



In this series of interactive discussions, one or more pastors and staff members will respond to questions about a given topic.

Today's Topic: Baptism
Brandon Gaide will talk briefly about baptism and the various views of baptism among different churches, then open the discussion for your input and questions. Come ready to dive in!
Today, 4:00-4:40 PM | Parlor

FIFTH SERVICE
A casual evening service that's serious about Jesus

↑ fifthservice.mdpc.org ↓ seniors.mdpc.org


Tuesday

Travel in 2015 with MDPC Seniors


Experience the trip of a lifetime with other seniors from MDPC! Friends 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

↓ movies.mdpc.org

Wednesday

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


Wednesday

What Would Jesus Feel?

Explore how Christ's divinity and humanity come together

Wednesday, July 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

↑ 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

Scholarships are available. Contact Rachel Poysky: rpoysky@mdpc.org

↓ wednesdays.mdpc.org

SUMMER WEDNESDAYS

At MDPC

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

Fun for the whole family!

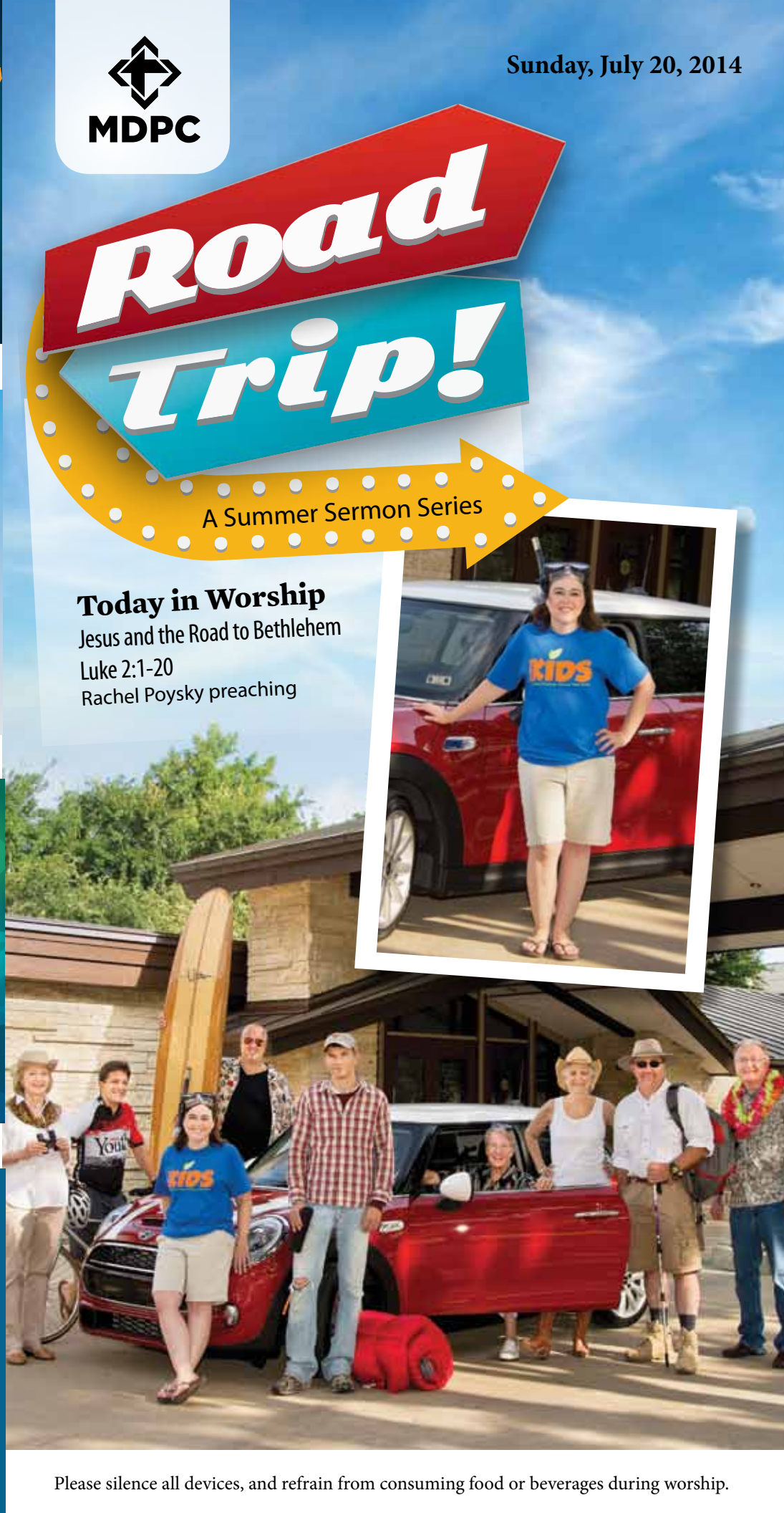
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MDPC Blog

