

What Would Jesus Feel?

Explore how Christ's divinity and humanity come together

Wednesdays, July 9-23
6:30 PM | Summit Room

For more information: classes.mdpc.org

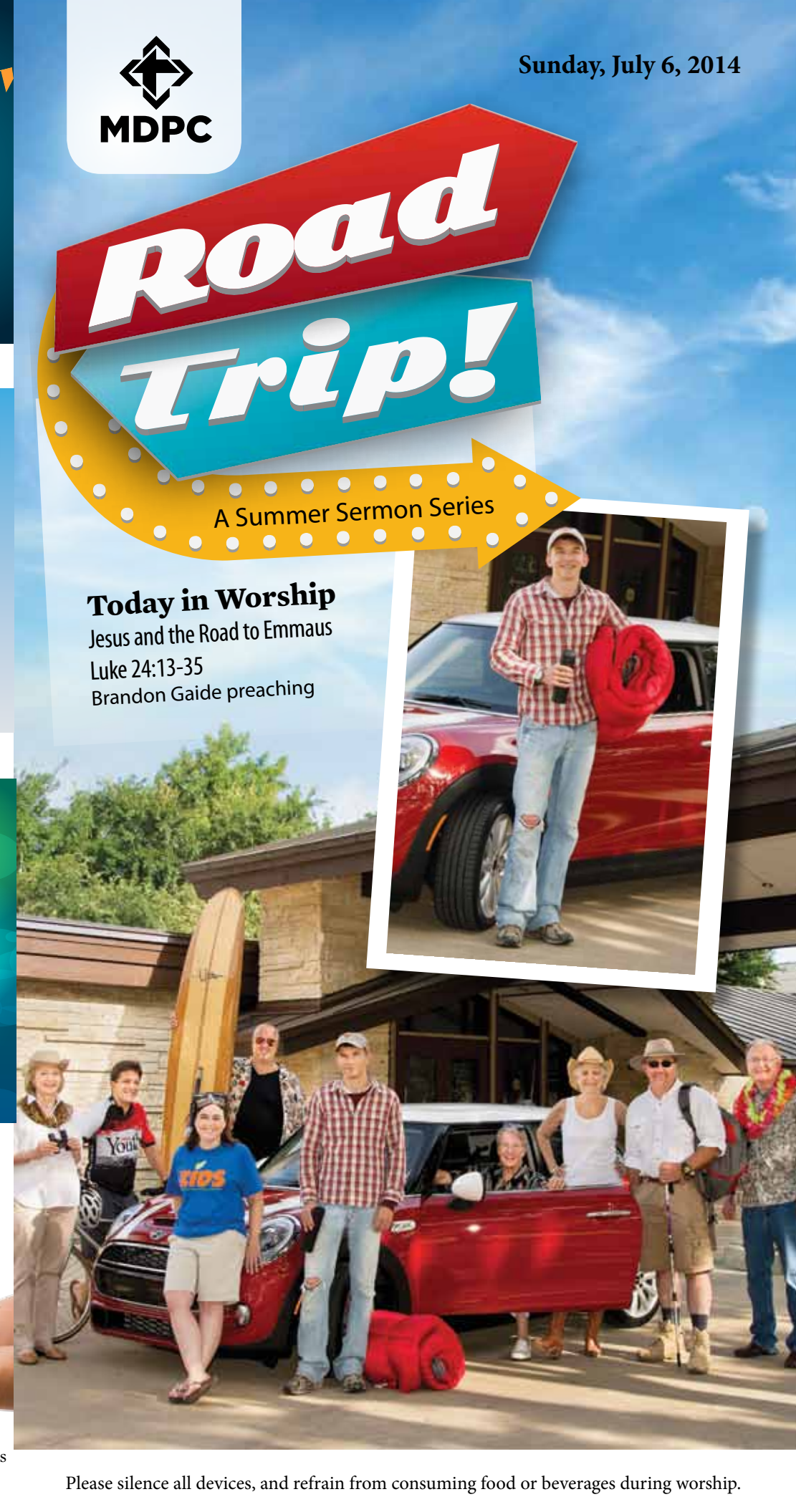



MDPC Singles,
Single Parents, & Friends...

