

MDPC HIGHLIGHTS

Children's Ministries Is Looking for Summer College Interns

Do you like working with kids? Need a summer job? Then interning in MDPC 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

Kids' Meals: Meals on Wheels for Preschool Children

Kids' Meals has ramped up its delivery of lunches to preschool-aged children, and MDPC is instrumental in providing one day's delivery - that's 2,200 sandwiches! You can make a difference. Bring two loaves of bread and be part of the sandwich-making team.

Wednesday, April 8 | 5:00-6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Contact Julie Hempel with questions: hempeljulie@gmail.com

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

The First Five

These monthly parenting talks focus on the first five years of a child's life. Open to all.

Wednesday, April 8 | 6:30 PM | Parlor

Calling All Adoptive and Foster Care Parents!

The *Empowered to Connect Conference* is coming to MDPC via simulcast. Lunch will be served. For more info on the simulcast: showhope.org/be-hope/equipping-families/etc/

Friday-Saturday, April 10-11 | 9:00 AM-5:00 PM | Room 122 | No cost!

Contact Ann Rome to register for the simulcast: mdpcsafehaven@gmail.com

Please consider volunteering to help watch children during the simulcast. You'll just fill out a form ahead of time for a background check. Contact Sandy to volunteer: mdpcsafehaven@gmail.com

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, April 12-May 17 | Room 171-172 | 11:00 AM-12:15 PM

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

Lunch & Learn: Caregiving for Others and for Ourselves

Come hear speaker John Burke, Executive Director of Interfaith Care Partners. We'll also hear from Second Family Ministry, which provides compassionate care to MDPC members.

Sunday, April 12 | 12:30 PM | Summit Room

Contact Bitsy Cleveland to make your reservation: bcleveland@mdpc.org or 713-490-9542

The Power of Storytelling

Come hear stories from the Bible told by Sarah Stone in a fresh, lively way, then work on/tell your own story! We'll walk through the art of storytelling (what makes a good story?) and then give you an opportunity to share one of yours, if you want.

Wednesdays, April 15-29 | 6:30-8:00 PM | Summit Room | Free childcare!

More info and registration: storytelling.mdpc.org

4th & 5th Grade Pizza Party

Come eat pizza and play games with your friends!

Friday, April 17 | 6:00-8:30 PM | The Galaxy (upstairs in the Ministry Center)

Contact Mallory Moore with questions: mmoore@mdpc.org or 713-490-9262

6th Grade Mission Trip to Houston

Learn to see our city in a whole new way! For students who complete 6th grade this spring.

Wednesday-Thursday, July 8-9 | Cost: \$150

Registration: youth.mdpc.org

Contact Dan Aikins: daikins@mdpc.org or 713-490-9292



An Afternoon of Art & Culture

On Saturday, April 11, spend an afternoon with MDPC NextGen and Singles communities celebrating the gifts of music, art, food, and wine!

2:30 PM Musical Arts: Orchestra Concert at MDPC

3:30 PM Visual Arts: Art Show Preview & Reception

4:45 PM Culinary Arts: We'll discuss "God & the Arts" at Sonoma Wine Bar & Restaurant.

Details at nextgen.mdpc.org or singles.mdpc.org.

↑ nextgen.mdpc.org

↓ concerts.mdpc.org

MDPC Concert Series
2014-2015

10th Anniversary

EVERY PURPOSE UNDER HEAVEN

The MDPC Sanctuary Choir and orchestra present an all-British Choral Concert featuring the U.S. Premiere of Howard Goodall's *Every Purpose Under Heaven* (The King James Bible Oratorio). Program includes "Serenade to Music" by Ralph Vaughan Williams, and "Te Deum" by Karl Jenkins. Conducted by Dr. Charles Hausmann.

Free Admission
Open to the Public

↓ food.mdpc.org

MDPC Food Service Ministries invites you to

All-Church Lunch

Next Sunday, April 12
11:00 AM-1:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Entrée (\$10): Herb-crusted Roast Chicken *or* Grilled Salmon
Served with Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Squash Casserole

Entrée Salad (\$8.50): Tuna-stuffed Avocado over Spring Greens

Children's Entrée (\$4.50): Chicken Tenders

Meals include coffee, tea, milk, or lemonade; a choice of side salad; and a selection of desserts. Everyone is welcome!

