

**Sign Up Today!**

# Christmas for Kids

**SPONSORED BY MDPC WOMEN'S MINISTRIES**


This wonderful MDPC 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 today!**

Contact Meka Arend with questions or to get involved: [msarend@comcast.net](mailto:msarend@comcast.net)

↑ [women.mdpc.org](http://women.mdpc.org) ↓ [children.mdpc.org](http://children.mdpc.org)



## 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!

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

Email Mallory with questions: [mmoore@mdpc.org](mailto:mmoore@mdpc.org)

↓ [health.mdpc.org](http://health.mdpc.org)

## MDPC Blood Drive

**Sunday, November 9**  
**8:00 AM-2:00 PM**  
**Fellowship Hall**

Pre-register today in the Sanctuary Lobby, or at [giveblood.org](http://giveblood.org). Walk-ins are welcome! Pre-registering helps the blood center plan for adequate staff.

He shed His blood to save me, I donate mine to serve Him.

↓ [seniors.mdpc.org](http://seniors.mdpc.org)



Prime Timers presents *Harp of Many Colors*

Nationally known harpist Louise Trotter entertains with Broadway music, pop, jazz, ragtime, plus a *Name That Tune* contest for prizes!

**Tuesday, November 18 | Fellowship Hall**  
**Free Program: 10:30 AM | Lunch: Noon (\$9.50)**

Your check is your reservation. Checks made out to MDPC must be received at the Front Office by November 12.

## 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, November 12**  
**5:00 PM | Fellowship Hall**

↑ [outreach.mdpc.org](http://outreach.mdpc.org)

↓ [study.mdpc.org](http://study.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.

**Wednesdays, Noon or 6:30 PM | Summit Room | No cost**  
 This Week: *Deborah, The Woman Who Led an Army*  
 Led by MDPC Pastor Mauricio Chacón

Everyone is welcome! Dinner or lunch available for purchase.

↓ [blessfriday.mdpc.org](http://blessfriday.mdpc.org)



## BLESS FRIDAY

BLACK FRIDAY IS ABOUT SHOPPING  
 BLESS FRIDAY IS ABOUT SERVING

**Friday, November 28**  
[blessfriday.mdpc.org](http://blessfriday.mdpc.org)

↓ [holiday.mdpc.org](http://holiday.mdpc.org)



## Sewing for Missions HOLIDAY CRAFT SALE

Get a jump on your Christmas shopping at the Sewing for Missions **Holiday Craft Sale!** Stop by the Open House to meet and talk with the ladies, browse the amazing array of crafts and clothes (for you and your pets!), and enjoy homemade treats. Men and women welcome!

Proceeds from the Craft Sale finance the many wonderful projects that Sewing for Missions creates and donates to cancer patients, preemies, and others in need at Ben Taub Hospital throughout the year.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19 • 4:00-8:00 PM • CLC 170**  
**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20 • 8:30 AM-1:00 PM • CLC 170**



Sunday, November 2, 2014

# LIVING 2015 GENEROUSLY

*Everything You Thought You Knew About Generosity - But Didn't!*

2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 9:1-15  
 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](http://denom-issues.mdpc.org).* Need help with the online survey? Manned computer stations are set up in the Lobby.

### Opportunities for Parents

**Purely Parenting:** A forum for any adult currently in the parenting trenches! These stand-alone discussions allow the exchange of new ideas and proven strategies. Open to all.  
**Today! Speaker: Sara Kuhn | 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: November 12 | 6:30-7:30 PM | Parlor**  
[parenting.mdpc.org](http://parenting.mdpc.org)

### 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.  
**Today! Sanctuary East Gallery (hallway facing Blalock) | After Each Morning Service**

### MDPC Singles & Friends

**Royal Dukes Concert:** Come enjoy a showcase of music from the amazing Royal Dukes Band. The free hour-long show includes jazz standards, country, blues, 80s faves, and more!  
**Date Change! Tuesday, November 4 | 7:00 PM | Dan Electro's in the Heights**  
**Moth Story Slam:** NPR's Moth (a nonprofit dedicated to the art of storytelling) comes to Houston! This open-mic competition highlights real stories in an entertaining format.  
**Tuesday, November 11 | 6:30 PM | Warehouse Live | Tickets (\$8) at [themoth.org](http://themoth.org)**  
*Contact Sarah Stone: [sstone@mdpc.org](mailto:sstone@mdpc.org), 832-605-8129*

