



Sunday, January 10, 2016

The Fruit of the Spirit

Galatians 5:1-25



Coming Up at MDPC

Upcoming Construction at Blalock and Memorial

The City of Piney Point has plans for an improved drainage system at the corner of Blalock and Memorial that will affect traffic flow around the church.

For details on the location and scope of the projects, visit construction.mdpc.org.

All-Church Lunch Is Today

Everyone is welcome! Choice of entrées (\$10), entrée salads (\$8.50), and the children's meal (\$4) come with coffee, iced tea, milk for kids, and a choice of dessert.

Today in Fellowship Hall | 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

PIP Packet Pickups

Partners in Prayer for 2016 can pick up their prayer lists.

Today between Services in the Sanctuary Lobby

B90: A New Year's Challenge

Read attentively every word of the Bible, from Genesis through Revelation, in 90 days. You'll have plenty of support as you gain fresh insight into God's character, His plan of salvation, and His love for each individual person.

Begins next Sunday, January 17 | 9:45 AM | MC Room 219

Register today! b90.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

TBRI (Trust-Based Relational Intervention) Training

For adoptive and foster parents, this series is designed to meet the complex needs of vulnerable children. Attendees will receive a certificate of training hours. Training donated by Hope for Families, an MDPC partner ministry. Childcare available.

Wednesdays, February 10-24 | 6:00-8:00 PM | MDPC Room 207

Register through January 27: safehaven.mdpc.org

It's Not Too Late to Register for Spring Recreational Classes

Spring REACH classes include art, babysitting, ballet, ballroom dancing, basketball, cooking, core strength training, dance, karate, kids' yoga, Music Together, piano, soccer, tumbling, voice, woodworking, and yoga for adults.

For more information and to register, visit reach.mdpc.org or call the REACH office at 713-490-9564.

Coordinating Team

Dan Aikins | Interim Youth Ministries Dir.
Mauricio Chacón | Associate Pastor for Fuente
Brandon Gaide | Associate Pastor for Next Gen
Ginny Glass | Communications & Media Dir.
Meliza Gómez | Contemporary Music Dir.
Alf Halvorson | Senior Pastor
Charles Hausmann | Traditional Music Dir.
Kristin Huffman | Associate Pastor for Outreach
Brett Hurst | Relationships Minister
Christyn Knoop | Adult Ministries Dir.
Gena Kooken | Sr. Leadership Ministry Coor.
Rick Myers | Associate Pastor for Caring
Rachel Poysky | Children's Ministries Dir.
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Dave Steane | Executive Pastor & Head of Staff
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For information, contact Business Administrator
Becky Riggs at briggs@mdpc.org or 713-953-2570.



Praises and Prayers

Today's Chancel Flowers are given by John Kemper, in loving memory of Linda Kemper.

Pray for Local and Global Ministry in 2016

The 2016 Ministry Partner booklet is being handed out this morning. Please pick up a booklet and take a little time to pray for our partners this year! In the booklet, you'll find three organizations listed per week, with a little bit of background info and how you can learn more.



Ministry Partners 2016

This week, we ask that you please pray for these MDPC partners in ministry:

AIDS Foundation Houston empowers individuals, families, and communities affected by HIV/AIDS to create and sustain healthy lives. Each client meets with his/her case manager to develop an individualized plan that includes referrals to housing, health, and employment resources. aidshelp.org

Aldine Family Hope Center is for residents of all ages in Aldine, a low-income, unincorporated, often overlooked area of Harris County. Its educational, vocational, social, recreational, and spiritual programs empower positive change in the lives of youth and families. aldineyouth.org

MDPC Field Partner Jeff Burns has a call on his life to reach North American Muslims with the love of Jesus Christ. He and his family live in Raleigh, North Carolina, where he teaches Christians ways to reach out in friendship to Muslims in peaceful, respectful witness.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

The 2016 budget is pending approval. Current financial information will be shown this morning on the screens.

