

We'll be serving at Galveston Urban Ministries, a community development ministry that is making a major impact for Christ in the neighborhood. We will meet there and help with basic carpentry projects, painting, gardening, and hosting a neighborhood barbecue! Volunteers should be age six to adult.



# Spring Break in Galveston

Lend a helping hand!  
Next Saturday, March 14  
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Register: [register.mdpc.org](http://register.mdpc.org)

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

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



## Parenting a Child's First 5 Years

Various MDPC parents will give these free monthly talks to educate and encourage parents of kiddos in *The First Five* years of life.

March 11 (Second Wednesdays)  
6:30 PM | Parlor

[↓ mlp.mdpc.org](http://mlp.mdpc.org)



## Engaged?

Congratulations! As you start planning the wedding of your dreams, Married Life Prep can help you plan the marriage of a lifetime.

Newly-married couples also are encouraged to join us.

**Sundays, July 12-August 2**  
10:00 AM-12:00 PM | CLC 171-172

More info & registration: [mlp.mdpc.org](http://mlp.mdpc.org)

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

the art of  marriage®

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)

# Girls' Getaway

Join us at the Annual Girls' Getaway at *Camp For All* in Burton, Texas!

- Horseback riding
- Painting
- Archery
- Ropes course
- Guest speaker  
Anji Peterson Moore




Saturday-Sunday, March 28-29

\$100 cost is all-inclusive  
Register at [women.mdpc.org](http://women.mdpc.org)

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

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




# Grace & Peace

A New Bible Study Class

Study God's Word and its application to your life in a friendly atmosphere. Most of us are parents or empty-nesters, but all are welcome!

Join us at 11:15 AM in Room 127.  
Contact Pat and Debbie Perrin: [pdperrin@earthlink.net](mailto:pdperrin@earthlink.net)

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



# CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Christ-centered Recovery

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

Divorce, grief, pornography, infidelity, shame, guilt, life transitions, low self-esteem, drugs or alcohol, depression, food issues, loss of job... Overcome your hurts, habits, and hang-ups of any type with this biblical and balanced program.

[↓ dbs.mdpc.org](http://dbs.mdpc.org)

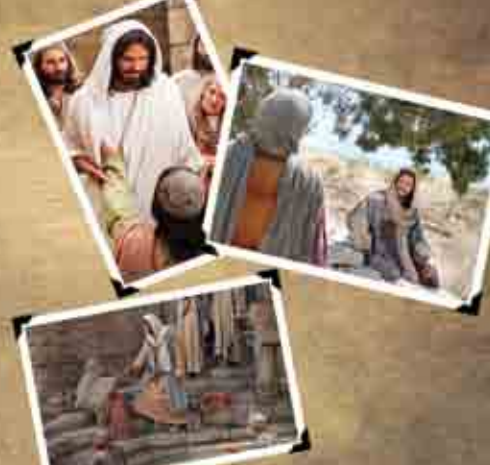
Dave's Bible Study

# MEETING Jesus


Encounters with Jesus from John's Gospel

Taught by Executive Pastor Dave Steane  
Wednesdays through March 25  
6:30 PM | Summit Room

This Week's Topic: **The Blind Man: A Muddy Sabbath Healing (John 9:1-34)**



Sunday, March 8, 2015



# WORN Pages

Our Favorite Scriptures

**Psalms 139 and Ephesians 1**  
*Who and Whose Am I?*  
Kristin Huffman preaching

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



## MDPC HIGHLIGHTS

### Congregational Meeting

On March 22 there will be a Congregational Meeting held after the 9:45 worship service, for the purpose of approving the Pastors’ terms of call.  
**Sunday, March 22 | Following 9:45 Service | Sanctuary**

### Clothes Closet Needs Brown Bags

Please bring your donations of brown paper grocery bags to the Outreach Ministries office.

### Mo-Ranch Is Almost Full

There are rooms available at Pheasant Run and Flato Wynne! Don’t miss out on all the fun: worshipping, floating, minnow catching, sliding down the BIG Mo slide, sunbathing, Color Running, stargazing, and more. Log on today to grab a spot!

