

Sunday, June 28, 2015

WORN Pages

Our Favorite Scriptures



*Please stand if able.

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†**Communion** is shared by intinction. All who confess their faith in Christ are welcome to the table. As directed by the ushers, please come forward to the communion stations at the front of the section where you are seated. Dip the bread in the cup and eat, before returning to your seat.

8:30 BLENDED SERVICE

WELCOME

Rick Myers

*SONGS OF PRAISE

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Brandon Gaide

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

MESSAGE

Such Great Faith | Luke 7:1-10

Brett Hurst

†CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

9:45 CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

*SONGS OF PRAISE

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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11:15 TRADITIONAL SERVICE

PRELUDE

Meditation

G. T. Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)

WELCOME

Rick Myers

CALL TO WORSHIP

CHORAL INTROIT

Praise the Lord

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

Dr. Paolo Gomes, guest conductor

*HYMN OF PRAISE

How Firm a Foundation

#361; Vs. 1-3, 5 | FOUNDATION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from 1 Corinthians 15:1-6 & Colossians 1:15-20

OFFERTORY

Nearer, My God, to Thee

arr. Dan Forrest

MESSAGE

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†CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION MEDITATION *Laudate Dominum (from Solemn Vespers)*
Gabriel's Oboe

W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)

E. Morricone (b. 1928)

POSTLUDE

All Glory Be to God on High

arr. M. Burkhardt

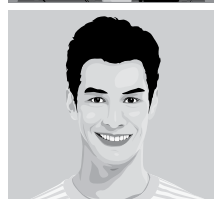


The **MDPC**



Picture Project

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



MDPC Is Closed this Friday, July 3

The MDPC campus and offices will be closed in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

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

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, July 8 | 5:00-6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall
Contact Julie Hempel with questions: hempeljulie@gmail.com

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

Discover MDPC

Want to know more about MDPC? Interested in membership? Attend an Informational Meeting to learn more about who we are and how we operate, both in our community and around the world.
Sunday, July 12 | 10:45-11:15 AM | Gathering Room
Contact Diann Turet: dturet@mdpc.org or 713-490-9553

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)

New Member Class Summer Intensive

This class condenses the New Member Class series into a two-day program. It also will include a service project at one of our local mission partners on a separate Saturday.
Friday, July 17, 6:30-9:00 PM, and Saturday, July 18, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM | CLC 171-172
Visit membership.mdpc.org, or contact Diann Turet: dturet@mdpc.org or 713-490-9553

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).

Donations for Summer Celebration

We’re looking for donations of old electronics (no screens, please), canned sodas, and individually wrapped snacks (nut-free, please).
Bring items to Children’s Ministries office by July 8.

Please Pray...

- The White Rose is in memory of:
- Grady Bates, deceased June 14, 2015
 - Daniel Hertweck, deceased June 15, 2015
 - Gay Hudson, deceased June 20, 2015
- Members recently released from the hospital:
- Patty Leonard Aguirre
 - Tom Cleveland

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

OPERATING INCOME	
2015 Budget	\$ 10,500,000
Expected Income to date	\$ 3,975,105
Actual Income to Date	\$ 3,589,527
Current Income Deficit	\$ 385,578



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WORN Pages

Luke 7:1-10 | *Such Great Faith*

Brett Hurst 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.

This week's passage comes from a time in Jesus' earthly ministry, where a dramatic shift was taking place. Up to this point in the Gospels, Jesus had dealt exclusively with the Jews, but now He is beginning to include the Gentiles in the conversation. In this short account, the players (in addition to Jesus) are a group of Jewish elders, a Roman military officer, and the officer's slave. Each of these characters represent various racial and religious backgrounds, as well as different standings on the social ladder.

Nevertheless, Jesus breaks through these barriers, all the way to the sick man's need. Clearly our Savior was not inhibited by artificial divisions. In our efforts to present the love of Christ, we should also follow this example.

- What barriers can you think of that you might unwittingly construct in your life that could be preventing you from reaching out to others with the grace of God?
- Can you think of a way that you might challenge one of your personal boundaries in order to bless others?

In this story, Jesus is persuaded to go to the home of the Roman centurion. In that culture, Jews would not enter the home of a Gentile, since it would make them ceremonially unclean. (See Acts 10:28; 11:12.) And yet, Jesus is agreeable to go with these men.

- What does this say to you about Jesus' higher priority?
- Do you remember the story about the Good Samaritan? (See Luke 10:25-37.) In your opinion, who does the Good Samaritan represent?

Through his messengers, the Roman centurion tells Jesus that he is not worthy of such an honor as speaking to Jesus face-to-face.

- Is this false humility? Do you believe the Roman officer is sincere?
- Read 1 Peter 5:6. How do you think God responds to genuine humility before Him?

A healthy understanding of authority can promote trust, encouragement, and a willingness to grow.

- Give some examples of how authority can be abused.
- How willing are you to follow abusers of authority?
- Discuss some examples of how authority can be used properly to promote the love of Christ in this world.

