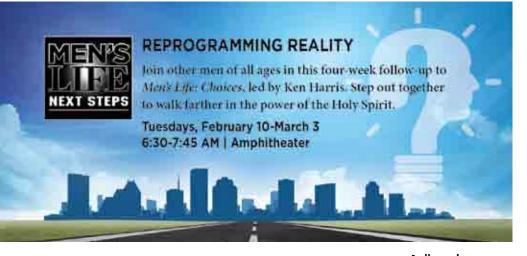
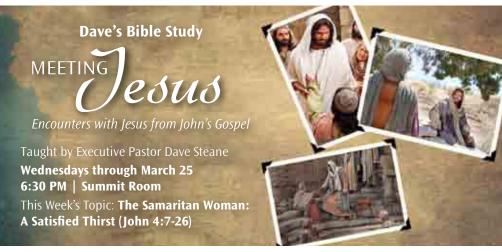


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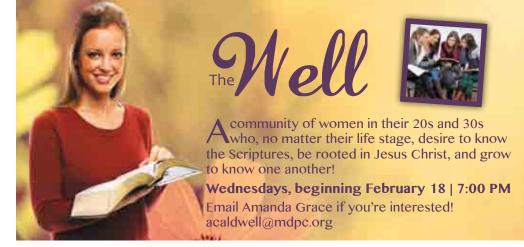


Life is all about your children...make this night all about your marriage.

Saturday, February 14

5:30-7:30 PM

Register by February 10: register.mdpc.org





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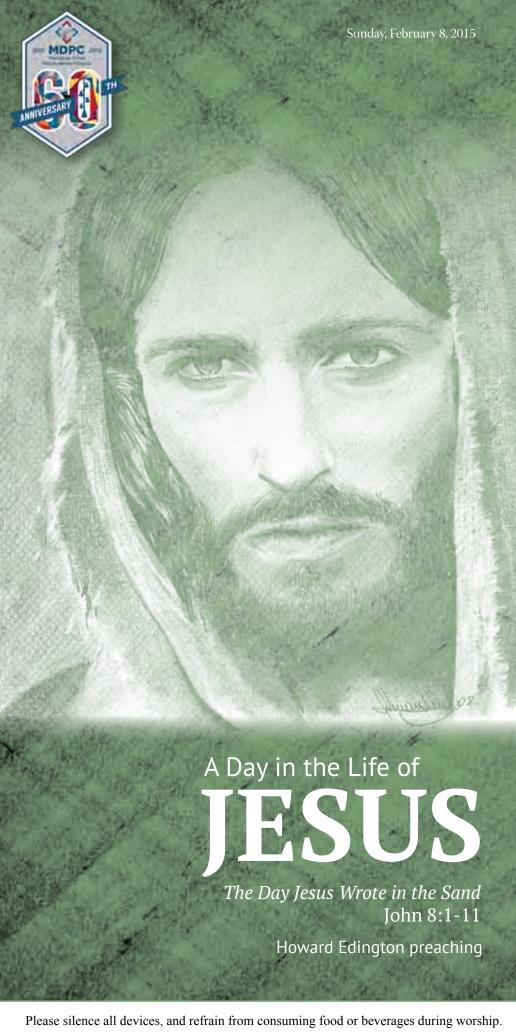
rest.

Find the antidote for your weary soul.

A six-week Bible Study during Lent, beginning February 22
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MDPC HIGHLIGHTS

Congregational Meeting Regarding Discernment

On February 22, we will devote the 9:45 hour to a Congregational Meeting for the purpose of voting on whether or not MDPC should enter the Discernment Process. In addition to this change, the 8:30 service will move to the Sanctuary. The rest of that Sunday's services will not be affected.

Sunday, February 22 | 9:45 AM | Sanctuary

For additional information, visit denom-issues.mdpc.org.

The First Five

Talks by various MDPC parents focusing on the first five years of a child's life. Open to all. In February, Lilly Guu is going to share some love and logic tips. Her counseling approach is eclectic and she believes spirituality is an important aspect of the counseling experience.

February 11 (Second Wednesdays) | 6:30 PM | Parlor parenting.mdpc.org

National Marriage Week: February 7-14

Celebrate National Marriage Week by wooing your spouse with a date night this week! Want some ideas of how to spice up date night? Email Amanda Grace Caldwell for a free toolkit. We believe that marriage is a covenantal relationship and want to honor you and your spouse as you continue to grow in love and knowledge of each other. Contact Amanda Grace Caldwell: acaldwell@mdpc.org or 713-490-0931

Opportunity to Serve on an Outreach Committee

We're looking for 10 people who have hearts for outreach to serve on outreach committees. These teams connect with local and global ministries to develop and grow partnerships. Contact Jan Roe to learn about this inspiring, faith-growing opportunity: jroe@mdpc.org

Prime Timers presents: A Love Story

Pattie Al-Attas Barrett invites us into a world not often seen. Her story, told with humor and a gift for the quirky, takes a Royal Prince, a barefoot boy from Yemen, a girl from Kansas, and a shy engineer, and weaves them into an inspiring tale of God's redemptive love.

