

Invitation to Former Alpha Participants

If you have attended the Alpha Course at some point in the past, you are invited to attend the Alpha Saturday March 6 at the Bridge campus. The day begins with a light breakfast at 8 a.m. and a brief opening worship at 8:30 a.m. and will end promptly by 3:30 p.m. Throughout the day Pastor Tony will present the following four Alpha talks:

- Who Is the Holy Spirit?
- What Does the Holy Spirit do?
- What About Prayer and Healing?
- How Might We Influence Others for Christ?

This will give you an opportunity to reconnect with the Alpha experience and your presence will be a real source of encouragement to those currently participating in the Alpha course. Please make your reservation by contacting Beth Draheim, 276.4901/bethdraheim@meredithdrive.org by March 1.

Hospitality Team Celebration

- Who: Ushers, greeters, guest services volunteers, follow-up callers, coffee bar volunteers
- When: Tuesday, March 9, 7-8 p.m.
- Where: Bridge campus
- Why: To celebrate the work of all the teams (have been doing and discuss future plans. Come for fun and prizes.

Holy Week Presentation

- ◆ Our MDRC/Bridge musicians will present an evening of food and music as they recreate the Last Supper. Singers, actors, an orchestra and a catered meal combine to form what will be an unforgettable evening. Performances will be offered at the Bridge campus Wednesday and Thursday March 31 and April 1. Put the dates on your calendar and watch for ticket information in the coming weeks.
- ◆ If you have carpentry, painting, sewing or cooking skills and can help with the preparation of this production, please contact our worship director, Brenton Brown, 276.4901/brentonbrown@meredithdrive.org.

MDRC Habitat for Humanity Opportunity

Work with others from MDRC, building community as you build a home for the Habitat program. Contact George McVicker, 225-1377, if you would like to become a part of the MDRC Team.

FatherZone Kick Off!

Caleb's Cause and FCA are joining forces Sat. Feb. 27 at a Drake basketball game. Fathers and sons from all over Des Moines will come together for a time of fellowship with a biblically based message, followed by the game. Bring your dad, son, mentor/mentee, and meet at the Meredith Drive campus at 5 p.m. Cost for two game tickets and t-shirts is \$25. For more information contact Steve Sikkink, sikkinks@alliancetechnologies.net.



"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

Phil. 4:6

Thanksgivings

Birth of Jeremiah Adam to Adam & Rachel Wissink; birth of Ruby Grace to Mike & Kim Poll

Petitions

Larry Larpenner, Bette Bast, Grace Harris, Don Wederquist, Dale Schmitt, John Lutz, LaVerna Aalbers, Barb Hooper, Nick De Boer, Louise Lear, Marlene Rife, Jeff Moore, Connie Young's sister, Don & Jan Doudna's granddaughter, Kim Thede's nephew, Jim Waters' mother, Erik Phillips' mother, John Lee's sister, Kathy Forst's nephew

Comfort

Jessica Brown, death of grandmother; Tara Jiskoot, death of uncle; Jamie Brand, death of grandmother, Ed Murphy, Susan Van Riessen & Kristen Johnson, death of sister-in-law and aunt; Lynette Wagner, death of grandmother; Mark Sparland, death of mother; Eric Peterson, death of grandfather;



Blessing a Special MDRC Member

Vera Cannon, one of our original charter members, turns 88 March 5. This past year she moved to Fountain West Care Center in West Des Moines. We'd like to bless her birthday this year through

cards, etc. You can mail her a card at Fountain West Health Care Center, 1501 Office Park Road, West Des Moines, IA 50265, or drop it in a box outside Pastor Jane's office by March 1.



Sr. Adult Monthly Lunch. Come to the Fellowship Center at the MD campus at noon Wed., March 10 for the monthly Sr. Adult luncheon. The program with a missionary emphasis will be given by Marilyn De Roos' sister, Carol Mapes.

Sr. Adult Bible Study. 9 a.m. Wed. March 24, Fireside Lounge, MD campus. Pastor Carl Van Farowe will bring refreshments and lead a study of Romans 12.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The following is a list of some of the many opportunities available at MDRC. We want you to find "the thing" that gets you excited to serve. Contact the staff member (276.4901) listed for more information and to volunteer to serve at either campus.

