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MDPC App

For a quick download link for Apple and Android, text "APP" to 832-742-1832.

MDPC Worship

8:30 AM • Blended • Chapel
9:45 AM • Contemporary • Sanctuary
11:15 AM • Traditional • Sanctuary
11:15 AM • Spanish Language • Chapel
6:00 PM • Portuguese Language • Chapel

**WEEKLY
MINISTRY
PARTNER
PRAYER
FOCUS**

Back 2 Basics Ministry • Back 2 Basics brings the love of God to forgotten teenagers living on the streets and in shelters, foster homes, and mental facilities. It provides consistent and loving relationships that help address each teen's unique spiritual, emotional, and material needs. b2bministry.com

Be An Angel • Started in 1986 by a parent at T.H. Rogers School, Be An Angel improves the quality of life for children living with multiple disabilities or profound deafness. It provides adaptive equipment (such as hearing aids), school programs, and specialized services. beanangel.org

MDPC Field Partners Chris and Jaime have lived in the Middle East for nine years where their goal is to mobilize disciple-making movements within the communities that they live and work. Pray for Chris, Jaime, their three children, and their team to be strengthened by God as they seek opportunities to share their faith in Jesus while building relationships with their neighbors, co-workers, and those placed in their path.

Mission in Action

For almost ten years, the Sanctuary Choir has hosted an annual caroling party with the homeless community at the Family Courthouse park in downtown Houston. With bells to ring, they gather to sing carols, pray, and eat pizza and cookies, and hand out blankets, gloves, hats knitted by the MDPC Knitting for Missions group, and toiletries. The event's become a highlight of the Christmas season.



Giving: The 2020 annual budget was approved at the January Session meeting. Look for the numbers to be posted here beginning next Sunday.

Online giving is available at give.mdpc.org.

**And in Jesus Christ**

Romans 10:1-4; 9-15

Alf Halvorson preaching

Romans 10:1-4 • Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I can testify that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they have not submitted to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. **Romans 9-15** • Because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in Him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on Him. For, "Everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord shall be saved." But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim Him? And how are they to proclaim Him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

8:30 AM BLENDED & 9:45 AM CONTEMPORARY**Praise & Worship • Confession • Message • Offering**

Musicians in these Services: Meliza Gómez and Michael Middleton, worship leaders
Asher Pudlo, drums • Daniel Amaya, bass • George Heathco, guitar

11:15 AM TRADITIONAL MUSIC

Prelude	<i>Adagio for Strings</i>	Samuel Barber (1910-1981)
Choral Introit	<i>The Church's One Foundation</i>	arr. David Hines
*Hymn of Praise #446	<i>Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken</i> (Vs. 1 & 3)	AUSTRIAN HYMN
Anthem	<i>Pie Jesu (Merciful Jesus) from Requiem</i>	Andrew Lloyd Weber (b.1948)
Offertory	<i>Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus</i>	arr. Dan Forrest (b.1978)
*Hymn of Response #316	<i>Breathe on Me, Breath of God</i> (Vs. 1-2)	TRENTHAM
Postlude	<i>Highland Cathedral</i>	Roever/Korb

Musicians in this Service: Sanctuary Choir • Kristine Overman & Christine Cummins, soloists
Kathryn White, organ • Dr. Charles Hausmann, conductor

* Please stand if able.

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2020 Lenten Small Group Study:
The Growing Disciple

In six sessions, we'll focus on five spiritual practices every Christian needs. Online registration begins today (growing.mdpc.org). Groups begin meeting the week of March 1, with several new daytime and evening groups being formed. Study guides will be available in the Sanctuary Lobby on Sundays, on weekdays at the Front Office, or online as a PDF.

STARTS THIS WEEK

Spring Training

2020

Step up your game with a 4-week men's study on emotional and spiritual maturity. Become all that God intended you to be as men, husbands, fathers, and friends.

Tuesdays
February 4 - 25
6:30 - 7:45 AM
Amphitheater



Register today: men.mdpc.org

February 23
CITC.mdpc.org
or the **MDPC App**



Registered participants may pick up their T-Shirts today in the Sanctuary Lobby.

Four Service Options

- Serve at HFB**
Houston Food Bank
Bus leaves from Kinkaid

- Serve at MOY**
Mission of Yahweh
Bus leaves from Kinkaid

- Serve at MDPC**
Misc. Projects on the MDPC Campus

- Serve with Habitat**
Habitat for Humanity on the MDPC Campus


UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES AT MDPC

Annual Meeting & All-Church Lunch

MDPC Session has called an annual congregational meeting to present ministry highlights for 2019 and to present the 2020 budget and pastors' terms of call for informational purposes. The meeting will take place during All Church Lunch, which will feature a Mardi Gras-themed menu of blackened catfish, fried okra, Cajun corn maque choux, and more!
Sunday, February 9 • Fellowship Hall • Food Service begins at 11:00 AM (menu and prices at food.mdpc.org)
12:30 PM MDPC Annual Meeting

Theology On Tap: Man vs. Machine

Let's examine what it means to be human, and the promises and perils of transhumanism.
Tuesday, February 11 • 7:00-9:00 PM • For 20s & 30s
facebook.com/TheologyOnTapHouston

Church in the City

Join your MDPC friends and family for this annual service event. We forego the usual Sunday services, and participate in a variety of service projects, both here and with our ministry partners. There are several new and exciting

opportunities this year, so please visit the website or the MDPC app for details and registration.
Sunday, February 23
Register: CITC.mdpc.org

