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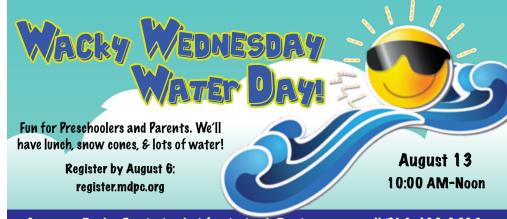


Safe Haven supports individuals and families involved in foster care, kinship care, and adoption. We meet the second Monday of each month. A light meal is provided (RSVP two days prior for dinner).

Next Meeting

Monday, August 11 6:00-8:00 PM | Room 122

RSVP to Ann Rome: mdpcsafehaven@gmail.com Free childcare available by reservation.



Contact: Becky Funderburk bfunderburk@mdpc.org or call 713-490-9263

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Parenting insights and book signing with

# Chris Groff, Co-Founder of Parenting by Design

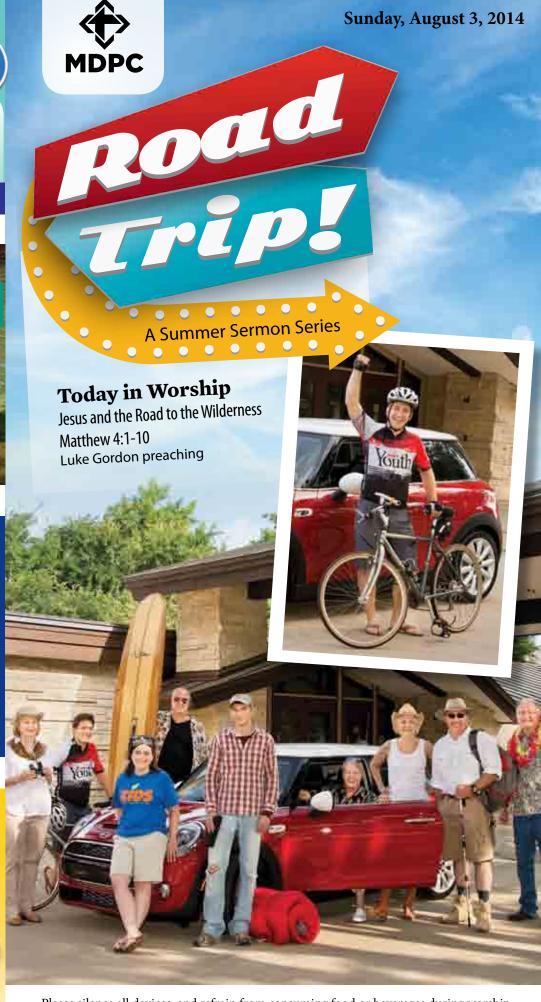
Author Chris Groff discusses his first-hand experiences that led to the development of Parenting by Design, offering biblical resources and virtual guidance to parents from all walks of life, with children of any age.

Wednesday, August 20 | 7:00 PM | Chapel

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

# **MDPC** HIGHLIGHTS

### **Congratulations to Our Newest Associate Pastor**

Last Sunday, almost-Reverend Brandon Gaide was elected as MDPC's Associate Pastor for Next Generation Ministries! We had a quorum in attendance, and both the vote to call and the vote on his Terms of Call were approved. The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee was dissolved with gratitude to God for a job well done.

Brandon's Ordination and Installation: Next Sunday, August 10, during 9:45 AM Worship

#### **Elder Nominations**

Nominations for the 2017 Elder class are being accepted. Your involvement is essential! Perhaps the person sitting next to you is equipped to lead this church, and you just need to help call them. A nomination form is inserted in today's bulletin.

You also can nominate online at nominations.mdpc.org.

#### Fifth Service

Been meaning to make it to Fifth Service? Come spend Sunday evening with us as we worship, listen to God's Word, and love one another. Next Sunday, we wrap up Sent: Five *Unique Missions in the Bible*, then begin *The Real Difference God Makes* the following week.

#### Sundays at 5:00 PM | MDPC Chapel

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

#### 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, August 13 | 5:00-6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Contact Julie Hempel: hempeljulie@gmail.com

### Discover Philippians

#### 8-week Small Group Study through Philippians (Aug. 31-Oct. 24)

The MDPC fall 2014 small group study will help you dive deeper into the book of Philippians, the object of Dr. Edington's Sunday morning sermons. In lieu of sermon notes, groups will engage a new approach to studying God's Word called Discovery. Discovery is a simple method that is bearing fruit in the lives of believers around the world. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to be part of a refreshed desire for Scripture study at MDPC! Visit philippians.mdpc.org for details and to register.