↓ men.mdpc.org

2015 RIDE ON FAITH
NO MAN LEFT BEHIND

Saturday-Sunday, April 11-12
Russ Allen Ranch in Fayetteville, TX

C'mon along to our annual Men's Retreat for Rodeo, Great Food, Washers, Skeet Shooting, and a Sunday Morning Cowboy Church Service

With Speaker Clive Berkman and Musical Entertainment by Dean Dillon

Cost: \$100
(partial scholarships available)
men.mdpc.org

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015



ARISE!

The Illustrated Life

John 20:30-31 and 21:24-25

Dave Peterson Preaching

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

SERMON NOTES

The Illustrated Life

John 20:30-31 and 21:24-25 | Dave Peterson Preaching

Easter is not trapped on the History Channel, it’s really breaking news. These two passages from the last two chapters of John clearly state that Easter reaches across the centuries to touch our lives today. Each one of us is an illustration of Easter at work today. The resurrected Christ works to transform our will. Dallas Willard describes this transformation using three terms: the Impulsive Will, the Reflective Will, and the Embodied Will.

THE IMPULSIVE WILL

- According to Abraham Maslow’s hierarchy of need, at our most fundamental level, human beings must have food, water, shelter, air, sleep, and so on to survive. There also are other things that we impulsively desire, but that aren’t essential to our survival. What would some of these things be?
- If a person lived only on the basis of impulse, what kinds of trouble might they get into?

THE REFLECTIVE WILL

- It doesn’t take long in life to discover that not everything you impulsively want is good for you. What impulses have you had to learn to control?
- Do you find it easy/natural to control impulses?
- The Reflective Will serves to filter impulses in order to determine which ones help us find the life that really is *life*. John tells us that he is telling the story of Jesus so that we might have life in His Name. In your life, how does knowing Jesus affect the way you make decisions?
- In what areas do you find your will in conflict with Jesus’ will?

THE EMBODIED WILL

- As is true in any area of life, the more you practice something, the more natural it becomes. Give some examples of areas where this has been true for you.
- What about your daily walk with Jesus? In what ways is that walk becoming more natural for you?
- What activities help you most in making this shift from being ruled by impulses to being ruled by Jesus?
- Would you say that when you follow Jesus life works better (though may not necessarily be easier) for you?



Dr. Dave Peterson served as senior pastor here at MDPC for 17 years, until his retirement in 2012. He is an ordained pastor and is Director of Community Outreach for The Robert and Janice McNair Foundation, and Scholarly Advisor for the H. E. Butt Family Foundation. He is the author of *Receiving and Giving: Unleashing the Bless Challenge in Your Life*. Dave and his wife, Terri, have four adult children and four grandchildren.

Sign up to receive Daily Reflections from Dr. Peterson, writing for The High Calling.

thehighcalling.org/articles/daily-reflection

MDPC WORSHIP

*Please stand if able. CCLI # 182374

7:15 SUNRISE SERVICE

*SONG OF PRAISE	<i>Jesus Christ Is Risen Today</i>	EASTER HYMN
WELCOME AND INVITATION TO WORSHIP		Dave Steane
	<i>Pastor: Christ is risen.</i>	
	All: He is risen indeed.	
*SONGS OF CELEBRATION	<i>In Christ Alone</i>	Getty
	<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	O STORE GUD
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON		Brett Hurst
GIFTS OF GRATITUDE	<i>His Glory Appears</i>	Sampson/Zschech
MESSAGE	The Illustrated Life	Dave Peterson

8:30 EASTER WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC		Meliza Gómez
*SONG OF PRAISE	<i>Only King Forever</i>	arr. Elevation Worship
	<i>Leader: Christ is risen.</i>	
	All: He is risen indeed.	
*SONGS OF CELEBRATION	<i>Alive</i>	King/Pappas
	<i>This Is Amazing Grace</i>	Riddle/Farro/Wickham
	<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	O STORE GUD
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON		Rick Myers
WELCOME		Dave Steane
GIFTS OF GRATITUDE	<i>His Glory Appears</i>	Sampson/Zschech
MESSAGE	The Illustrated Life	Dave Peterson

