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Ministry Partners

Please pray for these MDPC partners in ministry:

Agape Development Ministries prepares young adults for success and works to stop the cycle of poverty from continuing to the next generation. Agape brings positive change through mentors, job training, and transitional housing. agapedevelopment.org

Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse provides support services, education, and legal representation to individuals impacted by domestic violence; battering intervention and services for individuals who commit violence; and educational curriculum to prevent violence in the future. avda-tx.org

MDPC Field Partners Reverend Andrew and Teri Adair created The Antioch Partners (TAP), a missionary-sending agency, to train, equip, and send Presbyterian cross-cultural servants into the world. TAP fosters the formation of worshipping communities among the unreached. theantiochpartners.org

Praises and Prayers

The White Rose is given in memory of:

- Ross Kastor, who passed away on December 2, 2015.
- Mary Ann Goodman, who passed away on December 12, 2015.
- Coloma Lafferty, who passed away on December 14, 2015.
- Boyd Henderson, who passed away on December 23, 2015.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

Current financial information will be shown this morning on the screens.

Pictured: With your support, The Antioch Partners helps Christian servants get from where they are now to where God is calling them to be.



Loving God. Proclaiming Christ. Living Generously. Engaging All.
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Sunday, January 3, 2016



MDPC
Memorial Drive
Presbyterian Church

The Fruit of the Spirit

Galatians 5:1-25

Coming Up at MDPC

Parent Palooza

A fun, two-day parenting fest! Come dig deeper with other parents in breakout sessions designed to equip you to be more effective in parenting.

Friday, January 8 | 6:30-8:30 PM

Saturday, January 9 | 9:00-11:30 AM

MDPC Campus | Free!

Details and registration: parenting.mdpc.org

Childcare available by reservation: childcare@mdpc.org

Eat Pray Lent 2016: The Geography of Our Lives

These small groups meet weekly during the seven weeks of Lent. There are a variety of groups to join or start your own small group with friends, family, or colleagues.

Weekly meetings, February 14-April 1

Groups meet on a variety of days and times to accommodate any schedule.

Visit epl.mdpc.org for more information and to register.

Contact Janell Kelleher with questions: jkelleher@mdpc.org or 713-490-9549

Parents' Night Out

Enjoy an evening out while knowing your child is lovingly cared for.

Saturday, January 9 | 4:30-8:30 PM

\$20 per child, \$15 per sibling, or \$40 per family

Details and registration: pno.mdpc.org

All-Church Lunch

Next Sunday, January 10 | 11:00 AM-1:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Entrée: Blackened Catfish or Parmesan-crusted Chicken

Served with Mashed Potatoes, Carrots with Green Beans, Roasted Squash Medley

Children's Entrée: Chicken Tenders

Entrée Salad: Grilled Chicken over Mixed Greens with Hummus

PIP Packet Pickups

Partners in Prayer for 2016 can pick up their prayer lists. If you still would like to be a PIP, it's not too late to pitch in! Stop by the pickup station for a registration card.

Next Sunday, January 10

Contact Annette Erickson with questions: aerickson@mdpc.org or 713-490-9544

MDPC MORNING WORSHIP

*Please stand if able.

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Communion at MDPC is shared by intinction. All who confess their faith in Christ are welcome to the table. As directed by the ushers, 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.

Gluten-free bread is available. If you are celiac or severely gluten-intolerant, please note that it may have come into contact with gluten-containing bread during preparation of the sacrament.

Every child is an important part of our community of faith. We believe that each family decides when their child is ready to participate in communion. Children not taking communion are invited to come forward during the Lord's Supper to receive a blessing from the pastors and elders who are serving.

8:30 AND 9:45 AM SERVICES

Thank you to Kristin Huffman (8:30) and Dan Aikins (9:45) for welcoming us into this morning's worship services, and for leading us in our Prayer of Confession and the Assurance of Pardon.

Musicians participating in these services: Joe Gavito, guitar; Meliza Gómez, worship leader; Craig Gysler, keys; Michael Middleton, worship leader; Asher Pudlo, drums; and Dennis Whittaker, bass.

11:15 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

PRELUDE	<i>Three Carols for Organ</i>	arr. Alice Jordan (1916-2012)
WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP		Kristin Huffman
CHORAL INTROIT	<i>With a Voice of Singing</i>	Martin Shaw (1875-1958)
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>We Three Kings of Orient Are</i>	#66; Vs. 1, 2, 5 THREE KINGS OF ORIENT
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON		
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	from The Apostle's Creed	
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	<i>The Gloria Patri</i>	Hymn #579
OFFERTORY	<i>Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace</i>	John Rutter (b.1945)
MESSAGE	<i>The Fruit of the Spirit: The Struggle Is Real</i>	Rachel Poysky
	Galatians 5:1, 16-21 (NASB)	
CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER		
COMMUNION MEDITATIONS	<i>Pie Jesu (Merciful Jesus) from Requiem</i>	Andrew Lloyd Weber (b.1948)
	Julie Thornton and Lisa Borik, soloists	
	<i>We Three Kings</i>	arr. Robert Graham (1912-2005)
*CLOSING HYMN	<i>Breathe on Me, Breath of God</i>	#316; Vs. 1, 2 TRENTHAM
POSTLUDE	<i>Noël Suisse</i>	Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)

The Fruit of the Spirit

Galatians 5:1-25

What gifts does Christ bring us with His birth? John the Baptist says in Luke 3:16, "I baptize you with water; but One who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of His sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." How can we receive and harness this gift of Christ? Pastor Alf will lead us in the rest of this exploration of how the Holy Spirit can transform us in 2016.

