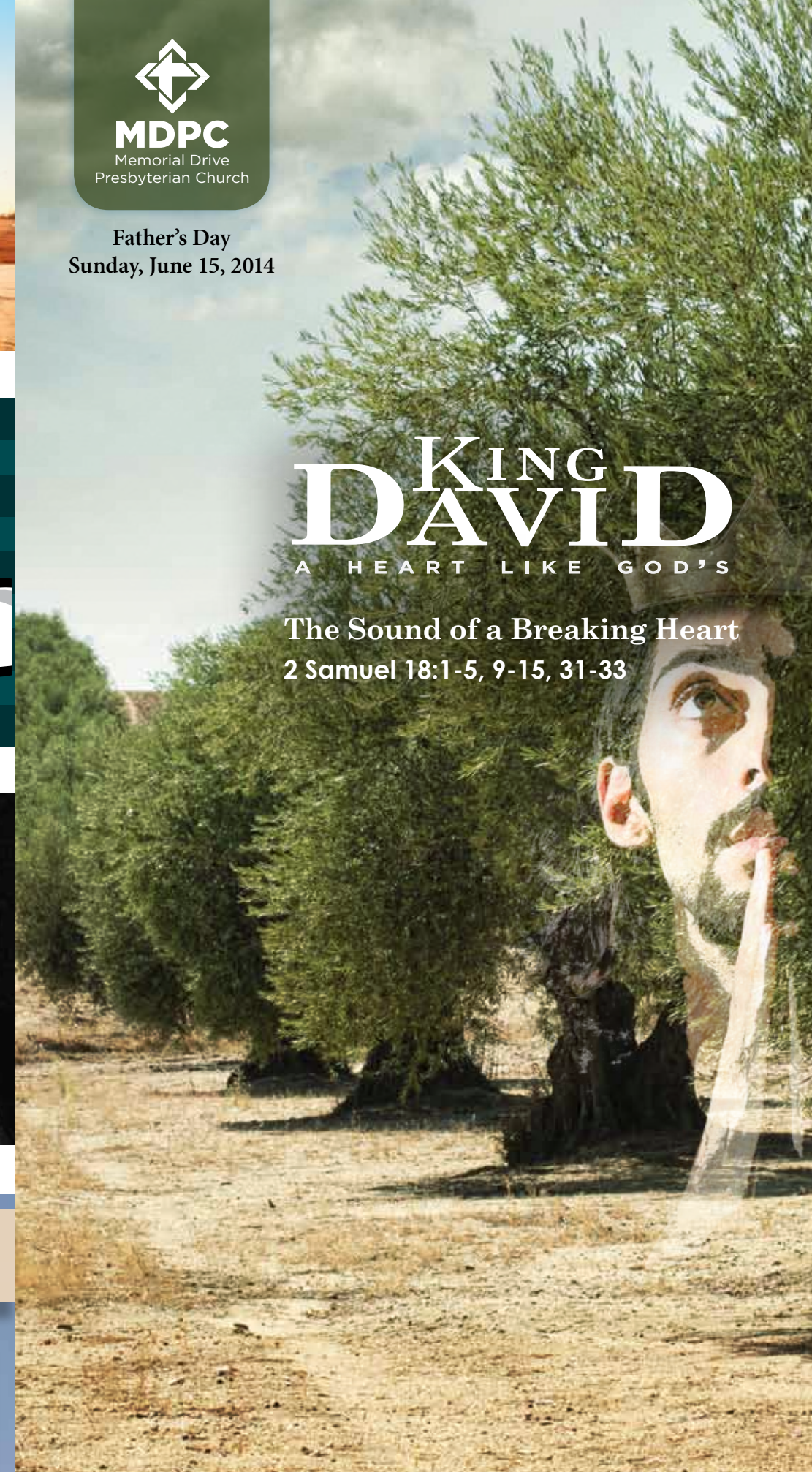
Sundays, beginning June 22
9:45 or 11:15 AM | Parlor

Prophets and Kings of Israel

We'll take a close look at key Old Testament archaeological sites, and the prophets and kings who inhabited them. This study will be especially interesting to those who have traveled to the Holy Land, or for those who plan to go! This five-week DVD-based course features Ray Vander Laan, pastor, historian, and teacher.



