

Next Sunday

Heart Cry

PAUL'S LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS

Join Dr. Howard Edington for his fall sermon series examining a different side of Paul. As he poured out his deep and heartfelt affection on the believers at Philippi, Paul pointed to the joy that may be found in a Christian life lived in gratitude and unity.

Next Sunday, August 31
8:30, 9:45, 11:15 AM

↑ sermons.mdpc.org ↓ food.mdpc.org

Next Sunday

All-Church Lunch

Next Sunday, 11:00 AM-1:15 PM | Fellowship Hall
Come enjoy a Labor Day Lunch of classic American fare!

Entrée Selections (\$10):
Hamburger or Grilled Chicken Sandwich
Served with Potato Salad, Coleslaw, and Fruit

Entrée Salad (\$8.50): Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad

Children's Menu (\$4): Chicken Tenders Basket with Mac 'n Cheese

Lunch prices include coffee, iced tea, milk for children, and a selection of desserts.

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You Can Change the Life of a Child...

Help young students succeed! Through mentoring, tutoring, or volunteering at one of MDPC's nearby partner schools, you can make a world of difference.

schools.mdpc.org

↓ discover.mdpc.org

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

MDPC HIGHLIGHTS

In your hands you have the fall issue of *Seasons*.

With it, you are equipped to increase your Biblical knowledge, strengthen your faith, encourage your kids to sing to Jesus, meet singles and couples in your same phase of life, serve your church and community, travel the world, be a better mom or dad, get to know some pastors, and more...

Does that about cover it? Check it out and let us know! Staff is in the Lobby to talk to you about what you want to do this fall. Here's some of what you'll find inside the magazine:

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If you don't need today's copy of *Seasons*, please drop it off at the Connection Center. Thanks!

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Bring Your Questions: Salvation

In this series of interactive discussions, MDPC pastors or staff address questions about a given topic. Today, Brandon Gaide will talk briefly about Salvation. What does it mean? How do you know if you're saved? Bring your input and questions.

Today before Fifth Service | 3:30-4:30 PM | Parlor

RISE for Moms: Fall Book Study

RISE resumes with a new book study for the fall: *Interrupted* by Jen Hatmaker. It's a great discussion-provoking read from a funny and authentic author. Open to all - join us!

Thursdays, 9:30 AM | Room 218

Childcare is available by reservation: childcare@mdpc.org

Elder Nominations: Due this Week!

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

Nominations are due this Thursday, August 28.

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

MDPC Dads Sunday

We are asking that all father-figures in the church wear their favorite sports team jersey or shirt to worship - even to the 11:15 service! Want to take it to the next level? Volunteer to be an usher at one of the services that day, or a greeter in our youth areas.

Sunday, September 7

Contact Clint Harrington to volunteer: clint@apexadvisory.com

Tour of the Dunham Bible Museum on HBU Campus

This is a wonderful supplement to *What We Believe About the Bible*, which begins September 10. Everyone is welcome to the tour, whether or not you take the class.

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

New Member Classes

MDPC's New Member Class series is taught by the associate pastors and elders. The series includes a Saturday service project at one of our local mission partners.

Sundays, September 7-October 12 | Summit Room | 9:45-11:00 AM



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



Sunday, August 24, 2014

THE MISSION'S STILL THE SAME

Acts 2:37-47
Dave Steane preaching

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

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Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church is preparing to kick off a new program year with exciting and transformational ministries! What better way to do this than to spend time unpacking MDPC’s new Mission Statement: *Loving God. Proclaiming Christ. Living Generously. Engaging All.*

Before Dave Peterson retired, we began the process of succession planning and developing a Strategic Plan to provide guidance to MDPC through the transition and into the future with a new Senior Pastor. The culmination of that Strategic Plan was identifying our “code” (the very DNA of MDPC that doesn’t change), a group of “strategic priorities” (the things we need to do to succeed in the future), and our new “mission statement.”

The Christian Church has always had a *mission*. It began when Jesus told His disciples to “go therefore and make disciples of all the nations...” (Matthew 28:19). It continued as the Book of Acts began, as the infant Church became more self-aware. In Acts 2:37-47, we have a snapshot of that vibrant early Church. The mission to which the early believers were called continues to be the foundation of MDPC’s mission today. The Mission’s still the same!

