

Tomorrow

Theology On Tap

Join MDPG Singles and Single Parents once a month at various restaurants/bars to enjoy good food, good conversation, and good company!

Anonymous questions about Christianity and the Christian life will be discussed in a lively conversation to which all perspectives and beliefs are invited.

Tomorrow! Monday, October 27
6:30 PM | Kelvin Arms (Rice Village)

↑ singles.mdpc.org ↓ women.mdpc.org

Sign Up Today!

Christmas for Kids

SPONSORED BY MDPG WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

This wonderful MDPG tradition provides toys and clothing for over 150 children living in poverty.

To participate, 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 in the Breezeway:
Sundays through November 2**

Contact Meka Arend with questions or to get involved: msarend@comcast.net

↓ discover.mdpc.org

Today

DISCOVER MDPG

Would you like to know more about MDPG and its ministries? We invite you to Discover MDPG, 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

↓ children.mdpc.org



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

**4th & 5th Grade Party:
Friday, November 7
6:00-8:30 PM
Upstairs in The Galaxy**

Email Mallory with questions: mmoore@mdpc.org

Next Sunday

All-Church Lunch

Sunday, November 2 | 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Entrée Selections (\$10)
Roasted Turkey or Pecan Catfish
Served with Sweet Potato Mash, Squash Casserole, and Fresh Green Beans

Entrée Salad (\$8.50): Grilled Chicken over Greens with Goat Cheese and Green Apples

Children's Menu (\$4): Fried Chicken Tenders

Join us! Everyone is welcome.

↑ food.mdpc.org ↓ blog.mdpc.org



How to Be a Millennial and a Christian

Check out Brandon Gaide's five-part series on the MDPG blog.

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).

↓ retreats.mdpc.org

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

↓ seniors.mdpc.org



Venturers presents

Remembering WORLD WAR I 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
Social Hour 6:00 PM
Dinner/Program 7:00 PM
Westchase Hilton (9999 Westheimer)

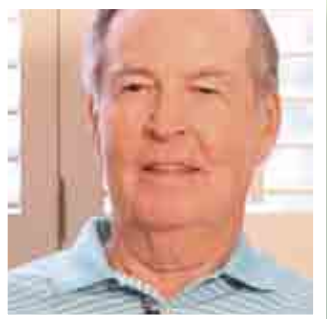
RSVP by **Wednesday, October 29**
to Chuck & Linnie Edwards:
9350 Shady Lane Circle, 77063
713-785-7115



All Saints' Sunday, October 26, 2014

LIVING 2015 GENEROUSLY

The Gospels According to the Dead Sea
Acts 20:25-35
Howard Edington preaching



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

MDPC HIGHLIGHTS

Survey on Denominational Issues: Let Your Voice Be Heard

In response to issues raised by recent decisions of the 2014 General Assembly of the PCUSA, MDPC has formed a Denominational Task Force to educate us about these issues and assess the will of the congregation in regard to maintaining or changing our affiliation. *Share your opinion through a member survey, open through November 9: denom-issues.mdpc.org.* Need help with the online survey? Manned computer stations will be in the Sanctuary Lobby today and for the following two Sundays (**October 26-November 9**).

Congregational Meeting Today, following the 9:45 Service

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

Celebrating Past, Present, and Foundation for the Future

At The Yellow School's 40th Anniversary Luncheon, 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

Question: How Do We Know Santa Clause Is a Man?

Answer: No woman would wear the same outfit year after year!

If that doesn't get you in the Christmas spirit, MDPC Mission Market will!

As you begin writing your Christmas shopping list, remember the alternative gift market that makes shopping easy. Mission Market is for everyone on your shopping list – friends and family, co-workers, your kids' teachers. They all will feel blessed by your gift.

Sundays, November 30-December 21 | 9:00 AM-Noon | Sanctuary Lobby

Purely Parenting

Purely Parenting forums are for any adults who currently are in the parenting trenches. These stand-alone discussions are opportunities for the exchange of new ideas and proven strategies. On select Sundays; open to all.

Sunday, November 2 Speaker: Sara Kuhn | 11:15 AM | Amphitheater

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

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

Blood Drive

Pre-register in the Sanctuary Lobby today or next Sunday, November 2, or at giveblood.org.

Blood Drive: Sunday, November 9 | 8:00 AM-2:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Contact Kakki Thompson: kthompson@mdpc.org or 713-490-9541

Royal Dukes Concert

Once a month, join MDPC Singles and Single Parents to enjoy a showcase of music from The Royal Dukes Band. These hour-long concerts showcase a variety of music including jazz standards, salsa, country, pop, blues, 80s faves, and more!

Monday, November 10 | 7:00 PM | Dan Electro's in the Heights

Watch singles.mdpc.org for dates and info on dinner beforehand.