Hospitality--Marv Vande Kieft

- Ushers
- Greeters
- Coffee Bar Team
- Guest Services Team

Property--Marv Vande Kieft

- Project Team (indoor/outdoor projects, i.e., painting, trimming bushes, repair work, etc.)
- Work Day Team
- Gardening Team

Music/Worship--Brenton Brown

Choir--ages high school through adult can sing their praises to God. Music reading is not necessary, but an appointment with Brenton should be arranged before attending your first rehearsal.

Praise Team--ages high school through adult can lead by playing instruments or singing during worship services. Contact Brenton to set up an introductory meeting before attending your first rehearsal.

Video Team--ages high school through adult can operate the video screen equipment during worship services.

Audio Team--ages high school through adult can run the sound equipment and set up microphones to be used during worship services.

Go to www.meredithdrive.org for a complete listing of volunteer opportunities

- ◆ **Report From the Haiti Vision Team.** "We made it back on Friday, February 13 tired but joyful for the work of the holy Spirit in us and through us. We give all praise and thanks to God for the following:
 - For quick set up by the team and the ability to see 18 patients and do one surgical case on the afternoon we arrived . . . Amazing!
 - For the opportunities to pray with, cry with and comfort refugees and injured patients from Port au Prince.
 - For being able to see and screen 1333 patients in 5 days . . . only through God's help!
 - For dispensing 993 pairs of eye glasses (many were for patients from Port au Prince who had lost their eye glasses in the earthquake).
 - For the surgeons and surgery staff completing 65 surgical procedures and for their willingness to work on Sunday.
 - For all the work completed by the work team on the new hospital form. It is almost ready for teams!

We ask for continued prayers for the following:

- For the injured and displaced refugees
- For those who have broken bones and crushed spirits.
- For those who are blind and cannot be helped.
- For those who can be helped, but had to be turned away because our time ran out.

◆ **Floors for Haiti Report**

54 floors have been completed thusfar. Check the list posted at both campuses to see if your family's floor has been poured.



What on Earth Am I Here For?

Ever asked yourself this question? If so, you won't want to miss the upcoming SHAPE Workshop.

8:45 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, February 27,
Bridge campus .

Join the Adult GROW team for this fun, interactive workshop where we explore the questions *What on earth am I here for?* and *Where am I called to serve?* by discovering our SHAPE:

- S**piritual Gifts
- H**ear (passions)
- A**bilities (natural abilities)
- P**ersonality
- E**xperiences

Each of us has an important role to play in the church and in the world! Find out where YOU fit in! Invite a friend! More info available at www.meredithdrive.org. Sign up on-line or on the *Bulletin* stub.

Adult Opportunities to . . .

Connect to God and others

Grow as faithful Christ followers



Sunday Morning Opportunities for Adult Growth

New Classes Beginning February 28

MD Campus

What Do We Believe?, 8 a.m., Arlan Van Roekel, Room 236. Using the biblical text, Creeds and Confessions, this class will explore doctrines of faith: what is eternal life? sin? God as creator? election? resurrection of the body? second coming of Christ?

Bridge Campus

An Invitation to John, 9 a.m., Jamie Brand & Chris Winterboer, Room 235.

Jesus issues two invitations: “Come and see,” and “Follow me.” Come and see this Jesus—to hear him speak, to see his signs, and to consider anew what it means to be his followers.

Ongoing Classes

MD Campus

- Framing Your Worldview***, 9 a.m., Rich De Penning, Gym
What’s So Amazing About Grace, 9 a.m., Kris Winter, Room 244
English as a Second Language, 9 a.m., Jillea Bueso, Room 110
Have a New Kid by Friday, 9 a.m., Lees & Gregorys, Fireside Lounge
Who is the Holy Spirit?, 9 a.m., Jeff Simpson & Kevin Smith, Room 245
Study of Psalms, The Prayer Book of Jesus, 9 a.m., Louisa Sandager, Room 242

