

MDPC HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday School Spotlight

Faith Explorations is beginning a new book study today on *Finding God in Unexpected Places* by Phillip Yancey. This is a dynamic group aged 60+ that enjoys fellowship and discussion. We hope you'll stop in!

Sundays, 9:45 AM | CLC 170

AJ Phipps: ajoanphipp@aol.com or 713-781-5139

Next Sunday, **Pilgrims in Progress** will begin a new series on *Amazing Grace: The History & Theology of Calvinism*. Everyone is welcome to come and listen and learn in an atmosphere of warmth and good humor with others in their 60s to 70s.

Sundays, 9:45 AM | Room 103

Bob Chesshir: bchesshir@sbcglobal.net or 281-920-9528

BSD Welcome Coffee Today

This fall, Bible Study Discussion (BSD) looks at the journey of God's people, from Egypt to the Resurrection. Learn more at our Welcome Coffee! There's no commitment; just stop by to say hello and meet some of the other participants:

Welcome Coffee Today: 9:15-11:00 AM | Room 101

Classes meet on a variety of days/times: bsd.mdpc.org

Contact Marcia Davis with questions: mmdavis84@gmail.com, 713-598-4330

New Member Class Begins Today

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 through October 18 | 9:45-11:00 AM | Summit Room

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

Calling All Knitters!

Have you ever wanted to express your concern beyond using comforting words? Your knitting can reach out locally and globally through these quiet yet powerful ministries at MDPC:

Knitting for Missions: Every Monday | 9:30 AM | MC Room 126

Prayer Shawl Ministry: September 14 (Second Mondays) | 6:30 PM | The Nook at MDPC

Contact Maritza Pujols with questions: mpujols@mdpc.org or 713-490-9556

Tuesday Bible Study

Taught by MDPC's Associate Pastor, Kristin Huffman, and Director of Children's Ministries, Rachel Poysky, the Tuesday Morning Bible study will journey together through the Scriptures. More details to come, but be sure to mark your calendars!

Tuesdays, beginning September 15 | 9:00 AM | Room 122

Outreach Sunday 2015: Meeting Old & New Friends

Next Sunday, our local and global ministry partners will be here to worship with us! Many of them have been praying for MDPC, the Senior Pastor Nominating Committee, and the Halvorsons over this past year. Come extend a warm MDPC welcome and celebrate our mission partners! Reps from our various partner programs and ministries will be in the Sanctuary Lobby. Please drop by to say hello, and perhaps even invite a partner to sit with you!

Sunday, September 20 | Before and after the 9:45 and 11:15 services

The Antioch Partners' 3rd Annual Fundraising Dinner

This year's theme is "Resistance to the gospel and growth of the Church in Asia." Learn what God is doing among unreached people groups through long-term missionaries.

Thursday, September 17 | 6:30 PM | MDPC

Contact Hope Manley for information: admin@theantiochpartners.org or 713-490-9571

Prime Timers for Senior Adults: Discover the 9 Types of People

The Enneagram is a study of the nine basic personality types of people. Used by many churches as a tool for spiritual growth, it helps us understand our unique wiring and where God wants to bring healing and transformation into our lives. Speaker Christyn Knoop, MDPC's Adult Ministries Director, is a student of the Enneagram.

Tuesday, September 15 | 10:30 AM | Fellowship Hall

Lunch reservations are closed, but visitors are welcome for the free program.

MDPC WORSHIP

*Please stand if able.

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Sermon Notes are available from the ushers and at the Connection Center and Front Office.

8:30 BLENDED SERVICE

WELCOME		Dave Steane
*SONGS OF PRAISE		
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE		Brett Hurst
SONG OF PREPARATION		
OFFERTORY		
MESSAGE	<i>What Kind of Church? / Passion</i> Luke 19:1-10 (NRSV)	Alf Halvorson

9:45 CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

WORSHIP INVITATION		
*WORSHIP MUSIC		
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE		Christyn Knoop
BAPTISMS		Dave Steane
	William George Albrecht, son of William and Megan Albrecht Annaleigh Claire Frazier, daughter of Brent and Allison Frazier Madeline Elaine Winkler, daughter of Joseph and Melissa Winkler	
OFFERTORY		
MESSAGE	<i>What Kind of Church? / Passion</i> Luke 19:1-10 (NRSV)	Alf Halvorson

