

# *Welcome to MDPC!*



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5 quick questions to help us get to know you better!



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Finding Freedom in Christ Alone



8:30 AM Service  
Sunday, June 13, 2021

Dan Aikins preaching  
[Galatians 1:10-24 \(ESV\)](#)

<b>Welcome &amp; Call to Worship</b>		Rachel Poysky
<b>Songs of Praise</b>	<i>He Has Made Me Glad / Joyful, Joyful I Love You, Lord</i>	arr. Gómez Laurie Klein
<b>Prayer of Confession &amp; Assurance</b>		Beth Case
<b>Song of Response</b>	<i>Rock of Ages</i>	TRADITIONAL
<b>Moment of Prayer</b>		Rachel Poysky
<b>Song of Preparation</b>	<i>King of My Heart</i>	Bethel Worship
<b>Message</b>	<b>Unburdened from Religion</b> <a href="#">Galatians 1:10-24</a>	Dan Aikins
<b>Song of Response</b>	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>	TRADITIONAL
<b>Opportunity to Give &amp; Benediction</b>		Dan Aikins



Sunday Worship Playlist

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Each week, we pray for three of **MDPC's** local and global mission partners. During these difficult days, our partners truly covet your prayers! Visit [partners.mdpc.org](https://partners.mdpc.org) to find this week's (three) prayer recipients.

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9:45 AM Service  
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<b>Invitation to Worship</b>	Meliza Gómez & Michael Middleton
<b>Song of Praise</b>	<i>Your Love Awakens Me</i> Phil Wickham
<b>Moment of Confession &amp; Assurance</b>	Laurien Hook
<b>Children's Moment</b>	Alf Halvorson
<b>Songs of Praise</b>	<i>See a Victory</i> <i>King of My Heart</i> Elevation Worship Bethel Worship
<b>Message</b>	<b>Unburdened from Religion</b> <a href="#">Galatians 1:10-24</a> Dan Aikins
<b>Song of Response</b>	<i>Breakthrough</i> Red Rocks Worship
<b>Moment of Prayer</b>	Scott Fuller
<b>Opportunity to Give &amp; Benediction</b>	Dan Aikins



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<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Psalms 23 and 27</i>	Emma Lou Diemer (b.1927)
<b>Welcome &amp; Call to Worship</b>		Rachel Poysky
<b>Choral Introit</b>	<i>O God Beyond All Praising</i>	Holst (1874-1934)/Proulx
<b>*Hymn of Praise</b>	<i>Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken</i>	#446; Vs. 1, 3   AUSTRIAN HYMN
<b>*Prayer of Confession &amp; Assurance</b>		Lyndsey Dottavio
<b>*Affirmation of Faith</b>	from the Apostles' Creed	
<b>*Congregational Response</b>	<i>The Gloria Patri</i>	Hymn #579
<b>Anthem</b>	<i>Give Me Jesus</i>	L.L. Flemming (1936-2003)
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>		Rachel Poysky
<b>Anthem of Preparation</b>	<i>Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts</i>	Robert C. Clatterbuck (1934-2017)
<b>Message</b>	<b>Unburdened from Religion</b> <a href="#">Galatians 1:10-24</a>	Dan Aikins
<b>*Hymn of Response</b>	<i>More Love to Thee, O Christ</i>	#359; Vs. 1, 2   MORE LOVE TO THEE
<b>Opportunity to Give &amp; Benediction</b>		Dan Aikins
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Psalm XX</i>	arr. Gordon Young (1919-1999)

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# MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

To see more events at MDPC, visit [events.mdpc.org](https://events.mdpc.org).

## WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE as of June 6, 2021

2021 Annual Budget	\$ 11,300,000
Income to Date	\$ 4,358,398
Needed to Meet Budget	\$ 6,941,602



**Sunday, June 13 • 10:45-11:10 AM • Gathering Room or Zoom**

Attend a brief informal meeting to learn more about MDPC's vision and outreach. No commitment required! This is a no-pressure opportunity to explore what it would mean to be a part of our faith community.