[mo.mdpc.org](#)

### Israel 2015: A 13-Day Holy Land Tour with Dave and Jenny Steane

Included is round trip airfare, deluxe motor coaches, First Class/Superior Class hotels, guided sightseeing, entrance fees to sites, daily breakfast, taxes, and fuel charges.

**October 13-25 | \$4290 Land only • \$5690 Air & land from Houston**

*See brochure or website ([events.mdpc.org](#)) for charges that are not covered.*

*For further information, contact Gena Kooken ([gkooken@mdpc.org](#), 713-782-1710) or Barry Weiss ([bjtravel4@gmail.com](#), 570-650-0874).*

### Prayer Shawl Ministry, Now Monthly on Monday Evenings

Have you ever wanted to express your concern for someone beyond comforting words? Be part of the quiet yet powerful Prayer Shawl Ministry. Please bring a set of size 11 or 13 needles and at least one skein of Lion Brand Homespun Yarn (it takes 3 to complete a shawl).

**March 9 (Second Mondays, with some exceptions) | 6:30 PM | The Nook at MDPC**

*Contact MDPC Member Liz Timmer with questions: [etimmer@higg.com](#)*

*Prayer Shawls also may be crocheted. If you are skilled in crochet, please come and share your skills with those who wish to learn.*

### Children’s Ministries Is Looking for College Interns for the Summer!

Do you like working with kids? Need a summer job? Then interning in Children’s Ministries might be for you! Applicants must have completed one year of college.

*Contact Rachel Poysky for an application and more details: [rpoysky@mdpc.org](#)*

### MDPC Singles & Friends: Pub Trivia

It’s been WAY too long since we defended our title, so come join our team as we compete in our knowledge of useless minutiae. Teams are six people, so if we get enough, we can have TWO teams! We play Pub Trivia monthly on a Tuesday.

**Tuesday, March 10 | 6:30 PM | The Bull & Bear**

*Contact Sarah Stone: [sstone@mdpc.org](#) or 832-605-8129 (text or call)*

### St. Paul Speaks: Phil Smith’s Dramatic Portrayal of St. Paul

Join Prime Timers senior adult ministry for its March program. You’ll be blessed by this personal encounter as *St. Paul Speaks* his divinely-inspired words of encouragement, edification, and spiritual growth.

**Tuesday, March 17 | Fellowship Hall | Free Program: 10:30 AM, Lunch (\$9.50) Noon**

*More information at [seniors.mdpc.org](#). RSVP deadline for lunch is Wednesday, March 11.*

### Community Lunch and Wednesday Night Dinner Return

Community Lunch will be served on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM.

Wednesday Night Dinner will be served at the normal time, 5:00-6:30 PM.

[food.mdpc.org](#)

### ROAR Into Reading at Our School Book Fair

You’ll find great books to buy for your kids and/or to donate to The Little School or The Yellow School. Lots of chances for great door prizes, too! Also, please join us for Family Night at the Yellow School on April 7. We will have fun activities for the kids and dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome!

**Book Fair: April 7-9, begins 9:00 AM daily | Room 119-120**

## MDPC WORSHIP

\*Please stand if able.

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### 8:30 BLENDED SERVICE

WELCOME

Rick Myers

\*SONGS OF PRAISE

*Ode to Joy*

arr. Hall

*This Is My Father’s World*

TERRA BEATA

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Brett Hurst

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from the 2015 Confirmation Class Statements of Faith

