

Today!

MDPC Blood Drive

He shed His blood to save me, I donate mine to serve Him.

Today!
8:00 AM-2:00 PM
Fellowship Hall
Walk-ins are welcome.



↑ health.mdpc.org

↓ safehaven.mdpc.org

Tuesday



safe haven

Adoption and Foster Care Ministry at MDPC

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.

↓ outreach.mdpc.org

Wednesday

Kids' Meals

Monthly Service Opportunity

Help us feed the nearly 2,500 preschool children Kids' Meals delivers to daily. MDPC volunteers are instrumental in providing one day's delivery per month! Please bring two loaves of white or wheat sandwich bread to the project.

Wednesday, August 13
5:00 PM | Fellowship Hall



↓ movies.mdpc.org

Wednesday

SUMMER FILM SERIES

Fun for the Whole Family*

FREE ADMISSION!

Ages 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Monsters University (G)


Wednesday, August 13
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.



parenting by Design



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

↑ parenting.mdpc.org

↓ fifthservice.mdpc.org



BRING YOUR QUESTIONS

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

Upcoming Topic: SALVATION

This time at BYQ, Brandon Gaide will talk briefly about *Salvation*. What does it mean? How do you know if you're saved? Then the discussion will be opened up for your input and questions.

Sunday, August 24 | 3:30-4:30 PM | Parlor

FIFTH SERVICE

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

↓ grief.mdpc.org

MOVING FORWARD

An MDPC Care Group for Those Grieving the Loss of a Spouse

Losing a spouse is emotional and stressful, but 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."

August 20 Speaker: Susan Giles from The Amazing Place, Brain-Healthy Nutrition
Third Wednesdays | 5:45 PM | Room 101 | No fee; dinner available for purchase

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

↓ local.mdpc.org

MAM

MEMORIAL ASSISTANCE MINISTRY

Back to School

Children have enough to worry about in the classroom without the added burden of sticking out or being unprepared. Your contribution will help Spring Branch kids meet a dress code and adhere to a required school supply list.

Stop by our table to give after morning services on:


Sundays, Aug. 17 & 24, and Sept. 7

Want to learn more?
Contact Nancy Ennis: ennis1122@sbcglobal.net

Online giving at helpherehelpnow.org





Sunday, August 10, 2014



Road Trip!

A Summer Sermon Series

Today in Worship
Philip and the Road to Gaza
Acts 8:25-40
Vicky Jones preaching

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

MDPC HIGHLIGHTS

Today We Ordain and Install Brandon Gaide

Join us in welcoming his Installation Commission: Elder John Jo (Korean Central Presbyterian Church); Elder Ray McLaughlin (MDPC); Rev. Jolene Currie (Hospice Chaplain); Rev. Mike Cole (General Presbyterian of New Covenant Presbytery); Rev. Dr. Dave Peterson (Pastor Emeritus, MDPC); Rev. Dave Steane (Executive Pastor, MDPC); and Mary Marcotte (Associate General Presbyterian of New Covenant Presbytery).

This Morning in 9:45 AM Worship

Workdays at Piney Point Elementary

Come help our friends at PPE prepare for the first day of school. There is so much to do and the teachers have many jobs on their TO DO lists. You will feel blessed in caring for this amazing staff! Volunteers are needed on three days:

August 14-15 (Anytime, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM): Help teachers prepare classrooms

August 16 (Anytime, 8:00 AM-Noon): Weed gardens, plant new plants

August 22 (10:00 AM-1:00 PM): Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, serve or make desserts

Contact Judye Hartman: judyehart@gmail.com, 832-563-7244

Theology On Tap

Once a month, MDPC Singles and Single Parents meet up at a fun Houston venue to enjoy good questions, good food, and good company! Anonymous questions about Christianity and the Christian life are discussed in a lively, but compassionate conversation, where all perspectives and beliefs are invited to join.

Next TOT: Monday, August 18 | 7:00 PM

Contact Sarah Stone: sstone@mdpc.org or 832-605-8129

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

Beginner Square Dance Lessons for Couples

Erase the old image of square dancing from your mind! Today’s dancing includes exciting new steps and all types of music, from the best of country western to the infectious beat of Adele. Attend the Hey Lollies FREE Fun Night to see what it is all about! Refreshments will be served. Bring your partner and friends and be prepared to have fun!