Contact Sarah Stone: sstone@mdpc.org or 832-605-8129

MDPC Singles & Friends: Moth Story Slam

NPR's Moth (a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the art and craft of storytelling) comes to Houston! This is an open-mic storytelling competition highlighting real stories in an entertaining format. Come celebrate both the raconteur, who breathes fire into true tales of ordinary life, and the storytelling novice, who has lived through something extraordinary and yearns to share it.

Tuesday, November 11 | 6:30 PM | Warehouse Live | Tickets (\$8) at themoth.org

singles.mdpc.org

MDPC WORSHIP

*Please stand if able.

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8:30 BLENDED SERVICE

WELCOME

Vicky Jones

*SONGS OF PRAISE

*All Creatures of Our God and King
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

arr. Crowder
Hoffman/Showalter

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rick Myers

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

My Heart Is Yours

arr. Stanfill

MESSAGE

The Gospel According to the Dead Sea

Howard Edington

SONG OF RESPONSE

9:45 CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

*SONGS OF PRAISE

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Christyn Knoop

YOUTH TESTIMONY

Johnny Hartman

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

Vicky Jones

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SONG OF RESPONSE

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

11:15 TRADITIONAL SERVICE

PRELUDE

*Be Thou My Vision and Blest Be the Tie
Robert Walp, trumpet; Kathryn White, piano*

arr. Billingsley/White

WELCOME

Vicky Jones

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*CHORAL INTROIT

A Hymn of Unity

Howard Helvey

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

#423; Vs. 1, 2, 4 | DUKE STREET

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rick Myers

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

TIME OF GRATEFUL REMEMBRANCE

CHORAL REMEMBRANCE

Come, Come, Ye Saints

arr. Mack Wilberg

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

OFFERTORY

Steal Away to Jesus
James Rodriguez, soloist; Robert Walp, trumpet

arr. Ronald Arnatt

MESSAGE

The Gospel According to the Dead Sea

Howard Edington

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Amazing Grace

#280; Vs. 1, 3, 4 | AMAZING GRACE

POSTLUDE

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

arr. Hopson

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 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:

Spring Spirit Baseball focuses on the personal development of Houston's most at-risk youth through baseball, softball, and educational programs. Its goals are to provide a safe and healthy outdoor environment in which to play and learn, and to enrich the lives of children and youth through mentoring relationships.

springspiritbaseball.org

Star of Hope Mission is a Christ-centered mission community for men, women, and children that provides shelter, meals, counseling, education, and childcare. They seek to introduce each child to a loving relationship with Jesus Christ. Positive life changes are encouraged through programs that focus on spiritual growth, employment, and recovery from substance abuse.

sohmission.org

Berea Bible Institute (Monterrey, Mexico) is a small Bible college educating young leaders in Scripture. Students are ingrained with a love for serving their communities and teaching others to reach out in service to their neighbors. Graduates are sent into remote parts of Mexico where they lead churches and teach the sacrificial love of Christ through the way they live.

institutoberea.org



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Loving God. Proclaiming Christ. Living Generously. Engaging All.
11612 Memorial Drive | Houston, Texas 77024 | mdpc.org | 713-782-1710



Praises & Prayers

Please pray for these members of the MDPC family recently released from the hospital:

Bob Appel • Doug Kahn • Ahmarie Rodriguez

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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	\$ 6,157,923
Actual Income to Date	\$ 6,147,795
Current Income Deficit	\$ 10,129

All Saints' Sunday

October 26, 2014

Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church • Houston, Texas

Today we honor and remember those MDPC members who, in the past year, passed on to the Church Triumphant.



Joyce Lemer
October 17, 2013



Mary Bert
McAfee Ringland
November 30, 2013



Elizabeth "Jeanne" Clark
December 10, 2013



Barbara L. Volkel
December 21, 2013



Norma Fain Braly
December 23, 2013



Jerome H. Ferguson, Jr.
December 24, 2013



William "Bill"
Swearingen
December 31, 2013



George D. Volkel
January 21, 2014



Jan Hall Peine
January 31, 2014



Joe F. Lynch
February 17, 2014



Leslie June Bartels Bell
February 22, 2014



Robert Allen Quarles
March 2, 2014



C. B. "Bill"
Walkinshaw
March 5, 2014



Anne B. Snellgrove
March 6, 2014



Nancy Woehling Moore
April 8, 2014



Patricia Ann Doggett
April 15, 2014



Jerry Atwood
April 22, 2014



Helen Lee
Stark Carter
April 29, 2014



Francis Gray
Winters
May 3, 2014



Jack Reese
May 4, 2014



Mark Hunker
May 16, 2014



Mildred Caldwell Kerr
May 20, 2014



Frances Marie Baile
June 12, 2014



Dorothy G. Henry
June 23, 2014



Stephen Paul
Roskamp
June 25, 2014



David B. Luckenbill
July 18, 2014



Hardtner
"Hardy" L. Coon
August 7, 2014



Louis Joseph Quam
August 11, 2014



Nancy Millen Julius
August 12, 2014



Clay Christopher Gattis
September 30, 2014



Fritz Koehler
October 1, 2014



MDPC

Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church
11612 Memorial Drive | Houston, Texas 77024

