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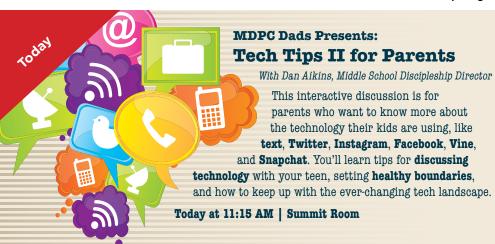


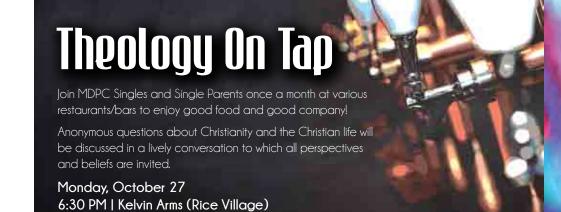
Elementary school students: Come eat pizza and play games at a Pizza Party in The Galaxy, MDPC's super stellar space for kids! Second and third grade party this month, and the fourth and fifth graders party in November.

2nd & 3rd Grade Party: Today! 12:30-2:30 PM **Upstairs in The Galaxy**

Email Mallory with questions: nmoore@mdpc.org

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Venturers presents Remembering 100 Years Later

Mark Yost, author and writer for the Wall Street Journal, takes us to the battlefields where ten million soldiers perished in trench warfare.

Monday, November 3

6:00 PM Social Hour Dinner/Program 7:00 PM

Westchase Hilton (9999 Westheimer)

RSVP by Wednesday, October 29 to Chuck & Linnie Edwards: 9350 Shady Lane Circle, 77063 713-785-7115

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Terry 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?

Register at retreats.mdpc.org

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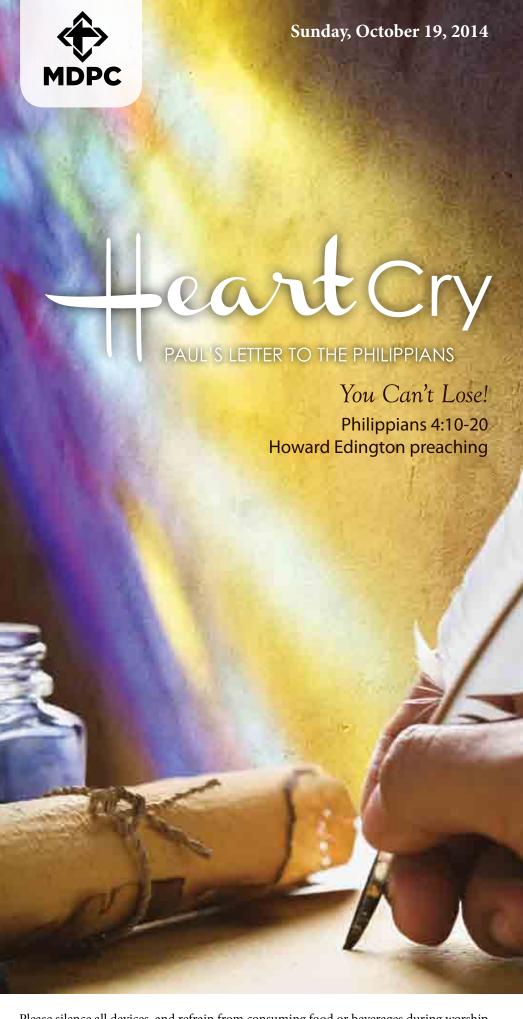


How to Be a Millenial

This week on the blog, Brandon Gaide begins a five-part series, How to Be a Millenial and a Christian.

Up first: **Technology**. How do you reconcile your faith life with your digital life?

Visit **blog.mdpc.org**, or access it through our app (app.mdpc.org).



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

MDPC HIGHLIGHTS

Congregational Meeting

Session has approved a Congregational Meeting for the purposes of electing the Elder Class of 2017 and the 2015 Nominating Committee.

Next Sunday, October 26 | Following 9:45 AM Service | Sanctuary

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.

Next Weekend: MDPC Dads & Kids Overnight Tailgate

This is a great opportunity to enjoy Houston's beautiful fall weather with your kids! Registration closes soon, so sign up now for games, college football, food, and camping on the MDPC Ball Field. The suggested minimum age for campers is third grade.

No tent? No problem! Contact David Bradley (david.bradley@wbclawfirm.com) and we'll get you set up.

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.