- First things first. Start by committing the eight words of our Mission Statement to memory. *Loving God. Proclaiming Christ. Living Generously. Engaging All.* In what ways does this Statement reflect the history and beliefs of MDPC? What challenges do you also find in the Statement?
- God’s love for us initiates everything about His plan of salvation, and *Loving God* is our primary response and calling as Christians. What does loving God look like in your life? What do you do to respond to God’s love?
- In the Acts passage, Peter just had finished his first sermon in which he offered a compelling argument that Jesus was the Messiah. Verse 37 tells us that the audience was *pierced to the heart* (convicted of their wrong thinking). Reflect on a time when you’ve been *pierced to the heart*. How did you respond?
- In verse 38, Peter told the crowd that they must *repent* and *be baptized*. Both acts are powerful redirections. In what way have you experienced this redirection? How do you understand the Christian Church’s mission to play a role in this redirection?
- In verse 41, those who received Peter’s word were baptized, and about 3,000 people turned to follow Jesus. What do you think made Peter’s sermon so compelling? Why do you think people seem to be less inclined to follow Jesus today? What do you think the Church’s role should be regarding *Proclaiming Christ*?
- In the next few verses, we find a description of the quality of community life in the early Church: people were devoted to teaching, signs and wonders were happening, people took care of each other, meals were shared in community, and there was favor with all the people. There was a genuine spirit of *Living Generously* in the early Church. Reflect on some ways these qualities are true for the Church today. In what ways could these be better realized? What can you do specifically to help achieve these?
- These verses also describe a sense of unity within the Christian Church. Verse 44 says they *had all things in common*. Verse 46 says they were of *one mind* and were *taking their meals together*. The Gospel was *Engaging All*, and drew people into a new community. How have you experienced this? In what ways can the Church do a better job of reaching out across generational lines, and engaging people with the Gospel?

*Please stand if able. CCLI # 182374

A special thanks to the children helping out in Worship this morning:
Gracious and Sonnie Kimani, Kelsey and Kayla Roth, Evelyn Seidensticker, and Charlotte, Catherine, and Caroline Stiles

8:30 BLENDED SERVICE

WELCOME		Dave Steane
*SONGS OF PRAISE	<i>'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus</i> <i>10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)</i>	Stead/Kirkpatrick Redman/Myrin
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON		Christyn Knoop
SONG OF PREPARATION	<i>Standing on the Promises</i>	arr. Gómez
GIFTS OF GRATITUDE		Brett Hurst
OFFERTORY	<i>Rising Sun</i>	Jordan/Leonard/Lee/Mabury
MESSAGE	The Mission's Still the Same	Dave Steane

9:45 CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

*SONGS OF PRAISE	<i>God Is Here</i> <i>This Is the Day</i>	Zschech/Wickham/Houghton P. Wickham E. Wickham
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION		Brett Hurst
*SONG OF RESPONSE	<i>10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)</i>	Redman/Myrin
WELCOME		
OFFERTORY	<i>Rising Sun</i>	Jordan/Leonard/Lee/Mabury
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11:15 TRADITIONAL SERVICE

PRELUDES	<i>It Is Well with My Soul and When Morning Gilds the Skies</i> Julie Sacks, piano; Kathryn White, organ	arr. Hayes/Gaspard
WELCOME		Dave Steane
*CALL TO WORSHIP		
*CHORAL INTROIT	<i>All Creatures of Our God and King</i>	arr. Mark Hayes
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun</i>	#423; Vs. 1-3 DUKE STREET
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON		Kristin Huffman
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	The Apostles' Creed	
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	<i>The Gloria Patri</i>	Hymn #579
ANTHEM	<i>At the River</i>	arr. Aaron Copland
OFFERTORY	<i>A Covenant Prayer</i>	Dan Forrest
MESSAGE	The Mission's Still the Same	Dave Steane
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>The Church's One Foundation</i>	#442; Vs. 1 URELIA
POSTLUDE	<i>Immortal, Invisible</i>	arr. Don Wyrzten

OTHER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SPANISH SERVICE	11:15 AM Chapel	fuenteservice.mdpc.org
FIFTH SERVICE	5:00 PM Chapel	fifthservice.mdpc.org

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 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
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:

Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS) offers a future with hope to children in need and their families. Through group homes, foster homes, adoption services, outreach programs, single-parent family support, and an education/aftercare program, they serve more than 4,000 children and families each year. pchas.org

Presbyterians for Renewal: Wee Kirk an evangelical ministry of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Its purpose is to inspire, equip, motivate, encourage, and provide rest and refreshment for pastors and elders. Their specific focus is on seminary students, women in leadership, and small-membership congregations. pfrenewal.org/ministries/wee-kirk

MDPC mission partners Rick and Lori moved to East Asia in 2013 to use their gifts for the Kingdom in a business setting. The business employs people with different abilities, and desires for their product and service to be excellent in every way as to give testimony to Jesus in a highly sensitive context.



Praises & Prayers

The White Rose is in memory of

- Kathryn Volino, who passed away August 4, 2014.
- Lou Quam, who passed away August 11, 2014.
- Nancy Julius, who passed away August 12, 2014.

The Red Rose honors births to parents who are MDPC members, and the White Rose memorializes MDPC 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).

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.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

OPERATING INCOME	
2014 Budget	\$ 10,550,000
Expected Income to date	\$ 4,986,032
Actual Income to Date	\$ 4,946,405
Current Income Deficit	\$ 39,626



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