Youth Summer Mission Trip Sign-Ups

High school, 7th-8th grade, and 6th grade each have their own mission experience. Grow by going! Sign up today.
High School • Lake of the Ozarks (June 14-20)
7th-8th Grade • San Antonio (May 31-June 6)
6th Grade • Houston (June 27-28)
youthmissions.mdpc.org

Girls' Getaway is at Capacity

MDPC Women is thrilled with the response to Girls' Getaway 2020. We are currently at capacity for rooms, but if you are interested in going, please sign-up through the online wait list. You will be notified if there is an opening.
getaway.mdpc.org

Community Gallery Wall

Stop by the Gallery Wall to view a beautiful collection of quilts by MDPC quilters.
Located between Room 122 and The Nook

Interested in MDPC Membership?

Join the Next New Member Class

Classes are taught by Pastors and Elders, and include a Saturday service project at one MDPC's partner organizations.

Friday (6:30-9:00 PM) & Saturday (9:00 AM-Noon), February 7-8
This session will be a two-day intensive.
Details & registration: membership.mdpc.org

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES AT MDPC

The Winsome Witness Challenge

Join us in this Challenge, where we suggest simple and practical ideas for building deeper relationships and sharing your faith with those in your sphere. **This week, say "yes" to a volunteer role at work, church, or your kids' school. You'll be serving a need and will likely add new people to your sphere of influence.**

Join the Wedding Ministry Team

MDPC's Wedding Ministry is seeking coordinators to serve wedding groups on their big day. Those with a heart for hospitality and strong organizational and communication skills are encouraged to apply. Coordinators are compensated for each event that they work.
Contact Meghan Garvin: mgarvin@mdpc.org

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

Are you a mom of young children who could use a little break in the week to drop off the kids, relax, and chat with other moms? Then MOPS is for you. Come for connection, solid content, adult conversation, and free childcare. Visit MOPS.mdpc.org for all the details.
Every other Thursday, 9:30-11:15 AM | Parlor
OR Monthly on Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 PM

Outreach Committees Need You!

Outreach Ministries needs volunteers to serve on local outreach committees. These committee members see God at work as they make site visits, get to know MDPC's local ministry partners, and make funding recommendations.
Contact Jan Roe: jroe@mdpc.org

MDPC Is Committed to Fighting Childhood Hunger

One in four children in Houston often go without meals, and many more lack the good nutrition needed to thrive developmentally. **You can make a real difference!** Here are two MDPC service projects that provide food directly to hungry Houston children.

Volunteer at Houston Food Bank

Volunteer monthly to prepare meals at Houston Food Bank (HFB). These meals are then distributed by HFB to after-school programs throughout Harris County.
Next date: Monday, February 10 • 8:00 AM-Noon
Registration & details: hfb.mdpc.org
Questions? Contact Suzanne Fitch: fitchsuzanne@hotmail.com

Make Sandwiches for Kids' Meals

Make sandwiches at MDPC for local distribution by Kids' Meals. Please bring four loaves of sandwich bread per sandwich-maker to the service project. (Plain white or wheat, nothing fancy required!)
Next Service Date: Wednesday, February 12 4:30-6:00 PM • Fellowship Hall
Contact Julie Hempel: hempeljulie@gmail.com

The MDPC App • Many of the events listed here also are on the MDPC app, where quick and easy registration is available. Check it out!
Find download links at app.mdpc.org.



THE WELL

A SPEAKER SERIES FOR WOMEN

RESTORE

Is there an area of your life where you could use some restoration? A part of your heart or your story that longs to be restored? Join us at The Well, our semi-annual gathering for women of all ages and life stages.

FEBRUARY 12 • 6:30-8:00 PM • CHAPEL
Light refreshments at 6:00 PM in the Parlor.
Please RSVP to help us plan: THEWELL.MDPC.ORG




BELIEVE

**In Jesus Christ His
Only Son, Our Lord**
Romans 10:1-4; 9-15
Alf Halvorson preaching

This is the fourth message in our Apostles' Creed series. We have completed the first "movement" of the Creed, about the first Person of the Trinity. The second movement, about the second Person of the Trinity, Jesus the Christ, is much longer and more fully developed.

1. What is your biggest takeaway from the first movement of the Creed? Was it something from *I believe, in God, Father, Almighty, or Maker of Heaven and Earth*?

2. Why do you think the authors of the Creed chose to make the second movement so much longer than the first? Might John 1:18 help explain anything?

3. *Read Romans 10:1-4.* What does Paul want for his fellow Jews? Does the context of Romans 9:30-33 provide needed history? What is Paul trying to say about the difference in trying to be "saved by works" as opposed to "being saved by grace"? Why don't works work?

4. *Read Romans 10:9-15.* The phrase "Jesus is Lord" from verse 9 (and I Cor. 12:3) is said to be the shortest and one of the oldest (if not *the* oldest) Creeds in the New Testament. How does Paul say in verses 9-13 that we receive Christ or are saved? It sounds so simple. Is it? How or in what ways is that difficult?

5. *Focus on verses 14-15 now.* This is the location from which I took our Benediction for the fall of this year. There are four questions here. What are they? Why does Paul want the hearers to focus on these concerns? Why should we? What would it look like for MDPC and you to be "sent"?

6. What if it were true for you/us: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring Good News"? Who, in your life right now, needs your beautiful feet and the Good News?

