

## HAPPENING AT MDPC

### Help Fight Childhood Hunger

In Houston, 1 in 4 children often go without meals because their families cannot afford to buy food. A simple way you can help is to prepare meals at Houston Food Bank. Last year, MDPC volunteer teams prepared tens of 1,000s of meals, distributed to after-school programs throughout Harris County. Thank you! Let's keep up the fight against childhood hunger!

**Next date: Tomorrow, August 12 | 8:00 AM-Noon**  
Register and more details: [hfb.mdpc.org](http://hfb.mdpc.org)

### MAM Back to School Drive

Help MAM help 6,000 SBISD students go back to school this fall with new school clothing and shoes. These families are neighbors who need our support! Visit our table in the Parlor Hallway or Breezeway. Checks made out to MAM, cash, & credit accepted.

### Children Ministry Volunteers Wanted

Sign up with a friend to make it extra fun! Preschool needs every-other-week teachers for 3, 4, and 5-year-olds, plus storytellers. Elementary needs 2nd and 4th-grade teachers for the 11:15 hour.

Contact Lyndsey Dottavio: [ldottavio@mdpc.org](mailto:ldottavio@mdpc.org)

### Youth Parent Meeting

Youth parents, come hear about our vision for youth to flourish in their relationship with Christ! You'll meet Youth staff and volunteers and learn about the ministry, its programs, and new policies and procedures.

**Sunday, Aug 18 | 11:15 AM-12:15 PM | MDPC Gym**

Light refreshments will be served.

### MOPs (Mothers of Preschoolers) Returns!

Are you a mom of young children? Would you like a little break in the week to drop off the kids, relax, and chat with other moms? Then MOPS is for you! Come for coffee, solid content, and adult conversations. We will learn how to live life fully and abundantly - how God intended! Childcare is free, so come join us!

**Every other Thursday beginning August 29**

**9:30-11:15 AM | MDPC Parlor**

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

### Savvy Caregiver Course

Are you caring for someone with memory issues and are concerned about what lies ahead and how to manage? Learn more about dementia/Alzheimer's and how to have a better quality of life with your loved one in this 6-week course. Sponsored by Caring Ministries.

**Wednesday, Sept 4-Oct 9 | 9:30-11:30 AM | MC 122**

To register, contact Sharon Cantrell of Amazing Place: 713-440-8177, [scantrell@amazingplacehouston.org](mailto:scantrell@amazingplacehouston.org)

### The Living Well 2019

Come as you are to be encouraged by personal testimony and Gospel Scripture read aloud, followed by a time of reflection, journaling, and prayer. Discover the "more" God has for you, as we women of all ages meet together to build up our faith.

**Wednesdays, Sept 11-April 22 | 6:00 AM**

Learn more and register: [tlw.mdpc.org](http://tlw.mdpc.org)

### You Can Change the Life of a Child

Come to the tables in the Breezeway this morning to learn more about MDPC's mentoring, tutoring, and volunteering programs in 3 local schools. Find out how you can be the difference in a young student's life!

**Between services in Sanctuary Breezeway**

Or learn more and sign up at [change.mdpc.org](http://change.mdpc.org).

### Walking the Mourner's Path

A Christ-centered grief program guided by trained facilitators to help those dealing with the loss of a loved one. Limited to 10 participants, it's a safe place to share feelings with each other and with God. \$30 for materials.

**Thursdays, Sept 5-Oct 24 | 3:30-5:00 PM | MC 116**

Register at [grief.mdpc.org](http://grief.mdpc.org) or with Beverly Fluke:

[bfluke@mdpc.org](mailto:bfluke@mdpc.org) or 713-490-9542

### Preschool Parents Bible Study

A Sunday morning community group for parents of young children. Drop off your kiddos (ages 6 and under), grab a cup of coffee, and meet other young families for Bible study, laughs, and the encouragement we need for the parenting and marriage journey.

**Sundays, 8:30-9:30 AM | Room 219**

Begins September 8

### Living Water International (LWI) Mission

On this trip to Honduras (Dec. 7-14, 2019), you'll witness the transformational power of clean water firsthand as you drill a water well, teach sanitation and hygiene, and share God's love with the community.

**Registration deadline is September 15.**

Contact Kelsi McCormack: [kmccormack@mdpc.org](mailto:kmccormack@mdpc.org)

### Marriage Retreat 2019

Come spend the weekend with your sweetie! Longtime marriage educators Brett and Kellie Hurst of Home Encouragement lead a fun and intentional getaway weekend focused on your married life. This special experience includes a comfortable atmosphere, excellent food, a one-on-one date night, and expert teaching.

