

**Volunteer Opportunity**

MDPC's Medical Center Apartment Ministry is in need of manpower. All you need is a heart for welcoming out-of-towners, compassion for patients experiencing serious health issues, and/or the ability to do simple administrative tasks such as completing forms and using a website. The few hours a week needed are flexible. This is a fantastic opportunity to see the difference Christian outreach can make in a person's life.  
 Contact Peggy Vincent: [yggepvincent@gmail.com](mailto:yggepvincent@gmail.com), 713-816-3311

**College Ski Trip**

Start 2019 with a memorable few days tearing up the Colorado slopes! Cost includes lodging, meals on non-travel days, lift tickets, and ski/board rentals.  
**Tuesday-Sunday, January 1-6**  
**\$495 (\$200 deposit due Dec 1, balance by Dec 20)**  
 Learn more: [collegeskitrip.mdpc.org](http://collegeskitrip.mdpc.org)

**Women's Bible Study for 20s & 30s**

Young adult women are invited to come out for dinner, conversation, and discussions about Scripture.  
**Tuesdays at 6:30 PM | The Heights**  
 For more info, text or call Sarah Stone: 832-605-8129

**Hoop It Up with Youth Basketball!**

Boys and girls in PreK to 9th grade are encouraged to participate. Fee of \$150 includes a jersey and a trophy for PreK-5th grade teams.  
**Practices begin the week of Nov 26. You must register at MDPC if you want to practice at MDPC!**  
**Games: Saturdays, Jan 5-Feb 16 at area churches**  
 Register by Nov 18: [sports.mdpc.org](http://sports.mdpc.org)

**Houston Pilgrimage, A Renewal Weekend**

When was the last time you did something to ignite your faith, renew your soul, and fill you with peace? Pilgrimage is for adults (18+) from any Christian denomination. The purpose is to prepare you to help bring about God's Kingdom on earth.  
**Oct. 25-28 in Palacios, Texas. \$150 all-inclusive. Scholarships available. You only have to register and show up; God will take care of the rest.**  
 Contact Bart Henson: [bartshenson@gmail.com](mailto:bartshenson@gmail.com)

**Today's Chancel Flowers are given by**

• Beverly and Charles Roberts, in honor of their 14th wedding anniversary.

**The White Rose is in memory of:**

• Billie Evans, who passed away October 3, 2018.  
 • Cara Coe, who passed away October 9, 2018.

**This week, please pray for these MDPC Ministry Partners:**

**Rebuilding Together Houston** is Houston's largest community outreach organization working to preserve affordable home-ownership and revitalize neighborhoods. It provides home repair services at no cost to low-income homeowners in need, such as the elderly, disabled, veterans, and victims of natural disasters.  
[rebuildingtogetherhouston.org](http://rebuildingtogetherhouston.org)

**Redeemed Ministries** identifies and responds to the needs of women who are commercially exploited for sex in Houston and surrounding areas. Its primary focus is to communicate and address the needs of victims by partnering with federal, state, local, and non-governmental agencies to provide services directly to victims of domestic sex trafficking.  
[redeemedministries.com](http://redeemedministries.com)

**MDPC Partner Alyssa** is living and working in South Asia among high-caste Hindus, sharing the gospel with them and meeting their families. Her aim is to start ongoing house churches all over the city. Their prayer is that the Gospel will trickle down from the high caste to the most forgotten street children.

**Congregational Meeting**

Motion: to approve a Congregational Meeting for the purpose of electing the Elder Class of 2021 and the 2019 Nominating Committee.

**Sunday, Oct 21, following 9:45 AM Worship**

**MDPC Young Adult Fall Retreat**

Join the young adult community on a retreat to the tranquility of the Hill Country. This is for 20s to mid-30s looking to relax and experience the glory of the Lord with great friends. We leave Friday after work and return midday Sunday. Food and room provided!

**Nov 2-4 | Near Round Top, Texas | \$65**

Register today: [yaretreat.mdpc.org](http://yaretreat.mdpc.org)

**Thanksgiving Meal-in-a-Bag**

Nourish a family and lift their spirits by providing groceries for a homemade Thanksgiving meal. The recipients are screened by East Spring Branch Food Pantry; most of the families have children in SBISD schools. A list of specific items is attached to a provided cloth shopping bag for you to fill and return. Volunteers will hand these out on Oct. 28 and Nov. 4 after all services, or pick up a kit in the front office during the week.  
**Return filled bags by Sunday, November 11.**

*Pick up a bag and list while on campus, or visit [thanksgiving.mdpc.org](http://thanksgiving.mdpc.org) for the list.*

**Knitting for Missions: Evening Edition**

This MDPC group knits premie caps for Ben Taub, comfort dolls for Guatemalan children awaiting surgery, and so much more. The newly forming Tuesday group is for people who can't make Knitting for Missions' usual Monday-morning meetups at the church.

