

This week at Summer Celebration our theme is **Livin’ the Dream**. Throughout Scripture, God used dreams, visions, and His Word to reveal His purposes.

On Thursday we focused on **Gideon** (Judges 6–7). God called Gideon to deliver Israel from the oppression of the Midianites. Yet Gideon was hesitant and afraid. Again and again, he sought reassurance that God was truly with him. Rather than casting Gideon aside for his weakness, God patiently met him where he was, strengthening his faith and reminding him of His presence.

Read Judges 6

As you read, consider the following:

- What assurances did God give Gideon that He would be with him?
- Why did Gideon continue to ask for signs?
- How did God respond to Gideon’s fears and doubts?
- What does this reveal about God’s character and His patience with His people?

Read Judges 7

Before the battle, God intentionally reduced Gideon’s army to only 300 men so that Israel would know the victory belonged to the Lord alone—not to military strength or human ability.

- Why do you think God chose to work through weakness instead of strength?
- Have there been seasons in your own life when God used your weakness to display His strength?
- When have you reached the end of your own resources and been forced to depend entirely on God’s grace and provision?

In Judges 7:9–15, God gave Gideon one final confirmation through the dream of a Midianite soldier. Gideon recognized God’s voice, worshiped, and obeyed.

- How does God speak to His people today?
- What practices help you become more attentive to God’s leading?

“The true proof of faith is when we remain steadfast, resting on the promises of God, even though everything around us appears to contradict them.” — John Calvin

Gideon’s story reminds us that God is not looking for people who are naturally courageous or exceptionally strong. He delights in using weak people who trust in His promises, so that all the glory belongs to Him alone (cf. 2 Corinthians 4:7).





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Summer Film Series
Wed, Jul 22 | 3pm | Amphitheater
Join us in for popcorn and a movie - all free, and all are welcome! Sponsored by MDPC Prime Timers. *Angels in the Outfield* (PG). See the full schedule of movies here: movies.mdpc.org

MAM Back to School Drive
Sun, Aug 2-23
Your donations will allow local parents to shop for uniforms and other school essentials so their children can begin the new school year ready to thrive! Learn more or donate: mambts.mdpc.org

Men’s Night at HRC
Tue, Aug 4 | 6:30-9pm | Houston Racquet Club
Men, invite your buddies to join us for another fun night out, with Astros on the big screen, Tex-Mex, beer, and great fellowship. Come be part of the excitement! \$20/person includes food and drink. Registration: mensnight.mdpc.org

Transforming Grief
Wed, Aug 19-Oct 7 | 4-5:30pm
Join others in an 8-week program based on the curriculum Walking the Mourner’s Path. Group size is limited to 10. Trained facilitators guide the group. Learn more and register: grief.mdpc.org

Dad’s Pickleball Social
Sat, Aug 22 | 8-11:30am | MDPC Courts
Kick off the fall with a relaxed morning of pickleball, connection, and fun. This low-key hangout is a great chance to meet other dads in a similar stage





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of life, enjoy some friendly games, and start building new friendships: social.mdpc.org

Ladies Bingo Night
Thu, Sep 10 | 5:30-8:30pm | MDPC
Get ready for a night of fun, laughter, and connection with women of all ages at MDPC! Unwind, meet new friends, and enjoy 10 exciting rounds of bingo—complete with great prizes and a grand prize finale: bingo.mdpc.org

Young Adults Fall Retreat
Fri, Oct 2 at 4pm-Sun, Oct 4 at 1pm
Join other young professionals for a relaxing weekend in Caldwell, Texas, at a beautiful farmhouse tucked away in the countryside. Learn more and register: yaevents.mdpc.org

ECO Theological Conference
Mon-Wed, Sep 21-23 | MDPC
Join ECO pastors, elders, deacons, and covenant partners from across the nation at *Light in the Darkness: Faithful Responses to Heresy*. Presentations on contemporary expressions of ancient heresies, and their impact today. For schedule and to register, visit theologyconf.mdpc.org.

