



## Next Gen Community Groups:

The Younger Adults of MDPC are a mix of singles, marrieds, students, and professionals who desire to know the Scriptures, be rooted in Jesus Christ, and build community. Sometimes we meet at a pub, but mostly in homes. Come join us! Here's one small group led by the Humphreys:

### Heights Co-ed

Wednesdays, 7:00 PM  
Jonathan & Margaret Humphreys  
streetmf@gmail.com

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

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

## HEROES OF THE FAITH FILM FESTIVAL

**N**eed inspiration?  
Discover some of the great Christian leaders of the past who changed the course of history! Learn more about the legacy we have inherited from those who dared to take a stand.

**Wednesdays in January**  
**6:30 PM | Amphitheater**

Pick up a flier for details.

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

## B90

READ THE BIBLE

**Sundays**  
9:45 or 11:15 AM  
**or Wednesdays**  
6:30 PM

**The Challenge:**  
**To read attentively**  
**every word of the Bible**  
**in 90 days.**

**Begins January 18**

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

the art of **marriage**<sup>®</sup>  
a six-session video event

Wednesdays, April 8-May 13  
6:15-7:45 PM | Amphitheater



Sessions Include:  
Real-life Testimonies • Expert Teaching • Humorous Vignettes

For more information or to register: [marriage.mdpc.org](http://marriage.mdpc.org)

# 2015 YOUTH EVENTS

## Middle School

**Connection:** Sundays, 11:00 AM | The Backyard  
**Life Groups:** Meet weekly. Visit [middleschool.mdpc.org](http://middleschool.mdpc.org) for times  
**6th Grade Mission Trip:** Dates TBD | Houston, TX  
**7th & 8th Grade Mission Trip:** June 7-13 | San Antonio TX

## High School

**Connection:** Sundays, 11:00 AM | The Living Room  
**Life Groups:** Meet weekly. Visit [highschool.mdpc.org](http://highschool.mdpc.org) for times  
**High School Mission Trip:** June 22-28 | New Orleans, LA  
**International Mission Trip:** Dates TBD | Mbali, Uganda

For more information and to register for trips, visit [youth.mdpc.org](http://youth.mdpc.org).

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

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

**Tuesdays**  
6:30-8:30 PM  
Rooms 217-219  
Light supper provided

## CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Christ-centered Recovery

Celebrate Recovery is a biblical and balanced program that can help you overcome your hurts, habits, and hang-ups of any type - divorce, grief, pornography, infidelity, shame, guilt, life transitions, low self-esteem, drug or alcohol, depression, food issues, loss of job - all based on the loving power of Jesus Christ.

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

## Parent Palooza

Free Event!  
[register.mdpc.org](http://register.mdpc.org)

Dig deeper in breakout sessions on parenting topics.

**January 9-10 (Friday PM & Saturday AM)**

Childcare available by reservation:  
[childcare@mdpc.org](mailto:childcare@mdpc.org)

