

Father's Day Sunday, June 21, 2015

WORN Pages

Our Favorite Scriptures



*Please stand if able.

CCLI # 182374

8:30 BLENDED SERVICE

WELCOME

Dave Steane

*SONGS OF PRAISE

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
Blessed Assurance

arr. Hoffman/Showalter
Crosby/Knapp

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Kristin Huffman

BAPTISM

Saxon Brooks Ranton, son of Kelly "Brooks" Ranton and Ashley Miller Ranton

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

Ever Be

arr. Bethel Music

MESSAGE

Walking Together | Ephesians 4:1-13

Dave Steane

9:45 CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

*SONGS OF PRAISE

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Kristin Huffman

BAPTISMS

Dave Steane

Andrew Krc Canfield, son of William Krc Canfield and Blair Wright Canfield

Michael Rae Carwile, son of Ryne Lynn Carwile and Jessica Marie Carwile

Katherine Ann Ciarella, daughter of Jared Michael Ciarella and Erin Kathleen Ciarella

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

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11:15 TRADITIONAL SERVICE

PRELUDE

Solemn Melody
Emily Borling, guest organist

C. Walford Davies (1869-1941)

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Dave Steane

CHORAL INTROIT

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

arr. Henry Pfohl

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

#446; Vs. 1-2 | AUSTRIAN HYMN

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Kristin Huffman

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The Gloria Patri

Hymn #579

BAPTISM

Hudson James Moore, son of Andrew Joseph Allard Moore and Sarah Elizabeth Woehr

ANTHEM

Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit
Bryan DePan, soloist

arr. William Dawson

OFFERTORY

I Can Do All Things Through Christ

Laura Farnell (b.1975)

MESSAGE

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Dave Steane

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

In Christ There Is No East or West

#440; Vs. 1-3 | McKEE



The **MDPC**



Picture Project

Our New Senior Pastor needs **YOUR** help!
Click on the homepage ad at **mdpc.org**.



Join Our Summer Choir...When You Can!

Have you ever wanted to try choir, but hesitated because of the commitment? In June, a “pick-up” choir will lead worship at the 11:15 service. No advance sign-up or choral experience needed! **Just meet in the Choir Room at 10:15 on Sunday mornings in June.**

Houston Flood Recovery

Many in Houston still are struggling to recover from the devastating floods at the end of May. For ways you can help, contact Local Outreach Director, Jan Roe, or visit the website below.
Contact Jan Roe: jroe@mdpc.org or 713-490-9552
relief.mdpc.org

MDPC College: Ultimate Frisbee

You don’t want to lose your mad Ultimate skills over the summer break! Fifth Service is from 5:00 to 6:00 PM, and, after that, we go play.
Every Sunday evening after Fifth Service | MDPC Field
Questions? Contact Brandon Gaide by email (bgaide@mdpc.org) or text (832-627-9613).

Men’s Summer Study: The Gospel of Christ’s Kingdom

Are you growing, plateaued, or declining in your spiritual life? Within just a short few months, the Thessalonians moved from unbelief to maturity in the Christian life, making them the topic of public interest and discussion all over Greece, Macedonia and beyond. How did that happen? Find out this summer! Join other men for another exciting Men’s Summer Bible Study.
Tuesdays, June 2-July 21 | 6:30-7:45 AM | Amphitheater

The Promised Land

Join us for a fascinating video journey to key Old Testament archaeological sites to which the people of Israel traveled on their way to the Promised Land. We’ll explore Gezer, the Jordan River, Jericho, Beth Shemesh, and Azekeh, and the milestones they represent in Israel’s history. Finally, we’ll reflect on how we appreciate the Promised Land on the other side of the Cross. This six-week DVD-based study features Ray Vander Laan, pastor, historian, and teacher.
Sundays through July 26 | 9:45 or 11:15 AM | Parlor

Recently Engaged or Newly Married?