January 10
LOVE & JOY
Galatians 5:22-25

January 24
KINDNESS & GENEROSITY
Galatians 5:22-25

February 7
GUIDED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT
Galatians 5:22-25

January 17
PEACE & PATIENCE
Galatians 5:22-25

January 31
FAITHFULNESS & GENTLENESS
Galatians 5:22-25

CBGR COOK-OFF 2016

- Open to the community
- Live entertainment
- An alcohol-free family event
- Activities for kids throughout the park

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THE 4TH ANNUAL
CHILI, BBQ, GUMBO, ROADKILL COOK-OFF
SPONSORED BY MDPC RELATIONSHIPS MINISTRIES
& CITY OF SPRING VALLEY VILLAGE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

1:00-5:00 PM | Spring Valley Village Park



↑ cbgr.mdpc.org

↓ seniors.mdpc.org

The Venturers at MDPC present

PROSECUTIONS Past & Present

Harris County District Attorney, **Devon Anderson**, will address how the HCDA's office is changing to keep up with the times.

Monday, January 11

Social Hour 6:00 PM

Dinner & Program 7:00 PM

Westchase Hilton



↓ ms150.mdpc.org

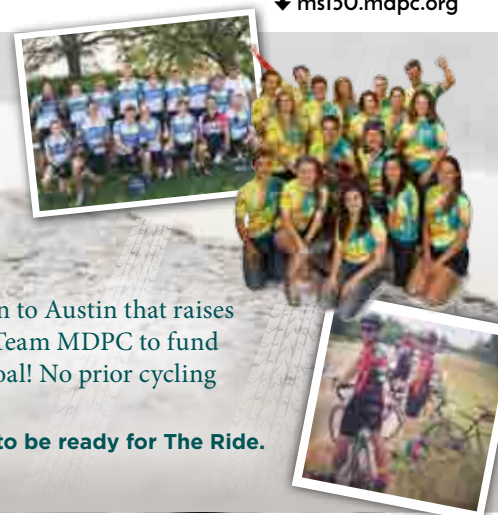
Ride the MS 150 with Team MDPC!

MS 150: April 16-17, 2016

The MS 150 is a two-day bike ride from Houston to Austin that raises money to combat multiple sclerosis. Ride with Team MDPC to fund MS research, build friendships, and achieve a goal! No prior cycling experience needed.

Training rides have started! Join the team now to be ready for The Ride.

Details and registration: ms150.mdpc.org



↓ bind.mdpc.org

**B90 IS AN ENGAGING 90-DAY
BIBLE READING EXPERIENCE**

Sunday Mornings
9:45 AM | MC 219



Register online: B90.mdpc.org
Classes begin Sunday, January 17

The Fruit of the Spirit

The Struggle Is Real

Galatians 5:1, 16-21 (NASB)

Rachel Poysky Preaching

The passage for today is an introduction to *The Fruit of the Spirit*. It helps to read Galatians chapter 5 in its entirety to get a complete grasp of the context of the passage.

There is conflict in the church in Galatia and one of the key sources of conflict is regarding how much of an influence the law should have in the lives of Christian believers. There are many extremes of opinion. There are some who think one who follows Christ must also remain entirely under the law, and then others who have taken their freedom in Christ to a level that is defiant against the boundaries of the law.

Read some of the other passages that Paul wrote about the law and freedom to understand the perspective he brings to the church in Galatia (Romans 8:3-4, Galatians 3:13-14, Colossians 2:13, Romans 6:11-13).

What is the answer? Freedom in Christ is being free from the law, but a Spirit-led life is one that, in some ways, is far more costly. A Spirit-led life must surrender its whole self to the life that God intends. It is not a “do this, don’t do that” existence. It is a giving of oneself entirely to God.

1. What are the similarities you see between being a slave to the law and following a Christian morality that neglects to be led by the Spirit?

2. What does a Spirit-led life look like to you?

3. Where are some ways that you struggle with living a life in the flesh versus a life in the Spirit?

4. How did Paul set an example of living by the Spirit? What other examples are there in your own life of people who seek to let the Spirit lead their lives. What can you learn from them?

Living a life led by the Spirit is the abundant life that Christ has called us to live. It is out of this Spirit led life that he is able to produce fruit such as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