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

## CBGR

THE 3RD ANNUAL  
CHILI, BBQ, GUMBO,  
ROADKILL COOK-OFF

SPONSORED BY MDPC BILATONSHIPS MINISTRIES  
& CITY OF SPRING VALLEY VILLAGE

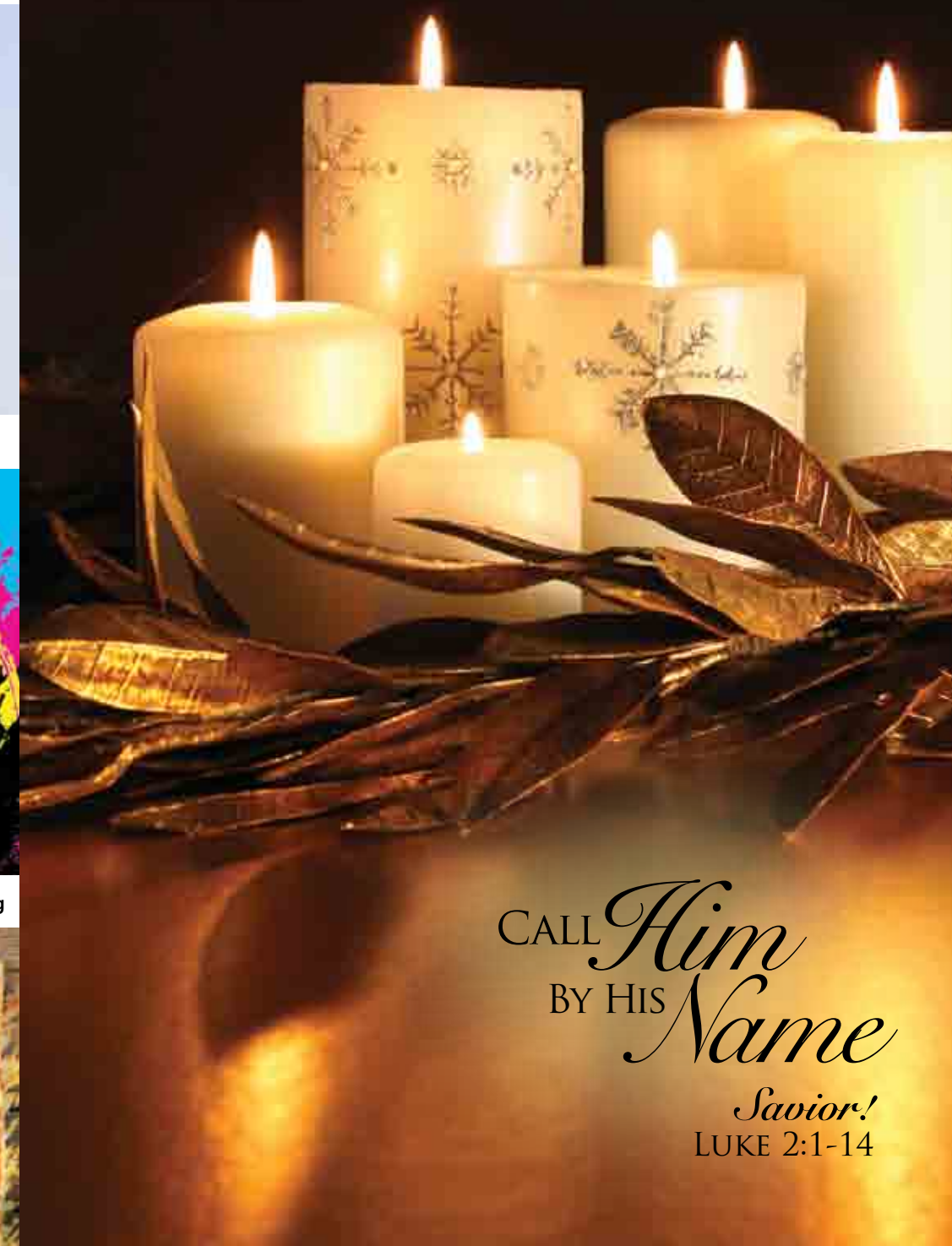
**COOK-OFF 2015**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 31**  
2:00-6:00 PM | Spring Valley Village City Park on Campbell  
Register at [cbgr.mdpc.org](http://cbgr.mdpc.org) (\$35 fee/per team)