**Sept. 28-29 | Sugar Land Marriott | \$220/couple**

Register: [marriageretreat.mdpc.org](http://marriageretreat.mdpc.org)

## WEEKLY MINISTRY PARTNER PRAYER FOCUS

**Memorial Assistance Ministries** (MAM) helps families and individuals in need due to temporary crisis maintain self-sufficiency and avoid homelessness. [mamministries.org](http://mamministries.org)

**Mission Centers of Houston** provides for the physical and spiritual needs of Houston's inner city through ongoing relationships, faith-based programs, and mission partnerships. [missioncenters.org](http://missioncenters.org)

**Youth With A Mission** in Budapest, Hungary serves through evangelism and leadership and discipleship training. MDPC field partners Steve and Barbara Johnson run a coffee house as an evangelism outreach tool, where music and good coffee help spark spiritual discussions. [ywambudapest.org](http://ywambudapest.org)

## WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

at 8/4/19

2019 Annual Budget \$12,240,000

Actual Income to Date \$5,540,775

**Needed to Meet Budget \$6,699,225**

Sunday, August 11, 2019



Count It All

Joy

**Philippians 4:15-23**

Andrew Adair preaching

**8:30 AM BLENDED & 9:45 AM CONTEMPORARY**

PRAISE & WORSHIP • CONFESSION • MESSAGE • OFFERING

**BAPTISMS** (9:45)

Dan Alexander English, V, son of Dan and Dianne English  
Joseph Scott Wilkinson, son of John and Stephanie Wilkinson  
Sophia Noelle Winkler, daughter of Joseph and Melissa Winkler

Musicians in these services: Gisele Duque and Michael Middleton, worship leaders;  
Daniel Amaya, bass; Daniel Martinez, keys; Asher Pudlo, drums

**11:15 AM TRADITIONAL MUSIC**

<b>PRELUDE</b>	<i>Meditation à Sainte Clotilde</i>	Philip James (1890-1975)
<b>*HYMN OF PRAISE</b>	<i>Called as Partners in Christ's Service</i>	#343; Vs. 1, 4   BEECHER
<b>HYMN SING</b>	<i>What a Friend We Have in Jesus</i>	#403; Vs. 1, 3   CONVERSE
	<i>Jesus Paid It All</i>	Vs. 1, 4   ALL TO CHRIST
	<i>The Old Rugged Cross</i>	Vs. 1, Chorus Repeat   THE OLD RUGGED CROSS
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	<i>O Divine Redeemer</i>	Charles Gounod (1818-1893)
<b>*HYMN OF RESPONSE</b>	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	#339; Vs. 1, 2   SLANE
<b>POSTLUDE</b>	<i>All Creatures of Our God and King</i>	arr. Randall DeBruyn (b. 1952)

Musicians in this service:

Charles Hausmann, conductor; Kathryn White, organ; Brian Yeakley, soloist

## The New MDPC APP Is Here!

We've created a powerful new mobile app, with all the features you enjoyed in the former app, PLUS expanded features in the area of event info and easy registration, group communication, personalized notifications, check-in, and so much more! For download links and additional details, visit [app.mdpc.org](http://app.mdpc.org).

If you need help getting started, stop by The Nook next Sunday, August 18. There you'll find help to download the app, upload a profile photo, and other basic instruction.



## MEN'S LIFE Breakfast

**\*Men's Life: Man Alive!**  
Tuesday Mornings in the Fall

September 10–December 3

6:30-7:45 AM

**Saturday, August 24**

8:30-9:30 AM | Fellowship Hall | \$10

Join MDPC and Houston area men as we kick off **Men's Life 2019: Man Alive\***! Come hear Pastor Emeritus, Dave Peterson, and enjoy a hearty, manly breakfast and great conversation.

RSVP: [mlkickoff.mdpc.org](http://mlkickoff.mdpc.org)



**MDPC** Equipping Ministries, led by Dr. Clay Brown, Martha Moore, and Laurien Hook, has assembled a wide array of fall Bible classes, small groups, book studies, and guest speakers. These opportunities provide ways to deepen your faith, connect with others in community, expand your mind, and meet new people.

Upcoming opportunities are included below and on the opposite page.



## Books WITH A Message

Beginning this fall, Equipping Ministries will host periodic series on important works by talented Christian authors.

Come to a two-part discussion on Carmen LaBerge's 2017 book, *Speak the Truth: How to Bring God Back into Every Conversation*.

**Wednesdays, September 11 & 18**  
6:30-7:30 PM • MC Room 122

Dr. Clay Brown, Equipping Pastor, leads this course on the major themes and insights of the book. Pre-reading is recommended but not required.

