

MAM
Back to School
 Children have enough to worry about in the classroom without the added burden of sticking out or being unprepared. Your contribution will help Spring Branch kids meet a dress code and adhere to a required school supply list. Stop by our table in the Breezeway to give.
 Today's the last day to give to this awesome program!
 Want to learn more? Contact Nancy Ennis: ennis1122@sbcglobal.net



Online giving at helperehelpnow.org

▲ local.mdpc.org ▼ schools.mdpc.org

You'd Make a Great Role Model!
 Do you realize how little it takes? Spending just 30 minutes a week mentoring or tutoring an at-risk child can change his or her future!
 For details, visit schools.mdpc.org.





▼ bsd.mdpc.org

2015-2016 Journey to the Cross
 Starting in September, Bible Study Discussion takes a look at the journey God's people took from their exodus from Egypt, to the Resurrection. Learn more at one of our informative **Welcome Coffees**:

Thursday, September 3
 9:30-10:30 AM | Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 13
 9:15-11:00 AM | Room 101

A variety of class days and times are available: bsd.mdpc.org






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The Venturers at **MDPC** present
Political and Economic Consequences of Texas Demographic Changes
Monday, September 14
 Social Hour: 6:00 PM
 Dinner/Program: 7:00 PM
 Westchase Hilton
 Guest Speaker, **Dr. Steve Murdock**
 Sociology Chair, Rice University
 RSVP by **September 9**.






MEN'S LIFE FOCUS
Cheeseburger in Paradise
 Wednesday September 2 6:45-8:00 PM Parlor
 Come to the MEN'S LIFE Kick Off Event! Meet Alf! Free burgers & pie!

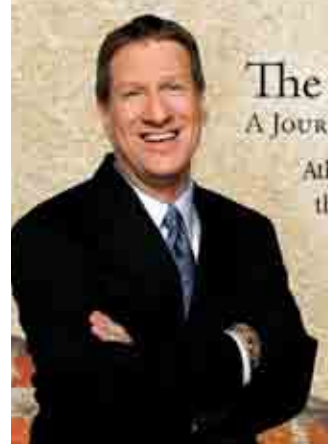

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MEN'S LIFE FOCUS
 In a world of distractions, how do men stay FOCUSED?
 Tuesday Mornings, September 15, 2015 - January 26, 2016
 6:15-7:45 AM Fellowship Hall (Continental breakfast at 5:45 AM)
 Register today! ml.mdpc.org

▼ strobel.mdpc.org

The Case for Christ
 A JOURNALIST'S PERSONAL SEARCH OF THE EVIDENCE FOR JESUS
 Atheist-turned-Christian Lee Strobel, joins us to kick-off a three-week study of his best-selling book, *The Case for Christ*, his personal quest for the truth about Jesus.
Wednesday, September 16 6:30 PM | MDPC Sanctuary.
 Register: strobel.mdpc.org

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Discover the 9 Types of People
Tuesday, September 15 | Fellowship Hall
 Free Program 10:30 AM
 Lunch (\$9.50) Noon

The Enneagram is a study of the nine basic personality types. Used as a tool for spiritual growth, the Enneagram helps us understand our unique wiring and where God wants to bring healing and transformation into our lives. Speaker **Christyn Knoop**, is MDPC's Adult Ministries Director.

Lunch reservation check must be received (at the front office or mailed to MDPC) by **Wednesday, September 9**. Visitors are welcome!


Which type are YOU?






Sunday, August 30, 2015

MDPC 60th ANNIVERSARY

The Installation Service of Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson



The Church, Really?
 Ephesians 4:7, 11-16
 Today's message by **Rev. Dr. Gary Stratman**, Retired Presbyterian Pastor

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

MDPC HIGHLIGHTS

All-Church Lunch: Labor Day Sunday

Join us next Sunday for a Labor Day cookout of hamburgers and hot dogs, served up by the MDPC pastors! Plates are just \$7.50, and include cole slaw, potato salad, and ice cream sundaes. Wear your backyard BBQ clothes to church!

Next Sunday, September 6 | 11:00 AM | Fellowship Hall

Elder Nominations are due August 31

Elder Nominations are almost closed, and your input is essential!

nominations.mdpc.org

Please Pray: Global Travel with MDPC Partners in Ethiopia & Dubai

MDPC will be traveling Ethiopia with our partner, Light of Hope, September 4-14 to learn about its ministry and God's work in the region. Another MDPC partner is hosting a trip to Dubai, November 14-21, to learn about new mission leaders on the Arabian Peninsula.

Contact Amy Delgado for information on MDPC Global Outreach: adelgado@mdpc.org

Discover MDPC

Want to know more about MDPC? Interested in membership? Come find out more about who we are and how we operate, both in our community and around the world.

