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## Today's Chancel Flowers are given

- by Ana Coello in memory of her parents, José de Jesús Coello (passed August 13, 2007) and Otilia Pérez Coello (passed July 16, 2012).
- in celebration of the wedding of Caroline Little and Seth Wight.

## Ministry Partners 2016

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

**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](http://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](http://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](http://theantiochpartners.org)

## WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

### OPERATING INCOME

2016 Annual Budget	\$ 11,050,000	100%
Actual Income to Date (July 31, 2016)	\$ 5,232,259	47%
Needed to Meet 2016 Budget	\$ 5,817,741	53%

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



# QUESTIONS God Asks Of Us

AND WHY OUR ANSWERS MATTER.

Sunday, August 7, 2016

## Why Are You So Afraid?

Matthew 8:23-27 | Martha Moore Preaching



## Honduras Mission Trip: December 3-11

First drill a water well with Living Water with The Micah Project working alongside, then spend time with the boys and staff as we end our trip at The Micah Project. Ready to go? Sign-up closes tomorrow!  
 Contact Amy Delgado: [adelgado@mdpc.org](mailto:adelgado@mdpc.org)

## Kickoff Sunday Is Coming

Pastor Alf returns, a delicious brunch, Youth Open House, teacher commissioning, and more!  
 Sunday, August 21 | Details: [kickoff.mdpc.org](http://kickoff.mdpc.org)

## Run Like Clean Water

Last year, 18 MDPC runners raised over \$16,000 for Living Water International at the Chevron Houston Marathon. Miah Collins will be here with info about this year's team and signing up to run with Team Living Water in January. This is a great way to connect with one of MDPC's great mission partners and benefit those in desperate need of clean water.  
 Sunday, August 21 | Between Services | Lobby

## Perspectives: You Have a Role to Play

Get threaded into the biggest story of all time. This 15-week life and learning opportunity will change the way you view the world. A fantastic array of pastors, theologians, and international mobilizers will open your eyes to just how big God is and how much He desires that all come to know Him.  
 Starts August 15 | 6:30-9:30 PM | Grace PC  
 Contact Mike Lehde: [bearded.lehde@gmail.com](mailto:bearded.lehde@gmail.com)

## 12 Huge Mistakes Parents Can Avoid

Bestselling author Dr. Tim Elmore 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 pitfalls. 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](http://houstonfirst.org)

## Help Heal Grieving Hearts

MDPC ministry partner Bo's Place is a non-profit bereavement center offering free grief support. They need volunteer facilitators to lead support groups for children (3-18) or adults. Training and background check are required; experience in mental health profession is not. Breakfast/lunch provided at training.  
 Next Training: Saturday & Sunday, August 27-28  
 9:00 AM-4:00 PM | Must attend both days  
 Contact Carla Bagalay: [carla@bosplace.org](mailto:carla@bosplace.org)

## Reserve Your Spot! Marriage Retreat

Spend the weekend relaxing and reconnecting with your spouse! You'll enjoy fabulous amenities, a comfortable atmosphere, one-on-one date night with your spouse, and expert teaching from Brett and Kellie Hurst of Home Encouragement.  
 Saturday-Sunday, October 1-2 | Woodlands Waterway Marriott | \$210/couple  
 Register at [marriage.mdpc.org](http://marriage.mdpc.org).

## Sunday School SPOTLIGHT

### Pilgrims in Progress (PIP)

Sundays, 9:45 AM | MC 103

PIP is a group of predominately 55+-year-old folks who enjoy learning more about our Christian faith and the Bible. We generally follow a video series; we'll watch a 15-20 minute video, then discuss what we learned. Every other month or so, an Associate Pastor teaches. Each week, we take up a collection to help sponsor a young person to attend Camp Cho-Yeh. Occasionally we get together at a member's house. We are a loving, caring group that enjoys welcoming new people into the class!



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# 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 OF PARDON		Brett Hurst
SONG OF RESPONSE		
GIFTS OF GRATITUDE		
MESSAGE	Questions God Asks of Us: <i>Why Are You So Afraid?</i>	Martha Moore
RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE		
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		

## 9:45 AM SERVICE

WORSHIP INVITATION		Michael Middleton
*CALL TO WORSHIP		
*MOMENT OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE		Laura Miller
SONG		
GIFTS OF GRATITUDE		Dave Steane
MESSAGE	Questions God Asks of Us: <i>Why Are You So Afraid?</i>	Martha Moore
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Musicians in these services: Daniel Amaya, bass; Joe Gavito, guitar; Craig Gysler, keys; Michael Middleton, worship leader; Asher Pudlo, drums

## 11:15 AM SERVICE

PRELUDE	<i>The Swan</i>	Camille Saint-Saens (1835-1921)
WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP		Dave Steane
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>	#376; Vs. 1, 2   HYFRYDOL
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON		
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	from the United Church of Canada	
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	<i>The Gloria Patri</i>	Hymn #579
HYMN SING		Charles Hausmann
OFFERTORY	<i>Psalms 23</i>	Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)
MESSAGE	Questions God Asks of Us: <i>Why Are You So Afraid?</i>	Martha Moore
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>O Jesus, I Have Promised</i>	#388; Vs. 1, 4   ANGEL'S STORY
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	<i>Psalms 20</i>	Gordon Young (1919-1998)

Musicians in this service: Charles Hausmann, hymn leader; Bill Lundgren, violinist; Kathryn White, pianist/organist

## 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:dturet@mdpc.org) and join one of our New Member Classes that run throughout the year.