Contact Christyn Knoop: cknoop@mdpc.org or 713-490-0940

### Quest Class: Jesus in All the Old Testament

This fall, the Rev. Harry Slye leads a study of the teaching about Jesus in the New Testament that relates to all we have in the Old Testament. The class will discover how Jesus interpreted "all these things" about Himself in Genesis, Exodus, the Psalms, and the prophets. Come and join us to see how the whole Bible fits together.

Sundays beginning September 7 | 9:45 and 11:15 AM | Parlor

Register: register.mdpc.org

#### We Love to See MDPCers!

When you take pictures at an MDPC event, or snap some photos with your small group or Sunday school class, share them with us! We love having familiar faces to use in publications and around campus.

Please send digital photos in original size to Eva at ekaminski@mdpc.org with the subject line "For MDPC Use." Include names of people pictured, and where and when the photo was taken. Be sure to have the consent of everyone in the photo!

# **MDPC** WORSHIP

\*Please stand if able. • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •

# 8:30 BLENDED SERVICE

WELCOME \*SONGS OF PRAISE

How Great Thou Art O STORE GUD God With Us Ingram/Jordan

Dave Steane

Kristin Huffman

Luke Gordon

Michael Costello

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON Kristin Huffman

SONG OF PREPARATION Before the Throne of God Above Bancroft/Cook **OFFERTORY** Holy Spirit B.Torwalt/K.Torwalt

MESSAGE Jesus and the Road to the Wilderness Luke Gordon

SONG OF RESPONSE

### • • • • • • • • • • • • 9:45 CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

Song of Hope \*SONGS OF PRAISE arr. Seay God With Us Ingram/Jordan

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**NEW MEMBERS** Dave Steane and Kristin Huffman

**BAPTISM** 

MESSAGE

Karen Teegarden

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

WELCOME Dave Steane **OFFERTORY** Holy Spirit B.Torwalt/K.Torwalt

Jesus and the Road to the Wilderness

SONG OF RESPONSE

### . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 11:15 TRADITIONAL SERVICE

PRELUDE Two Spirituals arr. White WELCOME Dave Steane

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

\*HYMN OF PRAISE A Mighty Fortress Is Our God #260; Vs. 1, 3, 4 | EIN' FESTE BURG

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON Kristin Huffman

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE The Gloria Patri Hymn #579 If God Himself Be for Me

Quartet: Lisa Borik, Megan Bertie, Bryan DePan, James Rodriguez

**NEW MEMBERS** 

**ANTHEM** 

**OFFERTORY** O Divine Redeemer Gounod/arr. Schrader MESSAGE Jesus and the Road to the Wilderness Luke Gordon

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go #383; Vs. 1, 3, 4 | St. Margaret

**POSTLUDE** Joyous March George Brandon

# **OTHER** WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SPANISH SERVICE FIFTH SERVICE

11:15 AM | Chapel 5:00 PM | Chapel

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# **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 Coor. 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:

**Open Door Mission** is a faith-based recovery and rehabilitation facility dedicated to transforming the lives of severely addicted, destitute, homeless, and disabled men in our community. They work to repair lives and families, interrupting cycles of abuse, poverty, and violence. opendoorhouston.org

Palmer Drug Abuse Program helps youth and their families recover from the devastating effects of drug and alcohol abuse by providing 12-step programs, support, and education and prevention workshops. They also offer free individual and family counseling. pdaphouston.org

MDPC mission partners Reverend Andrew and Teri Adair launched The Antioch Partners (TAP), a missionary-sending agency, in 2007, to train, equip, and send Presbyterian crosscultural servants into the world to demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ in tangible ways. TAP's goals are to see people become followers of Jesus, and to foster the formation of worshipping communities among the unreached. theantiochpartners.org

### **Praises & Prayers**

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### Today's Chancel Flowers are given

Sanctuary

Connection Center

Gathering Room

• in loving memory of Rupert Turner and his birthday on August 9, by Anne Turner and family.

Information Centers

• in honor of the marriage of William R. and Nancy L. Griesinger.

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 red and white 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

#### WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

### OPERATING INCOME

2014 Budget \$ 10,550,000 \$ 4,649,360 Expected Income to date Actual Income to Date \$ 4,541,196 Current Income Deficit \$ 108,164



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Gay Clark is married to Rick Clark, an MDPC member of 20 years. She has one daughter, Ann, who is married with two children. Gay is a teacher with Lamar CISD in Richmond, Texas, where she is a specialist in gifted education. She loves to read, travel, watch Texas Longhorn football, and spoil her two grandchildren.