Bridge Campus

- Preparing Your Heart - and Your Child - for Leaving Home***, 9 a.m., Rob & Linda Wilson, Room 227
They Like Jesus But Not the Church, 9 a.m., Ivy Sprague & January Kim, Room 233

Pray For One Another

“Keep on praying. Be alert and thankful.” Col. 4:2

Your Journey to a Prayerful Life begins Sunday, March 7 at 9 a.m. at the Bridge campus and meets for eight weeks. Led by Kendra Carlson and written by her mother, Barb Schutt, this is a biblically-based, interactive study on prayer for people wanting to grow in prayer. The student blends testimony and commentary to help you grow. Please mark the *Bulletin* stub to attend, or contact the church office, 276.4901.

Need Prayer During the Week?

- ◆ Prayer requests are sent by e-mail to our 250+ people who pray during the week. To submit your requests or to be added as a pray-er, contact Pastor Jane, janebrown@meredithdrive.org.
- ◆ A prayer elder is available at the Meredith Drive campus worship center Tuesdays, 7:30 to 9 a.m. Stop by any time.
- ◆ Sundays after each service prayer elders are available at each campus.

Journey to the CROSS

Lenten Study and Worship

- ***Walking the Way of Jesus***, a devotional booklet created by our Adult Grow Team and the Prayer Leadership Team, is available at Guest Services and on our website. Read through Mark’s Gospel as we journey to the Cross of Christ Jesus.
- ***Lenten Worship Services***. Journey to the Cross each Sunday night through March 21 as we worship, celebrate the Lord’s Supper, and reflect together on what it means to follow Jesus to the Cross. 6 to 7 p.m. at the Meredith Drive campus.
- ***Prayer Prompts***. Each Sunday in the Lenten devotional booklet there is a prayer for a particular concern in our lives as we journey to the cross. You will see Prayer Prompts in the e-news, on the web and around the MD and Bridge campuses to remind you to be in prayer for that concern throughout the week. The prayers begin close to home and move out to the world: from home, to jobs, to those hungry, for the church’s hands, for the church’s unity and strength. The prayer prompt for the week of February 28-March 6 is taken from the prayer on page 17 of the devotional booklet. “We pray for those who see need and obey the whisper of God. Father we thank you. Your servants are among us.””



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Sunday

Worship Schedule

Both Campuses

9:00 a.m.
 Worship and Sunday School

10:30 a.m.
 Worship & Children's Worship



*If we walk in the light, as he is in the light,
 we have fellowship with one another,
 and the blood of Jesus, his Son,
 purifies us from all sin.
 1 John 1:7*

Women's Soup & Pie Supper
6:30 p.m., Monday, March 22
Bridge Campus
Featuring Guest Speaker Terri Hout

Join us for an evening of good food, great fellowship,
 and an unforgettable message
 of God's awesome power to change lives.

Terri's message will move you from laughter to tears as she shares a
 message that resonates with audiences of all ages.

Sign up on the bulletin insert Sunday, or at the table in the lobby at
 either campus. Cost \$5/person at the door.

To learn more about Terri, go to www.terrihout.com.

STEWARDSHIP

<u>January 31</u>		<u>February 14</u>	
Regular Offering	\$40,409.95	Regular Offering	\$22,066.58
<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Attendance</u>	
9:00 a.m.M	200	9:00 a.m.M	167
9:00 a.m.B	170	9:00 a.m.B	162
10:30 a.m.M	366	10:30 a.m.M	299
10:30 a.m.B	206	10:30 a.m.B	186
Children's Worship M/B	<u>47/70</u>	Children's Worship M/B	46/74
	1059		934
Sunday School	225/215	Sunday School	190/159
<u>February 7</u>		<u>February 21</u>	
Regular Offering	\$33,833.70	Regular Offering	\$28,823.81
<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Attendance</u>	
9:00 a.m.M	207	9:00 a.m.M	205
9:00 a.m.B	164	9:00 a.m.B	167
10:30 a.m.M	344	10:30 a.m.M	297
10:30 a.m.B	217	10:30 a.m.B	230
Children's Worship M/B	<u>45/76</u>	Children's Worship	<u>61/71</u>
	1053		1031
Sunday School	249/201	Sunday School	205/172