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**Today's Chancel Flowers are given**

- in honor of Brantley Marie Nelson, from Sally and Dennis Nelson (Sassy and Baloo).
- in celebration of the marriage of Brad Beasley to Kelsey Williams.

**Ministry Partners 2016**

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

<b>Interfaith Ministries' Meals on Wheels</b> serves nearly 4,500 homebound seniors, five days a week. It has over 3,000 volunteers who work to pack and deliver the meals. <a href="http://imgh.org/meals-on-wheels">imgh.org/meals-on-wheels</a>	<b>Kids' Meals</b> - Texas is number one in our nation for food insecurity for children, according to Houston Food Bank. Kids' Meals provides lunches to preschool children living in poverty in Harris County, home-delivering nutritious meals free of cost, Monday through Friday, year-round. It serves approximately 2,200 children daily. <a href="http://kidsmealshouston.org">kidsmealshouston.org</a>	<b>Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship</b> - God is at work in the world in unprecedented ways, and Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship (PFF) is privileged to help Presbyterians join in what He is doing. PFF's goal is to see every ethnic group have its own church, reflecting its own cultural characteristics. PFF helps Presbyterian churches to have a global mission vision. <a href="http://pff.net">pff.net</a>
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**WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE**

<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>	
2016 Budget	\$ 11,050,000
Expected Income to Date	\$ 3,564,250
Actual Income to Date	\$ 4,247,746
Current Income Surplus	\$ 683,497

Your giving through MDPC supports Meals On Wheels of Houston, whose clients, Mario and Patsy Piña, just celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. "I liked her the first time I set eyes on her and I couldn't let her get away," said Mario. Things took a turn for the couple earlier this year, when Patsy got sick and was hospitalized for three months. "We signed up for MOW when my wife came home from the hospital," he said. "This is the first time we've had to ask for help like this and these meals have been a godsend. If it wasn't for MOW, we wouldn't have a wonderful, hot meal to eat every day.">



Do YOU have questions about God? Or for God?  
 Turn the page to ask 'em.



# QUESTIONS God Asks Of Us

AND WHY OUR ANSWERS MATTER.

Sunday, June 19, 2016

**Where Is Your Brother?** | Genesis 4:1-16 (NRSV)

Rick Myers preaching



**ONE SERVICE: July 4th Weekend**

Take note: On the upcoming holiday weekend, we'll celebrate God's faithfulness in one glorious service with the entire MDPC family. Fuente and Fifth Service will not meet. There is no Sunday School for children, youth, or adults. Childcare is available for preschool.

Sunday, July 3 | 10:00 AM | Sanctuary

**Summer Films: Bridge of Spies**

Beat the heat while enjoying free popcorn and acclaimed films on select Wednesdays. All are welcome free of charge. Stick around afterward for a brief guided discussion of the film and its impact on our Christian faith.

June 22 - Bridge of Spies (PG-13)

3:00 PM | MDPC Amphitheater

Not all movies are suitable for all ages. Please visit [pluggedin.com](http://pluggedin.com) to review movie content.

**Summer Study: How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth**

Feel like everyone else knows the Bible, and you just get overwhelmed? Ever wished it was more than just words on a page? Eager to experience God at a deeper level through His Word? These stand-alone sessions led by a team of MDPC teachers will help you glean crucial insights about reading God's Word. We use Gordon Fee's book, *How To Read the Bible for All Its Worth*, as our study guide. Hosted by Quest Class. All are welcome!

Sundays at 9:45 AM | Parlor

Today: NT Letters I: From togas to skinny jeans

June 26: NT Letters II: Living in that first century vibe

**Donations for Summer Celebration**

Please donate shoeboxes (cardboard or plastic) and Christmas wrapping paper for this year's Summer Celebration. Kids will collect items to pack/wrap shoeboxes for the International Seafarers Center Christmas Shoebox program. Also needed are donations of old electronics (NO scanners, laptops, monitors, or items with glass will be accepted) and water, sodas, and individually packaged NUT-FREE snacks.

Drop off at Children's Ministries through Friday, July 8.

**Men's Summer Study**

Join MDPC Men's Ministries for a special book study on Leadership, facilitated by Brett Hurst, Ken Harris, and MDPC Men. Open to all men! Free to attend.

Tuesdays through July 26  
 6:30-7:45 AM | Amphitheater

For more information, contact Brett Hurst at [bhurst@mdpc.org](mailto:bhurst@mdpc.org) or 713-490-0930.