Tuesday, February 17 | Fellowship Hall | Free Program: 10:30 AM, Lunch (\$9.50) Noon Your check (\$9.50) is your reservation. Leave at the front desk or mail to MPDC by February 11.

New Member Class Intensive

The New Member Class is taught by Associate Pastors and Elders. Join us for the normally six-week series, condensed into a weekend! It also includes a Saturday service project.

Friday, February 20 | 6:30-8:00 PM | Home of Pastor Kristin Huffman Saturday, February 21 | 8:30 AM-Noon | MDPC Parlor

Contact Diann Turet with questions and to register: dturet@mdpc.org or 713-490-9553

Blood Drive: Sign Up Today!

Pre-register in the Sanctuary Lobby today or next Sunday, or at giveblood.org. Pre-registering helps Blood Center staff provide enough technicians so you won't have a long wait. On the day of the drive, walk-ins still are welcome!

Blood Drive Date: Sunday, February 22 | 8:00 AM-2:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Christian Civility, with Speaker Dr. Richard Mouw

Christians often are seen as being at the forefront of contentious debates about matters ranging from politics to family life. Richard Mouw, professor and former president of Fuller Theological Seminary, will talk about how the Christian message might provide a foundation for intelligent and civil dialogue about the more prickly issues of our time.

Wednesday, February 25 | 7:00 PM | St. Andrew's PC (5308 Buffalo Speedway, 77005)

MDPC Women's Speaker Series: FOMO

Join us for light snacks and drinks and a thoughtful, enlightening, and humorous presentation on FOMO: Fear Of Missing Out, a compulsive concern that one might miss an opportunity or satisfying event. Join us as we dig into God's Word to experience the ways He sets us free from this slavery to fear.

Wednesday, February 25 | 6:30-8:00 PM | Chapel | Free!

More details and speaker info: women.mdpc.org

MDPC WORSHIP

*Please stand if able. CCLI # 182374

8:30 BLENDED SERVICE

WELCOME Dave Steane *SONGS OF PRAISE He Is Exalted Twila Paris Come, Thou Fount arr. Gómez

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON Brett Hurst

How Great Is Our God GIFTS OF GRATITUDE Dave Steane and Liz Timmer

OFFERTORY This I Believe (The Creed) arr. Crocker/Fielding MESSAGE The Day Jesus Wrote in the Sand Howard Edington

*SONG OF RESPONSE

SONG OF PREPARATION

9:45 CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

*SONGS OF PRAISE

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Christyn Knoop

*SONG OF PREPARATION

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Teri Adair **GIFTS OF GRATITUDE** Dave Steane MESSAGE The Day Jesus Wrote in the Sand Howard Edington

*SONG OF RESPONSE

11:15 TRADITIONAL SERVICE

PRELUDE Master Tallis' Testament Herbert Howells WELCOME Dave Steane

CALL TO WORSHIP

CHORAL INTROIT Awake, My Heart Jane Marshall (b. 1924) Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee *HYMN OF PRAISE #464; Vs. 1, 3 | HYMN TO JOY *PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON Rachel Poysky

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

ANTHEM Love Divine, All Loves Excelling Mack Wilberg (b. 1955) **OFFERTORY** There Is a Balm in Gilead arr. Bruce Saylor (b. 1946)

Iulie Thornton, soloist

MESSAGE The Day Jesus Wrote in the Sand Howard Edington *HYMN OF RESPONSE Amazing Grace #280; Vs. 1-3 | Amazing Grace **POSTLUDE** Hymn to Joy arr. G. Young

SPANISH SERVICE FIFTH SERVICE

11:15 AM | Chapel 5:00 PM | Chapel

OTHER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

hispanic.mdpc.org fifthservice.mdpc.org

MDPC INFO

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For information, contact Business Administrator Becky Riggs at briggs@mdpc.org or 713-953-2570.



Last December, Lt. Col. Jayne Pace, an MDPC member of 54 years, was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal for her service to our country with the Civil Air Patrol during World War II.

Drive Presbyterian Church.

Ministry Partners

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

Bering Omega, through compassionate healthcare and social services, strives to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the most vulnerable: low-income individuals living with HIV/AIDS. Omega House is its loving residential hospice home for clients in the final stages of life. beringomega.org

Bo's Place provides grief support services to children who have experienced the death of a parent or sibling. It offers community education and training to professionals and volunteers who work with children and families in grief. bosplace.org

MDPC Field Partners Tihomir and Christine Kukolja direct a reconciliation program in Croatia that brings together different faiths and cultures by sharing the teachings of Jesus. Participants are chosen based on leadership potential, with the hope that they will return home and impact their spheres of influence. romjourney.blogspot.com

Praises and Prayers

Today's Chancel Flowers are given:

• in memory of Elloise Randall by her sons, who honor her life and her love through the gift of today's flowers.

