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The White Rose is in memory of

Ruben Steptoe, who passed away June 29, 2016.

Mary Henney, who passed away July 11, 2016.

Ministry Partners 2016

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

Mo-Ranch Camp & Conference Center is meant to be a safe place for renewal, reflection, and discernment, leading people to have a deeper faith and be a stronger disciple of Jesus Christ.
moranch.org

Newspring nurtures Spring Branch businesses to help create jobs and income. Its visual arts program encourages students to work hard, stay in school, and turn artistic gifts into a career.
newspringcenter.org

MDPC field partners **Reverend Andrew and Teri Adair** launched The Antioch Partners, a missionary-sending agency, to train and equip Presbyterian cross-cultural servants, and send them into the world to demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ in tangible ways.
theantiochpartners.org

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

OPERATING INCOME

2016 Annual Budget	\$ 11,050,000	100%
Actual Income to Date (July 10, 2016)	\$ 4,786,210	43%
Needed to Meet 2016 Budget	\$ 6,263,790	57%

Through **The Antioch Partners**, in partnership with churches like MDPC, there are now missionaries serving in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and Eastern Europe, as well as in the U.S. among not-yet-Christian immigrant communities. As God opens the way and your generous support continues, The Antioch Partners is committed to increasing Christ's following throughout the world. >



QUESTIONS God Asks Of Us

AND WHY OUR ANSWERS MATTER.

Sunday, July 17, 2016

Have You Understood All This?

Matthew 13:51-52 | Rachel Poysky Preaching



Summer Film Fest: *Inside Out*

Beat the heat while enjoying free popcorn and acclaimed films! All are welcome free of charge. Stick around after 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.

Wacky Wednesday Water Day!

Parents, bring your preschooler to WWWW at MDPC! We'll have a chicken tender lunch, snow cones, and lots of water. So that this is a special time with your preschooler, we ask that elementary-age children not attend.

Wednesday, August 10 | 10:00 AM-Noon

Bring a towel, sunscreen, and change of clothes.

Register by August 4: register.mdpc.org

SAVE THE DATE: Women's Spiritual Retreat

Get away from the hustle and bustle of Houston and connect with Jesus and others at a beautiful ranch in Brenham. There will one-on-one time with God, fellowship, yoga, a prayer walk, and a chance to connect with others!

Saturday, November 12 | 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

Stay tuned to women.mdpc.org

Mission Trip: Living Water Drill Trip & The Micah Project, December 3-11

An amazing opportunity to see two MDPC mission partners at once. On this trip to Honduras we'll drill a water well with Living Water with The Micah Project working alongside us! Come be part of blessing and transforming a community through the gift of clean water, then spend time with Micah boys and staff as we end our trip at the Micah Project.

Ready to go? Contact Amy Delgado for details (adelgado@mdpc.org, registration closes August 8).

MDPC Clothes Closet Needs Brown Bags

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

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)

Registration: houstonfirst.org

Sunday School SPOTLIGHT

Sunday Morning Adult Life Groups*

Visit a class today! Typical group demographics are provided for your convenience, but you are invited to visit any class. For more info, pick up a flyer or visit the Connection Center.

The Parish (20s). 101, 9:45 AM
 Life 2.0 (20s/30s, married). 122, 9:30 AM
 Quest (all ages). Parlor, 9:45 AM
 Students of Scripture (70s+). 116, 9:45 AM
 Faith Explorations (60s+). 170, 9:45 AM

Pathways (all ages, women). 116, 9:45 AM
 Pilgrims in Progress (70s+). 103, 9:45 AM
 Full Life (30s/40s, married parents). 218, 11:15 AM
 Daily Bread (40s). Summit, 11:15 AM
 CrossRoads (50s+). 170, 11:15 AM

*This list is limited to classes that meet during the summer. Additional classes are available in the fall.



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



MDPC MORNING WORSHIP

*Please stand if able.