**1st Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30 PM | Halvorson Home**

Contact Shari Halvorson for the address or with questions: [halvorsons4@yahoo.com](mailto:halvorsons4@yahoo.com)

**Frustrated in Your Job Search?**

WorkFaith Connection's 8-Day Job Search Workshop can energize your job search and possibly change the course of your life. WorkFaith (4555 Dacoma St) offers hope, encouragement, and resources to job seekers.

For details, visit [workfaithconnection.org](http://workfaithconnection.org) or contact 713-984-9611 or [ghouse@workfaithconnection.org](mailto:ghouse@workfaithconnection.org).

**WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE**

2018 Operating Budget	\$ 11,600,000
Expected Income to Date	\$ 6,441,995
Actual Income to Date (10/7/18)	\$ 6,858,165
Current Income Surplus	\$ 416,170
<b>Needed to Meet 2018 Budget</b>	<b>\$ 4,741,835</b>

**Worshipping Well**

**Avoiding Pitfalls**  
 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Sunday, October 14, 2018

**8:30 AM BLENDED**

**WELCOME** Dave Steane

**\*SONGS OF PRAISE**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**GIFTS OF GRATITUDE**

**MESSAGE** **WORSHIPPING WELL: AVOIDING PITFALLS** Alf Halvorson  
 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

**RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE**

**9:45 AM CONTEMPORARY**

**WORSHIP INVITATION**

**\*MOMENT OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE** Trevor Harris

**THIRD GRADE BIBLES** Rachel Poysky, Lyndsey Dottavio, Alf Halvorson

Easton Bailey	Logan K. Enszer	Mason Mueck
Lilia Lyn Beck	Cameron Lilia Enszer	Connor Pearson
Kate Bonner	Franklin Galimberti	Laurel E. Schrader
Andon Bowman	Cooper Hwang	Sophie Claire Short
Henry Bradley	Zack Davis Johansson	Miles William Smith
Reese Canfield	Kent Allen Kubitz	Drew Teegarden
Caroline K. Craft	Georgia Louise Masraff	Quinton Clarke Walsh
Riley Devlin	Emily Jane Mitschke	

**SONG OF RESPONSE**

**MESSAGE** **WORSHIPPING WELL: AVOIDING PITFALLS** Alf Halvorson  
 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

**GIFTS OF GRATITUDE** Clay Brown

Musicians in these services: Meliza Gómez, worship leader; Daniel Amaya, bass; George Heathco, guitar; Daniel Martinez, keys; Asher Pudlo, drums

**11:15 AM TRADITIONAL**

**PRELUDE** *The Swan* Camille Saint-Saens (1835-1921)

**WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP** Clay Brown

**CHORAL INTROIT** *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* arr. Hausmann

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* #276; Vs. 1, 3 | FAITHFULNESS

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Dave Steane

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from 1 Corinthians 15:1-6 & Colossians 1:15-20

**ANTHEM** *Rise Up, O Men of God* Kenneth Jennings (1925-2015)

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Betsy Anderson	Isabella Deay Emmert Collana	Andrew Hausmann
Brandon Bodner	Jonathan Robert Davis	
Jack Bodner	Caroline Fargason	

**OFFERTORY** *Omnia Sol (Everywhere Light)* Z. Randall Stroope (b. 1953)

**MESSAGE** **WORSHIPPING WELL: AVOIDING PITFALLS** Alf Halvorson  
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**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE** *Be Thou My Vision* #339; Vs. 1, 2 | SLANE

**POSTLUDE** *Psalm XX* Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

Musicians in this service: Charles Hausmann, conductor; Bill Lundgren, violin; Kathryn White, piano/organ; Men's Chorus

\*Please stand if able.

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# THE ANATOMY OF TRAFFICKING

EDUCATION TO UNDERSTANDING TO PREVENTION

WEDNESDAYS, OCTOBER 3-24 | 6:30-8:00 PM

Learn about the often overlooked impact of pornography on human trafficking. Each speaker will contribute to better understanding. The goal is to pull the problem out of the shadows, enable conversation, and move toward finding a solution.

**OCTOBER 17: Who's Talking to Your Kids about Porn?**

BEAU ABDULLA, founder of *Love People Not Pixels*

**OCTOBER 24: Reducing the Demand**

BOB RODGERS, President & CEO of *Street Grace*

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# TRUNK or TREAT

Sign up to participate &/or volunteer!



Sunday, October 28 | 3:30-4:45 PM  
[trunkortreat.mdpc.org](http://trunkortreat.mdpc.org)

This event will be a blast! Come in costume and be prepared for fun games and excitement. All families are invited to join us, MDPC member or not.

Interested in decorating your trunk and passing out candy, or helping with set up or tear down? Sign up to participate, or consider volunteering to help us make this night happen.

