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Ministry Partners 2016

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

Mission of Yahweh is a faith-based shelter and rehabilitation ministry for abused and homeless women and their children, and a provider of outreach services to low-income families in north-west Houston. It helps empower, enrich, and restore lives.
missionofyahweh.org

The **MDPC Mobile Unit** serves six designated locations in the community, providing gently used clothing and household goods and some new products at minimal cost to families in need.
 Contact Maritza Pujols:
mpujols@mdpc.org

Youth With a Mission in Budapest, Hungary, serves through evangelism and leadership training. MDPC field partners Steve and Barbara Johnson created a coffeehouse that serves as an evangelism outreach tool — a place where music and good coffee help conversations go “beneath the surface.” MDPC members are always welcome to visit when traveling through Budapest.
ywambudapest.org

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

OPERATING INCOME

2016 Annual Budget	\$ 11,050,000	100%
Actual Income to Date (July 3, 2016)	\$ 4,669,963	42%
Needed to Meet 2016 Budget	\$ 6,380,037	58%

The Mission of Yahweh began with a vision given to Mrs. Helen Gay, known by most as Sister Gay. This vision from God led her to a devoted life of helping the poor, and in 1961 she opened her home to women in crisis. Thanks to your giving, MDPC can help continue her legacy of outreach and support for “the least of these.” >



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QUESTIONS God Asks Of Us

AND WHY OUR ANSWERS MATTER.

Sunday, July 10, 2016



What Are You Seeking? | John 1:35-42

Brandon Gaide Preaching



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Responding to God's Call

It's wonderful to see folks responding to Pastor Alf's encouragement to be *Sent by the Savior*. One small team from MDPC brought dinner to share with recent graduates of Prison Entrepreneurship Program. The PEP transitional home in Midtown Houston is the graduates' first home after release from prison, and aids their re-entry process to the outside world. The MDPC team visited to bring them some encouragement, laughter, and what sounds like a great brisket... Visit sent.mdpc.org for the rest of the story.

Summer Study: How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth

Feel like everyone else knows the Bible, and you just get overwhelmed? Ever wished it was more than just words on a page? Eager to experience God at a deeper level through His Word? These stand-alone sessions led by a team of MDPC teachers will help you glean crucial insights about reading God's Word. We use Gordon Fee's book, *How To Read the Bible for All Its Worth*, as our study guide. All are welcome!

Sundays at 9:45 AM | Parlor

Today: OT Narratives: Mind-blowing stories about God!
 July 17: The Gospels: I saw Him with my own eyes!

Cheeseburger in Paradise

Join the men of MDPC to celebrate the beginning of Men's Life with cheeseburgers, pie, and a visit from Alf! All men are invited to this kick-off event.

Wednesday, August 31 | 6:45-8:00 PM | Parlor
 RSVP: men.mdpc.org

Clothes Closet Needs Brown Bags

Please bring your donations of brown paper grocery bags to the Outreach Ministries office.

Summer Film Fest: Inside Out

Beat the heat while enjoying free popcorn and acclaimed films on select Wednesdays. All are welcome free of charge. Stick around afterward for a brief guided discussion of the film and its impact on our Christian faith.

July 20 – Disney Pixar's Inside Out (PG)

3:00 PM | MDPC Amphitheater

Not all movies are suitable for all ages. Please visit pluggedin.com to review movie content.

12 Huge Mistakes Parents Can Avoid

Dr. Tim Elmore, bestselling author and thought leader, is one of today's wisest voices concerning Millennials. In this powerful workshop, he outlines 12 traps parents fall into and offers practical, effective strategies for avoiding these traps. This workshop will help you rear emotionally-healthy kids who become thriving adults.

Saturday, August 27 | 9:00 AM-1:00 PM |

Houston's First Baptist (7401 Katy Fwy)
\$15/person or \$20/couple. Space is limited.

Registration: houstonfirst.org

Men's Life: Faith & Reason

We invite Houston-area adult men of all ages to an all-new Men's Life. Hear personal stories from Alf Halvorson and others about the importance of knowing what you believe and why it makes so much sense to follow a loving Savior.

Tuesday Mornings, September 13-January 24
 More information: ml.mdpc.org

PLEASE silence or place your cell phone in airplane mode upon entering worship. Thank you!



Now it's YOUR turn
 to ask the questions.
 Turn the page to find out how.



MDPC MORNING WORSHIP

*Please stand if able.

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8:30 AM SERVICE

WELCOME		Dave Steane
*SONGS OF PRAISE		
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE		Rachel Poysky
SONG OF RESPONSE		
GIFTS OF GRATITUDE		
MESSAGE	Questions God Asks of Us: <i>What Are You Seeking?</i>	Brandon Gaide
RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE		

9:45 AM SERVICE

WORSHIP INVITATION		Michael Middleton
*CALL TO WORSHIP		
*MOMENT OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE		Tara Reynolds
SONG		
GIFTS OF GRATITUDE		Dave Steane
MESSAGE	Questions God Asks of Us: <i>What Are You Seeking?</i>	Brandon Gaide
RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE		

Musicians in these services: Gus Alvarado, drums; Joe Gavito, guitar; Craig Gysler, keys; Michael Middleton and Tara Reynolds, worship leaders; Dennis Whittaker, bass