SONG OF PREPARATION

*Cannons*

Philip Wickham

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

*The Stand*

Joel Houston

MESSAGE

**Who and Whose Am I?**

Kristin Huffman

### 9:45 CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

\*SONGS OF PRAISE

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Luke Gordon

CONFIRMATION

2015 Confirmands

Gus Antestenis, Ellie Antestenis, Collins Arnett, Georgia Barton, Charlotte Benes, Emily Benz, Peyton Brandt, Tori Camden, Lauren Candela, Alyssa Caver, Abby Chaffin, Bella Cofran, Cameron Cooley, Donovan Dastmalchian, Allison Delgado, Maddie Delongchamps, Drew Dice, Liam Dillon, Lauren Dodds, Joe Dodson, Peyton Donovan, Ashleigh Duke, Kathryn Dull, Connor Elliott, Patrick Elliott, Maddie Eyre, Harrison Fernelius, Luke Fleener, Margaret Frandina, Luke Funderburk, Maddie Gentil, Sean Gillespie, Duncan Guinn, Colin Guinn, Connor Hannigan, Cullen Hannigan, Kyle Hannon, Rachel Harkins, Georgia Harper, Hannah Harrington, Georgia Henkel, Amanda Junek, Kendall Kerr, Kara Kiest, Chloe Lampasas, Mary Landers, Will Linker, Ellie Lucke, Stuart Martin, Jessica Mayer, Emily McCown, Amanda McMillan, Mary McNulty, Jackson Mitschke, Stephanie Muschalik, Peyton Nichols, Carley Overbergen, Lauren Park, Jade Pearl, Nicolas Perdomo, Madelyn Perdomo, Emma Peters, Matthew Riedel, Cole Robertson, Thomas Satterwhite, Daniel Schlessman, Sydney Schroeder, Parker Smith, Molly Stroube, Maddie Suerth, Jackson Taff, Megan Todd, Phillip Torres, Colin White

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE OF FAITH

BAPTISMS | Peyton Nichols, Phillip Torres

Rick Myers

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

MESSAGE

**Who and Whose Am I?**

Kristin Huffman

### 11:15 TRADITIONAL SERVICE

PRELUDE

*Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*

arr. K. White

WELCOME

Rick Myers

CALL TO WORSHIP

CHORAL INTROIT

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Carl Freeman

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

#482; Vs. 1-3 | LOBE DEN HERREN

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christyn Knoop

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from the 2015 Confirmation Class Statements of Faith

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*The Gloria Patri*

Hymn #579

ANTHEM

*If God Himself Be for Me*

Michael Costello

OFFERTORY

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

Benjamin Harlan

MESSAGE

**Who and Whose Am I?**

Kristin Huffman

HYMN OF RESPONSE

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

#466; Vs. 1, 2, 4 | AZMON

POSTLUDE

*The Old Rugged Cross*

arr. Hustad

## MDPC INFO

### Coordinating Team

Mauricio Chacón | Associate Pastor for Fuente

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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

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.

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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:

**CanCare** provides one-on-one, long-term emotional support to cancer patients and their families. Cancer survivors volunteer to work with newly-diagnosed patients, listening to and encouraging them. Volunteers also visit cancer patients and their family members in 18 hospitals and clinics.

[cancare.org](#)

**Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Family Alliance** offers emotional, educational, and practical support to children with cancer and their families. It also provides Medical Center parking vouchers, an expense that is one of the biggest concerns parents of these children face.

[candle.org](#)

**MDPC Field Partner Urgessa** grew up in a Muslim family in Ethiopia. As a young man, he became a follower of Christ and had to leave his village for his personal safety. After 20 years, God placed it on his heart to bring education to Muslim villages that had no schools.

[pff.net](#)



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In 2015, we celebrate  
60 years of faith and  
ministry at MDPC.

The year was 2000, and  
the event the ground-  
breaking for the Community

Life Center. From left are

Barbara McLaughlin, Billie Carole and  
Joe McMillan, Jim Hegenbarth, Mike  
Handel, and Bob and Virginia Smith.

### Praises and Prayers

Today’s chancel flowers are given by Marilyn George and John Harrington, in celebration of the marriage of their children, Amy George and Clint Harrington, and in honor of their grandchildren, Colin White and Hannah Harrington, on their Confirmation.

**The White Rose is in memory of:**

- Tom Cleveland, who passed away February 25, 2015.

**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

##### OPERATING INCOME

2015 Budget	\$ 10,500,000
Expected Income to date	\$ 1,602,152
Actual Income to Date	\$ 1,330,738
Current Income Deficit	\$ 271,414

# THE SPOKEN WORD



HEBREWS 4:12

*For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit...*

COME TO READ. COME TO LISTEN.