**Bucky and Suzanne Farrow** have three children, Grant (12), Reagan (9), and Aiden (7). Bucky is a general surgeon. He enjoys cooking, good wine, and coaching his children's sports teams. He is passionate about growing his faith through relationships with other believers. Suzanne is returning to MDPC after growing up in the church and singing with the Joyful Noise. She enjoys volunteering with Ronald McDonald House Houston, Houston Junior Women's Club, City Art Works, and her children's schools.



**Lourdes Hernández** is a stay-at-home mom. She has one son, Mauricio E. Morales (11). Lourdes likes reading and crafts, and also enjoys serving as a volunteer in Food Service Ministries.



**Jenny Meyer** is married to MDPC member, Ted Meyer. Together their children include Sarah (22), Francie (19), Daniel (20), and Mia (12). Jenny is a vice president in business development, and she enjoys running.





Brit and Yvonne Perkins are the parents of Kaitlen (26). Brit is an architect and a musician (guitar and bass), and he enjoys cycling and running. Yvonne is a hairstylist and cosmetologist. She enjoys learning about health and yoga, singing in the MDPC Sanctuary Choir, and studying the Bible.





Elliott and Julia Taliaferro – Elliott is an attorney at Strong, Pipkin, Bissell, & Ledyard, LLP. He enjoys running half-marathons and playing basketball, and is a Rhodes College Lynxcat fan. Julia is manager of special events for DePelchin Children's Center. She enjoys volunteering with the Houston Junior League and cheering on the Alabama Crimson Tide. Elliott and Julia enjoy walking their dogs and spending time with family at the beach.





Matt and Karen Teegarden stay busy raising their three children: Drew (4), Anna (2), and Cate (2). Matt oversees international marketing and trading for Enterprise Products. Matt enjoys golf, photography, being outdoors, DIY, and grilling and barbecuing. Karen is a stay-at-home mom who enjoys trying new recipes and sharing meals with others.



**Donna Vaughn** has three adult sons and three grandchildren. She was an accountant and business manager for over 40 years. Currently, she is a caregiver for the elderly. She enjoys movies, opera, the symphony, and nature walks. She has been singing in the MDPC Choir for three and a half years.





Adrian and Paula Vuyk have three adult children and seven grandchildren. Adrian and Paula both are retired. They enjoy sailing and, for many years, lived on their sailboat, on which they crossed the Atlantic twice. They continue to grow in their faith.

# Is it Time for You to Join MDPC?

#### **Discover MDPC**

We invite you to attend an informational meeting to learn more about the vision and outreach of MDPC. No commitment required! This is a no-pressure opportunity to explore church membership and what it would mean to be part of our faith community.

Sunday, August 24 | Gathering Room | 10:45-11:10 AM

#### **New Member Classes**

New Member Classes are for those interested in membership. They are taught by the associate pastors and elders, and include a Saturday service project.

#### **Upcoming Sessions:**

Sundays, September 7-October 12 | 9:45-11:00 AM | Summit Room Sundays, November 2-December 7 | 11:00 AM-12:15 PM | CLC Rooms 171-172

Visit membership.mdpc.org for more information and to register for New Member Classes, or cntact Diann Turet, Membership Director: dturet@mdpc.org or 713-490-9553

# Join Us Next Sunday...

For the Ordination and Installation Service of the Reverend Brandon Gaide! Guests assisting in the service will include Elder John Jo of Korean Central Presbyterian Church; Rev. Jolene Currie, Hospice Chaplain; Rev. Mike Cole, General Presbyter of New Covenant Presbytery; and Rev. Dr. Dave Peterson, Pastor Emeritus of MDPC.

Sunday, August 10 | During 9:45 AM Worship

## PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

Please pray for these men and women serving in the Armed Forces, at home and abroad.

Candice Alexander's nephew:

Lt. Commander Brian P. Alexander | Navy

Craig Behm's son-in-law: Jeremy Fleming | Marines

Dick Berry's grandson: Corporal **John Hird** | Marines

Naomi Black's son:

Chaplain Lieutenant Peter W. Dietz | Navy

Second Lt. Mark Bressler | Army Reserves

Betsy Clark's grandson: Christopher Lenze | Marines

Tom and M.A. Dunscombe's son-in-law: Commander Stephen W. Burgher, MD | Navy Joe and Jean Simmons' grandsons:

Paul and Susan Galvin's nephew: Major Joseph Galvin | Army

Bob and Carol Giles' daughter

and son-in-law:

Captain Ellen Giles Jones | Army Captain Robert Willard Jones | Army

Scott Gilley's brother:

Captain Stephen R. Gilley | Marines

Sergeant Kyle Hinton | Army

Alice Horn's nephew:

First Lieutenant Paul Early | Marines

Captain James Howell | Army

Bud and Janet Hughes' son: Chase Hughes | Navy

Sharon Johnson's son:

Staff Sergeant Richard Johnson III | Army

Willie and Jody Jordan's grandnephew:

Lieutenant Josh Kash | Navy

Carolyn and Grant Judge, Jr.'s son-in-law: Chaplain Lieutenant Jeffrey Quinn | Marines

Larry and Margaret Kelminson's son-in-law: Major General Kevin Kennedy

Ken and Joe Ann Kingdon's son: Lt. Commander Kenneth M. Kingdon | Navy

John and Kay Krebs' son: Lieutenant Kory Krebs | Navy Barbara Mourglia's nephew:

Staff Sergeant Brandon Macken | Air Force

Maryann Munroe's grandnephew: Private Perry Connor | Marines

David and Shannon Perry's son:

Air Craft Commander Sean Perry | Air Force

Deborah Pruitt's son-in-law:

Major Neil McMullin | Marine Surgeon

Don and Virginia Russell's grandson: Sergeant Joseph Russell | Army

Brian and Tanya Schneider's nephew:

Holden Jenkins | Army

Specialist William Bruce Berry | Army PFC Joseph Thomas Turner | Marines

Jane Ann Smeck's son:

BUCA Cameron Freeman | Navy

Dave and Jenny Steane's son and daughter-in-law: PFC Tyler Steane | Army PFC Kate Steane | Army

Harvey Trammell's nephew: Shawn Blake | Marines

George and Dot Uthlaut's grandnephews:

Major David Uthlaut | Army Captain Chris Uthlaut | Army

Alejandro and Raquel Vasquez's son: Private Alan Bejarano | Army

Bart and Barbara Westmoreland's family: Major Justin Westmoreland | Air Force Captain Nicole Westmoreland | Air Force Lt. Commander Andrew Cain | Navy Major Brian Deas | Air Force

Ralph and Mary Wheeler's nephews:

Philip Newman | Army

Andrew Wheeler | National Guard

Pauline Wolcott's grandson: ET3 Robert Leeland | Navy

David Word's son:

Captain Andrew N. Word | Army

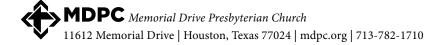
Cari Wilson's husband:

Staff Sergeant Andrew Wilson | Air Force

An up-to-date list always is available at military.mdpc.org.

We strive for accuracy and sincerely regret any errors. Edits and additions may be sent to Eva Kaminski at ekaminski@mdpc.org.

Please notify us when you are blessed with the return home of your loved one.



## **SERMON NOTES**



# Jesus and the Road to the Wilderness

Sunday, August 3, 2014

Matthew 4:1-10 Luke Gordon Preaching

 ${f R}$  oad trips can be great adventures packed full of fun memories and exciting experiences. Unfortunately, not every road trip is a mountaintop experience. Today, we journey with Jesus into the wilderness where the devil tempts and tests Jesus' faithfulness to God.

All of us have experienced wilderness wanderings in our lives. Some of you may be having a wilderness journey this summer. At one of Jesus' weakest and most vulnerable moments, He remained faithful to God. Jesus alone was able to trust God and turn away from Satan. Today, we can turn to the triumphant Christ to find help in our times of need.

Have you ever returned home from a vacation only to feel like you need another vacation? Sometimes our road trips are not restful. Many of us live fast-paced lives with little margin for rest and relaxation. In our passage today, Jesus is led into the wilderness by the Spirit of God where He fasts for forty days and forty nights (Matthew 4:1). I imagine that Jesus' time of preparation in the wilderness was a time of listening, a time to slow down, a time to unclutter, a time of waiting on God.

• Do you need to make time to slow down and listen to God as you prepare for the next season of your life?

The first two temptations by the devil (Matthew 4:3 and 4:6) are a direct challenge to Jesus' identity as the Son of God. It is important to note that Jesus' road to the wilderness came immediately after His baptism in the Jordan River where God boldly pronounces with a voice from heaven, "This is My Son, with whom I am well pleased" (John 3:17).

After each temptation, Jesus responds to the devil by quoting from the Old Testament book of Deuteronomy. As the Israelites were wandering in the wilderness and preparing to enter the Promised Land, Deuteronomy 8:2 says, "Remember the long way the Lord God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, in order to humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep His commandments." Unlike the people of God in the Old Testament, Jesus remains obedient to His Father's will. Jesus, the true Son of God, trusts God and remains faithful even when He is weak and vulnerable.

Like Jesus we face similar temptations in our lives. The tempter knows our weaknesses and looks for opportunities to exploit them.