### Mission Market Is Opening Soon!

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

### Share Your Business Skills

Newspring's annual Business Plan Competition begins in January. Over the past six years, over 100 MDPC members have participated as advisers to HCC students, helping them draft a business plan. It's a great opportunity to witness to your Christian faith in a secular world. Advisers work in pairs, mentoring their contestants through the competition.  
*For details, contact Robert Westheimer at [rwestheimer1@comcast.net](mailto:rwestheimer1@comcast.net).*

### Come Learn More About a Possible 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.  
**Informational Meeting: Wednesday, November 12 | 6:30 PM | Room 170**  
*Contact Bitsy Cleveland with questions: [bcleveland@mdpc.org](mailto:bcleveland@mdpc.org) or 713-490-9542*

### Toy Train

Christmas is around the corner, and that means the Toy Train is here! Share God's blessings with children who are less fortunate. MDPC's Mobile Unit starts spreading the holiday spirit in inner city and Spring Branch neighborhoods during the first week of December, bringing toys to give to the children.  
**Visit the Toy Train (outside Children's Ministries) to drop off new, unwrapped toys through December 16.**

## MDPC WORSHIP

\*Please stand if able.

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### 8:30 BLENDED SERVICE

WELCOME		Rick Myers
*SONGS OF PRAISE	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us</i>	arr. Gómez arr. Agnew
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON		
SONG OF PREPARATION	<i>The Solid Rock</i>	arr. Gómez
GIFTS OF GRATITUDE	<i>Great Are You, Lord</i>	Ingram/Jordan/Leonard
MESSAGE	Everything You Thought You Knew About Generosity–But Didn't!	Howard Edington
SONG OF RESPONSE		

### 9:45 CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

*SONGS OF PRAISE		
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION		Rachel Poysky
THIRD GRADE BIBLES	Rachel Poysky, Mallory Moore, Howard Edington	
Dan George Blake, III	Adam Michael Gilbert	Bethany Lynn Owens
Lauren Elizabeth Blake	Avery Anne Hubbard	Marc R. Palmer
Brooke Avery Bullers	Gracious Kimani	Joshua Aidan Petzold
James Chambers	Jade Lawson-Ho	Brooks Rouse
John Carlton Crawford	Payton Long	Holley Brian Russell
Samuel Hawkin Dodson	Thomas Myers	Charlotte Spencer Stiles
Seth Perry Engvall	Zachary Myers	Luke Tingleaf
Owen Flemming	Chloe Van Nguyen	Cullen Walton
Peter Amedeo Frandina	Oliver Hill Oldham	

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### 11:15 TRADITIONAL SERVICE

PRELUDE	<i>Voluntary</i>	George Dyson
WELCOME		Rick Myers
*CALL TO WORSHIP		
*CHORAL INTROIT	<i>I Will Worship the Lord</i>	John Rutter
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty</i>	#138; Vs. 1,4   NICA EA
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON		Rachel Poysky
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	FROM ROMANS 8	
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	<i>The Gloria Patri</i>	Hymn #579
ANTHEM	<i>Fight the Good Fight</i>	John Gardner

THIRD GRADE BIBLES	Rachel Poysky, Mallory Moore, Howard Edington	
Anna Catherine Brandt	Kiersten Amber Johansson	Katherine Anne Puhala
Cara Chaffin	Christian John Kiest	Ella Elizabeth Schroeter
Jacob Davis Chapman	Angelo Isaiah Michaels	Catherine Ella Transou
Kate Carlson DeWalch	Miriam Grace Osbon	Simone Raina Williams

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE		Vicky Jones
OFFERTORY	<i>Give to My Eyes, Lord</i>	Ronald Corp
MESSAGE	Everything You Thought You Knew About Generosity–But Didn't!	Howard Edington
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>	#525; Vs. 1, 3   Daniel Schutte