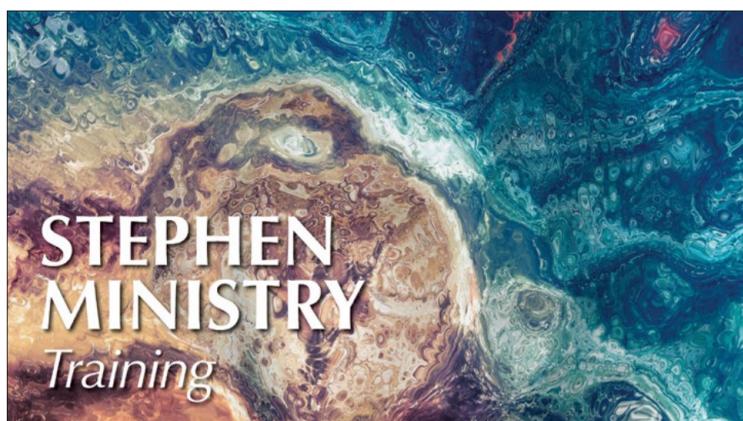
**Saturday, June 26 • 10:00-11:30 AM**

Preschool girls, you're invited to a Princess Party! Grab a parent and plan to join us for this fun, sparkling morning. Lunch is provided! Learn more and sign up at [kids.mdpc.org](https://kids.mdpc.org).



**Monday-Friday, July 12-16 • 9:30 AM-12:30 PM**

This week-long event is for elementary kids, but we need lots of adult and teen volunteers to make it a success! No teaching is required, and we have roles for every person's unique gifts. Visit [summercel.mdpc.org](https://summercel.mdpc.org) to find out more.



**Training Begins this Fall • Apply by August 16**

Have you found that people trust you to listen to their struggles? Do you enjoy supporting, caring and praying for others? If so, consider becoming a Stephen Minister! Learn more at [stephen.mdpc.org](https://stephen.mdpc.org).



CONNECTION is our Sunday program for Middle and High School students where we come together for fellowship, teaching, and worship. 11:15 AM in the Youth Loft; more info at [connection.mdpc.org](https://connection.mdpc.org).



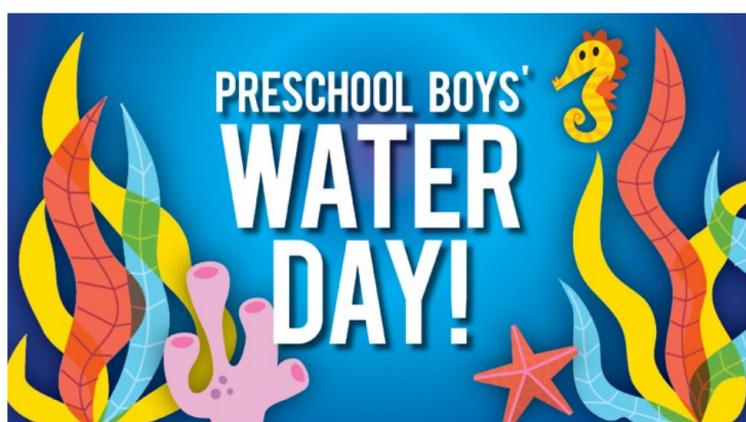
**Sundays, 9:45 or 11:15 AM • Amphitheater**

Each lesson in this pastor-led study is a stand-alone look at a passage from the New Testament. No RSVP necessary; drop-ins are welcome. Learn more at [byf.mdpc.org](https://byf.mdpc.org).