In Married Life Prep, taught by Brett and Kellie Hurst of Home Encouragement, you will learn how to build your marriage upon a firm foundation - and have fun doing it!
Sundays, July 12-August 2 | 10:00 AM-12:00 PM | CLC Room 171
Details and registration: mlp.mdpc.org
Contact Amanda Grace Caldwell with questions: acaldwell@mdpc.org or 713-490-0931

Summer of Service

Spread Jesus’ love through action this summer, right here in Houston! We’ll work with SEARCH, the MDPC Fuente Food Pantry, A 2nd Cup, The Beacon, and Casa el Buen Samaritano.
For details, contact Jan Roe: jroe@mdpc.org or 713-490-9552

Ethiopia & Dubai - Global Travel with MDPC Partners

MDPC will be traveling to Ethiopia with our partner, Light of Hope Ethiopia, September 4-14 to learn about its ministry and God’s work in the region. Another MDPC partner is hosting a trip to Dubai, November 14-21, to learn about several new mission leaders on the Arabian Peninsula.
Interested? Contact Amy Delgado adelgado@mdpc.org.

The Compassion Experience

Step into the daily life of a child growing up in poverty. You’ll journey to the developing world at Compassion’s new interactive exhibit—without getting on a plane. The event is free and appropriate for all ages. Compassion International is the world’s largest Christian child development organization, tackling global poverty by serving more than 1.3 million children in 26 of the world’s poorest countries.
July 13-19 | 1:00-6:40 PM (Extended hours on weekend)
Space is limited! Reserve your spot now: cts.compassion.com/Events.php (Look for MDPC on the left)

Stop by the Connection Center in the Lobby to pick up a paper copy of this week’s sermon notes. They also are available online at notes.mdpc.org. Visit mdpc.org for more info on events and programs. To be placed on our email list, contact Cinnamon at cmcdade@mdpc.org.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

OPERATING INCOME	
2015 Budget	\$ 10,500,000
Expected Income to date	\$ 3,803,239
Actual Income to Date	\$ 3,358,841
Current Income Deficit	\$ 444,398

WORN Pages

Ephesians 4:1-13 | *Walking Together*

Dave Steane Preaching

This morning we continue our sermon series entitled *Worn Pages: Our Favorite Scriptures*. Through the end of July, we will be looking at the favorite scripture passages of MDPC's associate pastors. These are the go-to passages we consult for comfort, inspiration, and reminders of the foundation of our Christian faith. We hope you've been blessed by these expositions of Scripture, and have found your own faith to be encouraged and strengthened.

Today, MDPC's Executive Pastor, Dave Steane, shares one of his favorites, from Ephesians 4:1-13. The Apostle Paul was writing to the Christian Church in Ephesus, encouraging them to remember the importance of unity that comes from understanding the centrality of Jesus Christ. But the pragmatic Paul also wanted the Ephesians to understand the implications for community and ministry that come as a result of this Christian unity.

- Verse one shows that Paul was in prison as he wrote this letter. There was a very real threat of torture and possibly death. Yet Paul took time to write to the Ephesians out of his deep love and concern for them. How does Paul's situation add importance and weight to his words? Have you ever written or received a letter with similar weight?
- Paul implored his readers to *walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called...* This is not about judgmentalism, perfectionism, or works righteousness. Rather, it's about how Christians are to live their lives *in response* to God's gracious gift of salvation in Jesus Christ. We don't earn God's favor by walking worthily. We thank and honor God by walking worthily! How do you understand Paul's words in your life?
- This "walk" which Paul described includes humility, gentleness, patience, tolerance, and preserving unity. Which of these do you find the easiest to employ? The most difficult?
- There is no authentic Christian unity without a specific and concrete foundation. Verses 4-6 provide this as Paul says there is one *body, Spirit, hope, Lord, faith, baptism, and God*. How do you understand each of these?
- In verse seven Paul says that *each one of us was given grace to the measure of Christ's gift*. Specifically, Paul is setting up his next point about the nature and practice of spiritual gifts. But generally, how have you experienced God's grace?
- Some Christians are gifted as apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers. But the purpose of this giftedness is to equip the saints for works of service, to the building up of the body of Christ. What do verses 11 and 12 teach about the vital role of the laity in the Christian church? What are your gifts? For what works have you been equipped? What are you doing to build the body of Christ?