## MDPC INFO

### Coordinating Team

Mauricio Chacón | Associate Pastor for Fuente  
Howard Edington | Interim Senior Pastor  
Brandon Gaide | Associate Pastor for Next Gen  
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Gena Kookan | Sr. Leadership Ministry Coord.  
Rick Myers | Associate Pastor for Caring  
Rachel Poysky | Children's Ministries Dir.  
Becky Riggs | Business Administrator  
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Kathryn White | Coordinating Music Dir.  
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Gary Bowker | Pastor Emeritus

MDPC Foundation  
*For information, contact Business Administrator  
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:

**Stoney Creek Ranch** helps young people come to know Christ and His role in their lives, and to develop an authentic personal relationship with Him. They work closely with churches and organizations that support urban youth. These young people, who rarely experience the beauty of God's creation, visit Stoney Creek for a life-changing camping adventure in the great outdoors.  
[stoneycreekranch.org](http://stoneycreekranch.org)

**Texas Theological Foundation (Houston-Fuller)** was founded to bring the rich programs of Fuller Theological Seminary to Texas. They provide scholarships to seminarians so that these future leaders in the Body of Christ may complete their seminary education without the burden of significant debt.  
[fuller.edu/campuses-online/texas.aspx](http://fuller.edu/campuses-online/texas.aspx)

**China Resource Center** equips and strengthens the growing Chinese church, and fosters constructive Western engagement in China by building churches in rural areas and distributing Bibles. This ministry is dedicated to reflecting the relevance and love of Jesus Christ as they share the Good News.  
[chinaresourcecenter.org](http://chinaresourcecenter.org)



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### Praises & Prayers

Today's Chancel Flowers are given in loving memory of Joyce Lemer.

### You Shop, Amazon Gives.

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](http://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](mailto:briggs@mdpc.org) or 713-953-2570*

### WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>	
2014 Budget	\$ 10,550,000
Expected Income to date	\$ 6,283,585
Actual Income to Date	\$ 6,325,057
Current Income Surplus	\$ 41,472



# ALL-CHURCH LUNCH

## TODAY!

11:00 AM-1:00 PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL

### 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)

Chicken Tenders

## JOIN US! EVERYONE IS WELCOME.



**MDPC**  
Memorial Drive  
Presbyterian Church



HELP!



Sunday, November 2, 2014



## Everything You Thought You Knew About Generosity - But Didn't!

2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 9:1-15

Howard Edington preaching

Today we continue our 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 sections from 2 Corinthians 8 and 9. The Macedonian churches faced severe trial and poverty, but they were so committed to the Gospel of Jesus Christ that they found a way to give a generous gift to Paul and his ministry. Paul used this as an opportunity to teach the Corinthians about Christian stewardship and generosity. These words are quite relevant for us today!

- The Macedonians gave a generous gift to Paul, even though their situation was bleak and they had precious few resources. Have you ever done something similar? Has there been a time when God compelled you to give, even though it seemed to be illogical or irresponsible?
- Paul challenged the Corinthians to excel in *this grace of giving*. He said they excelled in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, and in complete earnestness and love. Why do you think some people can live exemplary Christian lives, but still have trouble with giving and generosity?
- We tend to think that giving is personal and private, but, in verses 10-12, Paul gave the Corinthians a clear challenge to *finish the work* of their giving. How do you think you would respond if someone challenged you about your giving? Why might we be resistant? How might God be speaking when those challenges are heard?
- As 2 Corinthians 9 began, Paul stated that he was sending *the brothers* to the Corinthians to collect the gift they had promised. This probably had more to do with accountability and the urgency of the ministry of the Gospel. When you make a financial pledge, how seriously do you intend to fulfill it? To what extent do you welcome accountability in your giving?
- In verse 6, Paul offered some familiar words: *Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly*. In agricultural terms, if you drop just a few seeds, you'll reap a small harvest. Conversely, if you drop a generous amount of seed, you'll reap a bountiful harvest. How might this affect your perspective and attitude as you reflect on your giving to God?

Sermon notes written by Executive Pastor, Dave Steane