Father's Day
Sunday, June 15, 2014



KING DAVID

A HEART LIKE GOD'S

The Sound of a Breaking Heart
2 Samuel 18:1-5, 9-15, 31-33

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

MDPC HIGHLIGHTS

Learn Chef Michael’s Secrets!

Chef Michael Lieb is giving free cooking demos during Wednesday Night Dinner on select dates. So come to MDPC, grab dinner, and settle in to learn how simple it can be to make great-tasting meals at home.

Next class is this Wednesday, June 18 | 5:30-6:10 PM (Dinner served 5:00-6:30 PM)

Moving Forward: For Those Grieving the Loss of a Spouse

Losing a spouse is emotional and stressful, and it’s hard to imagine a future without your soul mate. It helps to have support from others going through a similar experience. Join us for dinner and fellowship once a month as you continue the journey of “moving forward.”

June 18 Speaker: Reverend Howard Edington, Interim Senior Pastor

Third Wednesdays | 5:45 PM | Room 101 | No fee; dinner available for purchase

Questions? Contact Bitsy Cleveland: bcleveland@mdpc.org or 713-490-9542

Foster & Adoptive Parents’ Night Out

For safety reasons, agencies make babysitters acquire special certifications for adopted children with special needs and foster children, which makes it difficult to find sitters. With your help, we can make it possible for these kids’ parents to enjoy a monthly night out! MDPC is providing staff, but we need volunteers to help. They just need to be 16 or older, undergo a background check, and love children. It’s a great way for youth to earn service hours!

Last Saturday of each month; next date is June 28 | 4:30-8:30 PM | MDPC

If you’re interested, please contact Ann Rome or Sandy Griffith: mdpcsafehaven@gmail.com

A Summer of Service

Bread of Life, Vita-Living, Houston Food Bank, Children’s Activity Center, Piney Point Elementary - these are some of MDPC’s local ministry partners that want us to come help this summer! Individuals, families, and small groups are all welcome. Everything from gardening, to helping with VBS, to serving lunch or playing board games with clients, and more.

For details and to sign up, contact Jan Roe in Outreach Ministries: jroe@mdpc.org 713-490-9552

Attention College-Age Folks!

Make this summer a time of growth and renewal for your faith. Join us every week for various opportunities to study, worship, and connect with other believers.

Text/email Brandon Gaide for details or with questions: 832-627-9613, bgaide@mdpc.org

Wednesday Night Conversations

Free dinner, laughs, and Bible study every week. **Wednesdays at 6:30 PM**

Fifth Service

Sleep in on Sunday, then worship God in the evening. **Sundays at 5:00 PM**

Ultimate Frisbee

Join our high schoolers in a weekly game of Ultimate on MDPC’s Field. **Sundays at 6:30 PM**

Join Us for POP Lay Chaplaincy

We need you, and you will love this ministry! Training as a POP Lay Chaplain will prepare you for visiting patients and their loved ones in hospitals. You will join a ministry Rev. Lawrence Johnson began 40 years ago, right here at MDPC! This is a group of folks that have a heart for listening and a love for God’s people who are sick, lonely, and waiting for answers as they move through the healthcare process.

Training: Saturday, June 21 | 9:00 AM-4:00 PM | Rooms 101-102

\$50 fee includes classroom instruction, on-site hospital training, and course materials. Register at popministry.org, or contact annemariewallace@sbcglobal.net.

Summer Sports Camp for Kids

Do you like flag football? Basketball? Soccer or cheer? Have you just finished 1st through 5th grade? Then this camp is for you. Have fun! Learn a sport! Study God’s word! It’s going to be a great week you don’t want to miss!