• What temptations are you facing this week?

Jesus is much more than a role model for facing temptation. Instead, we are forced to realize that Jesus alone is faithful. We stand with Israel as the disobedient child.

• Why is it hard for us to acknowledge this truth?

The good news of the gospel is that Jesus did what we can't. Hebrews 4:14-16 reminds us that the exalted Christ has been tempted in every way and is without sin. As a result, we can turn to Jesus in our time of need to receive mercy and find God's grace.

"Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." - Hebrews 4:14-16

### The process is underway to elect the 2017 Elder class!

The Nominating Committee seeks your help in identifying members who have gifts that equip them for leadership at MDPC. After prayerful consideration, submit his/her name using the online process at nominations.mdpc.org or the printed form on the other side of this page. Additional forms are available at locations throughout MDPC.

#### What is an Elder?

Elders are chosen by the congregation. Together with the Pastors, they exercise leadership, government, and discipline, and have responsibilities for the life of our church. Elders should be persons of faith, dedication, and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian Gospel, both in the church and in the community.

#### What are the primary responsibilities of an Elder?

Through committees, Session, and a variety of other avenues, the Elders are responsible for nurturing and strengthening the faith of our congregation, providing spiritual direction, and ministering to those in need.

#### What are the qualifications for Elders?

- A personal and growing relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior
- A willingness and commitment to perform all duties required of an Elder, including regular attendance at assigned committee and Session meetings
- A passion for and ability in the ministry area where they are nominated
- A high level of spiritual maturity, leadership ability, and interpersonal and teamwork skills
- Faithful in marriage between a man and a woman, or chaste if single
- Regular attendance in worship services at MDPC
- Identifiable financial contributions to MDPC
- Minimum of one year's membership at MDPC

### Is there a limit to the number of nominations a person may submit?

No. Please nominate as many members as you feel called to. Each and every nomination will be given the same consideration.

#### Are self-nominations accepted?

Yes. You may self-nominate using the same form.

#### Can nominations be anonymous?

Nominations may be anonymous; however, it is helpful for the Nominating Committee to know how many people nominated a person, and who the nominators are.

#### **Deadline and process for nominations:**

- Nominations are due Thursday, August 28, 2014.
- You are encouraged to use the submission form at **nominations.mdpc.org** if possible. Otherwise, printed forms may be completed and delivered or mailed to:

MDPC, Attention: Gena Kooken, Confidential 11612 Memorial Drive, Houston, Texas, 77024

- After due consideration of all candidates, the Nominating Committee will prepare a
  list of prospective nominees to fill each open position in the upcoming class. Each
  nominee will then be consulted to determine his or her willingness to serve.
- In October, a Congregational Meeting will be called for the purpose of electing the Elder class of 2017 based on the Nominating Committee's recommendations plus any nominations from the floor.

# **Elder Nomination Form**

I recommend MDPC member	for the
office of Elder, Class of 2017.	
Briefly describe this person's faith walk wir spirit of generosity, commitment to worsh life of the church.	th Jesus Christ, considering small groups, ip and Bible study, and commitment to the
How is this person's dedication to the Chr leadership inside MDPC and out in the w	e
	n would bring to the leadership of MDPC, d discerning skills, accountability, teamwork,
For which area would you recommend thi	s candidate? (You may select more than one.)
Session Officers  ☐ Clerk of Session ☐ Personnel	Elder 🗖 Treasurer
Administrative Areas  ☐ Facilities ☐ Generosity	☐ Strategic Issues ☐ Technology
Ministry Areas  □ Caring Ministries   Memorial Services (2)  □ Caring Ministries   Healthcare  □ Children's Ministries   Elementary  □ Children's Ministries   Preschool  □ Equipping Ministries   Discipleship  □ Outreach Ministries   Connections  □ Outreach Ministries   New Members	<ul> <li>□ Outreach Ministries   Global</li> <li>□ Outreach Ministries   Local (2)</li> <li>□ Relationships Ministries   Men's</li> <li>□ Relationships Ministries   Team</li> <li>□ Relationships Ministries   Next Gen.</li> <li>□ Worship &amp; Music Ministries</li> <li>□ Youth Ministries   Middle School</li> </ul>
Recommended by (please print):	
Email:	Phone:
<b>Deliver or mail this form to:</b> MDPC	Online forms: nominations.mdpc.org

Attention: Gena Kooken, Confidential

11612 Memorial Drive | Houston, Texas 77024

Thank you for taking the time to prayerfully nominate a candidate.

David Thomas, Nominating Committee Moderator dwthomas70@hotmail.com or 713-805-3955