Back to School

Online giving at helpherehelpnow.org 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.

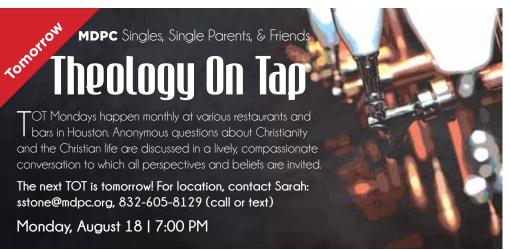
Stop by our table to give after morning services on:

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

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



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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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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

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



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

Next Sunday's Topic: SALVATION

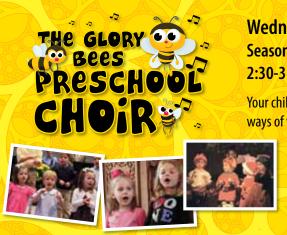
This time at BYQ, Brandon Gaide will talk briefly about *Salvation*. What does it mean? How do you know if you're saved? Then the discussion will be opened up for your input and questions.

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

FIFTH SERVICE

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Wednesdays
Season starts September 10
2:30-3:15 or 5:30-6:15 PM | Room 208

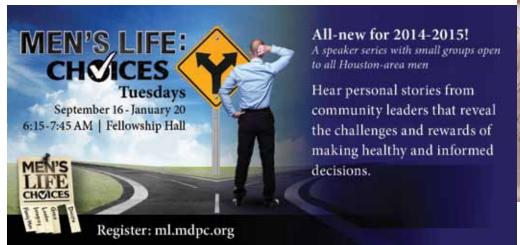
Your child (3.5 to Kindergarten) will learn ways of worshiping God and develop poise and confidence while singing joy-filled praises to Him!

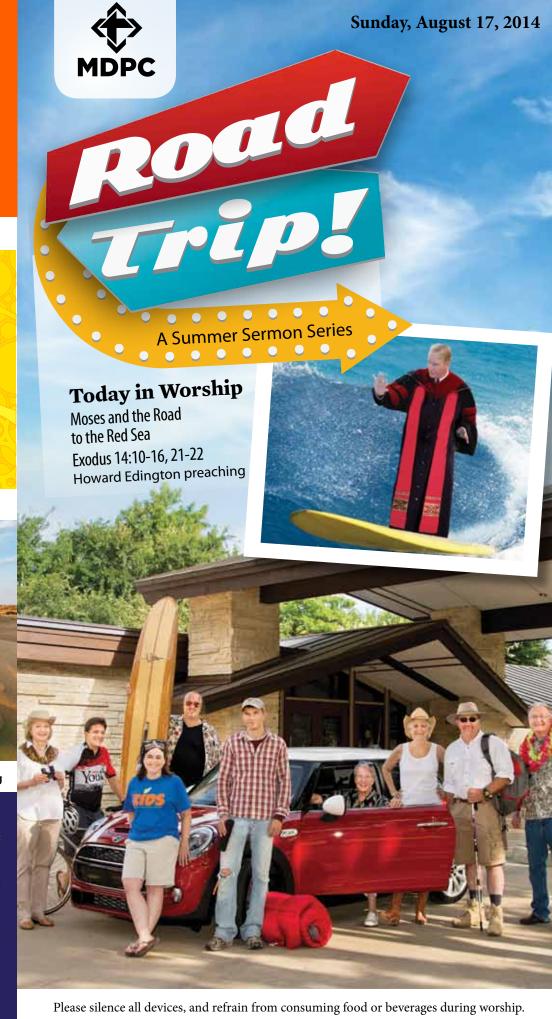
Contact Sheryl with questions: ssanchez@mdpc.org, 713-490-0944

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MDPC HIGHLIGHTS

Discover Philippians: Study Guides Available Today!

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

Dive deeper into the book of Philippians, the object of Dr. Edington's Sunday morning sermons this fall. In lieu of sermon notes, groups will use Discovery, a new approach to studying God's Word. It's a simple method bearing fruit in the lives of believers around the world! Attend a Lunch 'n Learn to learn more about Discovery:

Wednesday, August 27 | 11:45 AM

Visit philippians.mdpc.org for details and to register. Contact Christyn Knoop with questions: cknoop@mdpc.org or 713-490-0940

Help Out at the Piney Point Elementary Appreciation Luncheon

The annual Teacher Appreciation Luncheon is coming up, and we need servers and dessert-makers. You will feel blessed in caring for this amazing staff!

