

Today!

All-Church Lunch

Today, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Entrée Selections (\$10)
 Roasted Pork Loin with Fig Glaze *or* Quinoa-Crusted Trout
 Served with Buttermilk Mashed Potatoes, Balsamic Green Beans,
 Carrots with Basil

Entrée Salad (\$8.50): Grilled Shrimp over Spinach Salad
Children's Menu (\$4): Hamburgers

Join us! *Everyone is welcome.*


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!

Registration: dads.mdpc.org

Games, Food, Camping, & Fellowship



Sunday, October 5, 2014

Heart Cry

PAUL'S LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS

The Power of Principle Thinking
 Philippians 3:18-4:1; 4:4-9
 Howard Edington preaching

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, October 8
5:00 PM | Fellowship Hall



Partner In Prayer 2015

Through PIP, thousands of people are prayed for every day. God uses the power of this quiet ministry to bring health, life, and peace to our church family - but we need your help! To be a 2015 Partner In Prayer, stop by our table on Sign-up Sundays, October 12 and 19.

Can't wait? Register now at pip.mdpc.org.

MDPC Concert Series

2014-2015






Three Baroque Delicacies

Treat yourself to an elegant Baroque concert with spirited selections from Handel, Vivaldi, and Gemminiani, presented on instruments like those used by these masters to compose and perform.

Saturday, October 18
2:30 PM | Chapel


Tickets start at \$10 for children and students and \$15 for adults. Purchase at the door or at mercuryhouston.org.

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



MDPC Dads Presents: Tech Tips II for Parents

With Dan Aikins, Middle School Discipleship Director

This interactive discussion is for parents who want to know more about the technology their kids are using, like **text, Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, Vine, and Snapchat**. You'll learn tips for **discussing technology** with your teen, setting **healthy boundaries**, and how to keep up with the ever-changing tech landscape.

Sunday, October 19 | 11:15 AM | The Summit Room

Staycation

MARRIAGE RETREAT 2014



Learn how to connect better as a couple while enjoying one another - all over again! Led by Brett and Kellie Hurst of Home Encouragement. Fee includes one night at The Woodlands Waterway Marriott, lunch Saturday, and breakfast Sunday. Saturday evening is free for a date night!

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

Space is limited! Visit marriage.mdpc.org to register.

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

MDPC HIGHLIGHTS

Today Is World Communion Sunday

With so much strife and conflict in the world, let today’s celebration of the Lord’s Supper remind us that we are one body in Christ.

Recent Denominational Issues

In response to issues raised by recent decisions of the 2014 General Assembly of the PC (USA), MDPC has formed a Denominational Task Force to inform the congregation on these issues and to assess the will of the congregation in regard to maintaining or changing our affiliation. You will have the opportunity to share your opinion through a survey to be released in the coming weeks.

For more information and a helpful FAQ, visit denom-issues.mdpc.org.

Opportunities for Parents

Purely Parenting: These forums are for any adults who are currently in the parenting trenches. These monthly, stand-alone discussions are opportunities for the exchange of new ideas and proven strategies. Open to all.

Today! Speaker: Jill Gilbert, MA, LPC, LMFT | 11:15 AM | Amphitheater

The First Five: Monthly parenting talks by various MDPC parents focusing on the first five years of a child’s life. Open to all.

Second Wednesdays (Next Session: October 8) | 6:30-7:30 PM | Parlor
parenting.mdpc.org

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!

Contact Mary Card: marydcard@yahoo.com or 713-827-9006

Safe Haven Support Group

Safe Haven is a ministry that supports individuals and families involved in foster care, kinship care, and adoption. We meet the second Monday of every month. A light meal will be provided (please RSVP at least two days prior so we can include you in our dinner order).

Monday, October 13 | 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

Moving Forward: For Those Grieving the Loss of a Spouse

Losing a spouse is emotional and stressful, and it’s hard to imagine a future without your soul mate. It helps to have support from those who have gone through a similar experience. Join us for dinner and fellowship once a month as you continue the journey of “moving forward.”

October 15 Speaker: Vicky Jones, MDPC Associate Pastor

Third Wednesdays | 5:45 PM | Room 101 | No fee; dinner available for purchase

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

Prime Timers presents Meet Martha Turner

Fifth-generation Texan Martha Fuller Turner is a leading realtor, creative entrepreneur, humanitarian, teacher, and family woman with a unique blend of energy, optimism, and humor. Martha started her own company in 1981.

Tuesday, October 21 | Fellowship Hall | Free Program: 10:30 AM, Lunch (\$9.50) Noon

Your check is your reservation: \$9.50, to MDPC Prime Timers. Must be received by October 15.

MDPC Library Open House

Come celebrate our new MDPC library! Join us between and after services to check out – literally – some wonderfully helpful and inspiring books. You might see just the book that speaks to you in your walk with Jesus! Enjoy a cookie while you browse.

Sunday, November 2 | Sanctuary East Gallery (Blalock side)

MDPC WORSHIP

*Please stand if able.

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Communion at MDPC is shared by intinction. As directed by the ushers, come forward to the Communion stations at the front of the section where you are seated. Dip the bread in the cup and eat, before returning to your seat. All who confess their faith in Christ are welcome to the table.