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All this week at Summer Celebration, MDPC's Vacation Bible School, kids learned what it meant to **Glow for God!** They now know that to Glow means they **Know God, Show Their Faith, Grow in Christ, and Go Into the World** to share the Light of Jesus.

This morning at 9:45, you'll get to experience some of the week's music and fun with the kids. Don't hold back as we worship and **Glow** together!

8:30 AM SERVICE

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

9:45 AM SERVICE

WORSHIP INVITATION		Meliza Gómez
*CALL TO WORSHIP		
*MOMENT OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE		Tara Reynolds
GIFTS OF GRATITUDE		Dave Steane
MESSAGE	Questions God Asks of Us: <i>Have You Understood All This?</i>	Rachel Poysky
RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE		

Musicians in these services: Gus Alvarado, drums; Joe Gavito, guitar; Meliza Gómez and Michael Middleron, worship leaders; Daniel Amaya, bass

11:15 AM SERVICE

PRELUDES	<i>Two Hymn Preludes for Piano</i>	Dale Wood (1934-2003)
WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP		Dave Steane
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation</i>	#417; Vs. 1, 2, 4 REGENT SQUARE
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON		Kristin Huffman
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	The Apostle's Creed	
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	<i>The Gloria Patri</i>	Hymn #579
ANTHEM	<i>If With All Your Hearts (from Elijah)</i>	Felix Mendelssohn (1807-1847)
OFFERTORY	<i>My Faith has Found a Resting Place</i>	William Kirkpatrick (1838-1921)
MESSAGE	Questions God Asks of Us: <i>Have You Understood All This?</i>	Rachel Poysky
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life</i>	#408; Vs. 1, 5, 6 GERMANY
POSTLUDE	<i>Chaconne</i>	Louis Couperin (1626-1661)

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

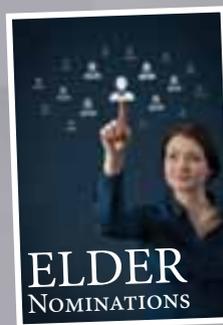
OTHER MDPC WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

11:00 AM Fifth Service: Join the folks at Fifth for energetic worship, casual community, and dynamic teaching. Everyone is welcome! Worship is 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.

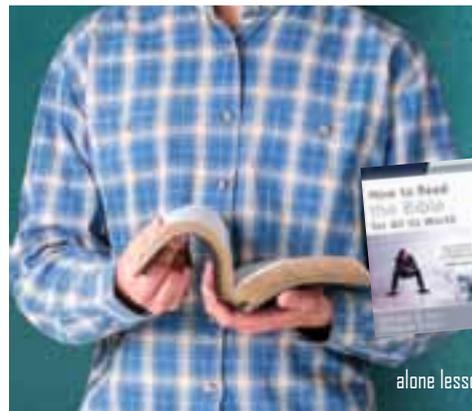
INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP? For inquiries on how to become a member of MDPC, contact Diann Turet at dturet@mdpc.org and join one of our New Member Classes that run throughout the year.



Is there someone YOU know who would make a great **MDPC ELDER?**

Nominations are currently underway, and we need your help in identifying members who possess the spiritual and leadership skills needed to serve on the **MDPC** Session.

Nominate online by August 29 at nominations.mdpc.org, or turn in a printed form, available around campus.



How to Read the **BIBLE** for All Its Worth



Sundays at 9:45 AM | Parlor

The Quest Class invites all who are interested!