DECEMBER 24, 2014

# Christmas Eve Services

5:30, 7:00, & 8:30 PM

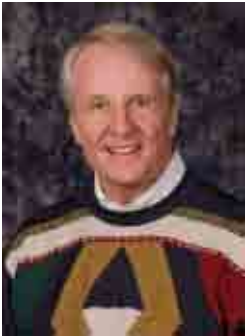


CALL *Him*  
BY HIS *Name*  
*Savior!*  
LUKE 2:1-14


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



CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP



I love Christmas. Of course, I am thrilled by Easter for it sets my spirit to soaring and my lips to singing as it trumpets the resurrection victory over death and evil. I am moved by Pentecost as it drives me to my knees in thanks to God for the gift to us of both His Spirit and His Church. But I *love* Christmas. I love its joy and caring, its expectancy and excitement. I love its bright lights, glowing candles, red flowers, smiling faces. I love its embracing love and lilting music. I love the veil of holy hush Christmas drapes over the hurly-burly world, if only for a scant twenty-four hours. Best of all I love its stories...of shepherds on hillsides hearing symphonies of angels, of the Son of God being lulled to sleep in an animal feedbox, of mysterious Easterners traveling great distances bringing exquisite gifts. I love Christmas - and my guess is that you love it, too. Therefore let's join together on this marvelous Christmas Eve to celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Christmas Christ.

  
Howard Edington, Interim Senior Pastor

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE	<i>The Birth of Jesus from Glad Tidings</i>	Randol Bass (b. 1953)
*CONGREGATIONAL CAROL	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	arr. John Rutter
WELCOME		Dave Steane
*CONGREGATIONAL CAROL	<i>Hark! the Herald Angels Sing</i>	MENDELSSOHN
SCRIPTURE	Isaiah 9:2-3 and 6-7	Associate Pastor+
ANTHEM	<i>See, See, the Word Is Incarnate</i>	K. Lee Scott (b. 1950)
SCRIPTURE	Luke 1:26-35	Participating Pastor
ANTHEM	<i>Go Tell It on the Mountain</i>	Steve Barnett
SCRIPTURE	Luke 2:1-14	
*CONGREGATIONAL CAROL	<i>O Holy Night</i>	Adolphe Adam
OFFERTORY	<i>Sure on This Shining Night</i>	Morten Lauridsen (b. 1943)/arr. White
REFLECTION	Call Him By His Name: Savior	Howard Edington
SERVICE OF CANDLES		
*CONGREGATIONAL CAROL	<i>Silent Night</i>	STILLE NACHT
*FINAL BLESSING		
POSTLUDE	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	arr. Daniel Kelley

**Musicians participating in tonight's service:** Miriam Belyatsky, violin • Louis-Marie Fardet, cello • Charles Hausmann, conductor • Rasa Kalesnykaite, violin • Chavdar Parashkevov, viola • Julio Sanchez, percussion • Sheryl Sanchez, flute • Kathryn White, organ

- \* Please stand if able.
- + Associate Pastors:  
5:30 PM Kristin Huffman | 7:00 PM Victoria Jones | 8:30 PM Dave Steane

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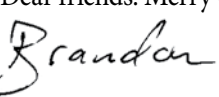
SERMON NOTES

More than 2,000 years ago a baby was born in a small town in Palestine. That baby—chubby, cute, fragile, and human—was the Son of God. Tonight is the night we celebrate, once again, this humble story as God's masterful work of salvation.

We are grateful you've chosen to celebrate the birth of the Christ with us at MDPC. Christ alone is the reason this church exists, so this celebration is very special to us. The story of Jesus Christ isn't just a story; it's also our story, the story of how God entered history in flesh and blood to secure salvation on our behalf. Our church is made up of individuals whose stories all somehow converge on the story of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. If, in our church, you find goodness, life, or hope, it is not because we are great, but because Jesus Christ has come to us, and He is great.

MDPC has occupied this corner of West Houston for nearly 60 years. In that time, we have established several specific expressions of being disciples of Jesus Christ. We prioritize Loving God above all else, believing that our first responsibility is to be connected to the Living God. We insist on Proclaiming Christ, without whom we would not know forgiveness for our sins, and would have no answer for evil in the world. We believe in Living Generously, trusting that by God's generosity we too can practice different kinds of radical generosity. One of the ways we do this is by Dollar for Dollar giving, where we strive to give away one dollar for every one dollar we spend on maintaining the ministries of our church. And we continue toward our goal of Engaging All, in which we appreciate and serve the five generations who coexist in our church.