Monday-Friday, July 28-August 1 | 6:00-8:30 PM | \$100 per child

Space is limited, so register soon! register.mdpc.org

Camp Volunteers Needed! *Contact Alicia Boykin: aboykin@mdpc.org*

MDPC WORSHIP

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| *Please stand if able. | | CCLI # 182374 |
| 8:30 BLENDED SERVICE | | |
| WELCOME | | Kristin Huffman |
| *SONGS OF PRAISE | <i>The Solid Rock</i> | arr. Gómez |
| | <i>How Great Thou Art</i> | O STORE GUD |
| *PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON | | |
| SONG OF PREPARATION | <i>Desert Song</i> | Brooke Ligertwood |
| OFFERTORY | <i>Scandal of Grace</i> | Crocker/Houston |
| MESSAGE | The Sound of a Breaking Heart | Howard Edington |
| SONG OF RESPONSE | <i>I Surrender All</i> | Wheeler Van DeVenter/Weeden |

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| 9:45 CONTEMPORARY SERVICE | | |
| *SONGS OF PRAISE | <i>Desert Song</i> | Brooke Ligertwood |
| | <i>Our God</i> | Tomlin/Reeves/Myrin/Redman |
| *PRAYER OF CONFESSION | | |
| *SONG OF RESPONSE | <i>The Solid Rock</i> | arr. Gómez |
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| BAPTISM AFFIRMATION | | |
| BAPTISM | | Howard Edington |
| Bennett George Shelfer, son of Brian and Catherine Shelfer | | |
| WELCOME | | Kristin Huffman |
| OFFERTORY | <i>Scandal of Grace</i> | Crocker/Houston |
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| 11:15 TRADITIONAL SERVICE | | |
| PRELUDE | <i>Suite for the Pentecost Season</i> | Wilbur Held |
| WELCOME | | Kristin Huffman |
| CHORAL INTROIT | <i>Praise</i> | Alec Rowley |
| *CALL TO WORSHIP | | |
| *HYMN OF PRAISE | <i>Guide Me, O, Thou Great Jehovah</i> | #281; Vs. 1-3 CWM RHONDDA |
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| *PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON | | |
| *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | | |
| *CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE | <i>The Gloria Patri</i> | Hymn #579 |
| | <i>I Surrender All</i> | arr. Moses Hogan |
| Julie Thornton, soloist | | |
| OFFERTORY | <i>Dear Lord and Father of Mankind</i> | C. H. H. Parry |
| MESSAGE | The Sound of a Breaking Heart | Howard Edington |
| *HYMN OF RESPONSE | <i>I Surrender All</i> | Vs. 2-3 SURRENDER |
| POSTLUDE | <i>Trumpet Tune</i> | Rob Landes |

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| OTHER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES | | |
| SPANISH SERVICE | 11:15 AM Chapel | fuentes.mdpc.org |
| FIFTH SERVICE | 5:00 PM Chapel | fifthservice.mdpc.org |

MDPC INFO

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 Kooken | 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 or 713-953-2570.*

Ministry Partners

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

Houston International Seafarers Ministry chaplains minister to seafarers from around the world on ships that dock in the Ports of Houston, Barbours Cut, Galveston, Beaumont, Port Arthur, and Bayport.

adfactorycs.com/seafarer

Help Us Grow (HUG) provides one-on-one tutoring to at-risk second graders at Housman Elementary School in Spring Branch ISD.

Contact Laura Bushong: laurabushong@att.net

The Micah Project in Honduras ministers to young men who have spent anguished childhoods in impoverished homes or on the streets of Tegucigalpa. These youths learn to become Christian leaders through discipleship, formal education, and service to others in need. The Micah Project’s goal is to support these young men as they become the next Christian leaders of Honduras. *Act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God. Micah 6:8*

micahcentral.org



Praises & Prayers

Today’s Chancel Flowers are given

- by Dee Zook Bell, in memory of her parents, John and Doris Post.
- in honor of Thomas Curtis Cleveland on his ninetieth birthday, by his family.
- in honor of the marriage of Kyle Elizabeth Davis and Erik David Yohe, and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Byron Womack and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Horton Davis.