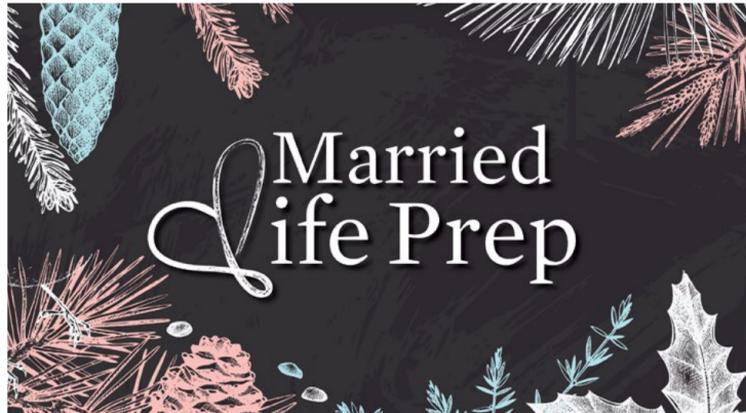
**Friday PM & Saturday AM, June 25-26**

Spend two hours each day learning from pastors and elders about membership and what it means to be Presbyterian. Great for those thinking about joining, or who just want to refresh their knowledge. Sign up at [membership.mdpc.org](https://membership.mdpc.org).



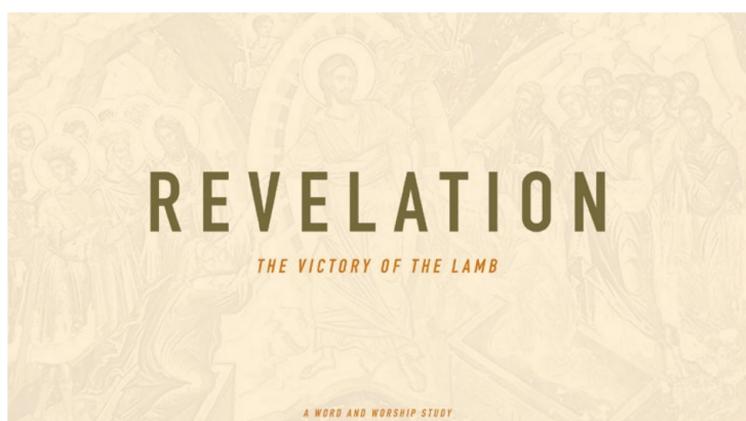
**Wednesday, June 30 • 10:00-11:30 AM**

Preschool boys, bring your swim gear and sunscreen, grab a parent, and plan to join us for a wet and wild morning! Lunch is provided. Learn more and sign up at [kids.mdpc.org](https://kids.mdpc.org).



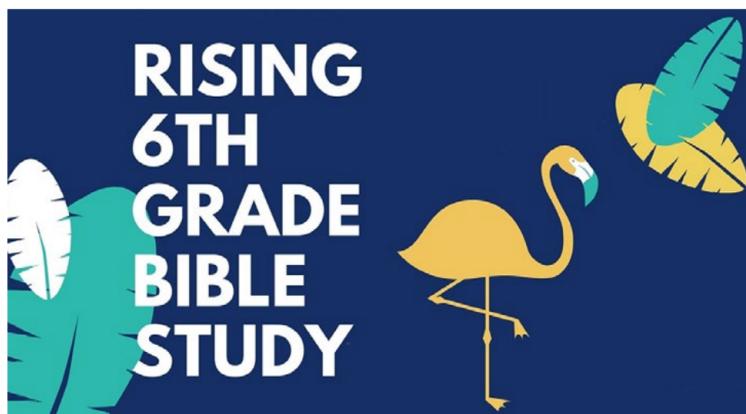
**Sundays, July 11-August 1 • 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

Research shows marriage prep programs can be particularly effective at preventing divorce - plus, MLP's approved by *Together in Texas*, so graduates can have their Texas marriage license fee waived! Go to [mlp.mdpc.org](https://mlp.mdpc.org) to learn more.