LET'S GO TO THE CIRCUS!

Saturday, July 26 • 3:30 PM • NRG Stadium

Tickets are \$14 and going fast, so contact Sarah ASAP: 832-605-8129

Road Trip!

A Summer Sermon Series

Today in Worship
Jesus and the Road to Emmaus
Luke 24:13-35
Brandon Gaide preaching



Would you like to know more about MDPC and its ministries? We invite you to attend an informal meeting to learn about this church and ask questions about what it means to be part of our faith community. No commitment required!

Next Sunday, July 13 | 10:45-11:10 AM | Gathering Room



SPORTS CAMP

- Flag football, basketball, soccer, and cheer
- For kids who have just finished 1st through 5th grade
- Fun, sports, and God's Word - you don't want to miss it!

MONDAY-FRIDAY, JULY 28-AUGUST 1
6:00-8:30 PM | \$100 PER KID

Quest★Class

STUDYING GOD'S WORD TOGETHER

Special Series through July 20:
Prophets and Kings of Israel

Sundays in the Parlor
9:45 or 11:15 AM

A close look at key Old Testament archaeological sites, and the prophets and kings who inhabited them.

This week, we visit the archaeological site of Lashish.

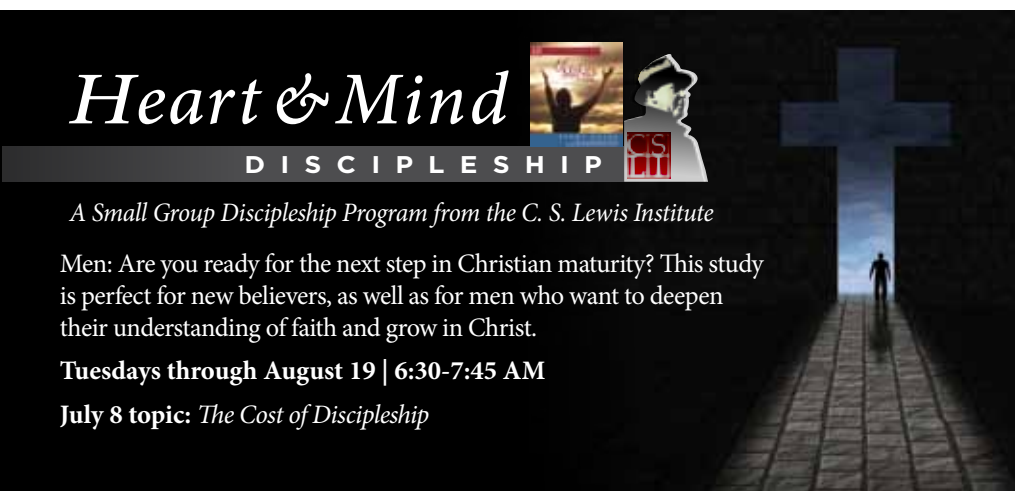


SUMMER WEDNESDAYS

At MDPC

Movies, dinners, classes, and more!
Check out wednesdays.mdpc.org.

Fun for the whole family!



Heart & Mind

DISCIPLESHIP

A Small Group Discipleship Program from the C. S. Lewis Institute

Men: Are you ready for the next step in Christian maturity? This study is 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

July 8 topic: *The Cost of Discipleship*

This summer, come help out at one of MDPC's local ministry partners, like Bread of Life, Vita-Living, Children's Activity Center, Piney Point Elementary, or Houston Food Bank!

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

Summer of Service



Individuals, families, & small groups all are encouraged to participate.

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

MDPC HIGHLIGHTS

Kids’ Meals: Meals on Wheels for Preschool Children

Kids’Meals is increasing its delivery of lunches for preschool-aged children to 2,000 this summer, with the expectation of raising that number to 2,500 by the end of the year. MDPC is instrumental in providing one day’s delivery - 2,000 sandwiches! Beginning in July, in the one-hour work period, we will make 2,000 meat sandwiches. Make a difference. Bring two loaves of bread and be part of the sandwich-making team.