## All-Church *Worship Night*

Thursday, November 15  
7:00-8:00 PM | Chapel

Worship...it's not just for Sundays. Come hungry for music, prayer, Spirit-filled encouragement, and space to listen and respond to our amazing God.

No registration required. Reserve free childcare at [childcare@mdpc.org](mailto:childcare@mdpc.org).


*Multi-Generational  
Event!*



## Worshipping Well

During this series, prepare your heart for worship by exploring the resources at [preparing.mdpc.org](http://preparing.mdpc.org) prior to arriving each Sunday.

TODAY!



# PARENT POW-WOWS

What's Influencing Our Kids Now

ALL ADULTS WELCOME

Select Fall Sundays  
11:00 AM-12:15 PM | MDPC Gym  
October 14 & 21  
Speaker Beau Abdulla of *Love People Not Pixels*

- Who's Talking to Your Kids About Porn?
- Media Literacy & Technology Plans

November 4, 11, & 25  
• Critical Conversations

[POWWW.MDPC.ORG](http://POWWW.MDPC.ORG)

THE WELL: A WOMEN'S SPEAKER SERIES


AGES 17+ ARE WELCOME

## "CONNECTED"

At this semi-annual gathering, a panel of real, honest MDPC women bravely share their personal stories, showing us that we are not alone in our life experiences.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24**  
6:00-8:00 PM • CHAPEL

Learn more and RSVP: [THEWELL.MDPC.ORG](http://THEWELL.MDPC.ORG)





## MDPC Backpack Buddy

Help provide healthy food to students who otherwise would go hungry on weekends. You spend just a few hours in the morning volunteering at Houston Food Bank.


Select Mondays & Saturdays in the Fall

< Visit the webpage to learn about the program and sign up to fill backpacks!

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



MDPC Young Adults on Mission 2019





## HONDURAS

Tegucigalpa

We're traveling to serve with MDPC's amazing mission partner, The Micah Project. Come see the love of Christ while experiencing the beauty that is Honduras.

Wednesday-Sunday, March 20-24, 2019  
\$600 out of pocket/\$600 fundraising

Email Trevor to learn more:  
[tharris@mdpc.org](mailto:tharris@mdpc.org)



# Worshipping Well

## Avoiding Pitfalls

Matthew 6:1-8, 16-18

Alf Halvorson preaching

This is the fourth, and final, message in our Worshipping Well series. What has hit home so far? Is there anything that has surprised or challenged or annoyed or inspired you from the previous sermons and discussions? We end our focus on worship with words from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount in Matthew. Jesus saw great benefit to worshipping God—but He also saw some dangers, some landmines, some pitfalls.

1. Jesus starts in verse 1 of Matthew 6 by saying to His apprentices, "Beware." When has anyone warned you about something in the past? Who warned you? What did they warn you about if you can remember? Have you ever warned your children or grandchildren or friends about anything? Explain.
2. Read Matthew 6:1-8, 16-18. To the Jews at this time in history, almsgiving (helping the poor) and prayer and fasting were the most sacred of all religious duties. What, in your mind, are the most sacred of all religious duties for us today? Defend your answer with examples.
3. Jesus gives a warning (a "do not") for each activity, and He gives a positive example or approach (a "but when you..."). What is His negative and positive for each discipline? Can you relate to each side of each equation?
  - Almsgiving/charity (verses 2-4)
  - Prayer (verses 5-8)
  - Fasting (verses 16-18)
4. What is our church's history with almsgiving (helping the poor), prayer, and fasting? What is your history with these three practices? Where might MDPC and you grow in one or all areas? *Note: If you would like to learn more about fasting, there is a chapter on this subject in Richard Foster's famous book, Celebration of Discipline. Also, almsgiving today might be our annual Generosity Campaign, when we are asked to make a pledge for the year, which goes, in part, to our local and global partners that help people's physical and spiritual needs. Almsgiving also might be our Church in the City event when we serve together at Houston Food Bank, which will occur once again on Sunday, February 24, 2019.*
5. One of our "All-Church Goals" is to re-strengthen our prayer ministry. The MDPC staff meets to pray Monday through Thursday from 11:20 to 11:30 AM in the Amphitheater. You are welcome to join us any time. Another aspect of our prayer goal is to have over 1,000 people ("pray-ers") in Partners in Prayer. Beth and Caring Ministries are seeking to strengthen the support and resources surrounding the PIP ministry. What are your major hindrances to prayer? How might your small group or the wider church assist you in this vital area? *Note: Maybe the most helpful book I have ever read on prayer is Richard Foster's Prayer.*  
By the way, sign-ups for Partners in Prayer begin in earnest on November 4 (you can register yourself online even earlier). I hope you will join, if you are not already part of that important ministry.