Sunday, October 26, 2014



The Gospels According to the Dead Sea

Acts 20:25-35

Howard Edington preaching

Today we begin a three-week sermon series on the subject of *generosity*. In 1955, a group of visionaries started a church in west Houston that came to be MDPC. These visionaries believed that MDPC should practice radical generosity, accomplished by matching each dollar spent on the church with a dollar spent on outreach. MDPC remains committed to this radical generosity even to this day. In developing our new Mission Statement, we sought to highlight this commitment as our ongoing vision for the future. And so, MDPC's Mission Statement is *Loving God. Proclaiming Christ. Living Generously. Engaging All.*

Living Generously is the theme for MDPC's 2015 generosity campaign. November 9 is Covenant Sunday, when you will be able to bring your 2015 covenant pledge cards and offer them to God during worship. Our prayer is that God would speak clearly and powerfully during these weeks of preparation, and that we would embrace a renewed passion for carrying on the courageous vision of MDPC's founders.

Today we focus on Acts 20:25-37. The Apostle Paul was on his third missionary journey and made a stop in Ephesus. As he prepared to leave and continue his journey toward Jerusalem, he spoke final words to the elders of the Ephesian church.

- Paul began the passage with startling words: *"none of you...will ever see me again."* Paul made this statement probably because he expected to be imprisoned or martyred for preaching the Gospel of Jesus. A person's final words usually carry a depth of meaning and impact. Whose final words have you heard? How did they impact you?
- In verse 27, Paul noted that he had *"not hesitated to proclaim to you the whole will of God."* This *whole will* would have included the positive of God's unconditional love alongside the negative of human sinfulness. Why is it important to proclaim the *whole will of God*? In what ways have you done this?
- In verses 28-31, Paul warned that people would try to distort the truth and harm the flock. As shepherds, the elders were to oversee the health and well being of God's people. What are some ways the church today can do this? What "attacks" have you experienced? How have you responded?
- Paul made a solemn pledge in verses 32-35 that he had not coveted anyone's silver, gold, or clothing. But, in our world, we tend to be envious or covetous of the nice things that other people have. What things do you covet? How do these things get in the way of being fully devoted to Jesus Christ?
- Paul quoted Jesus by saying, *"It's more blessed to give than to receive."* How do you find that to be true? How have you experienced this? Whom have you blessed by giving? How have you been blessed by receiving?
- As Paul prepared to depart, he prayed with them and the Ephesian elders wept, embraced him, and kissed him. What does this say about the intimacy Paul shared with these people? What made these relationships so special? Do you have any similar relationships?

Sermon notes written by Executive Pastor, Dave Steane

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Dig Deeper at the Wednesday Bible Study: Profiles in Courage

Everyone is welcome at this weekly study led by MDPC pastors, an intriguing look into the lives of 11 courageous men and women of the Old Testament.

Wednesdays, Noon or 6:30 PM | Summit Room | No cost; meals are available for purchase.

ELDER NOMINEES, CLASS OF 2017

ADMINISTRATION

Clerk-Elect-Elect		Martha Moore
Personnel-Elect-Elect		Jody Harrington
Treasurer-Elect-Elect		Drew Tingleaf
Facilities		Bob Lehman
Food Service		Paul Whelchel
Generosity		Mary Gwen Hulsey
Strategic Issues Committee		Sonny Harkins
Technology		John Chambers

CARING

Healthcare		Larry Bryan
Memorial Services Usher		A.J. Phipps
Memorial Services Elder		Lyn Gentry

CHILDREN'S

Elementary		Liz Myers
Preschool		Wendy Spence

EQUIPPING

Adult Studies		Dick Ebling
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OUTREACH & CONNECTIONS

New Members		Jenny Nettles
Connections		Susan Fargason
Global		Mike Kelly
Local		Janet Miertschin
Local		Melinda Jackson

RELATIONSHIPS

Men's		Clint Harrington
Next Gen		Kelly Handel

WORSHIP & MUSIC

First Year		Walter Going
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YOUTH

Middle School		Kristina Seiler
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ELDER NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Jere Overdyke		Clerk-Elect, Moderator
Ann Bixby		Immediate Past Clerk
Martha Moore		Clerk-Elect-Elect, Ex Officio
Dave Steane		Executive Pastor, Ex Officio
At-Large		
Cindy Jochetz		Joe Dean Phipps
Tim Mavergeorge		Tera Rush
Cheryl Moore		Bill Stubbs

TRUSTEES

Bob Giles		Personnel Elder
Martha Moore		Clerk-Elect-Elect
Drew Tingleaf		Treasurer-Elect-Elect