We love our church, and we hope you'll see why. But our goal tonight is not to convince you that MDPC is great. Our goal is to remind you that Jesus Christ is great. If this church brings you closer to Him, please come back and learn more. Whatever the case, know that, "Unto you was born this night, in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11).

Dear friends: Merry Christmas!  
  
Brandon Gaide, Associate Pastor for Next Gen



Join us on Sundays...  
for one of our five distinct services,  
each offering great music and  
an inspirational message.

8:30 AM Blended Service | Chapel  
9:45 AM Contemporary Service | Sanctuary  
11:15 AM Traditional Service | Sanctuary  
11:15 AM Spanish Service | Chapel  
5:00 PM Fifth Service | Chapel

worship.mdpc.org

ABOUT MDPC

Recipients of Tonight's Christmas Eve Offering

Each year on Christmas Eve, MDPC collects a special offering to support select local ministry partners and 12 mission field workers serving around the world. All cash donations and checks with "Christmas Eve Offering" on the memo line will be sent to bless these families and local ministries.

Local Ministry Partners

- Open Door Mission
- Agape Development
- CanCare
- Be An Angel
- Westside Homeless Partnership
- Gracewood Transitional Housing and Family Care

Global Ministry Partners

MDPC Global Mission Field Workers and their families.

Thank you for your generosity that encourages and supports these partners!

BAPTISM IN TONIGHT'S 8:30 SERVICE

Sophia Wu, daughter of Jose Wu and Katherine Nguyen; officiated by Howard Edington

Coordinating Team

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|---|--|
| Mauricio Chacón   Associate Pastor for Fuente   | Gena Kooken   Sr. Leadership Ministry Coor.    |
| Howard Edington   Interim Senior Pastor         | Rick Myers   Associate Pastor for Caring       |
| Brandon Gaide   Associate Pastor for Next Gen   | Rachel Poysky   Children's Ministries Director |
| Ginny Glass   Communications & Media Director   | Becky Riggs   Business Administrator           |
| Meliza Gómez   Contemporary Music Director      | Dave Steane   Executive Pastor & Head of Staff |
| Luke Gordon   Youth Ministries Director         | Kathryn White   Coordinating Music Director    |
| Charles Hausmann   Traditional Music Director   | Karen Winship   Human Resources Director       |
| Kristin Huffman   Associate Pastor for Outreach | Dave Peterson   Pastor Emeritus                |
| Brett Hurst   Relationships Minister            | Gary Bowker   Pastor Emeritus                  |
| Victoria Jones   Associate Pastor for Equipping |  |

The Palmer Family in memory of grandparents, Natalie and Billy Poarch

The Palmer Family in memory of niece, Kim Dodson

The Palmer Family in memory of brother, Charles Dodson

Cathie, Pamela, Lauren, Wendy, Jennifer, and Elizabeth in memory of Charlie Petak

Philip Puckett in memory of Juanita Puckett

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Purifoy in memory of their loving parents

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Purifoy in memory of their loving son, Dr. W. L. Purifoy

Eleanor Prillaman in memory of her husband, Douglas Prillaman

The Pyburn Family in memory of their parents, Bill and Ruthie Vogel

The Pyburn Family in memory of their parents, Ted and Francis Pyburn

Carol Lee and Ken Robertson in memory of Gladys Anderson and Vince Anderson

Katy Reynolds in honor of Kathy, Donna, Beth, and Kate

The Reynolds Family in memory of Stan Reynolds

James Riopelle in memory of Steven Riopelle

The Satterwhite Family in memory of their friend, Warren Barfield

Rosalie Schermerhorn in memory of Fritz Schermerhorn

Margy Short in memory of Landon Short

Virginia and Don Smith in honor of all the MDPC angels in their lives

Sheila and Rick Stegall in honor of Lollie Taylor

Sheila and Rick Stegall in honor of Ashley, Sean, Jordan, Noble, and Travis Gregory