11:15 TRADITIONAL SERVICE

PRELUDE	<i>Highland Cathedral</i>	arr. K. White
WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP		Dave Steane
CHORAL INTROIT	<i>Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty</i>	arr. Hausmann
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>Crown Him With Many Crowns</i>	#151; Vs. 1, 4 arr. White
BAPTISMS		Dave Steane
	Everett Reid Beitler, son of Jeffrey and Jennifer Beitler Paulina Sue Curtis, daughter of H. Lamar and Blanca Curtis Henry Douglas Galimore, son of Devin and Tracy Galimore	
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE		
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	The Apostles' Creed	
CHORAL ANTHEM	<i>O, Clap Your Hands</i>	R. V. Williams (1872-1958)
OFFERTORY	<i>Lord, Thy Glory Fills the Heaven</i>	Glenn L. Rudolph (b.1951)
MESSAGE	<i>What Kind of Church? / Passion</i> Luke 19:1-10 (NRSV)	Alf Halvorson
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me</i>	#366; Vs. 1, 2, 3 St. CATHERINE
POSTLUDE	<i>Menuet Gothique</i>	Leon Boellmann (1862-1897)

OTHER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SPANISH SERVICE	11:15 AM Chapel	fuente.mdpc.org
FIFTH SERVICE	5:00 PM Chapel	fifthservice.mdpc.org

MDPC INFO

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For information, contact Business Administrator
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Ministry Partners

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

Redeemed Ministries identifies and responds to the needs of women exploited for sex in Houston and surrounding areas. It partners with federal, state, local, and non-governmental agencies to provide services directly to victims of domestic sex trafficking. redeemedministries.com

The Rose's mission is to reduce deaths from breast cancer by providing screening, diagnosis, and access to treatment, regardless of a patient's ability to pay. Last year they helped over 9,000 uninsured women. the-rose.org

MDPC Partner Family living in South Asia is developing a team that reaches out to locals to train them in website development, while strategically building relationships for the Kingdom. Please pray for God to cover and keep them safe and healthy, and to strengthen them as they build relationships and share stories of Jesus with an oral culture.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE	
OPERATING INCOME	
2015 Budget	\$ 10,500,000
Expected Income to date	\$ 5,365,462
Actual Income to date	\$ 5,194,516
Current Income Deficit	\$ 170,946

Pictured: Your generosity supports ministries like The Rose, which enables early detection of breast cancer for all women.



MDPC Turns 60...

In 2015, we celebrate 60 years of faith and ministry!

Submitted by member Mary Sherwood:

"This is a team photo from around 1967 of the fighting MDPC football team with coach Bob McNair in the center at the back, with Phil Sherwood on Bob's left (no tie), and our two sons #5 Alex (front row), and #37 Taylor (back row). We played St. Luke's and St. Francis that I remember."

Do you have classic MDPC photos? Email scans to Eva Kaminski (ekaminski@mdpc.org) or drop prints at the Front Office. Originals will be returned.

Please Pray

The Red Rose is in honor of

- Whitney Kristina Cleveland**, born August 20, 2015, to Tim and Kristina Cleveland. She is the granddaughter of Bitsy and Tom Cleveland.
- Hudson Blaine Morgan**, born September 4, 2015, to Kelly and Chris Morgan. Hudson is the granddaughter of Jim and Leslie Kottwitz, and the great-granddaughter of Carol Lee and Ken Robertson.

The White Rose is in memory of

- Arlene Work**, who passed away August 28, 2015.
- Dave Dickerson**, who passed away September 1, 2015.



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WHAT KIND OF CHURCH?

Passion

Luke 19:1-10 (NRSV)

Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson Preaching

The context for Luke 19:1-10 is that Jesus is heading to Jerusalem for the last time. He knows He is going to His death. He is passing through Jericho before climbing the almost 4,000 feet in about 15 miles to the Holy City. While in Jericho, Jesus takes the time to stop, notice someone up in a tree, call him by name, and go to his house. That someone was Zacchaeus, a chief tax collector. The Roman overseers were smart. They didn't collect their own taxes. They enlisted the conquered populace to collect them. These turncoats were hated; considered unclean; and they would often over-charge their own people and pocket the difference. So, they were rich but despised.

1. (From vs. 3 and 4) Why, in your mind, do you think Zacchaeus climbed the tree to see Jesus? What was he hoping would happen?
2. Why do you think Jesus noticed him and went to his house? Is there anything in the text that tells you why?
3. Who are the "all" in verse 7? Is it the disciples, the crowd, the Pharisees, others? Why are they so mad?
4. In verses 8 and 9, Zacchaeus promises something and Jesus proclaims something. If repentance is "turning around and going in the opposite direction," do you think Zacchaeus' repentance is genuine? Why or why not? Is it finished?
5. What does it mean when Jesus says, "he too is a son of Abraham"?
6. What can we learn from Zacchaeus in this story?
7. What can we learn from Jesus? If Jesus' mission statement is verse 10 ("For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost"), how can MDPC carry on that same mission in our day?
8. What might your role be in that mission? Pray that God might place a person on your heart or in your path...