Make an IMPACT!
Training: Sun, Sep 20 | 12:30pm
Games. Conversation. Friendship. That’s all it takes to make a difference! Spend just 30 minutes each week with a child who would benefit from another caring adult in their life. Learn more: impact.mdpc.org

Next Gen Pastor Rachel Poysky departs from our R&R summer sermon series today to focus on Gideon, one of the Bible stories from our incredible week of Summer Celebration Vacation Bible School!

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's VBS such a meaningful experience for hundreds of children. More than anything, we thank God for the lives that were touched this week. Please continue praying for every child and family who participated—that the seeds planted during Summer Celebration will continue to grow and bear fruit for years to come!



8:30 BLENDED SERVICE

GATHERING

Call to Worship	Luke Funderburk
*Songs of Praise	<i>Praise Freedom in this House</i>
Confession & Assurance	Amy Delgado
Baptism	Beth Case
	Margot Frances Wylie, daughter of John and Stephanie Wylie
Congregational Response Prayer	
Worship Song	<i>God I'm Just Grateful</i>

HEARING THE WORD

Message	Livin' the Dream	Rachel Poysky
	Judges 6:1-6 and 7:8-15 (NLT)	

RESPONDING

Song of Response	<i>Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>
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SENDING

*Benediction	Rachel Poysky
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9:45 CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

GATHERING

Call to Worship	Meliza Gómez
*Song of Praise	<i>Freedom in this House</i>
Baptisms	Rachel Poysky
	Manolis Kwadwo Asare Okai, son of Nicholas Okai and Eyram Owusu-Sekyere
	Scottie Ann Deutsch, daughter of Carter and Taylor Deutsch
Congregational Response Prayer	
*Songs of Praise	<i>Praise Goodbye Yesterday</i>
Confession & Assurance	Averett Bounds
Welcome	Luke Funderburk
Worship Song	<i>God I'm Just Grateful</i>

HEARING THE WORD

Message	Livin' the Dream	Rachel Poysky
	Judges 6:1-6 and 7:8-15 (NLT)	

RESPONDING

Song of Response	<i>Washed</i>
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SENDING

*Benediction	Rachel Poysky
Blended & Contemporary Worship Leaders	
MDPC Worship Team: Uvaldo Callejas, David Cavazos, Asher Pudlo, Will Story, Bethany Uribe	
Meliza Gómez, Contemporary Worship Director	

11:15 TRADITIONAL SERVICE

GATHERING

Prelude	<i>Two Hymn Preludes</i>	arr. Dale Wood (1934-2003)
Call to Worship		Beth Case
Choral Introit	<i>Jesus Shall Reign</i>	Carl Nygard (b. 1947)
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Lead On, O King Eternal</i> vs. 1, 2, 3	#448 LLANGLOFFAN
*Confession and Assurance of Pardon		Amy Delgado
*Affirmation of Faith from New City Catechism		
*Congregational Response	<i>Just As I Am, Without One Plea</i> vs. 4	#370 WOODWORTH

HEARING THE WORD

Anthem of Preparation	<i>My Faith</i>	John Purifoy (b. 1952)
Message	Livin' the Dream	Rachel Poysky
	Judges 6:1-6 and 7:8-15 (NLT)	

RESPONDING

*Hymn of Response	<i>My Shepherd Will Supply My Need</i> vs. 1, 3	#172 RESIGNATION
Baptism		Rachel Poysky
	Rachel Iris French, daughter of Raymond Walker and Virginia French	
Congregational Response Prayer		
Anthem	<i>Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus</i>	arr. Dan Forrest (b. 1978)

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*Doxology	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	#592 OLD 100TH
*Benediction		Rachel Poysky
Postlude	<i>March from Scipio</i>	G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

Traditional Worship Leaders
Choral Ensemble | Kathryn White, organist/pianist
Charles Hausmann, Traditional Worship Director

*Please stand, if comfortable.

Our pastors are here to help. They'd love to hear from you!

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Financial Update as of July 12, 2026		Births and Deaths
2026 Annual Budget	\$ 14,728,728	Mike Soland passed away July 12.
Actual Income to Date	7,124,190	Janice McNair passed away July 14.
Needed to Meet 2026 Budget	7,604,538	Michael Peterman passed away June 17.
		More information at memorials.mdpc.org .