Friday, August 22 | 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

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

Discover MDPC

Want to know more about MDPC? Interested in membership? Attend this informal meeting about who we are and how we operate, both in our community and around the world.

Next Sunday, August 24 | 10:45-11:15 AM | Gathering Room

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

(So Much More Than) Choir & Drama for Grades 1-5!

J.A.M. Session (Jesus And Me)

Come JAM out learning songs, choreography, and percussion. No experience necessary, just a fun attitude. If you have the acting bug, then stay for Actors' Studio!

Wednesdays beginning September 10 | 5:30-6:30 PM | Sanctuary

Actors' Studio

Warm ups, acting games, improvisational games, and crazy manger scenes are a few of the activities that fill this fast-paced hour. If your child is interested in singing, choreography, and percussion, come an hour earlier for J.A.M. Session at 6:30.

Wednesdays beginning September 10 | 6:30-7:30 PM | Sanctuary

Contact Sheryl Sanchez: ssanchez@mdpc.org or 713-490-0944

What We Believe About the Bible

This special study, led by Diana Severance, PhD, and Vicky Jones, DMin, will cover thought-provoking topics like how the books of the Old and New Testament came together, a history of the Bible in America, and a look at what Presbyterians believe about the Bible.

Wednesdays, September 10-October 1 | 6:30-8:00 PM | Amphitheater

Tour of the Dunham Bible Museum on HBU Campus

Thursday, September 18 | 9:30 AM Bus departs from MDPC | Tour 10:00 AM-Noon

Please register for the tour so that we may plan adequate transportation: register.mdpc.org If unable to register online, contact Vicki Levins: 713-490-9561 or vlevins@mdpc.org

Save the Dates: Gala and Workshop

ONE Night. ETERNAL Impact.

The Antioch Partners' Second Annual Fundraising Dinner will be an evening of worship, with stories of God's faithfulness, a live silent auction, and dinner.

Thursday, October 2 | 6:30-9:00 PM | Fellowship Hall | \$40 | Sponsorships available.

Business As Mission Workshop

Find out how you or someone you know can participate in God's mission using the business skills God has already equipped you with. Whether you are a recent graduate, working or retired, this Business As Mission workshop is for you!

Saturday, October 4 | 9:00 AM-Noon | Summit Room | \$10 fee includes light breakfast

Register: theantiochpartners.org

For more information, contact Hope Manley: admin@theantiochpartners.org

MDPC WORSHIP

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WELCOME

All Creatures of our God and King

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

YOUTH TESTIMONY

*SONGS OF PRAISE

OFFERTORY Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Howard Edington MESSAGE Moses and the Road to the Red Sea

SONG OF RESPONSE

9:45 CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

*SONGS OF PRAISE All Creatures of Our God and King This Is Amazing Grace

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*SONG OF RESPONSE Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

YOUTH TESTIMONY

WELCOME

OFFERTORY Broken Vessels MESSAGE

Moses and the Road to the Red Sea

SONG OF RESPONSE

. 11:15 TRADITIONAL SERVICE

PRELUDES Prayer Franz Schubert Fantasia for a Festival Roger Wilson WELCOME Kristin Huffman

*CALL TO WORSHIP

CHORAL INTROIT Carl Nygard Let a Joyful Song Arise *HYMN OF PRAISE How Firm a Foundation #361; Vs. 1, 2,& 4 | FOUNDATION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON Rachel Poysky

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from 1 Corinthians 15:1-6 & Colossians 1:15-20

ANTHEM Be Thou My Vision arr. John Rutter YOUTH TESTIMONY Sarah Nash

OFFERTORY Be Not Afraid (from Elijah) F. Mendelssohn MESSAGE Moses and the Road to the Red Sea Howard Edington *HYMN OF RESPONSE Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus Vs. 1, 3, 4 | Webb

POSTLUDE Chaconne Louis Couperin

OTHER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SPANISH SERVICE 11:15 AM | Chapel FIFTH SERVICE 5:00 PM | Chapel

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Community Life Center (CLC)

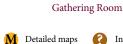
Community Life Center

Amphitheater Gym Youth (The Loft) **Adult Studies**

Chapel 8:30 AM Worship 11:15 AM Adoración 5:00 PM Fifth Service

Ministry Center Front Office Adult Studies Preschool (Ark) Elementary (Galaxy) Summit Room Fellowship Hall

Sanctuary Connection Center





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Pray for these MDPC partners working to make a difference in the lives of others:

Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy serves the Duchenne community in the US and across the world. It works to find a long-term treatment and cure for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, by research funding, advocacy efforts, raising awareness, and an annual conference for parents, families, and medical professionals. parentprojectmd.org

POPs Ministry (Presbyterian Outreach to Patients), which began at MDPC, visits patients hospitalized in the Medical Center and hospitals in greater Houston. The volunteers' purpose in visiting is to listen, to offer comfort and support, and to affirm God's loving, healing presence. popministry.org

MDPC mission partners Chris and Jamie moved to the Middle East in 2012 to work

in community development and share their faith while building relationships with their new neighbors. Please pray for Chris, Jamie, their two young children, and their team to be strengthened by God as they learn the language, and share His love and grace with everyone He places in their path.