Today, 10:45-11:15 AM | Gathering Room

Contact Diann Turet: dturet@mdpc.org or 713-490-9553

REACH Fall Recreational Classes for Children and Adults

We offer educational and exciting classes like dance, tumbling, sports, cooking, and music for the kids. Adults can get fit, or express themselves through art, piano, and voice!

Registration and class details: reach.mdpc.org

Contact Cathy Moerer or Jan Keener with questions: reach@mdpc.org or 713-490-9564

Kids' Meals: Meals on Wheels for Preschool Children

Kids' Meals has ramped up its delivery of lunches to preschool-aged children, and MDPC is instrumental in providing one day's delivery - that's 2,200 sandwiches! You can make a difference. Bring two loaves of bread and be part of the sandwich-making team.

Wednesday, September 9 | 5:00-6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Contact Julie Hempel: hempeljulie@gmail.com

Halftime Wednesday Youth Group

Halftime is a high energy program where you can come as you are and have a ton of fun building friendships and learning about Jesus. We'll play games, sing worship songs, and hear a short talk about Jesus and how He relates to us. It's a perfect place to bring friends!

Begins Wednesday, September 9 | 6:30 PM | The Loft

For more info on MDPC Youth, visit youth.mdpc.org.

New Member Classes

MDPC's New Member Class series is taught by the associate pastors and elders. The series includes a Saturday service project at one of our local mission partners.

Sundays, September 13-October 18 | 9:45-11:00 AM | Summit Room

Contact Diann Turet: dturet@mdpc.org or 713-490-9553

Tuesday Bible Study

Taught by MDPC's Associate Pastor, Kristin Huffman, and Director of Children's Ministries, Rachel Poysky, the Tuesday Morning Bible study will journey together through the Scriptures. More details to come, but be sure to mark your calendars!

Tuesdays, beginning September 15 | 9:00 AM | Room 122

MDPC Marriage Retreat

This is an overnight retreat with Brett and Kellie Hurst of Home Encouragement. Registration fee includes accommodations at The Woodlands Waterway Marriott for one evening, lunch on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday.

Saturday-Sunday, October 17-18 | Noon-Noon | \$205/couple

Registration is limited: marriage.mdpc.org - Closes 9/23

Contact Amanda Grace Caldwell: acaldwell@mdpc.org or 713-490-0931

MDPC WORSHIP

*Please stand if able.

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9:30 CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

WORSHIP INVITATION

Meliza Gómez, Tara Reynolds

*WORSHIP MUSIC

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

Brett Hurst

WELCOME

Dave Steane

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Poysky

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

MESSAGE

The Church, Really?

Gary Stratman

Ephesians 4:7, 11-16 (NRSV)

INSTALLATION OF THE REV. DR. ALF HALVORSON

See insert for Installation details.

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Alf Halvorson

11:15 TRADITIONAL SERVICE

PRELUDE

Church Sonata No. 9 K. 244

W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)

Rasa Kalesnykaite, Carrie Kauk, violins; Kathryn White, piano

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Dave Steane

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

#464; Vs. 1-3 | HYMN TO JOY

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Kristin Huffman

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

CHORAL ANTHEM

The Heavens Are Telling

Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

Julie Thornton, Jack Swanson, and Tommy Glass, soloists

OFFERTORY

Go Ye Into All the World

York/arr. White

MESSAGE

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*HYMN OF RESPONSE

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Vs. 1, 3, 4 | MELITA

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Alf Halvorson

POSTLUDE

Toccata

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

OTHER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SPANISH SERVICE

11:15 AM | Chapel

fuente.mdpc.org

FIFTH SERVICE

5:00 PM | Chapel

fifthservice.mdpc.org

MDPC INFO

Coordinating Team

Mauricio Chacón | Associate Pastor for Fuente

Brandon Gaide | Associate Pastor for Next Gen

Ginny Glass | Communications & Media Dir.

Meliza Gómez | Contemporary Music Dir.

Luke Gordon | Youth Ministries Dir.

Alf Halvorson | Senior Pastor

Charles Hausmann | Traditional Music Dir.

Kristin Huffman | Associate Pastor for Outreach

Brett Hurst | Relationships Minister

Gena Kooken | Sr. Leadership Ministry Coor.

Rick Myers | Associate Pastor for Caring

Rachel Poysky | Children's Ministries Dir.

Becky Riggs | Business Administrator

Dave Steane | Executive Pastor & Head of Staff

Kathryn White | Coordinating Music Dir.

Karen Winship | Human Resources Dir.

Dave Peterson | Pastor Emeritus

Gary Bowker | Pastor Emeritus

MDPC Foundation

For information, contact Business Administrator

Becky Riggs at briggs@mdpc.org or 713-953-2570.



MDPC Turns 60!

In 2015, we celebrate 60 years of faith and ministry.