► [books.mdpc.org](http://books.mdpc.org)



## MDPC Welcomes Radio Host & Author Carmen Fowler LaBerge

Carmen will talk about friendship and how to have meaningful discussions with people who are not Christians. Her passion is reconnecting the eternal with the everyday by equipping us to engage the culture in ways that honor Jesus.

Thursday, Sept. 19  
7:00-8:30 PM

► **RSVP:** [speakers.mdpc.org](http://speakers.mdpc.org)

## word AND worship

Sundays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays  
Sept. 2019 – Apr. 2020 • Cost: \$40

Exodus tells the story of how God rescues His people from oppression in Egypt and leads them through the wilderness. God remains faithful to His covenant and demonstrates His great love for His people countless times throughout this book. Join us as we learn more about our faithful God.

► [wordandworship.mdpc.org](http://wordandworship.mdpc.org)

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## Theology Matters

1 **Theology & Faith**  
Wednesdays, October 2, 9, 16, & 23  
6:30-8:00 PM • MC 122  
(Registration will be open September 4-30.)

Equipping Ministries is launching a new series of college/seminary level studies! Each of the five stand-alone subjects will consist of four Wednesday evening sessions revealing both “matters about theology” and “how theology matters” in your Christian growth. Participation is limited to the first 20 registrants. Please note that attendance at previous sessions is not required for participation in later courses. Classes will be taught by Dr. Clay Brown, Equipping Pastor.

► [theology.mdpc.org](http://theology.mdpc.org)

Nothing transforms you like studying the words and deeds of Jesus! This fall, hundreds of **MDPC** members and friends will grow by exploring the Gospel of Luke.



# transformed by HOPE

A Study of the Gospel of Luke

► [luke.mdpc.org](http://luke.mdpc.org)

**Sunday Morning Class Options** .....  
Classes begin on August 18, unless otherwise noted

15  
Sunday  
Class  
Options

### Sundays, 8:30 AM

Preschool Parents Bible Study MC 219

### Sundays, 9:45 AM

Faith Explorations CLC 170  
Quest Parlor  
Together in the Word MC 127  
Walking Through Luke with the Pastors Amphitheater  
Pathways **Led by Martha Moore** MC 116

### Sundays, 11:15 AM

Agape MC 116  
Bible Basics MC 127  
CrossRoads CLC 170  
Daily Bread Summit Room  
Grace Fellowship MC 101  
Life 2.0 MC 122  
The Parish MC 218  
Seekers MC 103  
Walking Through Luke with the Pastors Amphitheater

**Walking Through Luke with the Pastors** .....  
**Sundays, 9:45 or 11:15 AM** Amphitheater

NEW  
Pastors'  
Class

If you are new to **MDPC**, or not yet involved in a Sunday morning study, this class is a great jumping-off point. Each stand-alone study will focus on a passage from Luke's Gospel. Classes will be taught by Dr. Clay Brown, Equipping Pastor, as well as other **MDPC** pastors, teaching leaders, and seminarians.

**Together in the Word** .....  
Beginning September 1

NEW  
Small  
Group

**Sundays, 9:45 AM** MC 127

This is an exciting new in-depth group study led by Bart and Jane Henson and Bob and Beverly Fluke. Using *Luke for Everyone* by NT Wright, this class will walk through the Gospel of Luke. Weekly readings are expected before each class. The class will enjoy periodic group fellowship and meals. Contact Bart Henson at [bartshenson@gmail.com](mailto:bartshenson@gmail.com) or 713-252-3168.

**Wednesday Evening Option** .....  
Beginning August 21

NEW  
Wednesday  
Class

**6:30-7:30 PM • MC 103**

Wednesday study and discussion group, following the same curriculum as the Sunday morning classes.



**ONLINE RESOURCES** will include brief weekly audio overviews of each passage by Dr. Clay Brown, Equipping Pastor, starting the week of **August 11**.

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**Recommended by** (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

### Deadline and process for nominations:

- Nominations are due **Tuesday, August 27**
- Please use the online form at **[nominations.mdpc.org](https://nominations.mdpc.org)** if possible. Otherwise, printed forms may be completed and delivered as indicated below. 
- After carefully considering all candidates, the Nominating Committee will prepare a list of prospective nominees to fill each open position in the upcoming class. Each nominee will then be contacted to determine his or her willingness to serve.
- In October, a Congregational Meeting will be called to elect the 2022 Class of Elders and Deacons based on the Nominating Committee's recommendations, plus any nominations from the floor.