**The Living Well: Revival of Heart. Renewal of Mind. Rest for Soul.**

A 24-week women's study led by Charlotte Crawford. Come as you are to seek God at dawn through His Living Word. Women of all ages and stages of faith are invited to come and discover the freedom, peace, and joy that Jesus promises through the Gospel of John.

Wednesdays, September 14-April 5  
 6:00 AM | Amphitheater

More info and registration at [women.mdpc.org](http://women.mdpc.org).



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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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## 8:30 AM SERVICE

WELCOME		Dave Steane
*CALL TO WORSHIP		
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON		Kristin Huffman
SONG OF RESPONSE		
BAPTISM		Dave Steane
Edward Jakub Huk, son of Christopher and Rachel Huk		
GIFTS OF GRATITUDE		
MESSAGE	Questions God Asks of Us: <i>Where Is Your Brother?</i>	Rick Myers
SONG OF RESPONSE		

## 9:45 AM SERVICE

*CALL TO WORSHIP		Meliza Gómez
*MOMENT OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE		Brett Hurst
SONG OF RESPONSE		
BAPTISMS		Brandon Gaide and Dave Peterson
Grady Lee Bergoine, son of Andrew and Jennifer Bergoine Brantley Marie Nelson, daughter of David and Reid Nelson Wallace Lejeune Rigdon, son of Matthew and Julia Rigdon Luke Austin Moore, son of Joshua and Anjanelle Moore		
GIFTS OF GRATITUDE		Dave Steane
MESSAGE	Questions God Asks of Us: <i>Where Is Your Brother?</i>	Rick Myers
SONG OF RESPONSE		

Musicians in these services: Gus Alvarado, drums; Joe Gavito, guitar; Coppelia Acevedo and Meliza Gómez, worship leaders; Craig Gysler, keys; Dennis Whittaker, bass

## 11:15 AM SERVICE

PRELUDES	<i>Theme from Jupiter of The Planets</i> <i>Nimrod from Enigma Variations</i>	Holst (1874-1934)/arr. Tucker Elgar (1857-1934)/arr. White
WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP		Dave Steane
CHORAL INTROIT	<i>Rejoice, the Lord Is King</i>	arr. Henry Pfohl
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>Lift High the Cross</i>	#371; Vs. 1, 3   CRUCIFER
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON		Kristin Huffman
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	The Apostle's Creed	
ANTHEM	<i>This Is My Father's World</i>	arr. Paul Christiansen (1914-1997)
Rameen Chaharbagh and Lisa Borik, soloists		
BAPTISM		Dave Steane
Cole Emerson Tackett, son of Scott and Heather Tackett		
OFFERTORY	<i>How Firm a Foundation</i>	Dan Forrest (b. 1978)
MESSAGE	Questions God Asks of Us: <i>Where Is Your Brother?</i>	Rick Myers
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go</i>	#384; Vs. 1, 2, 3   ST. MARGARET
POSTLUDE	<i>Lift High the Cross</i>	arr. Paul Manz (1919-2009)

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

## 11:00 AM FIFTH SERVICE

Join the folks at Fifth for energetic worship, casual community, and dynamic teaching. Everyone is welcome! Fifth Service worships 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)

# Sent To Serve

## Summer Service Opps

Have you heard God's call? He's sending you! Go out into the city and beyond to share the love and hope found in Jesus Christ. MDPC's Outreach Ministries has all sorts of opportunities for you to get sent...

For details, visit [sent.mdpc.org](http://sent.mdpc.org).

"As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you."  
John 20:21



# Married Life Prep

Getting ready for a lifetime commitment...

A **fun**, four-week course for **engaged** and **newly married** couples.

**SUNDAYS, JULY 10-31**  
**10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

Visit [mlp.mdpc.org](http://mlp.mdpc.org) to register!



# simplify.

unclutter your soul  
• all are welcome •



Wednesdays, June 22 and 29 | 6:30-8:00 PM | Parlor

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." - Mt. 6:33

Bestselling author and pastor Bill Hybels' hands-on study teaches us how to stop living at such a frenetic pace and chart a new course toward purpose in Christ.