Pictured: Graduates of Aldine Family Hope Center's first-ever Jobs for Life adult training program. Your support through MDPC makes brighter economic futures a reality.



WORSHIP REFLECTION

To worship is to express or feel adoration to God. Worship is an exchange of truths. As we declare His truth - *He is faithful, He is joy and love, He is healing* - He then speaks our truth - *you are saved, you are loved, you are healed.*

As you sing His praises, can you sense His truth in your life? Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you through this experience of worship.

We'll be singing a song in today's 8:30 and 9:45 services that highlights God's faithfulness and His transformational power in our lives: *He Is Faithful*, by Bryan and Katie Torwalt. Through our struggles and through our joys, He has never left us and for that, we worship Him. May we find ourselves deeper in God's truth and closer to the beat of His heart.

*But You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.
Psalm 86: 15*

8:30 & 9:45 AM SERVICES

WELCOME	Dave Steane (8:30), Meliza Gómez (9:45)
*SONGS OF PRAISE	
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON	Brandon Gaide
SERVICE OF ELDER ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION	Dave Steane and Alf Halvorson
HYMN OF RESPONSE	
GIFTS OF GRATITUDE	
MESSAGE	<i>The Fruit of the Spirit: Love</i> Alf Halvorson
RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE	

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

11:15 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

PRELUDE	<i>Meditation for Organ</i>	George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)
WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP		Dave Steane
CHORAL INTROIT	<i>Let a Joyful Song Arise</i>	Carl Nygard (b.1947)
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>	#376; Vs. 1, 3 HYFRYDOL
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON		
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH		
ANTHEM	<i>This Is A Day of New Beginnings</i>	David Schwoebel (b.1957)
SERVICE OF ELDER ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION		Dave Steane and Alf Halvorson
CONGREGATIONAL HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>	#525; Vs. 1 Daniel Schutte
OFFERTORY	<i>We Walk By Faith</i>	Jan Sanborn
MESSAGE	<i>The Fruit of the Spirit: Love</i>	Alf Halvorson
*CLOSING HYMN	<i>Breathe On Me, Breath of God</i>	#316; Vs. 3, 4 TRENTHAM
POSTLUDE	<i>March</i>	Johann Josef Fux (1660-1741)

Participating in this service: Charles Hausmann, conductor; Kathryn White, organist

*Please stand if able.

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DAVE RAMSEY'S
FINANCIAL Peace
UNIVERSITY

This small group class aimed at singles and couples in their 20s-30s teaches God's ways of handling money. Learn how to get rid of debt, spend and save wisely, and more. Class led by MDPC members Margaret and Jonathan Humphreys.

Tuesdays, January 12-March 8 | 6:30-8:30 PM
Meets in the Houston Heights
\$93/person/family for Lifetime Membership Kit

Registration and contact info: fpu.mdpc.org

↑ fpu.mdpc.org

↓ seniors.mdpc.org



Prime Timers

What Transforms Us

With MDPC Senior Pastor
Alf Halvorson

Tuesday, January 19
Fellowship Hall
Free Program: 10:30 AM | Lunch (\$9.50): Noon

Your check is your lunch reservation. Drop it off at the front desk or mail to MDPC. It must be received by **January 13**. Drop-ins are welcome for the program, but you must make a reservation to have lunch.

↓ cbgr.mdpc.org



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

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

CBGR.MDPC.ORG - \$35 PER TEAM



↓ 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






Robin Sturgis

Outreach | Local

Robin Sturgis is married to MDPC member, Rusty, and is the proud mother of three daughters: Bethany, in high school, and Alyssa and Sarah, both in college. She is the founder of infoFluency, a data management and visualization consulting group, and enjoys the benefits of working from a home office.

Robin grew up at MDPC, truly seeking and following Jesus after returning to MDPC following college at Texas A&M. The CrossRoads Sunday School class and Bible Study Discussion have played a significant role in her faith journey. Robin feels a call to serve the church as an Elder and is passionate about the organizations MDPC supports. She is excited to be used in Local Outreach and to continue to learn how God is at work in the world through these ministries. Robin is committed to seeking God's direction in serving on the session as the church navigates the blessings and challenges of the next three years.