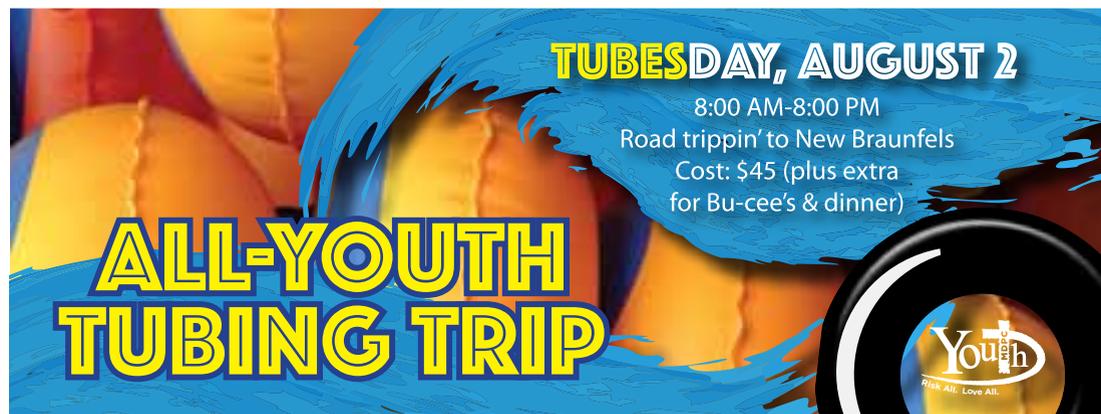
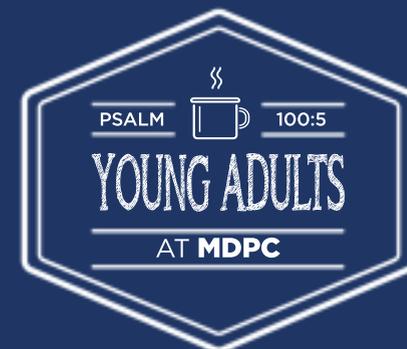
Join us and glean crucial insights for reading, grasping the meaning of, and getting the most out of the Bible, using Gordon Fee's book. Each stand-alone lesson will be both informational and devotional, feeding both our heads and our

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, like, today)
10:30-11:15 AM, outside the Amphitheater

ya.mdpc.org



TUBESDAY, AUGUST 2

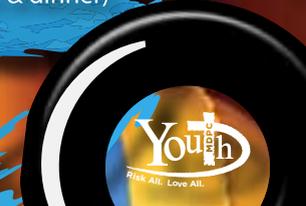
8:00 AM-8:00 PM

Road trippin' to New Braunfels

Cost: \$45 (plus extra

for Bu-cee's & dinner)

ALL-YOUTH TUBING TRIP



A study of Acts, 2 Timothy, and the Apostles' Creed

Registration: bsd.mdpc.org

Multiple days and times are available. The study begins in September.

Find out more at one of our Welcome Coffees:

Thursday, September 1
9:30-10:30 AM, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 11
9:15-11:00 AM, Room 101

QUESTIONS God Asks Of Us

Have You Understood All This?

Matthew 13:51-52

Rachel Poysky Preaching

Read Matthew Chapter 13:1-52. In this chapter, Jesus uses several parables to help His listeners understand about the Kingdom of Heaven.

- What characteristics of the Kingdom of Heaven do you see in these parables?

The parable of the mustard seed describes a small seed that grows into a very large plant/tree. In this parable, Jesus was talking about the Kingdom of Heaven, but it also can be applied to the growth of our faith and the growth of the church.

- Describe how your faith has grown since you became a believer. What were some significant moments of growth? When have you had a drought and felt like growing was hard?
- The early church began with only the disciples and a few believers. What are some significant points of growth for the church in history? Why do you think those were times of growth?

Read Matthew 13:51-52: *“Have you understood all these things?” They said to Him, “Yes.” And Jesus said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple of the Kingdom of Heaven is like a head of a household, who brings out of his treasure things new and old.”*

Jesus asks the disciples in verse 51, “Have you understood all of these things?”

- Do you think they really understood?
- What other examples do we have from Scripture that show they didn’t entirely “get it”?

If the disciples didn’t “get it” entirely it can give us comfort that we also can still be in process as a Christian!

Jesus in this passage invites the disciples to not throw away the Old Testament, but to use it to build on their faith. He highlights that, within the Kingdom of Heaven, there are old and new treasures.

- What treasures from the Old Testament contribute to your faith in Jesus Christ?
- What stories help you to understand more what it means to live a faithful life?
- From the previous parables, what are the new treasures to be found that describe the Kingdom of Heaven?

