

**Today!**

**BRING YOUR QUESTIONS**

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

**Today's Topic: OTHER RELIGIONS**

Brandon Gaide will speak briefly on how we think about and engage with other religions, including "non"-religions like agnosticism and atheism. Then the discussion will be opened up for your input and questions.

**Today, 3:30-4:30 PM | Parlor**

**FIFTH SERVICE**

**Today!**

**Galaxy Pizza Parties**

Elementary school students: Come eat pizza and play games at a Pizza Party in The Galaxy, MDPC's super stellar space for kids!

Kindergarten and first graders party today; Pizza Parties for second through fifth graders are in October and November.

**K & 1st Grade's Party is Today!**

**12:30-2:30 PM | The Galaxy (2nd floor of main building)**

**MDPC**

**Sunday, September 21, 2014**

**Heart Cry**

PAUL'S LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS

*A Call to Drink, Steal, Lie, and Swear*

Philippians 2:13-18

Howard Edington preaching

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

**You Can Change the Life of a Child...**

Spending as little as 30 minutes a week at school with an at-risk child can change his or her future. Your only requirement is to show up consistently!

[schools.mdpc.org](http://schools.mdpc.org)

**What We Believe About the Bible**

**Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 PM**

This four-week, Wednesday night study, led by Dr. Diana Severance and Rev. Vicky Jones, covers thought-provoking topics about the origins of the Bible.

**This Week: What Presbyterians Believe About the Bible**

The Authority of the Bible; What do our Confessions say about the Bible?

To learn more and sign up: [bible.mdpc.org](http://bible.mdpc.org)

**MDPC Dads & Kids Overnight Tailgate**

**Saturday, October 25**  
Field opens at 3:00 PM for pitching tents

**Sunday, October 26**  
Event ends after we all sit together at 9:45 AM worship

**MDPC Ball Field**

Watch college football on a big outdoor screen!

Games, Food, Camping, & Fellowship

Registration: [dads.mdpc.org](http://dads.mdpc.org)

**MEN'S LIFE: CHOICES**

**All-new for 2014-2015!**  
*Speaker Series with Small Groups Open to All Men*

Tuesdays through January 20  
6:15-7:45 AM | Fellowship Hall

Hear personal stories from community leaders that reveal the challenges and rewards of making healthy and informed decisions.

Details at [ml.mdpc.org](http://ml.mdpc.org)

**Old Testament Profiles in Courage**

Wednesday Bible Study | MDPC Pastor-Led Study

Join MDPC's associate pastors for an intriguing look into the lives of 11 courageous men and women of the Old Testament. Many of these eleven found themselves facing situations that seemed bigger than they were – except for the fact that God was on their side.

**Wednesdays through November 19**  
**Noon or 6:30 PM | Summit Room**

Jerry Webber, Director of the Center for Christian Spirituality at Chapelwood UMC, will lead our retreat. All are welcome!

The noon meal is eaten in silence in the Ruah Dining Room. Villa de Matel provides a beautiful, quiet, reverent setting to stop and listen to God.

**Tuesday, October 28**  
**9:00 AM-3:00 PM**  
\$30 includes lunch

*Do you long for time to be quiet, a time to pray and listen for God's voice?*

**Silent Retreat**  
at Villa De Matel

Register at [retreats.mdpc.org](http://retreats.mdpc.org)



## MDPC HIGHLIGHTS

### Today Is Outreach Sunday

Our Local and Global Mission Partners are a major part of MDPC’s work in the world. Today they join us for worship. Extend some MDPC hospitality and invite someone to sit with you! Take part in this very special morning as we pray for and thank them for the life-changing work they do every single day.

**Meet & Greet: Between Services, Sanctuary Lobby**

### Tonight at Fifth Service

This evening, Fifth Service will look directly at the difficult circumstances in the Middle East. Many of us feel helpless as to how to respond, or bothered that we aren’t more readily compassionate. Our night of learning, worship, and prayer is a way we can gather as the body of Christ and lift up these situations and people groups before God.

**Tonight at 5:00 PM | Chapel**

### HUG Tutoring

Anyone who loves children is qualified for this very easy, yet hugely rewarding, volunteer job. All materials and lesson plans are provided, and you are guaranteed lots of gratitude!

**Training Dates (choose one): September 22 or 23 | 9:00-11:00 AM | Housman Elementary Program begins Monday, September 29**

Contact Laura Bushong: [lrbushong@att.net](mailto:lrbushong@att.net) or 281-455-2780

### Who Cares Enough to Mentor a Young Person?

It is with deepest gratitude that we thank hundreds of mentors for the difference they have made in the lives of young people. The results of their commitment are dramatic! Each year we must recruit 50 new caring adults to begin with a 6th grader at Spring Woods MS. Please consider joining this adventure to spend half an hour a week (any day) with a student on a wait list to have a mentor. We ask for one school year commitment!