Senior Pastor Nominating Committee

Please pray for the committee, for our congregation, and for the new pastor that God is calling to our church.

Visit pnc.mdpc.org for updates.

What Lies Ahead...

As we reflect on our denominational alignment, please pray for peace in the hearts of your fellow MDPC family members, and sage discernment for our leadership.

Visit denom-issues.mdpc.org for information.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE:

The 2015 budget is pending Session approval.



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The Lenten Season at MDPC



ASH WEDNESDAY

February 18 6:30 PM | Sanctuary

This service will include the traditional imposition of ashes and the celebration of communion. Dave Steane will deliver the devotional message.

EAT PRAY LENT: R E S T.

Weekly Meetings, February 22-April 3

Prepare your heart for Easter and embrace God's gifts of spiritual, relational, and physical rest. For six weeks, we invite you to join one of our Lenten Small Groups to share a meal, reflect on God's Word, and find the antidote for a weary soul in the love and provision of Jesus Christ. epl.mdpc.org

THE SPOKEN WORD

Monday, March 30, 6:00 PM-Thursday, April 2, 6:00 PM This will be the third year that we have participated in this meaningful reading of God's Word. Participants sign up to read in 15-minute intervals through the four days leading up to Good Friday. Registration opens March 1. thespokenword.mdpc.org

HOLY WEEK

lent.mdpc.org

Palm Sunday, March 29 Regular Sunday worship schedule.

Maundy Thursday, April 2 7:00 PM | Chapel

Experience The Living Lord's Supper, a dramatic reenactment of the final meal that Jesus shared with His disciples.

Good Friday, April 3 Noon | Sanctuary

Spanish Service: 7:00 PM | Chapel Easter Sunday, April 5

Sunrise at 7:15 AM | Chapel Contemporary at 8:30 AM | Sanctuary Family Service at 10:00 AM | Sanctuary Traditional at 11:15 AM | Sanctuary Spanish at 11:15 AM | Chapel Fifth Service at 5:00 PM | Chapel

DIGGING DEEPER

A Day in the Life of

Sunday, February 8, 2015

JESUS

The Day Jesus Wrote in the Sand John 8:1-11

Today we continue our sermon series, *A Day in the Life of Jesus*. In the three years of Jesus' public ministry, He touched the lives of many people. He healed, He comforted, He confronted, and He did the miraculous. Each individual story is fascinating and rich with truth. But when put together, these stories paint an incredible portrait of Jesus as God's Son, our Savior, the Messiah, and the One through whom God initiated reconciliation and forgiveness.

Last week we looked at Jesus calming a raging storm in Mark 4:35ff. This miracle affirmed that Jesus is not only Lord of the Christian Church, but also Lord of all Creation! Today we turn to a delicate story of compassion and conviction as an adulterous woman is brought to Jesus. In this, we find not only the forgiveness of a sinful woman, but also the challenge against the hypocritical religious leaders of Jesus' day.

- Just outside of the city of Jerusalem is the Mount of Olives. Its name, of course, comes from the many olive trees that have been planted there for centuries. Nearby is the oldest cemetery containing the burial places of Israel's kings and prophets. It is a very sacred place, and was a place Jesus regarded fondly and visited frequently during His ministry. What are some of your favorite places? Why are they significant?
- At dawn, Jesus appeared inside the temple and began to teach. A woman was dragged
 to Him by the religious leaders, with the accusation that she had been caught in the
 very act of adultery. These bold outbursts and intrusions usually cause quite a stir. If
 you had been there, what would you have thought? Done?
- The religious leaders tried to trap Jesus by testing His fidelity to the Law. They said that the Law of Moses required that the woman be stoned to death. If He agreed with the letter of the Law, there would be no compassion or forgiveness. If He disagreed with the Law, then He was guilty of sedition. When have you been put in a "no win" situation like this? How did you resolve it?
- Without speaking, Jesus bent down and started to doodle in the sand. Scholars have debated what He wrote. Some have suggested it was the names of the religious leaders. Others have suggested that it was some reference to the Law. Given what you know of Jesus, what do you think He wrote?
- Jesus stood and said, "If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." The hypocrisy of the religious leaders was put under a spotlight. How do you put this statement into practice in your life? Is Jesus teaching that sin is unimportant and something to be ignored?
- And so the religious leader slipped away from the scene, having been convicted by Jesus' words. Then He said, "Then neither do I condemn you, go now and leave your life of sin." In this statement we find both compassion and conviction. The woman was loved and forgiven, but also charged to repent and abandon sin. How do you hold these two in tension? What happens when these get out of balance? How have you experienced the compassion of Jesus? The conviction of Jesus?

Digging Deeper is written by Executive Pastor, Dave Steane. It explores Dr. Edington's weekly Scripture passage selection, but not necessarily his sermon message.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

OPERATING INCOME

 2015 Budget
 \$ 10,500,000

 Expected Income to Date
 \$ 887,921

 Actual Income to Date
 \$ 897,743

 Current Income Surplus
 \$ 9,822