Ginny Trevino

Equipping | Leadership Development

Ginny Trevino has been attending MDPC since she was about two years old, and became a member after completing confirmation in 1995. She served as a middle school intern while in college, was a member of the Elder Nominating Committee, and served on the recent Senior Pastor Nominating Committee. Currently, she is active in the Life 2.0 Sunday School class,

the Westchase Women's Bible Study, and as a member of The Junior League of Houston. She and her husband, Xavier, were married at MDPC in 2012 and live with their two cats. Ginny is a seventh-grade English teacher.



Joe Warren

Treasurer | Elect-elect

Joe Warren was blessed to grow up in a church-going family, where he made a personal commitment to Christ in high school. He married his wife, Sue, in 1976 at MDPC and joined the church shortly thereafter. Their family has actively participated in numerous church life programs over the past 35+ years. "MDPC has been like a second home to us. I have enjoyed serving in a variety of areas – Elder, Deacon, Pastor Nominating Committee, Men's Life small group leader, Mentor in the IMPACT program and Newspring Board member. I love attending the Seekers Class, a wonderful collection of fellow believers that strengthens my faith and provides support in all walks of life." He and Sue have two grown daughters, a son-in-law, and two awesome grandsons. Joe works as a CPA and enjoys tennis and reading in his spare time.

Constitutional Questions for the Elders

1. Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge Him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through Him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
2. Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?
3. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?
4. Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?
5. Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline?
Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?
6. Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?
7. Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?
8. Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?
9. Will you be a faithful ruling Elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

Questions for the Congregation

1. Do we, the members of the church, accept these Elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ?
2. Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?



CLASS OF
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New Elder Installation

Elders play a vital role in the ministries and administration of Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church. Today, we install 14 new Elders to our Session. We congratulate them on their new positions, and we pray for their wisdom and discernment as they help guide us through the next three years and beyond. Take a moment to learn more about their journeys of faith and service.



David Baay

Personnel | Elect-elect

David and his wife, Berklee, joined the church in 2001. They have four boys, ages 14, 12, 9, and 6. David previously served on Session as an elder in Equipping Ministries. Most recently, David was a member of the Senior Pastor Nominating Committee that nominated Alf Halvorson as MDPC's new senior pastor in April 2015. David helped found a men's small group

that is approaching its ten-year anniversary. The group recently traveled to El Salvador to drill a water well with Living Water International. He has served in various aspects of adult education, having helped start Daily Bread, a Sunday morning Bible-study class, and facilitating several years of the Bible in 90 Days. David also has served as chairperson for a special judiciary committee formed by the Presbytery of New Covenant.



Charlie Chaffin

Generosity

Charlie Chaffin married his high school sweetheart, Kathy, 48 years ago. God blessed them with a son in the 60s, a daughter in the 70s, and two more sons in the 80s, resulting in a child in college 17 out of 18 years. God also blessed them with eight grandchildren. Charlie received his accounting degree and Army commission from The University of Texas (UT) Austin.

After Vietnam, graduate school, and becoming a CPA, Charlie joined Deloitte in Houston in 1973 and later became an Audit Partner. In 1991, Charlie returned to Austin to become UT System's first Chief Audit Executive. Kathy used her UT Austin degree to teach and to model/sell women's clothing. Upon their retirements in 2012, the Chaffins move to Houston to be with their children and grandchildren. They chose MDPC because three grandchildren were active in the youth program, a passion of theirs. They soon learned of the outreach program through Men's Life, Venturers, and a small group. After attending Houston Presbyterian Pilgrimage, they were inspired to use their expertise in business and youth to share the love of Jesus. Charlie was called to the board of an outreach partner, Prayers of the People, and to mentor a Spring Woods Middle School student.