Fun Night: Thursday, September 4 | 7:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Sign up for Fun Night: heylollies.org

Contact Arlene Schorr with questions: akschorr@hotmail.com or 713-729-1331

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

More information: studies.mdpc.org

Elder Nominations

Nominations for the 2017 Elder class are being accepted, and your involvement is essential!

Nominations are due Thursday, August 28.

Pick up a form at the Connection Center, or nominate online at nominations.mdpc.org.

MDPC WORSHIP

*Please stand if able.			CCLI # 182374
8:30 BLENDED SERVICE			
WELCOME			Dave Steane
*SONGS OF PRAISE	O Worship the King Desert Song	arr. Gardiner/ Tomlin Brooke Ligertwood	
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON			Rick Myers
SONG OF PREPARATION	Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)	arr. Tomlin	
OFFERTORY	Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me	arr. Seay	
MESSAGE	Philip and the Road to Gaza		Vicky Jones
SONG OF RESPONSE			
9:45 CONTEMPORARY SERVICE			
*SONGS OF PRAISE	Desert Song Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me	Brooke Ligertwood arr. Seay	
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION			Luke Gordon
WELCOME			Dave Steane
OFFERTORY	Come, Thou Fount	arr. Diana Gaide+	
MESSAGE	Philip and the Road to Gaza		Vicky Jones
ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF THE REVEREND BRANDON GAIDE			
Convene Installation	Declaration of Installation		
Constitutional Questions to Pastor	Welcome to Candidate		
Constitutional Questions to Congregation	Charge to Candidate		
Prayer of Installation	Charge to Congregation		
+Mother of Brandon Gaide			
11:15 TRADITIONAL SERVICE			
PRELUDE	Jesus Loves Me/My Faith Looks Up to Thee	arr. Oquin	
WELCOME			Dave Steane
*CALL TO WORSHIP			
CHORAL INTROIT	Lend Your Voice to the Song	Carl Nygard	
*HYMN OF PRAISE	Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!	#145; Vs. 1, 2, 4 MARION	
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON			Rick Myers
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	from 1 Corinthians 15:1-6 & Colossians 1:15-20		
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	The Gloria Patri	Hymn #579	
ANTHEM	Credo (from Gospel Mass) Cassandra Black, soloist; Julio Sanchez, drums	Robert Ray	
OFFERTORY	All Who Dwell in the Shadow of the Lord	Z. Randall Stroope	
MESSAGE	Philip and the Road to Gaza		Vicky Jones
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak	#426; Vs. 1 & 5 CANONBURY	
POSTLUDE	Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven	Walter Pelz	

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.
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Brett Hurst | Relationships Minister
Victoria Jones | Associate Pastor for Equipping
Gena Kookan | 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
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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:

Panther Partners - MDPC partners with Piney Point Elementary School through programs that include tutoring, teacher projects, staff appreciation events, workdays at the school, field trips, classroom help, and a bilingual knitting group for mothers and teachers. MDPC is considered a real part of the “Piney Point Family.”
Contact Judye Hartman: judyehart@gmail.com

Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE) educates economically disadvantaged parents on how to foster learning and support the dreams and aspirations of their children. The results are that more kids stay in school, improve their academic performance, have healthy relationships, and graduate from high school.
piqe.org

MDPC mission partner Jeff Burns and his family live in Raleigh, NC, where Jeff trains Christians in ways to reach out in friendship to Muslims in peaceful, respectful witness. He has trained Presbyterian Church members in Chicago and now is training dialogue groups in Houston.



Praises & Prayers

Today’s Chancel Flowers are given

- by the Craig and Metsche families, in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Donna and Oliver Aldrich.
- by Jim Terry, in honor of the 61st wedding anniversary of him and his wife, Jan.