8:30 BLENDED SERVICE

WELCOME		Dave Steane
*SONGS OF PRAISE	<i>Come Sing, Oh Church, in Joy!</i> <i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>	DARWALL’S 148TH HYFRYDOL
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON		Rachel Poysky
OFFERTORY	<i>The Solid Rock</i>	arr. Gómez
MESSAGE	The Power of Principle Thinking	Howard Edington
SONG OF RESPONSE		
CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER		
COMMUNION MEDITATION	<i>Come As You Are</i>	Crowder/Redman/Glover

9:45 CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

*SONGS OF PRAISE		
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION		Brandon Gaide
WELCOME		Dave Steane
OFFERTORY	<i>House of God Forever</i>	Jon Foreman
MESSAGE	The Power of Principle Thinking	Howard Edington
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11:15 TRADITIONAL SERVICE

PRELUDES	<i>Capriccio di Durezze</i> <i>Offertorio 18</i>	G. Frescobaldi Vincenzo Panerai
WELCOME		Dave Steane
*CALL TO WORSHIP		
*CHORAL INTROIT	<i>Let Us Break Bread Together</i>	arr. George Lynn
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>Come, Christians, Join to Sing</i>	#150; Vs. 1-3 MADRID
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON		Rachel Poysky
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	The Apostles’ Creed	
OFFERTORY	<i>Order My Steps (In Your Word)</i>	Glenn Burleigh
MESSAGE	The Power of Principle Thinking	Howard Edington
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise</i>	#263; Vs. 1, 4 ST. DENIO
CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER		
COMMUNION MEDITATION	<i>Alleluia</i> Julie Thornton and Tommy Glass, soloists	Eric Whitaker
POSTLUDE	<i>Joyful Praise</i>	Cindy Berry

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 | Associate Pastor for Next Gen

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:

Skills 4 Living offers low-income families and at-risk teens comprehensive financial, career, life skills, and college planning workshops. They empower clients to become self-sufficient and financially stable, breaking the cycle of poverty. They partner with over 23 different organizations in order to reach those that they serve.
skills4living.org

Small Steps Nurturing Center provides a high-quality education, transportation, nutritious meals, and social and emotional therapy to 180 economically at-risk inner-city children at their two locations in Houston’s First and Fifth Wards.
ssnc.org

MDPC mission partners Reverends David and Kim and their two children moved to East Asia in 2013. There, they train and coach church leaders, and connect them to resources and curriculum. Please pray that God would go before them in every way, helping them build new support systems and connections for ministry.



We Love to See MDPCers!

When you take pictures at an MDPC event, or snap some photos with your small group or Sunday school class, share them with us! We love having familiar faces to use in publications and around campus. Please send digital photos in original size to Eva at ekaminski@mdpc.org with the subject line “For MDPC Use.” Include names of people pictured, and where and when the photo was taken. Be sure to have the consent of everyone in the photo!

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amazon.mdpc.org

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

OPERATING INCOME

2014 Budget	\$ 10,550,000
Expected Income to date	\$ 5,780,938
Actual Income to Date	\$ 5,817,804
Current Income Surplus	\$ 36,866



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Loving God. Proclaiming Christ. Living Generously. Engaging All.

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First Communion

This morning, children who participated in the Communion Retreat are taking communion for the first time. We welcome them to the Lord's Table and celebrate as they take this next step in their journey of faith.

Ava de la Mora
Tyler Fargason
Luke Jackson
Parker Kubitz
Ashley Mahood
Mark McClain
Kate Michels
Thomas Myers
Zachary Myers

Bennett Pearson
Lainey Pearson
Brady Schneider
Wilson Swinbank
Siena Tacconelly
Steven Tacconelly
Ansley Taylor
Holden Taylor
Sutton Walsh



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The Power of Principle Thinking

Philippians 3:18-4:1; 4:4-7 | 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 to be strong in their faith – especially when facing troubles and persecution.

As Philippians continues, Paul offers a contrast in 3:18-21 between the enemies of the cross of Christ, and the true believers in Christ. Though Paul's words can seem stern, his purpose was to inspire the Philippians to greater devotion to their Savior, and greater transformation into the image of Christ. As chapter four begins, Paul returns to the theme of Christian joy – particularly during difficult times.

- Paul reminded the Philippians that there were many who lived as enemies of the cross of Christ, and this reality brought tears to his eyes. In what ways can you identify with Paul on this? Are there people in your life who are hostile or indifferent toward the Gospel of Jesus? How do you respond to them?
- Paul's words seem harsh as he offers judgment upon those enemies of the cross. He said, "Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things." How does having your mind set on earthly things affect you spiritually? What things keep you tethered to this temporal world?
- In verse 20, we find the contrast: "But our citizenship is in heaven..." Reflect on the benefits of this citizenship. How does the reality of this citizenship affect the way you think and act?
- Paul noted in verse 21, "who (Jesus), by the power that enables Him to bring everything under His control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body." In what ways have you noticed Christ's transforming power in your life? What things give evidence that you are becoming more like Christ? What things continue to be impediments?
- In 4:1, Paul said, "Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!" Paul's affection for the Philippians is quite clear, and his passionate plea for them to *stand firm* is compelling. Whom could you encourage to stand firm? Where do you need to stand firm in your life? How can you take those thoughts into action?
- In 4:4-7, Paul offered a series of imperatives: *Rejoice. Be gentle. Don't be anxious. Present requests to God.* The result of these imperatives is that God's *peace* will guard our hearts and minds. How would you assess the level of Christian joy in your life? Gentleness? Anxiety? Prayer? And to what extent is peace a reality for you?