Musicians Participating in the 7:15 and 8:30 Services:
Joe Gavito, electric guitar; Meliza Gómez, vocals/piano; Victor Hernandez, vocals/acoustic guitar; Tim Hughes, violin; Michael Middleton, vocals/acoustic guitar; Asher Pudlo, drums; Matt Reynolds, keys; Dennis Whittaker, bass

10:00 FAMILY SERVICE

Join Children’s Ministries in the Sanctuary for a special interactive service for kids of all ages.

11:15 EASTER WORSHIP

PRELUDE	<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i>	arr. McKechnie/White
CALL TO WORSHIP		Dave Steane
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>Christ the Lord Is Risen Today</i>	arr. Rutter (b. 1945)
INVITATION TO WORSHIP		
	<i>Pastor: Christ is risen.</i>	
	All: He is risen indeed.	
*HYMN OF CELEBRATION	<i>Lift High the Cross</i>	#371 CRUCIFER
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON		Kristin Huffman
ANTHEM	<i>Hallelujah, King of Glory (from The Creation)</i>	Joseph Haydn (1732-1809) arr. Hausmann/White
OFFERTORY	<i>I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes (from Every Purpose Under Heaven)</i>	Goodall (b. 1958) arr. White
MESSAGE	The Illustrated Life	Dave Peterson
*CHORAL BENEDICTION	<i>Hallelujah Chorus (from Messiah)</i>	G. F. Handel

Musicians Participating in the 11:15 Service:
Robert Walp, Danny Wilson, trumpet; Rick White, Brian Logan, trombone; Julio Sanchez, percussion; Kathryn White, piano/organ; Charles Hausmann, conductor; Sanctuary Choir

MDPC INFO

Coordinating Team

Mauricio Chacón | Associate Pastor for Fuente
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
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.
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.



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

Dave Peterson gets “carried away” during a Sunday morning children’s message in late 2010.

Do you have classic MDPC photos? We’d love to share them! Drop them at the Front Office or email to Eva Kaminski (ekaminski@mdpc.org).

Ministry Partners

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

Cho-Yeh Camp and Conference Center was established in 1947 by Presbytery of New Covenant. It is a Christian Camp in Livingston, Texas, where Jesus Christ transforms lives through meaningful relationships and outdoor adventures.

cho-yeh.org

Martha’s Way is a vocational training program offered by Christian Community Service Center that helps low-income women increase their earning potential through education and hands-on training. It offers the support they need to begin and operate a professional housekeeping business.

ccschouston.com

The Antioch Partners (TAP) equips and sends cross-cultural servants into the world who demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ in tangible ways. TAP’s goals are to see people become followers of Jesus and to foster the formation of worshipping communities among the unreached.

theantiochpartners.org

Please Pray...

For the 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.

For 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.



Access for MDPC Guests

1. Laptops: In the lower left hand corner, right click on the wireless connection and choose “View Wireless Networks”. iDevices: Tap on Settings, then Wi-Fi.
2. Choose “MDPC Guest.” You will see a splash page with a disclaimer.
3. Once you click “Proceed,” you will be redirected to mdpc.org. From there you will be able to browse the web.



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Sunday, April 5, 2015

EASTER DEDICATIONS

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

Esther Andrau in memory of Ivy Bale

Esther Andrau in memory of Dale Maclay

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

Sandra Appel in memory of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. James E. Rose

John and Kay Atchison in honor of her mother, Lillian B. Martin

John and Kay Atchison in memory of her father, W. Jack Martin

John and Kay Atchison in memory of his parents, Red and Peggy Atchison

Ginger Benfield and Steve Jarvis in memory of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Bowden