Pictured above: MDPC charter members Earl and Dorothy Calkins and Connie and Bob Sabom on the occasion of MDPC's 25th Anniversary (1980).

Do you have classic MDPC photos? Email scans to Eva Kaminski (ekaminski@mdpc.org) or drop prints at the Front Office. Originals will be returned.

Ministry Partners

Pray for these MDPC partners working to make a difference in the lives of others:

Presbytery of New Covenant provides programs and training opportunities for individuals in leadership in our Presbytery.

pbyofnewcovenant.org

Prison Entrepreneurship Program connects businessmen and prison inmates in a life-transforming program that fosters entrepreneurial passion through education and mentoring. Its "inside-out" system allows participants to begin while still incarcerated, and continue with support and encouragement after their release.

pep.org

MDPC Field Partner M.D. recently moved to a sensitive area of the world with the goal of seeing individuals and families transformed by Christ's love, grace, and truth. With a heart for women and children, this ministry aims to integrate culturally with the local people and bring the truth of the Gospel as a light to those who are suffering.

Please Pray

For What Lies Ahead

As we reflect on our denominational alignment, please pray for peace in the hearts of your fellow MDPC family members, and sage discernment for our leadership.

Visit denom-issues.mdpc.org for information.

We Love to See MDPCers!

When you take pictures at an MDPC event, or snap some photos with your small group or Sunday school class, please share them with us! It's great to have familiar faces to use in publications and around campus.

Please send digital photos in original size to Eva at ekaminski@mdpc.org. Include names of people pictured, and where and when the photo was taken. Be sure to have the consent of everyone in the photo!

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

OPERATING INCOME

2015 Budget	\$	10,500,000
Expected Income to date	\$	5,084,084
Actual Income to Date	\$	4,953,649
Current Income Deficit	\$	130,435

Pictured: Member Janet Orman on medical mission in Guatemala with Faith In Practice. Your generosity enables all of MDPC's outreach.



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Loving God. Proclaiming Christ. Living Generously. Engaging All.

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ARE YOU A MILLENNIAL(ISH)?

ARE YOU IN YOUR
20S TO 30S?
HAVE WE GOT A
GROUP FOR YOU:

HEIGHTS SMALL GROUP

THEY MEET EVERY OTHER TUESDAY
AT 6:00 PM FOR A HOMEMADE
MEAL AND BIBLE STUDY.
NOM NOM, RIGHT?

NEARLY + NEWLY MARRIED COMMUNITY GROUP

REAL CONVERSATION. LIFE STORIES.
JESUS. MARRIAGE. WE'D LOVE TO
MEET YOU! TUESDAYS AT 7:00 PM IN
BEAUTIFUL MEMORIAL.

WHAT IF YOU'RE
MARRIED, EITHER
NEWLY OR WITH
KIDS IN TOW? NOT
TO FEAR, FRIEND.

BETWEEN WORK, FAMILY, BABY SHOWERS, GYM TIME,
STUDYING FOR THAT SECOND DEGREE, WE GET IT - YOUR
WEEKS ARE BUSY. SUNDAY OPTIONS TO THE RESCUE!

LIFE 2.0

YOUNG COUPLES CONVERSING
ABOUT CHRIST. THIS FALL'S
BOOK STUDY IS ON "SEX AND
MONEY!" GOOD TIMES.

FULL LIFE

COUPLES 30-40S WHO HAVE YOUNG
CHILDREN. THE FALL BRINGS A SERIES OF
PROVOCATIVE DISCUSSIONS ON WHAT
THE BIBLE HAS TO SAY ABOUT SOCIAL
JUSTICE. NOT A TOPIC JESUS SHIED AWAY
FROM, AND NEITHER SHOULD WE.

BOTH OF THESE GROUPS MEET AT
MDPC, SUNDAYS AT 11:15.

FOOD. ONE OF FEW THINGS WE CAN ALL
AGREE IS GREAT. FOR ALL YOU AGES AND
STAGES THAT LIKE CHECKING OUT FUN
HOUSTON VENUES, CHECK OUT THIS:

THEOLOGY ON TAP

ONE MONDAY EVENING EACH MONTH.
INTERESTING DISCUSSION, GOOD FOOD, YUMMY
DRINKS, AND GREAT COMPANY! WE DISCUSS
ANONYMOUS QUESTIONS ABOUT CHRISTIANITY
AND THE CHRISTIAN LIFE. ALL PERSPECTIVES AND
BELIEFS ARE INVITED TO JOIN.