**Monday, March 30, 6:00 AM, through  
Thursday, April 2, 6:00 PM | MDPC Chapel**

**T**wo years ago, MDPC provided for its members an incredibly meaningful Holy Week experience. Volunteers from the congregation read the entire Bible aloud in our Chapel—cover to cover, non-stop, from Monday at 6:00 AM until Thursday evening. Each volunteer committed to reading for 15 minutes, and then handed off to the next reader. This experience, dubbed *The Spoken Word*, was so engaging and inspiring to the participants that it was repeated in 2014, and now is being offered again in 2015. All are invited to share in this devotional experience as readers, listeners, or hosts.

*The Spoken Word* is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to read God's Word aloud. Many stories have been told about the blessings experienced through participation. Some people were moved by just reading God's Word aloud; others were especially touched when the passage that came up at their time to read had special meaning for them; still others felt blessed by feeling the love of God as they read together as a family. We hope that each of you—singles and couples, young and old, friends, neighbors, or entire families—will grab this opportunity to participate in an awe-inspiring experience. Any child old enough to read is old enough to participate. God loves hearing from each of us!

If you prefer listening to reading, we especially invite you to share in the blessing of *The Spoken Word* by visiting the Chapel during the readings. Hearing God's Word being spoken by readers dedicated enough to show up at all hours can be a very inspirational experience! The Chapel will be open 24 hours a day while the Bible is being read and can accommodate a great many listeners, so there is no need to register in advance to participate this way. We urge you just to come!

*The Spoken Word* will begin **Monday, March 30**. There are only so many 15-minute time slots between Monday morning and Thursday evening, so plan to sign up soon!

Sign up at: **[spokenword.mdpc.org](http://spokenword.mdpc.org)**



# WORN Pages

Psalm 139 and Ephesians 1, *Who and Whose Am I?*

Kristin Huffman preaching

Two of my favorite *Worn Pages* of Scripture are Psalm 139 and Ephesians 1, which both speak of how God has loved and cared for us since before the beginning of time, a message we all need to hear over and over. Life can be difficult and we often find ourselves face to face with trouble, fear, transition, new challenges. Culture has even named several of these times of transition: the terrible twos, teenage rebellion, and midlife crisis. In all three of these times, we are trying to figure out who we are. As we wonder about who we are, we are often led to the deeper questions of who God is and what is the meaning of our lives. One temptation during a time like this is to begin to wonder about God's love for us and even doubt His goodness and grace. My hope this week is to spend time in these worn pages, reflecting on God's great love for us and on how it is in HIM that we find out who we are and what we are living for!

Read all of Psalm 139, paying special attention to verses 13-16. What do you think God is saying here? How might you apply this truth to your life, right now? Meditate on these words, taking in the promise that is expressed in the Psalm.

Then read Ephesians 1 in *The Message* (if you don't have this translation, you can look it up at [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com)). Again, what is God saying here? What message does He have for you in these words?

Today is Confirmation Sunday at MDPC. We have 75 young people being confirmed and taking this important step of faith in their lives. Most of them were baptized as babies and are now ready to say yes to Jesus for themselves. During their Confirmation class they have been discovering what it means to belong to God and God's family. It is our prayer that they will understand more deeply who and whose they are.

Take a moment and think back to your own middle school days (of course, we called in Junior High back then). Try to remember what it was like to be 13-14 years old, on the verge of growing up, wanting to fit in with your friends, beginning to separate from your parents, trying to figure out how to do your life. Scary, right? For most people, anyway.

And so it goes all through out lives: we keep coming up on times of transition, questioning, uncertainty. The Good News is that Jesus has made the sacrifice to forgive us our sins, invited us to follow Him, and promised to be with us always. Reread these passages and lean into the truth that you are God's precious creation who is loved, forgiven, and called. Pray for the Holy Spirit to touch you, way down deep inside, convincing you of whom you are and to whom you belong.

## Today's Confession and Affirmation

Today's Prayer of Confession comes from the Statements of Faith written by confirmands Maddie DeLongchamps, Peyton Donovan, Cullen Hannigan, Mary McNulty, and Maddie Suerth. The Affirmation of Faith comes from the Statements of Faith of Liam Dillon, Harrison Fernelius, Luke Funderburk, Amanda Junek, Kara Kiest, Mary Landers, Amanda McMillan, Mary McNulty, Stephanie Muschalik, Carley Overbergen, and Nicolas Perdomo.



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