### Deliver or mail this form to MDPC:

Attention: Gena Kooken, Confidential  
11612 Memorial Drive | Houston, Texas 77024

### Need more information?

Contact Jerry Blurton, Nominating Committee Moderator  
**[jerryblurton@hotmail.com](mailto:jerryblurton@hotmail.com)** or 713-503-9847

**Online forms: [nominations.mdpc.org](https://nominations.mdpc.org)**



**Thank you for  
prayerfully  
nominating a  
Session Officer.**



Who do **YOU** know that would make  
a great **MDPC OFFICER?**

The Nominating Committee seeks your help in identifying members with gifts that equip them for leadership at MDPC. Please prayerfully consider whom God may be preparing to serve as Elders and Deacons, and then submit his/her name online at **[nominations.mdpc.org](https://nominations.mdpc.org)** or by using the printed form inside this brochure. Additional forms are available throughout the campus. Thank you for participating in this important process in the life of MDPC.

### What is an Elder?

Together with the Pastors, Elders exercise leadership, government, and discipline, and have responsibilities for the life of our church. They should be persons of faith, dedication, and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian Gospel, both in the church and in the community.

### What is a Deacon?

MDPC has reinstated the office of Deacon, starting in 2020. Following the example from Acts 6:1-7, Deacons are uniquely gifted to serve the church by providing ministries of compassion, care-giving, and mercy. Deacons are not a lesser office than an Elder, but have a different giftedness and ministry as they serve the congregation.

### What are the primary responsibilities of an Officer?

Through committees, Session, and a variety of other avenues, Officers are responsible for nurturing and strengthening the faith of our congregation, providing spiritual direction, supporting MDPC's programs and goals, and ministering to those in need.

### What are the qualifications for Officers?

MDPC has established the following criteria for a person to be considered as a nominee:



Count  
It All

## A Summer Series on the Book of Philippians

### Philippians 4:15-23

Andrew Adair preaching

This is the final sermon in our summer series on Paul's letter to the Philippians. In these final verses Paul touches on some familiar themes, then concludes with final greetings and a benediction. Paul's love and gratitude for the Philippian Christians are clear, as is his unshakable faith in the Living God.

1. Verses 15-16 take us back to the beginning of the letter where Paul says, *"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now"* (Phil. 1:3). What a powerful dynamic this is, this sharing/partnership in the gospel when it's expressed in concrete ways. God used the generous giving of the Philippian church to encourage and bless Paul, who was called by God to proclaim the Gospel to the non-Jewish world! And, just as God did back in the first century, He continues to do this today. Are there any specific ways God might be calling you to partner with others for the sake of His global purpose in Christ (that could be through prayer, financial giving, or other ways)?
2. As Paul explains in v. 18, he understood their giving to be a *"fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God."* If viewed from purely a human perspective, one might conclude this was nothing more than the giving and receiving that goes on within any human friendship. Paul didn't make that mistake, because he saw this from a Kingdom perspective. When we partner with MDPC (or with other Christian ministries) for the sake of the gospel, do we view our giving this way? Why do you think this kind of giving is pleasing to God?
3. In verse 19 Paul makes a bold statement: *"And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."* Throughout Paul's letters, we see he *really* believed this. Obviously, we need to distinguish between wants and needs, but the key question is do we really believe God will fully satisfy every need of ours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus? What would it look like if we lived out of this confidence each day? Are there areas in our lives where we particularly struggle with believing this? Have you considered sharing that area with a Christian friend and asking him or her to pray with you about it?
4. In verse 21 Paul writes, *"Greet every saint in Christ Jesus..."* Paul views everyone who believes in Jesus as a saint. If you're like me, there are times when we find that hard to believe. We know how often we blow it, how often we choose sin over God's way...and often, most painfully, it's the same sins over and over. Regardless of how we feel or don't feel, the truth of God's word is clear: In Christ, God sees us as *"holy in His sight, without blemish and free from accusation"* (Col. 1:22). Not only is that how we should view ourselves in Christ, it's also how we should view each other. If we really viewed ourselves this way, what difference would it make? If we viewed our Christian brothers and sisters that way, what difference would it make?
5. One of the incredible developments that Paul highlights in verse 22 is there are followers of Jesus in the emperor's own household in Rome. The Philippians wouldn't have missed this, and this news would have encouraged and inspired them. God really was using Paul's imprisonment for God's glory. Just as God was doing unexpected things in Caesar's household, God continues to do unexpected things in the world today - and that includes places like Iran. Are there situations in the world (maybe even in your own life!) where you find it impossible to really believe that *"with God all things are possible"*? Ask a Christian friend to pray with you about that situation(s)...asking God to strengthen your hope and confidence in Him.