Register: dads.mdpc.org

Moms: While all the kids are camping, it's a perfect opportunity for a Moms' Night Out! Contact Amy Lyn George for information: amy.george@rwr.com

Christmas for Kids

This wonderful MDPC Women's Ministries tradition spreads Christmas joy and blesses others by providing toys and clothing for more than 150 children living in poverty. To participate, simply stop by our table in the Breezeway for a child's wish list, and return their requested gifts to the Front Office by December 1.

Sign-up Dates: Sundays, October 26-November 9

Contact Meka Arend with questions or to get involved: msarend@comcast.net or 713-898-6406

Volunteers Needed to Help Start a New Ministry

The purpose of Celebrate Recovery® is to fellowship and celebrate God's healing power in our lives through eight principles and the Christ-centered twelve Steps.

If you are interested in helping start and grow this ministry, please contact Bitsy Cleveland: bcleveland@mdpc.org or 713-490-9542

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 (hallway facing Blalock)

Yellow School 40th Anniversary Luncheon Celebrating Past, Present, and Foundation for the Future

Our special speaker Dr. Laura Lamper, PhD, Child Development, will discuss "The Social and Emotional Development of Children."

Friday, November 14 | 11:00 AM-1:00 PM | Fellowship Hall | \$25

Registration: register.mdpc.org

Feeling the Nudge to Start a Small Group...

...but not sure where to start? We can help! Shoot me an email to swap ideas, learn best practices for groups that work, and see how the church can be of support. *Christyn Knoop, Adult Ministries Director: cknoop@mdpc.org or 713-490-0940*

MDPC WORSHIP

*Please stand if able. CCLI # 182374

8:30 BLENDED SERVICE

WELCOME Dave Steane
*SONGS OF PRAISE He Is Exalted Twila Paris

NGS OF PRAISE

He Is Exalted

Spirit of the Living God

Be Thou My Vision

Twila Paris

LIVING GOD

arr. Gómez

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON Kristin Huffman

SONG OF PREPARATION Desert Song Brooke Ligertwood

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

OFFERTORY You Make Me Brave Amanda Cook
MESSAGE You Can't Lose! Howard Edington

SONG OF RESPONSE

NEW MEMBERS

9:45 CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

*SONGS OF PRAISE

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Kristin Huffman
NEW MEMBERS Dave Steane

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

WELCOME

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

MESSAGE You Can't Lose! Howard Edington

SONG OF RESPONSE

11:15 TRADITIONAL SERVICE

 PRELUDE
 Adagio from Symphony No. 3
 Louis Vierne

WELCOME

Dave Steane

Kristin Huffman

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*CHORAL INTROIT Let Us Sing to the Lord J. Harold Moyer

*HYMN OF PRAISE When in Our Music God Is Glorified #264; Vs. 1-4 | ENGELBERG

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

ANTHEM We Come, O Christ, to You Larry Shackley

NEW MEMBERS

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

OFFERTORYI Can Do All Things Through ChristLaura FarnellMESSAGEYou Can't Lose!Howard Edington*HYMN OF PRAISEOnward, Christian SoldiersVs. 1, 4 | St. GertrudePOSTLUDEPraeludium in C, BWV 545J. S. Bach

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.



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Ministry Partners

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

Spring Branch Community Health Center

is the primary provider of comprehensive healthcare services to indigent and low-income patients in Spring Branch. sbchc.net

Spring Branch Family Development Center

enhances the well being of Spring Branch families through a multi-agency collaboration that provides health, educational, recreational, and social services. They are located in an area with a largely Hispanic population. More than 6,000 residents live in 1,500 apartment units within walking distance of the Center. *sbfdc.org*

African Enterprise ministers to often-over-looked community crises, such as AIDS, infant mortality, street children, and polluted water, through evangelism, reconciliation, leadership development training, relief, and community development. It gives prostitutes and single mothers vocational direction by teaching them to sew. MDPC partners with African Enterprise in an HIV and immunization initiative in Kampala, Uganda.

You Shop, Amazon Gives.

Gathering Room

When you shop amazon.com through the MDPC link below, Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible AmazonSmile purchases to MDPC and its ministries.

amazon.mdpc.org

Did You Know...

...that MDPC has a 501(c)(3) Foundation? It was founded in 1994 for the purpose of accepting outright gifts and/or gifts through your last will and testament. Contact Becky Riggs for info: briggs@mdpc.org or 713-953-2570

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

OPERATING INCOME

 2014 Budget
 \$ 10,550,000

 Expected Income to date
 \$ 6,032,262

 Actual Income to Date
 \$ 6,037,986

 Current Income Surplus
 \$ 5,724



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Bo and Keri Bassett are the parents of Zach (10) and Kate (7). Bo is a senior IT manager at Halliburton. He enjoys tennis, water sports, skiing, outdoors activities, and coaching his children's soccer teams. Keri is a stay-at-home mom. She enjoys running, reading, playing tennis, and spending time at the lake.