**Debbie Cordell**

Food Service

Debbie Cordell grew up in the Methodist church and accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior early in her life. She and her husband joined MDPC in 1993. She was immediately drawn to volunteering in the Food Service Ministry and attending Bible Study Discussion. She later became a Bible Study Discussion Leader, and she now feels called to be a Food Service Elder as this ministry looks for a new Director. She and her husband, Jim, have been married 32 years. They both attended Houston Presbyterian Pilgrimage (formerly Cursillo) and have been active in the Pilgrimage movement in Houston and in Arkansas. Her careers have consisted of being a high school physical education teacher, the operations officer in energy lending for a bank, owning a cookbook bookstore, helping start MDPC Books, and volunteering her time to Arkansas Presbyterian Pilgrimage as Chair of its Council for three years. She plays hand bells at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, and enjoys crossword puzzles, needlepoint, and playing Words with Friends Scrabble.

**Bryan Fleener**

Youth | Middle School

Bryan Fleener is the proud and thankful husband of Marguerite and father to Luke (15) and Rebecca (13). Bryan accepted Christ when he was a young person, and he has had a passion for youth development since he was a teenager himself. While in college, Bryan served in various Christian ministry roles including president of the Wesley Foundation campus ministry at Texas Tech University. He served as Youth Director at Strawbridge UMC in Kingwood, Texas, for two tenures. He is a certified teacher for Bethel Bible Series and Crown Financial Ministry Bible studies and has taught several other adult Christian education classes and Bible studies. More recently he served in MDPC Children's Ministries as guest speaker and Sunday school teacher. He served as Assistant Scout Master (7 years) and coach to Luke and Rebecca's various youth sports teams. Bryan is an energy executive having worked in corporate development, business development, and various commercial roles over his 25-year career. Bryan considers the role of Youth Elder to be a God-led charge and sees this role as an important endeavor in facilitating the Christian development of MDPC's younger generation.

**Fran Gantt**

Caring | Memorial Services

Fran Gantt has been an active member of MDPC for the past 15 years. She has participated in many areas in the church: Women's Circle moderator, Summer Celebration, Partners in Prayer, Home Communion, and Sewing for Missions. She is honored and pleased to return as an elder in Caring Ministries. She and her late husband, Ben, have two daughters, a son, and seven grandchildren. Her daughter and husband, Cheryl and Scott Waughtal, and grandchildren, Amy, Conner, and Walker, are members of MDPC. Fran has a passion for sewing and has had an in-home business for more than 25 years. She feels that she should not only tithe her money, but also give back her talent and time. Although she no longer plays tennis, she still enjoys working at staying fit and participating in her neighborhood book club.

**John Hartman**

Fuente (Class of 2016)

John Hartman and his wife, Judy, joined MDPC in 1972 and their two sons grew up in this church. He is trained in engineering and business and owned a manufacturing and engineering company for many years before selling it and retiring in 2007. Since then, John has filled his time with lots of different volunteering, travel with Judy, golf, and mission work in places like Guatemala and India. Over the years, he has served on Session three other times and once on the Board of Deacons, and has been active in Sunday School and Bible Study Discussion. "I have been blessed by Jesus Christ in more ways than I can count and my faith has been deepened as I have experienced God's active presence in my life. I look forward to serving as the Elder representing Fuente [Hispanic] Ministries."

**Jen Harold**

Outreach | Local

Jen Harold and husband, Matt, rejoined MDPC in 2011 after returning to Houston. They have one child, John (2), and together support the United Way of Greater Houston. Jen was raised in a Christian home and from a young age felt the presence of Christ's love in her life. Jen serves as the Production Manager for an E&P company based in Austin, Texas. She is a native Houstonian and enjoys running, knitting, and advocating for the Foundation for Prader-Willi Research with her sister, Michele. Jen has volunteered in Children's Ministries for four years and has served in Outreach Ministries for two years. Her experience working with fellow committee members to develop and foster relationships with MDPC's Local Outreach partners has been profoundly rewarding. Jen is grateful to belong to this amazing church community and is honored to be a part of God's blessing of the local community through the generosity of MDPC and its members.