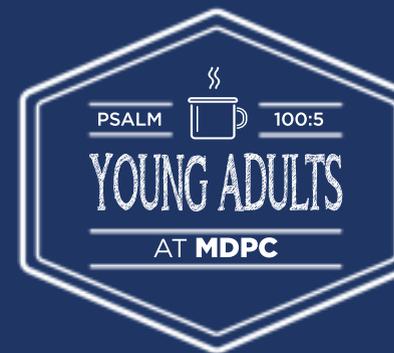
Registration is encouraged; walk-ins are welcome: [register.mdpc.org](http://register.mdpc.org) (Equipping > Simplify)

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 Today)  
**10:30-11:15 AM**, outside the Amphitheater

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



## YOU HAVE AN EPIC ROLE TO PLAY

Get threaded into the biggest story of all time. You're about to experience God's heart for all peoples and encounter the momentum of the World Christian Movement. Perspectives will open the eyes of your heart with fresh knowledge and understanding of God's unchanging purposes and why they're relevant to your life.

**Mondays starting August 15**  
**6:30-9:30 PM | Grace Presbyterian**  
Contact Mike Lehde:  
[bearded.lehde@gmail.com](mailto:bearded.lehde@gmail.com), 713-829-7021

# QUESTIONS

You've Always Wanted to Ask

## ▶ WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW?

In our 2016 summer sermon series, the Associate Pastors will be looking at **Questions God Asks of Us** – but we bet you have some questions of your own.

After the sermon (most weeks), the preaching pastor will try to answer a few questions from the congregation. If you have a question about God, Scripture, or today's sermon, fill out the form below (contact info is optional). Tear off the completed form, and pass it down the aisle, where an usher will collect them after the sermon. Please do not place them in the offering plate.

While there may not be time at the end of the service to answer every question, the pastoral staff will try to answer the remaining questions over the coming week at [questions.mdpc.org](http://questions.mdpc.org).

My Question: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please contact me personally about my question:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Another way to ask your questions: There's a chalkboard just north of the Front Office where you're encouraged to leave your questions for (or about) God. The pastors also will answer some of these questions on Facebook. You'll find chalk, pens, and Post-its near the board.



## QUESTIONS God Asks Of Us

### Where Is Your Brother?

Genesis 4:1-16

Associate Pastor Rick Myers Preaching

Perhaps one of the most thought-provoking questions in the entire Bible is the one asked by Cain in response to God's question, "Where is your brother?" Cain responds by saying, "I don't know. Am I my brother's keeper?" Cain's motivations in this defiant interchange with the Almighty are as complicated as any twisting and turning modern-day crime novel.

Interestingly enough, God answers Cain's sarcastic remark with a statement that pretty much conveys the idea that Cain was his brother's keeper. To be your brother's keeper means to be an advocate for your brother. As Christians we should be advocates for one another.

It often seems like when we have the same attitude as Cain, our motivation is pretty simple: We're aiming to justify our own self-focused lives. Let's be honest: there are plenty of days when just "keeping" our own lives under control is all that we can handle!

And yet, though God doesn't directly answer Cain's question, God does provide you and me with an answer that resonates throughout the entire Bible. The answer is yes, we are called to be our brother's keeper...our neighbor's keeper, and even our enemy's keeper.

God invites us to love, to stand up for, and to pray for our brothers and sisters. And that call challenges us to step out of the tight-knit circles of loved ones and out of our comfortable routines to see life through the lens of God's kingdom.

Does it mean that God might want us to serve in a homeless shelter or soup kitchen (as often comes to mind when we hear the word *service*)? Perhaps, yes! But the answer may also be "no" or "not now." God may have other avenues of service in mind: ways to love, sacrifice, extend compassion, and minister that are incorporated into our everyday lives. In other words, service may not be so much about clearing off a space on the calendar as it is clearing out an open, welcoming space in our hearts.

The Church is to minister to all segments of society without distinction. Have we become too complacent or comfortable in our circle of influence and acquaintances that we neglect the needs of others? Who is your "brother"? Who is your "neighbor"? . . . Will you keep them? Will you love them? Will you serve them?

#### QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What changes could we make in our lives to take better care of one another?
2. Can you think of instances in your life where you felt that you had let someone down?
3. Have you tried to make amends with that person?
4. When one becomes a brother or sister in Christ, do we receive them into the family of faith, or do we ignore them?
5. How do we fulfill our responsibility to be our brother's keeper?

#### PRAYER

*Loving Father, open my eyes that I might see the people around me as people whom You created and whom You have placed in my life for a purpose. Teach me that I am my brother's keeper. Amen.*

