


Today!

DISCOVER MDPC



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!

Today, 10:45-11:10 AM | Gathering Room

↑ membership.mdpc.org ↓ movies.mdpc.org

SUMMER FILM SERIES

Fun for the Whole Family*


FREE ADMISSION!
Ages 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Deep in the Heart (PG-13)
Wednesday, July 23
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



What Would Jesus Feel?

Explore how Christ's divinity and humanity come together

Wednesdays through July 23
6:30 PM | Summit Room

For more information: classes.mdpc.org

↓ outreach.mdpc.org

God is Changing Lives Daily—With Your Help!

Pick up a Ministry Partners book to learn about the ministries MDPC supports. They need your prayers and volunteer time to continue serving the 1,000s of people they reach daily, here in Houston and around the world.

To learn how you can help, give our partners a call, or contact Jan Roe in Outreach Ministries: jroe@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

↑ singles.mdpc.org ↓ children.mdpc.org



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

↓ wednesdays.mdpc.org



SUMMER WEDNESDAYS

At MDPC

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

Fun for the whole family!

↓ seniors.mdpc.org

Travel in 2015 with MDPC Seniors

Experience the trip of a lifetime with other seniors from MDPC! Friends, family, and visitors are welcome to attend this information session to learn about our 2015 travel plans.

INFORMATION MEETING:
Tuesday, July 22 | 6:30 PM | Amphitheater


Questions? Contact Evelyn Cook:
eccook@sbcglobal.net or 713-504-2919



Ireland - April

Rhine River Cruise - October

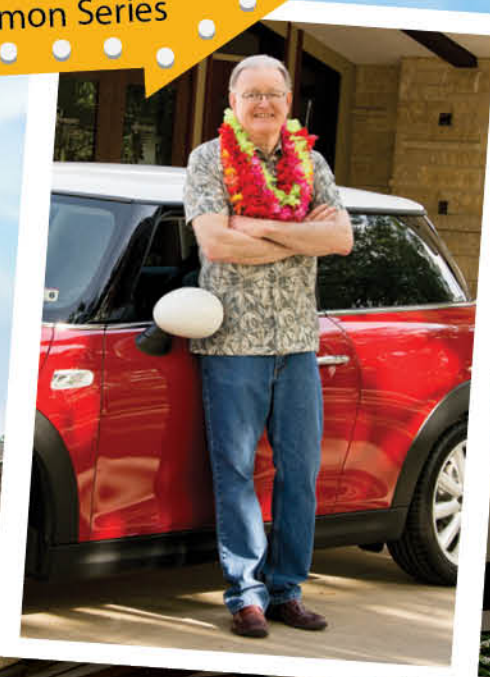

Sunday, July 13, 2014



Road Trip!

A Summer Sermon Series

Today in Worship
Paul and the Road to Damascus
Acts 9:1-19
Rick Myers preaching

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

MDPC HIGHLIGHTS

Elder Nominations

Elder Nominations for the 2017 Elder class are being accepted. Your involvement in this process is essential!
Visit nominations.mdpc.org, or pick up a form at the Connection Center in the Lobby.

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.
\$110 (\$130 after August 17) Includes jersey/socks, pictures, trophy
Register: sports.mdpc.org | Contact Diane Seckinger: dseckinger@mdpc.org or 713-490-9568

Daily Bread

Daily Bread is a Sunday school class for anyone in their 30s to 40s+. This summer, we are examining scripture passages using the Discovery Bible Study. Visitors are welcome to join in as we learn together and discuss God’s Word.
Sundays, 11:15 AM | Summit Room
Drop in, or contact Chris Arend with questions: chrisarend73@gmail.com

Quest Class: Prophets and Kings of Israel

This DVD-based study, featuring pastor and historian Ray Vander Laan, takes 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 Negev.
Sundays, 9:45 or 11:15 AM | Parlor
For more information: classes.mdpc.org

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

Bring Your Questions: Baptism

In this series of interactive discussions, one or more pastors and staff members will respond to questions about a given topic. On July 20, Brandon Gaide will talk briefly about baptism and the various views of baptism among different churches, then open up the discussion for your input and questions. Come ready to dive in!
Sunday, July 20 | 4:00-4:40 PM | Parlor

Safe Haven Support Group

Safe Haven is a ministry that supports individuals and families involved in foster care, kinship care, and adoption. Our support group meets monthly; a light meal is provided (please RSVP at least two days prior so we can include you on our dinner order).
Monday, July 21 | 6:00-8:00 PM | Room 122
Contact Ann Rome with questions and to RSVP: mdpcsafehaven@gmail.com
Free childcare available by reservation: childcare@mdpc.org or 713-490-9266

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**

Moving Forward: For Those Grieving the Loss of a Spouse

Moving Forward is cancelled on July 16. We will resume our gatherings on August 20 for Sally Davis, RN, MSN, speaking on *The Seven Habits of Healthy Aging*.
Third Wednesday of Each Month (Next is August 20) | 5:45 PM | Room 101 | No Cost

MDPC WORSHIP

*Please stand if able. CCLI # 182374

8:30 BLENDED SERVICE

WELCOME		Vicky Jones
*SONGS OF PRAISE	<i>O for a Thousand Tongues</i> <i>He Is Exalted</i>	arr. Crowder Twila Paris
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON		Brett Hurst
SONG OF PREPARATION	<i>10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)</i>	Redman/Myrin
OFFERTORY	<i>Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)</i>	Crocker/Houston/Lighthelm
MESSAGE	Paul and the Road to Damascus	Rick Myers
SONG OF RESPONSE	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>	Daniel Schutte