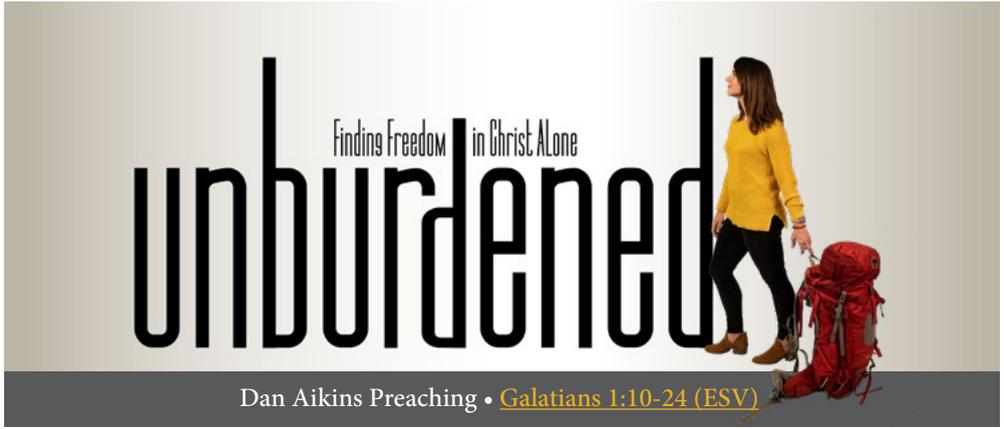
**Sun, Wed, or Thu • Sep 16, 2021-Apr 21, 2022**

There are several group options to choose from, and you still may attend via Zoom. To learn more and choose a group, visit [wordandworship.mdpc.org](https://wordandworship.mdpc.org).



**Mondays in June • 10:00-11:00 AM**

Hey, rising 6th graders! Join us this June for lunch and Bible study as you get ready to enter middle school. MDPC's middle school and elementary staff and interns will be there to lead you through the study! Feel free to bring friends! Sign up at [kids.mdpc.org](https://kids.mdpc.org).



After a rebuke of the Galatians' disaffection of the good news of Jesus through the adoption of a false gospel (1:6-9), Paul turns to play defense. The false teachers in Galatia have accused Paul of people-pleasing motives (1:10), an accusation that could be no further from the truth. Whereas Paul once sought the approval of the religious mainstream (1:13-14), God's revelation of Jesus to Paul turned him from all pretense of personal or social gain to a preacher of Jesus to the Gentiles (1:15-16). The message that he then shared faithfully was not a "group project" gospel assembled by committee, but a message received directly from God and then affirmed as true and reliable by the other apostles (1:17-24). Paul's misplaced religious zeal led him to try to destroy the church (1:13). Seeing Jesus clearly redirected that zeal, transforming his life and the history of the church.

- When have your words or actions been misinterpreted or misconstrued? How did you feel? What were some actual or possible consequences of the misunderstanding if it wasn't cleared up?
- Paul is accused of "people pleasing" for his preaching of free rescue and grace. His accusers were asserting the need for non-Jewish Christians to obey Jewish religious laws and practices. That smacks of hypocrisy. How might Paul's accusers be twisting the truth of Paul's motives and message to make their point seem true?
- Look at the words and phrases Paul uses to describe his conversion experience. Note them by underlining or sharing them in your group. What effect did the conversion have on Paul? And, importantly, what role did Paul play in his conversion; what did or didn't he bring to the table?
- Paul's assertion that he received the gospel message directly from God through revelation smells a little "cult leader-y" upon first sniff. Many leaders of cults and sects have claimed divine revelation to defend a host of unconscionable beliefs and behaviors. Why is the "direct from God" important for Paul's defense of the message? How might verses 18-24 set Paul's claim to revelation apart from cult leaders?
- Tim Keller summarizes Martin Luther as teaching that "'Religion' is the default mode of the human heart" (Prodigal God, 128). Agree or disagree? An honest exploration of our own lives with Jesus reveal this to be, at least, pointing in the right direction. Why is "religion" or "legalism" such an attractive false alternative to the gospel?
- It is tempting to dig ourselves out of broken religion by trying harder. "I go to church every week but I'm still addicted... I'll just try harder to be good." "I've served as a deacon for years but I still can't forgive my ex... I'll sign up for a service weekend to deepen my faith and get over this." "All the Christian people I know seem so put together... I'll wear nicer clothes on Sunday and maybe I'll feel accepted." But what was Paul's way out of broken religion? What did he have to do to be unburdened?