WANT TO KNOW MORE? CONTACT BRANDON GAIDE:
BGAIDE@MDPC.ORG, 713-490-9260



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Sunday, August 30, 2015



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INSTALLATION OF THE REV. DR. ALF HALVORSON

CONVENE INSTALLATION

John Jo
Ruling Elder, Korean Central Presbyterian Church

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO PASTOR

John Jo

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO CONGREGATION

Beverly Fluke
Ruling Elder, MDPC

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

Dave Steane
Executive Pastor, MDPC

STATEMENT OF INSTALLATION

John Jo

WELCOME TO PASTOR

Lynn Hargrove
Stated Clerk, New Covenant Presbytery

CHARGE TO PASTOR

Vicky Jones
Former Associate Pastor, MDPC

CHARGE TO CONGREGATION

Dave Peterson
Pastor Emeritus, MDPC

Statement on the Ministry of the Church

Based on Book of Order

We are called out by God to be the Church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world today of the new life that God intends for all. In our life together we are to display the new reality that sin is forgiven, reconciliation accomplished, and the dividing walls of hostility torn down.

As the living body of Christ, the church is called to proclaim the good news of salvation, to present the claims of the Gospel on people's lives, and to demonstrate Christ's love in service to the world. We are called to undertake this mission even at the risk of life, trusting God in all things. In faith we embrace a new openness to what God is doing in our time, a renewed obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ, and a new joy in our common worship and work.

Today we reclaim our historic calling and remember the great ends of the church:

(1) The proclamation of the Gospel for the salvation of humankind; (2) the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; (3) the maintenance of divine worship; (4) the preservation of the truth; (5) the promotion of social righteousness; and (6) the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.

The ministry of the church is shared by pastor and people, so that all together may fulfill the mission to which we are called in Jesus Christ. The particular responsibility of the ministry of the Word and Sacrament is to build up the

church and serve the people of God, so that the Word may be rightly proclaimed and the sacraments rightly celebrated. The call to this ministry has been extended by the congregation, accepted by the candidate, and approved by the presbytery. Therefore Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church, by means of commission, now installs Rev. Alf Halvorson as Senior Pastor of Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church.

In his baptism, Reverend Alf Halvorson was clothed with Christ. He was ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament, and is now called by God through the voice of the church to serve as Pastor of this congregation.

We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ, and we celebrate God's call to our brother, to serve among us as pastor.

Constitutional Questions for Installation

1. Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge Him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through Him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
2. Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?
3. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?
4. Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?
5. Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?
6. Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?
7. Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?
8. Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?
9. Will you be a faithful teaching elder, proclaiming the good news in Word and Sacrament, teaching faith and caring for people? Will you be active in government and discipline, serving in the councils of the church; and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

Questions for the Congregation

1. Do we, the members of the church, accept Alf Halvorson as our pastor, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ?
2. Do we agree to pray for him, to encourage him, to respect his decisions, and to follow as he guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?
3. Do we promise to pay him fairly and provide for his welfare as he works among us; to stand by him in trouble and share his joys? Will we listen to the Word he preaches, welcome his pastoral care, and honor his authority as he seeks to honor and obey Jesus Christ our Lord?

The Church, Really?

The Installation of Alf Halvorson as MDPC Senior Pastor

Ephesians 4:7, 11-16 | Rev. Dr. Gary Stratman Preaching

In his introduction to the Letter to the Ephesians, Eugene Peterson says, “What we know about God and what we do for God have a way of getting broken apart in our lives. ... Paul’s letter to the Ephesians joins together what has been torn apart in our sin-wrecked world... [but Paul shows] how Jesus, the Messiah, is eternally and tirelessly bringing everything and everyone together. He also shows us that in addition to having this work done in and for us, we are participants in this most urgent work. Now that we know what is going on, that the energy of reconciliation is the dynamo at the heart of the universe, it is imperative that we join in vigorously and perseveringly, convinced that every detail in our lives contributes (or not) to what Paul describes as God’s plan worked out by Christ, ‘a long-range plan in which everything would be brought together and summed up in him, everything in deepest heaven, everything on planet earth.’”

1. From the quote above, where do you see belief and behavior broken apart in our world?
2. Where do you see belief and behavior broken apart in your life?
3. Paul writes in Ephesians 4:7 that “each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ’s gift.” Grace has been defined as “God’s Riches At Christ’s Expense.” Or, “Mercy is not getting what we deserve; justice is getting what we deserve; and grace is getting what we don’t deserve.” Where and how have you received grace from God?
4. In verses 11-16, Paul talks about growth through leaders using their gifts to equip the people of the church to be involved in ministry. At MDPC, does the leadership and staff do all the ministry, or do they equip the 3,700 members to be in ministry? Where are you in ministry?
5. In vss. 14-15, Paul confronts immaturity and advocates “speaking the truth in love.” What might be an example of being tossed or tricked, and what might *speaking the truth in love* look like in that example?
6. Have you given anyone permission to speak that freely into your life? Do you have that role of mentor to speak into another’s life? What are the benefits and dangers of receiving and giving truth?
7. How are you “growing up in every way into Him who is the head, in Christ” (vs. 15)? And, how are you “promoting the body’s growth in building itself up in love” (vs. 16)?