The Red Rose is in honor of

- Konrad Kraemer Wittenbraker, born May 8, 2014, to Katie and Kyle Wittenbraker.

Members recently released from the hospital:

Noni Benson, Mona Williams

Chancel flower dedications may be made for a \$50 contribution. Visit the Front Office to sign up for the Sunday of your choice (some exceptions apply).

The roses honor births to parents who are MDPC members, and memorialize member deaths. Please notify us of these events in MDPC members’ lives, and of member hospitalizations, by contacting Kakki Thompson: kthompson@mdpc.org or 713-490-9541

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| WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE | |
| OPERATING INCOME | |
| 2014 Budget | \$ 10,550,000 |
| Expected Income to date | \$ 3,823,896 |
| Actual Income to Date | \$ 3,790,114 |
| Current Income Deficit | \$ 33,782 |

Sunday, June 15, 2014

KING DAVID

A HEART LIKE GOD'S

The Sound of a Breaking Heart

2 Samuel 18:1-5, 9-15, 31-33 | Howard Edington Preaching

David rose from humble beginnings to become, arguably, the greatest King in Israel's history. The strength and splendor of Israel was established under David's rule, and God used David's leadership to further God's plan of salvation in Jesus Christ. Though David was godly and successful, he was also a flawed human who struggled to maintain fidelity to God. In this sermon series, we will examine David as a whole person, noting his triumphs and tragedies alike.

Today's scripture focuses on the death of David's son, Absalom. It is a dark time in the life of David. In many ways, Absalom is already gone. He has rebelled against David and his family in numerous ways, and the relationship is broken. With Absalom's death, restoration cannot happen and David's heart is broken.

2 Samuel 18:1-5 - David is preparing to send an army into battle under three captains: Joab, Abishai, and Ittai. He wants to go with them, but they insist he stay back because:

1. They feel David's life is more valuable than theirs (*Worth ten thousand of us*).
 2. He is needed in case they require reserves (*You are now more help to us in the city*).
 3. They understand that it may be hard for David to fight against his own son, Absalom.
- David agrees to stay back, but he asks his three captains to deal gently with Absalom. He makes it known that Absalom is to be captured alive and not mistreated.

2 Samuel 18:9-15 - When Absalom encounters David's army, the mule he is riding goes under a tree, Absalom's head is caught in the branches, and he is left hanging in the tree *between heaven and earth*. Walter Brueggemann paints a picture of this: "Absalom is suspended between life and death, between the sentence of a rebel and the value of a son, between the severity of the king and the yearning of the father. He is no longer living, because he is utterly vulnerable, but he is not dead."

David's captain, Joab, did not heed David's words to deal gently with Absalom; instead, he killed him. Joab felt that Absalom deserved justice and not mercy.

2 Samuel 18:31-33 - When the messenger arrives with news of victory, the only thing David cares about is his son. Absalom is a traitor who had committed great atrocities, but he is still his son, and David wants to know he is safe.

When he hears the news of Absalom's death, David is heartbroken. The knowledge that he contributed to Absalom's undoing through his own sinfulness weighs heavily on David.

This image of David and his unfailing love for his rebellious son reminds us of God's love for us. He continues to love us despite the many ways we rebel against Him. He deals with us not with justice, but with mercy.

- How have you experienced the mercy of God in your life?
- Where do you need to seek restoration in a broken relationship?
- This story is about Absalom's sins, and the sins of David, as well. They followed him. How have you experienced the consequences of your sins?
- Thank God for His mercy and for the many ways He has dealt you grace rather than justice.