Sheila and Rick Stegall in honor of Betty and Tom Lancaster

Sheila and Rick Stegall in memory of Jean and Doyle Stegall

Sheila and Rick Stegall in memory of Lannie and Jack Murchison

Sheila and Rick Stegall in memory of Bonnie and Joe Thelen

Sheila and Rick Stegall in memory of Floyd Taylor

Sheila and Rick Stegall in memory of Barbara and Pres Presley

The Stiles Family in honor of Ruth and Charles Gerum

The Stiles Family in honor of Judy and Mike Stiles

The Stiles Family in memory of Regen Stiles

Robin Sturgis in memory of Christine Van Osdall

Roberta P. Sweet in honor of Libby Pankey

Roberta P. Sweet in memory of Edgar E. Pankey

Roger Sweet in memory of Elizabeth Sweet

Jeanmarie and Tim Tade in honor of their children, Caroline and Miles

Elizabeth Timmer in honor of her sweet girl, Sara Timmer

Elizabeth Timmer in memory of her mother, Amy Richey

Elizabeth Timmer in memory of her brother, Joseph Murray

Elizabeth Timmer in memory of her father, Robert Timmer

Elizabeth Timmer in memory of her dear friend, Montana Timmer

Elizabeth Timmer in memory of her dear friend, Cailen Ian McDuff

Peter and Jan Tomlinson in memory of Jan’s mom, Jean Willoughby

Peter and Jan Tomlinson in memory of Jan’s dad, Lucian Willoughby

Louise Trotter in memory of George Trotter

The Tsuru Family in memory of Mrs. Jacqueline Skelton

The Tsuru Family in memory of Aiko and Frank Tsuru

Marc and Whitney Walsh in honor of Linda and Kent Anderson, Monique Walsh, and the Kubitza and Anderson families

Marc and Whitney Walsh in honor of their friends, Jodie and Willie Jordan

David and Linda White in honor of Ame and Catherine Vennema

David and Linda White in memory of Glenn and Randle White

Cynthia Whitty in memory of Ross Jernigan

Fred Whitty Family in honor of Anne and Babe Whitty

Cynthia Whitty and Family in memory of Shirley and Doyle Race

Em and Larry Williams in honor of Janet and Scott Williams

Em and Larry Williams in memory of parents, Stanley and Bertha Williams

Em and Larry Williams in memory of parents, Leon and Kathleen May

Em and Larry Williams in memory of Janet’s father, Dennis Cummings

Mona Williams, the Chris Jaeger Family, and the Rick Bradford Family in memory of Barbara Smith

Jacky Woike in memory of her husband, Bill Woike

Jacky Woike in honor of Dianne Warren

Jacky Woike in honor of Sue and Joe Warren

Jacky Woike in honor of Stephanie and John Wilkinson and Ben

Mary Belle Wooddy in memory of Dale Wooddy

Mary Belle Wooddy in memory of Mr. and Mrs. P.D. Manning

Mary Belle Wooddy in memory of Mr. and Mrs. L.D. Wooddy

*We strive for accuracy and regret any errors or omissions.*



*The poinsettias that adorn our Chapel and Sanctuary were given in honor or memory of these loved ones...*

Barbara and Laurence Abrams in memory of parents, Dorothy and Richard Cameron

Barbara and Laurence Abrams in memory of parents, Jeanette and Aaron Abrams

Dr. and Mrs. Clay Albrecht in honor of Baby Albrecht

Jack and Tammy Allyn in memory of Keene and Helen Spitler

Sam Anderson in honor of Millie and Arthur Anderson

Kathy and Sam Anderson in memory of Otto and Bette Brandt

Esther Andrau in memory of Ivy Bale

Esther Andrau in memory of Dale Maclay

Sandra Appel in memory of Robert C. Appel, Jr.