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
Expected Income to date	\$ 4,761,584
Actual Income to Date	\$ 4,660,372
Current Income Deficit	\$ 101,212

Sunday, August 10, 2014



Philip and the Road to Gaza

Acts 8:25-40

Vicky Jones Preaching

Today we're on the road again – this time with Philip in the book of Acts. Although Philip is relatively unknown to many of us, he is mentioned four times in the book of Acts. He is introduced as one of the first deacons in Jerusalem (chapter 6), then as part of a preaching ministry in Jerusalem (chapter 8), then as the traveler who explains Jesus to the Ethiopian (chapter 8), and finally as Philip the Evangelist (chapter 21). You may want to read about him in these passages. Spend a few minutes bringing to mind the names of some folks in the church who are faithful and who make a difference, but who, like Philip, are often unnoticed and unheralded by many of us. Give thanks for them!

Another Philip is found in the gospels. For the sake of clarity, this Philip in the gospels is called Philip the Apostle, and the one in Acts is called Philip the Evangelist, the main character of our road trip this morning.

Acts 8:26 • *“Go...to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.”*

A 48-mile-long ancient road connected the two cities. The city of Gaza still exists, but today this word often refers to the 25-mile long strip of land along the Mediterranean. Please continue in prayer for all the peoples of the Middle East.

Verse 26 • *“Go to...a wilderness (desert) road...”*

How would you characterize your journey right now? Is it like the Road to Gaza – a journey in the wilderness? A journey through the desert? Or, is it a journey through fields of abundance? Joy? What else describes your journey? Who else is with you? How is God with you?

Verse 27 • *“Now there was an Ethiopian Eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians...”*

The word *Candace* (can-Day-see) is a title like *Her Majesty*. While Ethiopia is today a country on the horn of Africa, in ancient references Ethiopia referred to all the lands beyond Egypt. Homer's *Odyssey* calls it “at the farthest limits of mankind.” For the Biblical writers, the conversion of the Ethiopian reflected the beginning of the work of going out “to all nations” with the teaching about Jesus. How do you think this work is going today? How would you say it's going in Africa now? In the United States?

Verse 32 • *The Ethiopian was reading from Isaiah 53: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter... In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.”*

Read the entire Isaiah chapter to see a little more of why this chapter was so helpful to Philip in explaining Jesus to the Ethiopian. Pick out any phrases that are especially meaningful or helpful to you in understanding Jesus. Why? What puzzles you about this passage?

It seems to be a coincidence that the Ethiopian was reading from Isaiah about a Lamb just as Philip ran alongside the chariot. It seems to be a coincidence that in the desert, water was available for baptism. Share a time in your life when what seemed at the time to be a coincidence later proved to be the handiwork of God.

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Promotion Sunday, August 24 **Come Celebrate with Our Kids!**

Celebrate and encourage MDPC's children and youth on this special Sunday when they advance to their new grade levels in Sunday School. If your child attended Sunday School last year, there is no need to re-register. If you need to sign up, visit register.mdpc.org. Sunday School is at 9:45 and 11:15 AM. Nursery and preschool children can attend both hours, while Kindergarten through 5th grade attend only one hour. We encourage you to take your children to worship with you the other hour. Children's programming also is offered at Fifth Service on Sunday evenings.

As kids go back to school, it's a good time to be thinking about how you'll grow your faith this fall with Sunday school and other programs. Staff will be available in the Sanctuary Lobby to answer your questions about fall programming.

Also, have you spent the summer mystified by the new door decals? Wonder no more! Dave Steane will unpack our new mission statement in his sermon - and be prepared for some fun surprises in Worship!



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Labor Day Sunday, August 31 **Come Eat!**

On Labor Day weekend, Howard Edington kicks off *Heart Cry*, his fall sermon series on Philippians. Special activities for children and youth are planned!

You're invited to a Labor Day Lunch! Come to one of the three morning services in relaxed, weekend garb, then stay for a lunch of classic American fare, prepared by Chef Michael. Lunch begins at 11:30 AM in Fellowship Hall. food.mdpc.org

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Sign-Up Sunday, September 7 **Come Get Involved!**

As Dr. Edington continues his sermon series on Philippians, adults are encouraged to get involved in one of the many classes and programs starting this week, or find a place to serve in the church or community. Staff will be available again in the Sanctuary Lobby with answers to your questions and to help direct you to the right fall opportunity!



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