11:15 AM SERVICE

PRELUDES	<i>Ye Who Claim the Faith of Jesus</i> <i>Hymn of Promise</i>	arr. Matthew Corl (b. 1965) arr. Brenda Portman (b. 1985)
WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP		Dave Steane
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>When in Our Music God Is Glorified</i>	#264; Vs. 1,2,3,4 ENGELBERG
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON		Rachel Poysky
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	from the United Church of Canada	
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	<i>The Gloria Patri</i>	Hymn #579
ANTHEM	<i>The Lord Is My Light</i>	Frances Allitsen (1848-1912)
OFFERTORY	<i>How I Trust Him</i>	William Kirkpatrick (1838-1921)
MESSAGE	Questions God Asks of Us: <i>What Are You Seeking?</i>	Brandon Gaide
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>Open My Eyes that I May See</i>	#324; Vs. 1, 2 OPEN MY EYES
POSTLUDE	<i>Voluntary in D</i>	David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

Musicians in this service: Cassandra Black, soloist; Charles Hausmann, Sanctuary Choir conductor; Kathryn White, organist/pianist

11:00 AM FIFTH SERVICE

Join the folks at Fifth for energetic worship, casual community, and dynamic teaching. Everyone is welcome! Fifth Service workshops in the Amphitheater.
Visit fifthservice.mdpc.org for more info.

11:15 AM SPANISH SERVICE

MDPC's Fuente Hispanic Ministries worships in the Chapel. For more information on Spanish-language and bilingual community events and programs, visit fuente.mdpc.org.

VISITORS: If you are visiting MDPC today, we are delighted that you have come to worship with us! Allow us to welcome you personally at the Connection Center located in the Sanctuary Lobby.

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP? For inquiries on how to become a member of MDPC, contact Diann Turet at dturet@mdpc.org and join one of our New Member Classes that run throughout the year.

Come hang out with young adults from our various groups, classes, and worship services. Eat tacos, drink coffee, play board games, and be awesome.

No program or agenda; just good times.

Every Sunday morning (as in Today)
10:30-11:15 AM, outside the Amphitheater

ya.mdpc.org



Perspectives
on the World Christian Movement™

Mondays starting August 15
6:30-9:30 PM | Grace Presbyterian
Contact Mike Lehde:
bearded.lehde@gmail.com, 713-829-7021

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The Living Well
Revival of Heart
Renewal of Mind
Rest for Soul

A New Study for Women | Fall 2016
Details at women.mdpc.org

QUESTIONS

You've Always Wanted to Ask

▶ WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW?

In our 2016 summer sermon series, the Associate Pastors will be looking at **Questions God Asks of Us** – but we bet you have some questions of your own.

After the sermon (most weeks), the preaching pastor will try to answer a few questions from the congregation. If you have a question about God, Scripture, or today's sermon, fill out the form below (contact info is optional). Tear off the completed form, and pass it down the aisle, where an usher will collect them after the sermon. Please do not place them in the offering plate.

While there may not be time at the end of the service to answer every question, the pastoral staff will try to answer the remaining questions over the coming week at questions.mdpc.org.

My Question: _____

☐ Please contact me personally about my question:

Name _____

Phone (_____) _____

Email _____

Another way to ask your questions: There's a chalkboard just north of the Front Office where you're encouraged to leave your questions for (or about) God. The pastors also will answer some of these questions on Facebook. You'll find chalk, pens, and Post-its near the board.



QUESTIONS

God Asks Of Us

What Are You Seeking?

John 1:35-42

Brandon Gaide Preaching

Most parents tend to remember their children's first words. It's a defining moment for the child, whether they say "ball" or "mama" or "ice cream," because we tend to pay close attention to how things begin.

The first words Jesus speaks in His public ministry are a question: "What are you seeking?" It's an unusual way to begin. The more typical beginning is what a campaigning politician might say: "Here's what I offer." But Jesus, the Son of God and the Messiah, begins not with a personal declaration about Himself, but a sincere question to us. "What are you seeking?" His question gets at the essence of His ministry: others-centered, humble, and aimed at our deepest needs. In other words, Jesus didn't come to earth to promote Himself or to seek glory (even though it's rightfully His). He came for...us. He therefore launches His ministry with a question that immediately inquires into the deepest parts of our lives.

1. When John the Baptist sees Jesus, he announces, "Behold, the Lamb of God" (v. 36)! Of all the ways He could describe Jesus (Messiah, Son of God, King of Kings, etc.) why might He choose this title? To what does the title refer? What kind of expectations might John be cultivating in his disciples regarding Jesus?
2. John the Baptist doesn't protest when two of his disciples leave him and begin to follow Jesus. This is a sign of great leadership. John knows his purpose is to be the forerunner to the Messiah, humbly pointing people towards the Messiah (recall when John later says, "He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:30)). Who have you encountered in your own life who has selflessly directed you toward Jesus Christ?
3. Jesus' question, "What are you seeking," assumes the disciples have begun following him with certain expectations. When you first started following Jesus, what expectations did you have?
4. The disciples cleverly answer Jesus' question with a question of their own, "Rabbi, where are you staying?" It's not a direct response to Jesus' question, but is still suggestive of what they're seeking. They're interested in Jesus, but want to be able to explore Jesus on their own terms, perhaps in a less public setting or at their leisure. How do we use this same approach with Jesus? In what ways do we prefer to ask Jesus for His address in the event that we might want to learn more about Him?
5. Jesus' response is masterful in its simplicity: "Come and you will see." How is that different than just telling the disciples where he lives?
6. What have you "seen" since you've started following Jesus? What's a significant discovery you've made on the path of following Jesus?