Kristen Arnett in honor of Carolyn and Butch Arnett

Kristen Arnett in honor of Linda and Bert Clark

Nancy and Steve Beasley in honor of their son, Brad Beasley

Nancy and Steve Beasley in honor of their daughter, Kate Brock

Nancy and Steve Beasley in honor of their son-in-law, Michael Brock

Nancy and Steve Beasley in memory of Nancy’s mother, Nancy McMinn

Nancy and Steve Beasley in memory of Nancy’s father, Bill McMinn

Nancy and Steve Beasley in memory of Steve’s mother, Lea Beasley

Nancy and Steve Beasley in memory of Steve’s father, Marty Beasley

Dee Zook Bell in memory of Bob Bell

Dee Zook Bell in memory of John and Doris Post

Andrew and Gillian Brooks in memory of Brian Brooks

Andrew and Gillian Brooks in memory of Gillian’s dad, Albert Crosby

BSD class in memory of Karl Penny

Barbara Butler in honor of Bob and Ann Croyle

Barbara Butler in memory of Bob and Eleanor Croyle

The Dastmalchian Family in memory of their friend, Warren Barfield

The Dastmalchian Family in memory of sister-in-law, Amber Garcia

The Dastmalchian Family in memory of Mrs. Dierking, “my teacher”

Dan Diaz in memory of Alice Diaz

Buckminster Farrow in memory of Carolyn Judge

Buckminster Farrow in memory of Grant Judge, Jr.

Betsy and Thom Farver in memory of Betsy’s parents, Betty and Bill Vance

Betsy and Thom Farver in memory of Thom’s parents, Alice and Hans Farver

Jan and Bill Fawley in memory of their parents

Linda Fountain in memory of her mother, Bert Woolley

Linda Fountain in memory of her father, William Woolley

Marilyn George in memory of her loving husband, Gerald George

Amy Lyn George and Julie White in memory of their father, Gerald George

Colin White and Robby, Scotty, and Molly Eckert in memory of their grandfather, Gerald George

Carol and Bob Giles in honor of Trisha and Howard Edington

Carol and Bob Giles in memory of Leo and Ethelyn Smith

Carol and Bob Giles in memory of Jessica Leigh Robinson

Carol and Bob Giles in memory of Robert and Margaret Giles

Mary Lee and Walter Going in memory of Eugenia and Walter Going

Mary Lee and Walter Going in memory of Helen and Melford Carter

The Goolsby Family in memory of Carrie’s parents, June and Jack Long

The Goolsby Family in memory of Jim’s sister, Linda Watson

Julie and Milt Hempel in honor of the upcoming marriage of Peter Hempel and Emily Conner

Julie and Milt Hempel in memory of Ben and Ruth Hempel, and Dick and Irene Rose

Christina Holland in memory of Beautiful

Bill Holloway in memory of his parents, Nancy and Ed Holloway

Bob Holloway in memory of his parents, Nancy and Ed Holloway

Chuck Holloway in memory of his parents, Nancy and Ed Holloway

Joanne Hunter in memory of her husband, Bill Hunter

Joanne Hunter in memory of her grandson, Owen Keddal

The Jackson Family in memory of Julie Jackson

Steve Jarvis and Ginger Benfield in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Don Jarvis

Steve Jarvis and Ginger Benfield in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Bowden

Steve Jarvis and Ginger Benfield in memory of Dr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Benfield, Jr.