**George (Buz) Jochetz**

Clerk | Elect-elect

A member since 1981, George E. Jochetz, III (Buz) has previously served MDPC as both a Deacon and an Elder. He and his wife, Cindy, were married at MDPC 38 years ago, and their three children were baptized, raised, and began their own faith journeys through the Children's and Youth Ministries of MDPC. Buz has served on two Pastor Nominating Committees, was a founding board member of CanCare, and currently serves as board chairman of Memorial Assistance Ministries (MAM), both ministry partners of MDPC. Professionally, Buz has been actively involved in the Oil & Gas Exploration business in Houston for 40 years. Although Buz gave his life to Christ at a young age, it was later through various Bible study opportunities at MDPC that the importance and necessity of delving into Scripture for spiritual growth and guidance became clear. Reliance on the Holy Spirit, as well as accountability through small covenant groups, has helped sustain and encourage this ongoing journey. Being called to the Clerk position at this time in the life of MDPC is both humbling and challenging as we prayerfully seek God's will for the future of this wonderful community of believers.

**Jody Jordan**

Caring | Visitation

Jody Jordan grew up in Dallas, Texas, and transferred his membership from Highland Park Presbyterian church in 1980 after he moved to Houston. In 1985, he married Willie, and she became a member at MDPC soon after. Both Willie and he taught Sunday school at MDPC in the later 1980s. They have participated for over 20 years in the Christmas for Kids program and have also been involved with the Partner in Prayer and Second Family ministries, and Jody also served in the mentoring program at Spring Woods Middle School. He has had a successful career in the Mortgage Banking industry for over 35 years. He attended SMU where he graduated in 1975 with a BBA in Real Estate Finance. Jody has been filling an unexpired term for a previous Elder, and agreed to stay on to serve an additional three years.

**Debbi Nager**

Worship & Music

Debbi Nager has been a member of MDPC since 1992. She and her husband, Ross, have two adult children. Debbi has been active in participation and leadership in Bible Study Discussion, formation and teaching of several Sunday School classes, frequent small group organizer and leader, prayer group leader, organizer of the Fuente weekly food pantry, and, most recently, as a member of the Senior Pastor Nominating Committee, on which she also served as Chaplain. Debbi came to know Christ as Savior of her life in her youth and has spent the remainder of her faith journey seeking Him as Lord of her life. She is grateful for godly family, friends, and mentors, faith experiences, and blessings of service. Debbi's boundless gratitude towards His grace is expressed in her personal and corporate worship where she looks forward to serving MDPC.

**Richard M. (Rick) Owen**

Outreach | Global

Rick Owen is married to Lori, and they have two college-age children. He and Lori have been members of MDPC for 25 years, and he is an accounting/finance person by profession. Rick recently completed a two-year stint in Asia as the CFO of a Kingdom-focused business that strengthened his interest in global missions. His faith walk is a long one. While Rick has attended church his entire life and went to a Baptist college (Baylor), he only connected to Jesus in a truly meaningful way during his married life, his years at MDPC, the transition of his parents to be with the Lord, and his years in Asia. "The challenges presented by these significant transitions essentially forced me to 'give it up' to the Lord and rely upon Him rather than anything worldly. In this process, I found that everything that He says in the Bible is really true. If you put your trust and faith in the Lord, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit a wonderful life is attainable. I just simply wish that every human being on earth gets to know that reality."

4. I then spoke specifically about the first of the nine Fruits of the Spirit: Love. In your mind, to what has *love* been reduced in our culture today? What would a secular definition of *love* be?
5. I explained the Greek words *eros*, *storge*, *philia*, and *agape*. Do you remember the differences? Jesus, Paul, and the early church used the term *agape* instead of the other three to describe the love God has for us and the love we are to nurture in ourselves. In your mind, why?
6. Where have you as a believer bailed on agape love and lived just for you? And where have you watered the seed of agape love? Maybe there is a recurring situation in your life where putting another person first is especially difficult or inconvenient. What thing might you do in response to the Spirit's leading and empowering?