Charles and Lauren Chapman – Charles is a commercial general contractor. He enjoys construction, architecture, hunting, fishing, and bike riding. Lauren is a Wells Fargo Energy Group business manager. She enjoys cooking, traveling, and interior design.





Rich and Debbie Dodds are the parents of Lauren (15) and Carson (12). Rich is the senior director of marketing for Key Energy Services. He enjoys running, biking, and his children's activities. Debbie is a database administrator for InfoFluency. She enjoys playing tennis and photography.



Carla Gaut has two grown sons, Robert and Cris. She is retired, and enjoys floral design. In her previous church, Carla was an elder and a deacon and a very active volunteer.





Robert and Melanie Hausmann are the parents of Ashley (7) and Andrew (4). Robert, son of Dr. Charles Hausmann, is the owner of Hausmann International, a business focused on strategic planning and leadership development. He enjoys helping high reliability organizations. Melanie is a stay-at-home mom. She enjoys running and volunteering at her children's schools.



Dennis Krumnow has one grown daughter, Julie. He is founder of Wonmurk Self Expressions. He enjoys book collecting and any outdoors activities.





JB and Laura Napier are the parents of Jack (10), Ben (8). and Margaret (6). JB is involved in finance in the oil and gas industry. He enjoys hunting, exercising, coaching, and playing with his kids. Laura is a stay-at-home mom. She enjoys running, reading, live music, and volunteering at her children's schools.



Rebeca Portillo is mother of Jhoset Alexander Hernandez (18), German Alexander Hernandez (15), and Valeria Alessandra Ramirez (5). She likes helping people and enjoys all volunteering.



Jenny Rodriguez is the mother of Evelyn Rodriguez (17), Karla Osorio (6), and Carlos Osorio (3). She is a stay-at-home mom and likes taking walks, fishing, and spending quality time with her family. Jenny enjoys volunteering in the MDPC Food Pantry.





Ryan and Shelley Romero are the parents of Ava (6) and Callie (3). Ryan is an engineer. He enjoys hunting, fishing, and spending time with his family. Shelley is a stay-athome mom.



Liz Timmer is an executive assistant. She enjoys baking, sewing, bird watching, gardening, and Scottish Terrier rescue.



Guillermo Viaud is married to MDPC member Christen Reinowski Viaud. They were married in the MDPC Chapel by Christen's father, a Presbyterian pastor from Shreveport. Guillermo was born in Houston, but grew up in El Salvador. He is a senior architectural designer at PBK. He loves to sing and play the guitar, harmonica, and bass.





Clint and Carol Wood are the parents of 6-month-old Payton. Clint is a management consultant. He enjoys being outdoors. Carol is an HR consultant, but currently a stayat-home mom. She loves Alabama football.

Is it Time for You to Join MDPC?

Discover MDPC

We invite you to attend an informational meeting to learn more about the vision and outreach of MDPC. No commitment required! This is a no-pressure opportunity to explore church membership and what it would mean to be part of our faith community.

Next Sunday, October 26 | Gathering Room | 10:45-11:10 AM

New Member Classes

New Member Classes are for those interested in membership. They are taught by the associate pastors and elders, and include a Saturday service project.

Sundays, November 2-December 7 | 11:00 AM-12:15 PM | CLC Rooms 171-172

Visit membership.mdpc.org for more information and to register for New Member Classes, or contact Diann Turet, Membership Director: dturet@mdpc.org or 713-490-9553

SERMON NOTES

Heart Cry
PAUL'S LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS

Sunday, October 19, 2014

You Can't Lose!

Philippians 4:10-20 | Howard Edington preaching

Today we conclude 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.

Paul wrote the letter to the Philippians while he was in prison for his relentless preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Prison life then was harsh, and the prognosis of survival was bleak at best. One of the few moments of encouragement and joy was when a letter or gift was received. The Philippians apparently had sent Paul a gift, and in the closing verses of the letter (4:10-20), Paul expressed his gratitude to them. He also used that opportunity to express his contentment because of the Lord Jesus Christ who provided the strength to endure.