Ellie Kaptain in memory of Steven K. Kaptain

Ellie Kaptain in memory of Nancy Julius

Ellie Kaptain in memory of Dorothy G. Henry

James and Lori Keeter in memory of James’ mother, May Madora Ross

James and Lori Keeter in memory of Lori’s father, William Tartaglia

The Khatiblou Family in honor of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Swalick

The Khatiblou Family in honor of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bahram Khatiblou

The Khatiblou Family in memory of their aunt, Helen Donnelly

The Khatiblou Family in memory of their grandmother, Anne Regina Donnelly

The Khatiblou Family in memory of their grandmother, Rose Swalick

The Khatiblou Family in memory of their grandmother, Touran Motazedi

The Khatiblou Family in memory of their grandma, Jeanne Donnelly

Kay and John Krebs in honor of their children and grandchildren

Kay and John Krebs in memory of their parents

Calvin and Dorothy Koomey in memory of Hal and Lois Robb

Calvin and Dorothy Koomey in memory of Victor B. (Barry) Koomey

The Dan Kubitz Family in honor of Parker, Caroline, and Kent Kubitz

The Dan Kubitz Family in honor of the Walsh and Anderson Families

The Dan Kubitz Family in honor of Linda and Kent Anderson

The Dan Kubitz Family in memory of Dan Kubitz, III

The Dan Kubitz Family in memory of Joyce Kubitz

The Dan Kubitz Family in memory of Jeanne Clark

The Dan Kubitz Family in memory of Patrick Nicosia

Jimena Lieb in memory of Teresa Dolan

Rick and Gwen Lilliott in honor of Marty Chapman

Rick and Gwen Lilliott in honor of Rick Chapman

Rick and Gwen Lilliott in honor of Julia Chapman

Rick and Gwen Lilliott in honor of Jack Chapman

Rick and Gwen Lilliott in honor of Lexie Chapman

Rick and Gwen Lilliott in memory of their parents

Rick and Gwen Lilliott in memory of Dick and Martha Lilliott

Rick and Gwen Lilliott in memory of Gordon and Mary Davis

Penny and Baker McAdams in honor of their grandchildren, Jack, Morgan, and Baker Grace

The McCullough Girls in honor of their grandmother, Lois Dickson Myers

The McCullough Girls in honor of their grandmother, Karen McCullough

Gayle MacKay in memory of her husband, Donald MacKay

The Martin Family in memory of Jan K. Kindel

Barbara and Norman Moore in memory of Harry and Geraldine Lord

Barbara and Norman Moore in memory of Norman H. Moore, Sr. and Elizabeth Moore

Allison, Michael, Jeremy, Jackson, Gracie, and Janie Mitschke in memory of their wonderful grandparents

Allison, Michael, Jeremy, Jackson, Gracie, and Janie Mitschke in memory of Grace and Bill Allen

Ann Miller in memory of Joseph Miller

Ann Miller in memory of Kendrick Miller

Carolyn Moore in loving memory of MaMa (Betty Fitts)

Carolyn Moore in loving memory of her brother, James Sortin

Debbi Nager in memory of her brothers, Gary and Michael Fritts

Dennis and Sally Nelson in honor of their four precious grandsons, Cameron, Cooper, Conner, and William

Dennis and Sally Nelson in honor of Howard and Trisha Edington, with love and Christmas blessings

Dennis and Sally Nelson in honor of Dave and Jenny Steane, with love and Christmas blessings

Dennis and Sally Nelson in honor of their dear friends, Don and Virginia Smith

Dennis and Sally Nelson in memory of loving mother, Betty Nelson

Dennis and Sally Nelson in memory of loving parents, Anne and Gus Snellgrove

Janet Nemitz in memory of her dear husband, Jerry

Sandy, John, and Clark Norris in honor of Marion Madolyn Mertz

Sandy, John, and Clark Norris in honor of Lavonne Watts

Peggy Moore Ottea in memory of her mother, Evelyn Hodgdon

Peggy Moore Ottea in memory of her sister-in-law, Connie Newsom

Bonnie Palmer in memory of Julie Jackson

The Palmer Family in memory of mother, Wilma E. Palmer

The Palmer Family in memory of mother and father, Lela and Harold Dodson