Praises & Prayers

The Red Rose is in honor of

- Brady Miles Mueck, born June 13, 2014, to Kara and Colby Mueck. He is the grandson of Jana and Chase Canfield.
- Austin Michael Brown, born August 6, 2014, to Michael and Kathryn Brown. He is the grandson of Susan and David Eyre.

The White Rose is in memory of

- Gary Hinds, Ben Hind's son, who passed away August 4, 2014.
- Hardy Coon, who passed away August 7, 2014.

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 \$ 4,873,808 Expected Income to date Actual Income to Date 4,856,400 \$ Current Income Deficit \$ 17,407



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SERMON NOTES

Sunday, August 17, 2014



Moses and the Road to the Red Sea

Exodus 14:10-14, 21-22 Howard Edington Preaching

Today we conclude *Road Trip!*, our summer sermon series. During the past several weeks, we have looked at some of the memorable and transformational road trip accounts in the Bible. We have seen God lead, guide, and direct. We have seen God intervene in human lives. We have seen people called into Kingdom service. We have seen God's wonderful plan of salvation become realized.

Today's final message focuses on Moses guiding the Israelites out of their Egyptian bondage on the road to the Red Sea. Following a series of plagues brought on by God's judgment against the Pharaoh, Israel was released to pursue its God-given destiny of the Promised Land. But Pharaoh was fickle and decided to try to re-capture the Israelites. In a divine moment of deliverance, as the Israelites came to the Red Sea, God showed up on the road.

- The Israelites had spent years in backbreaking bondage. Freedom had been nothing more than a distant hope. But now it had become a reality. How have you been in bondage to something? How did freedom come? What did you experience by the reality of freedom?
- The joy of freedom vanished as the Israelites realized that the Egyptians were
 marching after them. They complained to Moses that he had brought them out to
 the desert to die. Like most journeys, the Israelites encountered a bump in the road.
 What kind of road bumps have you encountered as you've been on the journey of
 following Jesus Christ?
- In the midst of their fear of the approaching Egyptian army, the Israelites further complained that it would have been better to stay in Egypt as slaves rather than die in the desert. They were obviously shortsighted and not aware of God's grand plan of deliverance. In what ways have you been shortsighted with regards to God's grand plan? Have you ever settled for something comfortable and familiar instead of trusting God for something much better?
- Moses was unwavering in his confidence in God's promises and deliverance. He had seen God's hand at work in wonderful and powerful ways. How have you seen God's hand at work? In what ways has that affected your faith and journey of following Jesus?
- In verse 21, Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea was divided. The Israelites then walked through the sea on dry ground! Once again, God provided for His people and further accomplished His plan. In what ways have you experienced God "parting the sea" in your life? Did you have the strength and courage to walk through?
- In what ways is your faith strengthened by this account of God's provision and deliverance?

Notes written by Executive Pastor Dave Steane

Promotion Sunday, August 24
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. No need to re-register is your child attended last year. If you need to sign up, visit register.mdpc.org. Sunday School is at 9:45 and 11:15 AM. Nursery and preschool can attend both hours, while K-5th grade attend only one hour. We encourage you to bring your children to worship the other hour.

As kids go back to school, it's a good time to be thinking about how you'll grow your faith this fall. 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!

Howard Edington will kick off *Heart Cry*, his fall sermon series on Philippians. Special activities for children and youth are planned!

Come to one of the three morning services in relaxed, weekend garb, then stay for a lunch of classic American fare prepared by MDPC's Chef Michael Lieb:

Adult Entrée Hamburger or Grilled Chicken Sandwich

Served with Chips, Fruit, Potato Salad, and Coleslaw

Kids' Entrée Chicken Tenders Basket with Mac 'n Cheese

Entrée Salad Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad

Served 11:00 AM to 1:15 PM in Fellowship Hall. food.mdpc.org



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.