Thy Will Be Done...
In the midst of heartbreak, Tracy Curtis gives herself over to God's will.

Visit mdpcblog.org, or access it through the MDPC app on:

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Sunday, July 20, 2014

Road Trip!

A Summer Sermon Series

Today in Worship
Jesus and the Road to Bethlehem
Luke 2:1-20
Rachel Poysky preaching

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

MDPC HIGHLIGHTS

Today is Summer Celebration Sunday!

This morning, we celebrate our week-long Summer Celebration, during which we hosted 770 kids, with the help of 480 teen and adult volunteers. At today's 9:45 service, children will help lead some of the Summer Celebration worship songs they learned this past week.

Congregational Meeting

Next Sunday, there will be a Congregational Meeting for the purposes of electing Brandon Gaide as Associate Pastor, Next Gen Ministries, and approving his terms of call.

Sunday, July 27 | Following 9:45 AM Service | Sanctuary

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.

Learn Chef Michael's Secrets

MDPC's Chef Michael Lieb will give a free cooking demo when Wednesday Night Dinner returns from summer break this week. Come to MDPC, get your dinner, and settle in to learn how simple it can be to make great-tasting meals at home! Also, Community Lunch is back tomorrow with a hot entrée, homemade soup, and loaded salad bar.

Wednesday Night Dinner: July 23 | Dinner, 5:00-6:30 PM | Demo, 5:30-6:10 PM

Community Lunch: Every Weekday | Fellowship Hall

Visit food.mdpc.org for menus and lunch hours.

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

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.

Monday, July 21 | 6:00-8:00 PM | Room 122

Contact Ann Rome with questions: mdpcsafehaven@gmail.com

Free childcare available by reservation: childcare@mdpc.org or 713-490-9266

Wacky Wednesday Water Day for Preschoolers!

Parents, bring your preschooler to Wacky Wednesday Water Day! We'll have a chicken tender lunch, snow cones, and lots of water. Children must be accompanied by a parent. To make this a special time with your preschooler, we ask that elementary-age children not attend. Bring a towel, sunscreen, and a change of clothes.

Wednesday, August 13 | 10:00 AM-Noon | Preschool Playground

Register by August 6: register.mdpc.org

Contact Becky Funderburk (bfunderburk@mdpc.org) or Karen Lopes (klopes@mdpc.org)

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MDPC WORSHIP

*Please stand if able.

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8:30 BLENDED SERVICE

WELCOME		Dave Steane
*SONGS OF PRAISE	<i>'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus Cannons</i>	Stead/Kirkpatrick Wickham/Riddering
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON		Kristin Huffman
SONG OF PREPARATION	<i>Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)</i>	arr. Tomlin
OFFERTORY	<i>Before the Throne of God Above</i>	arr. Gómez
MESSAGE	Jesus and the Road to Bethlehem	Rachel Poysky

9:45 CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

*SONGS OF PRAISE		Luke Gordon
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION		Dave Steane
WELCOME		Steve Fee
OFFERTORY	<i>Glory to God</i>	
MESSAGE	Jesus and the Road to Bethlehem	Rachel Poysky