Wednesday, July 9 | 5:00-6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Contact Julie Hempel: hempeljulie@gmail.com

Heads Up! Soccer Is Back

Soccer is for boys and girls, pre-K through 6th grade. Teams are coached by volunteer coaches and participate in the West Houston Christian Sports League. Practices at MDPC begin September 1. Games are on Saturdays, September 20-November 15, at area churches.

Register July 13-August 17: sports.mdpc.org

\$110 (\$130 after August 17) | Includes jersey/socks, pictures, trophy

Contact Diane Seckinger: dseckinger@mdpc.org or 713-490-9568

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 those who have gone through a similar experience. Join us for dinner, fellowship, and conversation once a month as you continue the journey of “moving forward.”

July 16 Speaker: Bitsy Cleveland, LPC, *The Unwanted Gift of Grief*

Monthly, Third Wednesday | 5:45 PM | Room 101 | No Cost

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

New Member Class Intensive

This class, taught by the associate pastors and elders, condenses the New Member Class series into two extended sessions on a Friday evening and Saturday morning. It will include a service project at one of our local mission partners on a separate Saturday.

Summer Intensive: Friday Evening & Saturday Morning, July 18 & 19 | Summit Room

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

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 on MDPC’s field for a weekly game of Ultimate. Sundays at 6:30 PM

Summer Film Festival: Deep in the Heart (PG-13)

Come beat the heat and enjoy popcorn, lemonade, and acclaimed films with this fun group! All ages are welcome, free of charge. Sponsored by Prime Timers.

Wednesday, July 23 | 3:00 PM | Amphitheater | Free!

*Some movies may not be suitable for all ages. Visit pluggedin.com to review movie content to see if it is appropriate for your family.

Save the Dates!

Women’s Retreat: March 28-29, 2015 | Camp For All, Burton, TX

Men’s Retreat: April 11-12, 2015 | Lazy A Ranch, Fayetteville, TX

MDPC WORSHIP

*Please stand if able.

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8:30 BLENDED SERVICE

WELCOME		Dave Steane
*SONGS OF PRAISE	<i>All Creatures of Our God and King</i> <i>O Beautiful for Spacious Skies</i>	arr. Crowder MATERNA
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON		
OFFERTORY	<i>How He Loves</i>	John Mark McMillan
MESSAGE	Jesus and the Road to Emmaus	Brandon Gaide
SONG OF RESPONSE		

9:45 CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

*SONGS OF PRAISE	<i>God Is Here</i> <i>Your Love Never Fails</i>	arr. Zschech/Wickham/Houghton arr. McClarney/Skinner
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION		Dave Steane
*SONG OF RESPONSE	<i>All Creatures of Our God and King</i>	arr. Crowder
WELCOME		
OFFERTORY	<i>How He Loves</i>	John Mark McMillan
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11:15 TRADITIONAL SERVICE

PRELUDE	<i>Three Patriotic Meditations</i>	Callahan/Williams
WELCOME		Dave Steane
*CALL TO WORSHIP		
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>Lift Every Voice and Sing</i>	#563; Vs. 1 & 3 LIFT EVERY VOICE
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON		
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	The Apostles’ Creed	
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	<i>The Gloria Patri</i>	Hymn #579
ANTHEM	<i>America the Beautiful</i> Quartet: Cassandra Black, Nicole Woodward, Avery Rabon, James Rodriguez	James Mulholland
OFFERTORY	<i>Abide With Me</i>	John Cornish
MESSAGE	Jesus and the Road to Emmaus	Brandon Gaide
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>The Day of Resurrection</i>	#118; Vs. 1-3 LANCASHIRE
POSTLUDE	<i>The Stars and Stripes Forever</i>	Sousa/arr. Chenault

OTHER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SPANISH SERVICE	11:15 AM Chapel	fuente.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:

Kids’ Meals provides healthy, home-delivered lunches to preschool-aged children living in poverty in Harris County. It delivers nutritious meals free of cost, Monday through Friday, year-round. Kids’ Meals strives to ensure proper nutrition for the 2,000 children it serves daily. kidsmealshouston.org

Local Infant Formula for Emergencies (LIFE) provides baby food, formula, and essentials like diapers, wipes, and bottles to Houston families facing difficult circumstances. It is the primary referral source for other social service agencies that serve children under one. LIFE’s goal is to feed as many hungry babies as possible. lifehouston.org

God is at work in the world in unprecedented ways, and **Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship (PFF)** is here to help Presbyterians join in what He is doing! Their goal is to see every ethnic group have its own church, reflecting its own cultural characteristics. PFF helps Presbyterian churches have a global mission vision to reach out to people groups that have no church. pff.net



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Praises & Prayers

The White Rose is in memory of

Steve Roskamp, who passed away June 25, 2014.

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

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).

Senior Pastor Nominating Committee

Please pray for the committee and the congregation during this time of transition. Prayer cards are available at the Connection Center. Visit pnc.mdpc.org for updates.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

OPERATING INCOME	
2014 Budget	\$ 10,550,000
Expected Income to date	\$ 4,208,986
Actual Income to Date	\$ 4,107,202
Current Income Deficit	\$ 101,784

Sunday, July 6, 2014



Jesus and the Road to Emmaus

Luke 24:13-35

Brandon Gaide Preaching

Ah, road trips. It's rare that we make the journey itself the primary reason for going anywhere. But that's exactly what a road trip is all about: focusing more on the journey, and less on the destination. This summer, we will examine what happens to God's people in these in-between places. God often does His greatest work in us when we're traveling in a strange land, out of our comfort zone, away from home, and unsure of our way back.

This week, we begin on the road to Emmaus with Cleopas and his companion. Like many of Jesus' followers, these two people came to Jerusalem expecting to see Jesus finally exerting His authority as the Messiah. His death on a cross crushed their hopes, so, with great sadness, they turn to go home to Emmaus. They are joined along the way by a stranger—a common enough occurrence, but this man is different. His presence touches something deep in their hearts, and, through Luke's masterful storytelling, this simple road trip becomes the setting for an incredible, history-making revelation.

- About one-third of Luke's gospel is devoted to the slow, steady journey of Jesus and His followers from Galilee to Jerusalem (9:51-19:28). When Jesus finally arrives in Jerusalem, Luke has created so much suspense that Jesus' arrival surely must be the climax of His life. This expectation is quickly suppressed by His violent death, leaving His followers bewildered, sad, and without hope. What does that kind of hopelessness feel like? What would you do differently if you believed beyond any doubt that resurrection was not possible?
- Luke inserts Jesus into our text without fanfare (see v.15). There are no trumpet blasts or angels announcing the resurrected Christ to these two sojourners. He simply shows up. What do you like about this way of (re)introducing Jesus? What surprises you about it?
- Jesus shows the two travelers how He is found in "all the Scriptures" (v.27). He doesn't just point to a specific verse. He's telling them that He's the focal point of the entire Old Testament story. How would you explain this idea in your own words? How do you see Jesus connected to the Old Testament story?
- Along the road to Emmaus, Jesus has been walking and conversing with the two travelers. When they invite Him to stay with them, they share a meal together. Nothing about these events is considered supernatural or sacred, but, in the breaking of the bread, their eyes are opened and they realize their guest is the risen Christ. We follow an "everyday" God, who can reveal Himself as easily in a small Emmaus home as in the greatest cathedral. How have you found this to be true in your experience? What comfort does it bring knowing that God can reveal Himself to us anywhere?
- The revealing of their guest's true identity makes Cleopas and his companion immediate evangelists (v.33). They were the first witnesses of a complete redirection of history, one where death was not the ultimate victor, and where Jesus Christ proved Himself more incredible than anyone anticipated. This was the dawn of a new age, and they needed to tell people about it. What prevents us from sharing this good news with similar urgency?