**Come to today’s Lunch & Learn: 12:45-1:45 PM | Parlor**

Contact Mary Card: [marycard@yahoo.com](mailto:marycard@yahoo.com) or 713-827-9006

### Turkey Call

Bless a family with an abundant Thanksgiving! MDPC is collecting all those Randalls Turkey Bucks that may go unused. The bucks will be redeemed for turkeys and hams to be distributed by MDPC’s Mobile Unit. This is possible with the help of the MDPC congregation and the Randalls Good Neighbor Charity Program.

**Please bring bucks to the MDPC Front Office by September 30.**

Contact Maritza Pujols: [mpujols@mdpc.org](mailto:mpujols@mdpc.org) or 713-490-9556

### MDPC Marriage Retreat

The Marriage Retreat 2014 is an overnight retreat with Brett and Kellie Hurst of Home Encouragement. Registration fee includes accommodations at The Woodlands Waterway Marriott for one evening, lunch on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday.

**Saturday-Sunday, November 1-2 | Noon-Noon | \$195/couple**

Registration is limited! Closes October 9: [register.mdpc.org](http://register.mdpc.org)

### Walking the Mourner’s Path: Transform Grief Into Joyful Living

This eight-week, Christ-centered program is limited to 10 participants, creating a safe place to share feelings with each other and with God. Two trained facilitators guide the group.

**Tuesdays, September 23-November 11 | 3:00-4:30 PM | Chapel Bride’s Room 116**

**Cost: \$25 for workbook (scholarships readily available)**

Register with Bitsy Cleveland: [bcleveland@mdpc.org](mailto:bcleveland@mdpc.org) or 713-490-9542

### Venturers presents The Civil War Battle of Sabine Pass

Ed Cotham, award-winning author of three books on the Civil War, will discuss the battle referred to by Jefferson Davis as “the most amazing victory in all military history.” Mr. Cotham also serves as President of the Terry Foundation, the largest independent provider of scholarships to Texas universities.

**Monday, October 6 | Social Hour 6:00 PM, Dinner/Program 7:00 PM | Westchase Hilton**

RSVP by October 1 to Chuck & Linnie Edwards: 9350 Shady Lane Circle, 77063 (713-785-7115)

## MDPC WORSHIP

\*Please stand if able.

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### 8:30 BLENDED SERVICE

WELCOME		Dave Steane
*SONGS OF PRAISE	<i>All Creatures of Our God and King</i> <i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i>	arr. Crowder LOBE DEN HERREN
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON		Kristin Huffman
SONG OF PREPARATION	<i>Standing on the Promises</i>	arr. Gómez
OFFERTORY	<i>Rising Sun</i>	Jordan/Leonard/Lee/Mabury
MESSAGE	<b>A Call to Drink, Steal, Lie, and Swear</b>	Howard Edington
SONG OF RESPONSE	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>	Daniel Schutte

### 9:45 CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

*SONGS OF PRAISE	<i>Rising Sun</i> <i>Hosanna</i>	Jordan/Leonard/Lee/Mabury Brooke Ligertwood
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION		Kristin Huffman
OUTREACH MINISTRY PARTNERS		Kristin Huffman and Dave Steane
WELCOME		
OFFERTORY	<i>Standing on the Promises</i>	arr. Gómez
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### 11:15 TRADITIONAL SERVICE

PRELUDE	<i>Largo from the New World Symphony, Op. 95</i>	Antonín Dvořák
WELCOME		Dave Steane
*CALL TO WORSHIP		
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty</i>	#482; Vs. 1, 3   LOBE DEN HERREN
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON		Kristin Huffman
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	The Apostles’ Creed	
ANTHEM	<i>This Is the Day</i>	John Rutter
OUTREACH MINISTRY PARTNERS		Kristin Huffman and Dave Steane
OFFERTORY	<i>The Call of Wisdom</i>	Will Todd
MESSAGE	<b>A Call to Drink, Steal, Lie, and Swear</b>	Howard Edington
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>	#525; Vs. 1   Daniel Schutte
POSTLUDE	<i>Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	arr. Karrin Ford

### OTHER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SPANISH SERVICE	11:15 AM   Chapel	<a href="http://fuente.mdpc.org">fuente.mdpc.org</a>
FIFTH SERVICE	5:00 PM   Chapel	<a href="http://fifthservice.mdpc.org">fifthservice.mdpc.org</a>

## MDPC INFO

### Coordinating Team

Mauricio Chacón | Associate Pastor for Fuente

Howard Edington | Interim Senior Pastor

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Becky Riggs at [briggs@mdpc.org](mailto:briggs@mdpc.org) or 713-953-2570.