11:15 TRADITIONAL SERVICE

PRELUDES	<i>Arietta Toccato</i>	Alan Viner Mary McDonald
WELCOME		Dave Steane
CHORAL INTROIT	<i>Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty</i>	arr. Hausmann
*CALL TO WORSHIP		
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>All Things Bright and Beautiful</i>	#267; Vs. 1, 2, 4 ROYAL OAK
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON		Kristin Huffman
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	<i>The Apostles' Creed</i>	
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	<i>The Gloria Patri</i>	Hymn #579
ANTHEM	<i>The Majesty and Glory of Your Name</i>	Tom Fettke
OFFERTORY	<i>Only Heavenly Music (from Stella Natalis)</i>	Karl Jenkins
MESSAGE	Jesus and the Road to Bethlehem	Rachel Poysky
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	#44; Vs. 1, 4 ST. LOUIS
POSTLUDE	<i>Marche Heroique</i>	Saint-Saens

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 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:

Memorial Assistance Ministries (MAM) helps families and individuals in need due to temporary crisis maintain self-sufficiency and avoid homelessness. Services include social services and resources, job counseling, an English as a second language (ESL) school, and a resale shop.
mamministries.org

Mission of Yahweh is a faith-based shelter and rehabilitation ministry for abused and homeless women and their children. They empower, enrich, and restore lives and provide outreach services to low-income families in northwest Houston.
missionofyahweh.org

Renewing Our Minds (ROM) in Croatia, led by MDPC partners Tihomir and Christine Kukulja, seeks to reconcile people of different faiths and cultures in the Balkan region through study of Jesus Christ. Participants are chosen based on leadership potential, with the hope that they will return to their home countries and impact their spheres of influence.

romjourney.blogspot.com



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Praises & Prayers

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.

Did You Know...

...that MDPC has a 501(c)(3) Foundation? It was founded in 1994 for the purpose of accepting outright gifts and/or gifts through your last will and testament. Contact Becky Riggs for info: briggs@mdpc.org or 713-953-2570

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

OPERATING INCOME	
2014 Budget	\$ 10,550,000
Expected Income to date	\$ 4,429,173
Actual Income to Date	\$ 4,331,233
Current Income Deficit	\$ 97,940

Sunday, July 20, 2014



Jesus and the Road to Bethlehem

Luke 2:1-20

Rachel Poysky Preaching

Today our Road Trip takes us to Bethlehem. This week in Summer Celebration, we studied about many of the amazing things God has done: sending His Son, miracles such as feeding the 5,000, healing the man that couldn't walk, and the ultimate gift of dying on the cross and rising from the dead three days later!

All these things began with a humble walk to Bethlehem. It was at the end of that journey that Jesus entered into the world in human flesh and lived among us. In reality, the road to Bethlehem began thousands of years earlier when the prophets foretold the coming of Jesus. These are some of the prophecies of Jesus:

But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me One who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times. Micah 5:2

The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until He to whom it belongs shall come and the obedience of the nations shall be His. Genesis 49:10

"The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land." Jeremiah 23:5

Of the greatness of His government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over His kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. Isaiah 9:7

- What do you think the people of Israel were feeling as they waited for a Savior to come?
- Jesus arrived according to God's timing. How do you see God's timing differ from ours?

The Road to Bethlehem was a humble one that was walked by a young couple, Mary and Joseph. We can't be sure if they understood the magnitude of what was happening to them, but we do know that in their humble state they tried to be faithful to the task they had been given. Everyone expected the Messiah would be a great King, but He came in the form of a humble baby. Read Luke chapter 2.

- Why do you think God chose for Jesus to come to earth as a baby, born to relatively unknown parents?
- Why do you think God chose to first reveal the birth of Jesus to shepherds instead of to royalty?
- What does the humble birth of Jesus teach us about the character of God?

The Road to Bethlehem was humble, but it was also full of hope. Usually when a baby is born it brings about excitement and anticipation of great things to come. The birth of a baby is one of the best times of hope for a family. They are excited to watch this person grow and see the person they will become! Likewise, we live in hope as we watch what God is doing in our lives.

- What do you hope for as you follow Jesus?

Prayer: Holy God, we celebrate Your birth and live in hope of what is to come. As we travel through life, we rest on the hope that we are Yours. We walk the journey knowing that You always fulfill Your promises and walk the journey with us. Amen.