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

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

Andrew and Gillian Brooks in honor of his mother, Lois Brooks

Gillian and Andrew Brooks in honor of her mother, Edith Crosby

Larry and Cheryl Bryan and family in honor of Helen Bryan

Larry and Cheryl Bryan and family in honor of Nancy Jolly

Larry and Cheryl Bryan and family in honor of Jonah Bryan

Larry and Cheryl Bryan and family in memory of L. Z. Bryan

Larry and Cheryl Bryan and family in memory of Ted Jolly

Larry and Cheryl Bryan and family in memory of Austin Bryan

Jim and Penny Bryant in memory of her mother, Sharlie Patch

Barbara Butler in memory of Eleanor and Bob Croyle

The Wade Crawford family in honor of Marjorie and Edwin Adams

The Wade Crawford family in honor of the Bowen family – Katherine, Tracy, Adam, and Wesley

The Wade Crawford family in honor of the Adams family – Michelle, Andrew, Charlie, James, and Luke

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Cunningham in honor of their children, Ellie and Meredith

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Cunningham in memory of their great grandparents

Bill and Jan Fawley in memory of their parents

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

Betsy and Thom Farver in memory of his parents, Alice and Hans Farver

Bart and Jane Henson in memory of her parents, Roscoe and Mary Joy Cowper

Bart and Jane Henson in memory of his parents, Ed and Helen Henson

Cindy and Bob Holloway in memory of her father, James E. Phillips

Cindy and Bob Holloway in memory of his mother, Nancy Holloway

Cindy and Bob Holloway in memory of his father, Ed Holloway

Joanne Hunter in memory of her husband, Bill Hunter

Joanne Hunter in memory of her grandson, Owen Keddal

Jan Keener in memory of Russell Keener

John Kemper in memory of Linda Ann Kemper
Kay and John Krebs in honor of Kyle, Keith and Kimberly, Kory and Ursula
Kay and John Krebs in honor of Natalie, Harton, Landon, Lacy, and Tristan
Kay and John Krebs in memory of their parents
Baker and Penny McAdams in honor of their children and grandchildren
Kent Nelson in memory of Milton Nelson
Kent Nelson in memory of Eileen Nelson
Kent Nelson in memory of R. L. Surles
Sandy and John Norris in honor of their granddaughter, Marion Madolyn Mertz
Carol and Jere Overdyke in honor of Jimmie Overdyke
Carol and Jere Overdyke in honor of Tricia, Trey, and Maggie Overdyke
Carol and Jere Overdyke in honor of Deanna and Scott Overdyke
Carol and Jere Overdyke in memory of Jere C. Overdyke, Sr.
Carol and Jere Overdyke in memory of Liz and Herbert Tucker
Susan D. Penny in honor of Karl J. Penny
The Pyburn family in memory of their parents, Bill and Ruthie Vogel
The Pyburn family in memory of their parents, Ted and Frances Pyburn
Marilyn and Frank Richardson, Stacey Richardson Roth, Scott Richardson, and Andrew Richardson in memory of Becca Roth
The Rush family in memory of Mary Walraven Wright
The Rush family in memory of Robert Rush
The Rush family in memory of Riley Blum
The Rush family in memory of Bill and Dorothy Whitman
Adelaide and Ted Smith in honor of Leslie, Billie, Meg, and Tommy Mathias
Virginia and Don Smith in memory of Gus and Anne Snellgrove
The Sengelmann family in memory of Alice Ann Senglemann, Stephen Singelmann, and Woody Wilmore
Sheila and Rick Stegall in honor of Lollie Taylor
Sheila and Rick Stegall in honor of Ashley, Sean Jordan, Travis, and Noble 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 Lanie and Jack Murchison
Sheila and Rick Stegall in memory of Floyd Taylor
Sheila and Rick Stegall in memory of Bonnie and Joe Thelen
Sheila and Rick Stegall in memory of Barbara and Pres Presley
Tim and Jeanmarie Tade in honor of their parents
Tim and Jeanmarie Tade in honor of their children, Caroline and Miles
Tim and Jeanmarie Tade in honor of Aunt CB, Uncle Barton, Susan, and Thomas
Mona Williams, the Rick Bradford family, and Chris Jaeger family in memory of Barbara Smith
Jacky Woike in honor of Stephanie and John Wilkinson, Ben and Joseph
Jacky Woike in honor of Sue and Joe Warren
Jacky Woike in honor of Dianne Warren
Jacky Woike in memory of Bill Woike



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