### Ministry Partners

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

**Santa Maria Hostel** empowers women with children to become alcohol and drug free. It is Texas’ largest multi-site residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment center and one of few to provide a continuum of care for pregnant and parenting women and their children. [santamariahostel.org](http://santamariahostel.org)

**SEARCH Homeless Services** helps thousands of men, women, and children each year by providing necessities such as food, showers, and laundry services. Its goal is for clients to achieve some stability so they can move into permanent housing and increase their incomes. A primary resource at SEARCH is in-depth case management tailored to individual needs. [searchhomeless.org](http://searchhomeless.org)

**MDPC mission partner Dr. M and his family**

are called to reach the unreached for Jesus Christ. Dr. M practices and teaches dentistry while sharing the Good News of Jesus with tribes living in abject poverty in South Asia. There, the 98% Muslim population has the least amount of dental care in the world. Please pray for this family’s health as they spend this year on furlough in Houston.



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### Praises & Prayers

**Today’s Chancel Flowers are given**

- by Lee and Larry Mueller, in memory of Ann Shidell Mueller and in celebration of her life.
- by Ralph and Mary Wheeler, in memory of Bob Holloway’s father, Lloyd Edward Holloway, who passed away on September 9.
- by the Griffith, Guthrie, and Wheeler families, in honor of Bob and Cindy Holloway for their selfless love and generous care of Bob’s father, Lloyd Edward Holloway.
- in honor of June Ann Doyle McCormack, William Arthur McCormack, Caryl Franz Allison, and Richard Myers Franz.

**Members recently released from the hospital:**

Bob Appel, Barbara Mueller

#### WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

##### OPERATING INCOME

2014 Budget	\$ 10,550,000
Expected Income to date	\$ 5,495,709
Actual Income to Date	\$ 5,614,334
Current Income Surplus	\$ 118,625

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## Heart Cry

PAUL'S LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS

### A Call to Drink, Steal, Lie, and Swear

Philippians 2:13-18 | Howard Edington preaching

Today we continue our sermon series on Paul's letter to the Philippians. On his second missionary journey, Paul visited Philippi, established the Christian church there, and spent considerable time in that cosmopolitan city. He enjoyed a deep friendship and Christian fellowship with the Philippian Christians, and devoted much effort to helping them be strong in their faith – especially when facing troubles and persecution.

Philippians has been called Paul's *joyful* letter because the theme of Christian *joy* runs throughout the letter. In just four chapters, Paul reminded the Philippians 16 times that their joy was not determined by circumstances, but by the indwelling presence of Jesus Christ in their life, and in their devotion to Him.

The early Christians struggled to understand and embrace their new calling and its lifestyle implications. They had received Jesus and knew that this meant being called out of their former behaviors into a new set of behaviors that Christ had set before them. Paul used Philippians 2:13-18 as a teaching moment on this new Christian ethic.

- Verse 13 states, "For it is God who works in you, to will and act according to His good purpose." When Jesus comes into our lives, we receive the Holy Spirit who seeks to do a powerful work of transformation. In what ways have you experienced God working in you? To what extent do you struggle with conforming your life to God's good purposes?
- "Do everything without complaining or arguing..." These words from Philippians 2:14 might make us chuckle, but they are a serious call for Christians to live with a dramatically different ethic. The vision is for a different behavior in the context of human relationships. Why are these words so difficult to embrace? What are your chief complaints? What is at the heart of complaining and arguing?
- Paul said that the Philippians should do everything without complaining *so that you may become blameless, pure, children of God, without fault, and shine like stars*. Which of these is most attractive and meaningful to you? There is the suggestion of the importance of human effort in this. How do you understand the relationship of God's grace to human effort?
- Paul expressed his hope that he may *boast that he did not run or labor for nothing*. This was Paul's way of saying that his efforts with the Philippians would have a positive and lasting effect. Reflect on a time when you've invested in someone and have seen that investment bear fruit.
- In verse 17 Paul said, "even if I am being poured out like a drink offering...I am glad and rejoice." This was Paul's way of acknowledging that he may well be put to death for his work spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. And yet, Paul said that he was *glad* and *rejoiced*. In what ways have you been able to rejoice in the midst of bad situations? What has God taught you? How have you encouraged others during times of trial?