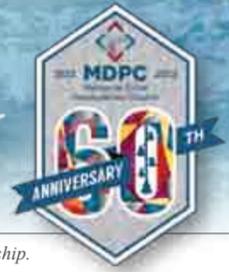


Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2015

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Our Favorite Scriptures



Please silence all devices, and refrain from consuming food or beverages during worship.

Today Is Pentecost

Pentecost is not as well-known or as popular as Christmas and Easter, though it commemorates a watershed event in Christian history. In many ways, Pentecost is the birthday of the church. For Christians, Pentecost is a holiday on which we commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the early followers of Jesus. Before the events of the first Pentecost, which came a few weeks after Jesus' death and resurrection, there were followers of Jesus, but no movement that could meaningfully be called "the church." From an historical point of view, Pentecost is the day on which the church was started. This also is true from a spiritual perspective, since the Spirit brings the church into existence and enlivens it.

On the day of Pentecost, seven weeks* after the resurrection of Jesus, the Holy Spirit was poured out upon those followers of Jesus who had gathered together in Jerusalem. What happened on the first Pentecost continues to happen to Christians throughout the world today, though usually not in such a dramatic fashion. We rarely get a heavenly wind and tongues of fire anymore. Nevertheless, God pours out the Spirit upon all who put their faith in Jesus Christ and become His disciples (see Romans 8:1-11).

-Excerpted from Rev. Dr. Mark D. Roberts' patheos.com

*The English word "Pentecost" comes from the ancient Christian expression *pentekoste hemera*, which means "fiftieth day."

10:00 TRADITIONAL SERVICE

PRELUDE	<i>Cantique de Jean Racine</i>	Fauré (1842-1924)/arr. White
WELCOME		Dave Steane
CALL TO WORSHIP		
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>Let Every Christian Pray</i>	#130; Verses 1-3 LAUDES DOMINI
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON		Kristin Huffman
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	The Apostles' Creed	
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	<i>The Gloria Patri</i>	Hymn #579
HYMN SING		Charles Hausmann
OFFERTORY	<i>O Holy Spirit, Praise to You</i>	Howard Helvey (b. 1968)
MESSAGE	Remember! Deuteronomy 6:4-9	Dave Steane
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand</i>	#262; Vs. 1-2 NATIONAL HYMN
POSTLUDE	<i>All Creatures of Our God and King</i>	arr. DeBruyn

*Please stand if able. CCLI # 182374

Prayers for Our Military

Please pray for our servicemen and women, at home and abroad. For a listing of MDPC family members deployed with the U.S. Armed Forces, visit military.mdpc.org.

Sermon Notes

Stop by the Connection Center in the Lobby or the Front Office for a copy of this week's sermon notes. They also are available from the ushers, and will be posted at sermons.mdpc.org.

Praises & Prayers

Today's Chancel Flowers are given by:

Jim Townsen, in memory of Biskit, his and his late wife's Golden Retriever, a gift of God for him and Carol for 14 years.

Please Pray for the Halvorson Family

Alf Halvorson, MDPC's new senior pastor, and his wife, Shari, are facing significant changes over the coming months. Pray for the Halvorson family, and for the congregation of First Presbyterian Church Bethlehem, in this period of transition.

Memorial Day Holiday

There is no Sunday School today, so we'll see you in class next Sunday, May 31! Also, the MDPC campus and offices will be closed tomorrow, Monday, May 25.

May Is MAM Month at MDPC!

Memorial Assistance Ministries' (MAM) needs donations of household and food items like toothpaste, tuna salad kits, and deodorant. Pick up a flyer for a handy list of needed goods. Drop your donations in the grocery carts located around campus this month.

How to Hear God

Designed for the individual who is hungry for a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit, this four-week class explores classic disciplines that help us identify and hear the voice of God.

Thursdays, May 28 | Noon-1:15 PM | MDPC High School Room (Room 265)

To sign up: register.mdpc.org

MDPC College: Rocky Mountains Backpacking Summer Adventure

The answer is YES! YES, you carry everything on your back for six days; YES, you climb up and over a mountain; YES, you have an incredible time re-connecting with your friends and with God!

Info Night: Wednesday, May 27 | 6:30 PM (after College Bible Study) | Peña Home

Text "Tall Guy" Alex Knoop for more info: 512-917-9432

An Introduction to Covenant Theology *taught by MDPC Elder, Drew Tingleaf*

We'll study the amazing way the key promises, or covenants, that God made with us in the Bible serve as lenses through which we can examine His supernatural, yet very tangible, love for us.

Wednesdays, May 27-June 10 | 6:30-8:00 PM | Summit Room

Contact Christyn Knoop: cknoop@mdpc.org or 713-490-0940

Prime Timers presents Summer Movies

Admission, popcorn, and lemonade are all FREE. All are welcome! Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Following the movie, stay for Wednesday Night Dinner!

Select Wednesdays: June 3, Paddington (PG) | 3:00 PM | Amphitheater

A full Summer Movies schedule is at films.mdpc.org.

MDPC College: Discipleship Groups

Lower-Division: For soon-to-be college sophomores and juniors. Luke Gordon will focus us on going deeper in our faith.

Upper-Division: For graduated, soon-to-be, and super seniors. We'll focus on the transition out of college, (re)forming one's identity, and finding a career. Visits from MDPC members will offer wisdom and networking opportunities.

Tuesday mornings, starting May 26

Got questions? Contact Brandon Gaide by email (bgaide@mdpc.org) or text (832-627-9613).

Children's Ministries Needs You!

Sign up to help teach elementary or preschool kids about Christ! Everything will be provided, all we need is YOU! Remember, moms and DADS are invited to help during the summer.

Contact Mallory (mmoore@mdpc.org) or Becky (bfunderburk@mdpc.org) with questions and to volunteer.

Help Needed In "Bite Size" Portions

Second Family is seeking volunteers to deliver meals to homebound MDPC members (Mondays and Thursdays), and to transport members to and from doctor appointments and grocery stores.

Contact Bitsy Cleveland (713-490-9542, bcleveland@mdpc.org) or Judy Ebling (281-888-4581, elledjf@aol.com).

Wanted: Clothes Closet Volunteer

Looking for a volunteer to assist three other ladies in sorting through donations of clothing, housewares, and miscellaneous items donated to MDPC's Clothes Closet.

Wednesdays, 10:00 AM-Noon

To learn more, contact Karen Cole: 713-532-0966

MDPC ministries are stewarding their budgets carefully due to the current deficit. This summer, we're producing this smaller, monochromatic bulletin as part of these efforts. Visit mdpc.org for more info on events and programs. To be placed on the email list, contact Cinnamon at cmcdade@mdpc.org.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

OPERATING INCOME

2015 Budget	\$ 10,500,000
Expected Income to date	\$ 3,254,635
Actual Income to Date	\$ 2,923,168
Current Income Deficit	\$ 331,467



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