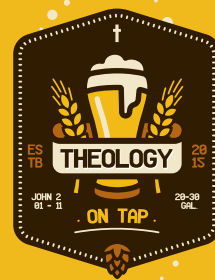


MDPC Food Service Ministries invites everyone to

## All-Church Lunch

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

Choose between Barbecue Chicken with Monterrey Jack or Apple-glazed Salmon, each served with roasted red potatoes, creamed spinach, and vegetable medley (\$10). Also available is a Southwestern Salad (\$8.50), Vegetable Plate (\$7), or Children's Meal (\$4).



THEOLOGY ON TAP  
Question freely. Think deeply. Drink a little.

### Theology On Tap: *What I Hate About Church Is* \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a love/hate relationship with church? If church is God's prized creation, then why do so many people hate it, and why is it so broken? At our August get-together, leaders of local churches (including our very own Alf Halvorson) will be there to hear your grievances as we seek answers for this dilemma. You'll be able to text in questions of your own to the panel, all while enjoying yummy food and craft beer! **Open to young adults, 21-40-ish.**

Monday, August 15 | Doors open 6:45, Discussion at 7:00  
8584 Katy Freeway, 77024 (Look for the yellow signs)

Details: [ya.mdpc.org](http://ya.mdpc.org)

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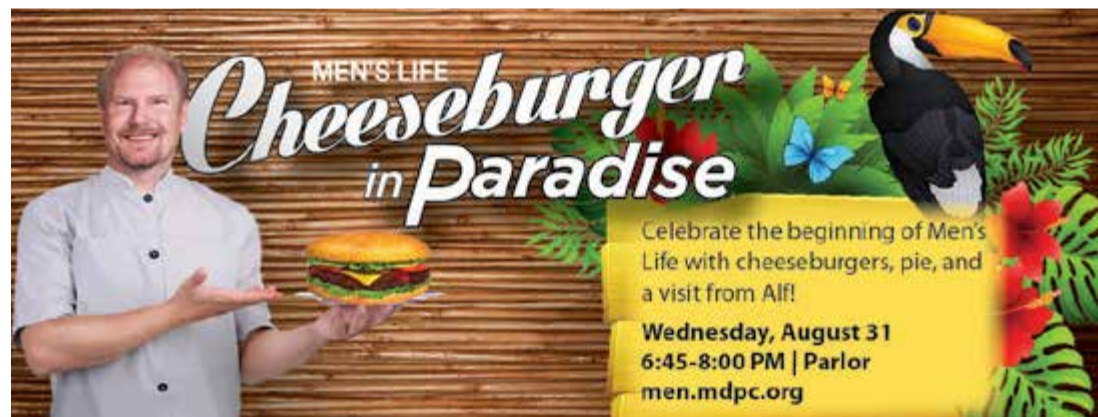


Is there someone YOU know who would make a great

## 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](http://nominations.mdpc.org), or turn in a printed form, available around campus.



**MEN'S LIFE**  
*Cheeseburger in Paradise*

Celebrate the beginning of Men's Life with cheeseburgers, pie, and a visit from Alf!

**Wednesday, August 31**  
6:45-8:00 PM | Parlor  
[men.mdpc.org](http://men.mdpc.org)



**FAITH & REASON**

**Tuesdays**  
September 13 - January 24  
6:15-7:45 AM | Fellowship Hall  
Continental Breakfast 5:45 AM

**MEN'S LIFE**  
FAITH & REASON

Register: [ml.mdpc.org](http://ml.mdpc.org)



# QUESTIONS

God Asks Of Us

## Why Are You So Afraid?

Matthew 8:23-27

Martha Moore Preaching

Everyone loves an invitation, and in this week's Scripture passage there are at least three: to cross to the other side, to be like Jesus, and to engage in authentic conversation. Reread Mark 4:35-41 and then engage in the following questions.

1. Tell about a storm that you personally experienced. What was it like? What emotions did you experience? How were you changed after the storm was over?
2. What's appealing about the *zoe* (full, rich, abundant) life? What keeps you from living this life?
3. The disciples take the initiative when Jesus extends the invitation to cross over to the other side by inviting Jesus into their boat. What initiatives have you taken in your faith?
4. Where are you hearing Jesus invite you to go even further in your faith? How do you plan to take the initiative in this next invitation? What's holding you back?
5. Is there a part of your life where Jesus is not invited? A relationship? Your job? School? A certain habit or hobby? An attitude? What would it look like for Jesus to become a part of this area of your life? Every area of your life?
6. The disciples didn't ask Jesus to calm the storm, but instead asked if He even cared that they were perishing. Why, in their panic stricken state of mind, would they ask this question?
7. Share a time when you felt like God didn't care about a storm you were experiencing. Describe how later you realized He was actually at work in your life.
8. Do you engage in authentic conversation with God about why you are so afraid? In what ways? If not, why not?
9. Jesus invites us to be like Him by experiencing peace even in the middle of life's storms by completely trusting in our Father's care. What storm are you currently facing? What steps will you take to experience what St. Augustine calls Perpetual Sabbath: "There we shall rest and see, see and love, love and praise. This is what shall be in the end without end. For what other end do we propose to ourselves than to attain to the kingdom of which there is no end?" (City of God, St. Augustine, book 22, chapter 30)
10. Commit this week to one or more of the following challenges:
  - Invite one person this week to lunch, to MDPC, to your small group, to experience life on other side.
  - Live this week in Psalm 23.
  - Engage in deep conversation with Jesus when fear creeps in.
 Be ready to share with the group next week about your experience.