9:45 CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

*SONGS OF PRAISE	<i>O for a Thousand Tongues</i> <i>Hosanna</i>	arr. Crowder Brooke Ligertwood
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION		Christyn Knoop
*SONG OF RESPONSE	<i>10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)</i>	Redman/Myrin
WELCOME		Vicky Jones
OFFERTORY	<i>Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)</i>	Crocker/Houston/Lighthelm
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11:15 TRADITIONAL SERVICE

PRELUDE	<i>Pastorale</i>	Alexandre Guilmant
WELCOME		Vicky Jones
CHORAL INTROIT	<i>O God Beyond All Praising</i>	Richard Proulx
*CALL TO WORSHIP		
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven</i>	#478; Vs. 1, 2, 4 LAUDA ANIMA
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON		Rachel Poysky
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	from Romans 8	
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	<i>The Gloria Patri</i>	Hymn #579
ANTHEM	<i>Nearer, My God, to Thee</i>	Dan Forrest
OFFERTORY	<i>How Lovely Are the Messengers (from St. Paul)</i>	Felix Mendelssohn
MESSAGE	Paul and the Road to Damascus	Rick Myers
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	#280; Vs. 1, 2, 4 AMAZING GRACE
POSTLUDE	<i>La Réjouissance</i>	G. F. Handel

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 Kookken | 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:

Little Angels Ministry provides gift bags for newborns in the high-risk nursery at Ben Taub General Hospital. The bags include handmade cross-stitched t-shirts, knitted caps and booties, and a prayer request card to mail back to MDPC.
Contact Sandy Griffith: sandygriffith@gmail.com

Medical Center Apartments is a coalition of 13 churches that operate apartments in the Medical Center. The units are leased to patients and their caregivers who are in Houston for long-term medical treatment, providing a home-away-from-home. MDPC oversees nine apartments.
Contact South Main Baptist: 713-524-2640

Transitions (Antigua, Guatemala) mobilizes disabled Guatemalans through rehabilitation, education, and spiritual development so that they can become productive contributors to their own culture. MDPC’s partner Alex Galvez co-founded Transitions to give dignity to the disabled as they work together to make custom wheelchairs and prosthetics.
transitionsfoundation.org



Praises & Prayers

Today’s Chancel Flowers are given by:
Dee Zook Bell, in honor of her grandson, Christopher Zook, who is going to West Point to play football.

Please pray for MDPC members recently released from the hospital:
Frances Snell

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).

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE		
OPERATING INCOME		
2014 Budget	\$	10,550,000
Expected Income to date	\$	4,319,079
Actual Income to Date	\$	4,217,493
Current Income Deficit	\$	101,586

Sunday, July 13, 2014



Paul and the Road to Damascus

Acts 9:1-19

Rick Myers Preaching

Road trips can be filled with surprises along the way. We never know what we'll experience next as we travel the road of life! Biblical road trips are no different. As biblical characters traveled, God would intervene in their lives to inspire, to teach, and to change their lives. God continues to do the same in the lives of Christians today as they faithfully seek to follow Jesus Christ. This week, we take a road trip to Damascus with Saul who later became known as the Apostle Paul. It was a trip that changed his life forever!

If you were among the earliest of Christians, at the time just after The Crucifixion of Jesus Christ, the name "Saul" would likely fill your heart with fear. Saul's view of Christianity was really quite simple - he wanted it, and everyone involved in it, destroyed. He traveled far and wide to persecute men and women who followed Jesus Christ.

Then one day, while Saul was on a road trip to Damascus, he suddenly found himself surrounded by a very bright light. He fell to the ground and heard a voice from heaven saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?" It was the voice of Jesus Christ Himself. The incredible conversation that followed brought Paul to the realization that Christianity was not a threat to the Jews, but rather the *fulfillment* of all that they hold true. What could turn around a man who was so intent on squashing the beliefs of others? It was the loving power of Jesus Christ! Paul began the trip physically seeing, but spiritually blind. He ended it physically blind, but spiritually seeing.

When Saul finally reaches Damascus, he finds himself dependent on one of the Lord's people to regain his sight. Ananias was a godly Jew who had accepted Jesus as his Messiah. After he receives the confirmation that he needs from the Lord, he goes to Saul and greets him with the words "Brother Saul." How wonderful those words must have sounded to Saul! One reason that the Lord sent Ananias, rather than healing Saul's sight directly in answer to his prayers, was so that Saul would begin to see what he later taught clearly: that the church is the body of Christ. We are members of one another.

Do you know of what it means to respond, "Lord, what can I do for You?" Do you know what it means to feel the burden of sin lifted off your shoulders? Do you know what it means to boldly confess the Lord Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? We too can experience a personal encounter with Jesus Christ, surrender to Him in penitence and faith, and receive His summons to service.

God did not waste any part of Paul's life - his background, his training, his citizenship, his mind, or even his weaknesses. Are you willing to let God do the same for you? You will never know all He can do with you until you allow Him to have all that you are!

For both Paul and Ananias, their conversion included a call. Paul was called to preach the word of Christ to the world; Ananias was called to preach the word of Christ to Paul. Who was your Ananias? Who helped open your eyes to the wonders of God? And to whom are you being called to be Ananias? When God calls, may we have the courage to respond, like Paul, "Lord, what can I do for You?"