- Paul began this passage by expressing his joy that the Philippians had renewed their concern for him. This reveals the closeness and intimacy Paul shared with the Christians in Philippi. Who are your closest Christian friends? What makes those relationships special? In what ways do you show concern for each other?
- In verse 11, Paul said, "I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances."
 Why can contentment be so elusive for people? In what things do you find contentment? How have you learned to be content whatever the circumstances?
- Philippians 4:13 is a favorite verse to memorize. The NIV says, "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength." Some translations say, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." This verse doesn't mean that we can do anything. It means that we can face anything and be joyful and victorious in Christ. In what ways have you found this to be true in your life?
- In verses 14-18, Paul once again acknowledged the generosity and support of the Philippians for his missionary work. The Philippians sought to provide the necessary resources to enable Paul to continue preaching the Gospel and building Christian churches. In what ways do you personally seek to enable Christian ministries to continue their work? Is there more you could do?
- Paul concluded this letter with these words: "And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen." How do you know the difference between a want and a need? The meeting of our needs is clearly connected to the "glorious riches in Christ Jesus." How do you understand those glorious riches? In what ways do you seek to glorify your God and Father?

Sermon notes written by Executive Pastor, Dave Steane



Prayers for Our Military

Please pray for these men and women serving in the Armed Forces, at home and abroad.

Candice Alexander's nephew:

Lt. Commander Brian P. Alexander | Navy

Craig Behm's son-in-law: Jeremy Fleming | Marines

Dick Berry's grandson:

Corporal John Hird | Marines

Naomi Black's son:

Chaplain Lt. Commander Peter W. Dietz | Navy Major Neil McMullin | Marine Surgeon

Second Lt. Mark Bressler | Army Reserves

Betsy Clark's grandson:

Christopher Lenze | Marines

Tom and M.A. Dunscombe's son-in-law: Commander Stephen W. Burgher, MD | Navy

Paul and Susan Galvin's nephew: Major Joseph Galvin | Army

Bob and Carol Giles' daughter and son-in-law:

Captain Ellen Giles Jones | Army Captain Robert Willard Jones | Army

Scott Gilley's brother:

Captain Stephen R. Gilley | Marines

Sergeant Kyle Hinton | Army

Alice Horn's nephew:

First Lieutenant Paul Early | Marines

Captain James Howell | Army

Bud and Janet Hughes' son:

Chase Hughes | Navy

Sharon Johnson's son:

Staff Sergeant Richard Johnson III | Army

Willie and Jody Jordan's grandnephew:

Lieutenant Josh Kash | Navy

Carolyn and Grant Judge, Jr.'s son-in-law: Chaplain Lieutenant Jeffrey Quinn | Marines

Larry and Margaret Kelminson's son-in-law:

Major General Kevin Kennedy

Ken and Joe Ann Kingdon's son:

Lt. Commander Kenneth M. Kingdon | Navy

John and Kay Krebs' son:

Lieutenant Kory Krebs | Navy

Barbara Mourglia's nephew:

Staff Sergeant Brandon Macken | Air Force

Maryann Munroe's grandnephew:

Private Perry Connor | Marines

David and Shannon Perry's son:

Air Craft Commander Sean Perry | Air Force

Deborah Pruitt's son-in-law:

Don and Virginia Russell's grandson:

Sergeant Joseph Russell | Army

Brian and Tanya Schneider's nephew:

Holden Jenkins | Army

Joe and Jean Simmons' grandsons: Specialist William Bruce Berry | Army

PFC Joseph Thomas Turner | Marines

Jane Ann Smeck's son:

BUCA Cameron Freeman | Navy

Dave and Jenny Steane's son and daughter-in-law:

PFC Tyler Steane | Army PFC Kate Steane | Army

Harvey Trammell's nephew:

Shawn Blake | Marines

George and Dot Uthlaut's grandnephews:

Major David Uthlaut | Army Captain Chris Uthlaut | Army

Alejandro and Raquel Vasquez's son:

Private Alan Bejarano | Army

Bart and Barbara Westmoreland's family:

Major Justin Westmoreland | Air Force Captain Nicole Westmoreland | Air Force

Lt. Commander Andrew Cain | Navy

Major Brian Deas | Air Force

Ralph and Mary Wheeler's nephews:

Philip Newman | Army

Andrew Wheeler | National Guard

Pauline Wolcott's grandson:

ET3 Robert Leeland | Navy

David Word's son:

Captain **Andrew N. Word** | Army

Cari Wilson's husband:

Staff Sergeant Andrew Wilson | Air Force

An up-to-date list always is available at military.mdpc.org. We strive for accuracy and sincerely regret any errors. Edits and additions may be sent to Eva Kaminski at ekaminski@mdpc.org. Please notify us when you are blessed with the return home of your loved one.