

ALL *Dispersed*

Philip & the Ethiopian Eunuch | Acts 8:26-40
Alf Halvorson preaching

8:30 AM Service

Alf Halvorson preaching

Sunday, September 6, 2020

[Acts 8:26-40](#)

Welcome & Call to Worship

Rachel Poysky

Songs of Praise

My Testimony
King of My Heart

Elevation Worship
Bethel Music

***Prayer of Confession & Assurance**

Brett Hurst

Song of Response

I Love You, Lord

arr. Adams-Klein

Moment of Prayer

Rachel Poysky

Song of Preparation

O Praise the Name (Anastasis)

Hillsong Worship

Message

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Song of Response

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Elevation Worship

Opportunity to Give & Benediction

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Sunday Worship Playlist

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Remember Our Mission Partners on the Front Lines of Ministry

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9:45 AM Service

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Welcome & Call to Worship

Meliza Gómez

Song of Praise

My Testimony

Elevation Worship

Kids' Moment

Children's Ministry

Moment of Confession & Assurance

Dan Aikins

Songs of Response

King of My Heart
O Praise the Name (Anastasis)

Bethel Music
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Prelude *Partita on "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"* Robert Hobby (b. 1962)

Welcome & Call to Worship Rachel Poysky

Choral Introit *Sing Unto the Lord* David Stanley York (1920-2010)

***Hymn of Praise** *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* REGENT SQUARE

***Prayer of Confession and Assurance** Dave Steane

Anthem *Agnus Dei (from Eternal Light)* Howard Goodall (b. 1958)

Pastoral Prayer Rachel Poysky

Anthem of Preparation *I Can Do All Things through Christ* Laura Farnell (b. 1975)

Message *All Dispersed: Philip & the Ethiopian Eunuch* Alf Halvorson

***Hymn of Response** *Lord, Speak to Me* CANONBURY

Opportunity to Give & Benediction Alf Halvorson

Postlude *Nearer, My God, to Thee* arr. Diane Bish (b. 1941)

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APOLOGETICS

RESOURCES

In Alf's *All Together, All Dispersed* sermon series, he shared some of what he learned this summer as he read up on apologetics. Apologetics is a weird word. It doesn't mean learning to apologize for our faith. On the contrary, "apologetics" comes from a Greek word meaning "to verbally defend" a position. Christian apologetics, then, is learning how to articulate and clarify our Christian beliefs in order to winsomely share Jesus with others. These resources, compiled with the help of MDPC pastors and staff, will help you build confidence in your faith in Jesus, understand our world a bit more, and share the hope and love of Jesus more boldly and effectively.

RESOURCES ALF MENTIONED IN THE SERMON SERIES

[Alpha](#) – a 9 to 10-week series of interactive session exploring the basics of the Christian faith

[The Witnessing Disciple](#) – a 6-week study from MDPC's Equipping Ministries on winsomely sharing Jesus

["The Gospel Takes Center Stage in 'Hamilton'"](#) – an interview with Kevin Cloud in *Christianity Today*

BOOKS AND ARTICLES

[*I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be An Atheist*](#) by Norm Geisler & Frank Turek

[*Making Sense of God*](#) by Tim Keller

[*Reason for God*](#) by Tim Keller

[*Mere Christianity*](#) by C.S. Lewis

[*Jesus in the Secular World*](#) by Ben Pierce

[*The Case for Christ*](#) by Lee Strobel

PODCASTS

The Cold-Case Christianity Podcast with J. Warner Wallace [Apple Podcasts](#) | [Google Podcast](#) | [Spotify](#)

["Apologetics for Dummies: Part 1"](#) – an episode on *Theology On Air* podcast

["Apologetics for Dummies: Part 2"](#) – an episode on *Theology On Air* podcast

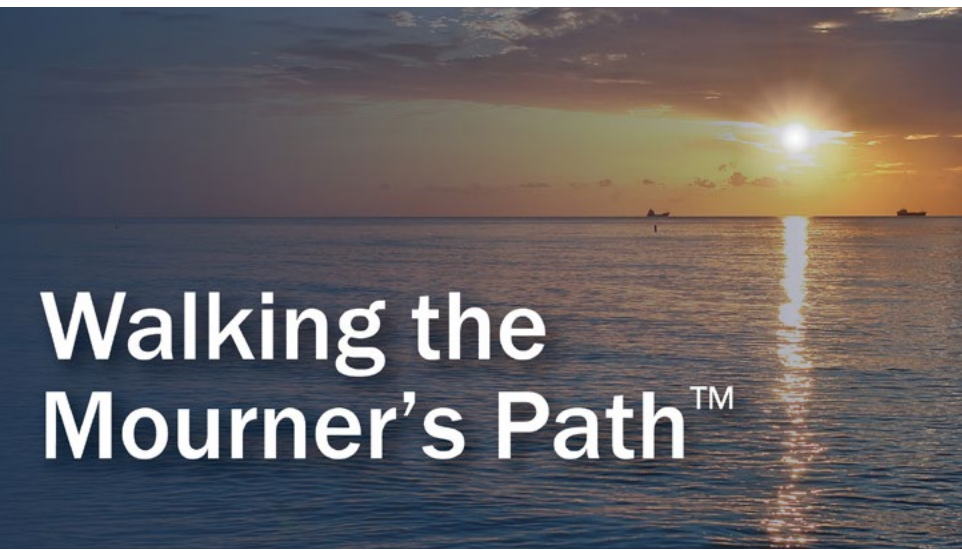
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MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

To see all upcoming events, visit events.mdpc.org.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE as of August 30, 2020

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|-----------------------|--------------|
| 2020 Annual Budget | \$12,300,000 |
| Income to Date | \$6,430,478 |
| Needed to Meet Budget | \$5,869,522 |



While there is no timeline to grief, there is always hope. Walking the Mourner's Path is a Christ-centered eight-week grief program designed to help those dealing with the loss of a loved one. Learn more at grief.mdpc.org.



At The Antioch Partners Virtual Fundraiser on October 1, you'll hear inspiring stories from missionary partners serving in Mexico and Central America, bid on international silent auction items, and learn how you can partner with TAP in God's global mission. [Click here](#) for free registration!



Even in these difficult times, our MDPC Mission Partners are still hard at work providing needed services to their clients and sharing the love of Jesus. To hear some of their stories, visit stories.mdpc.org.



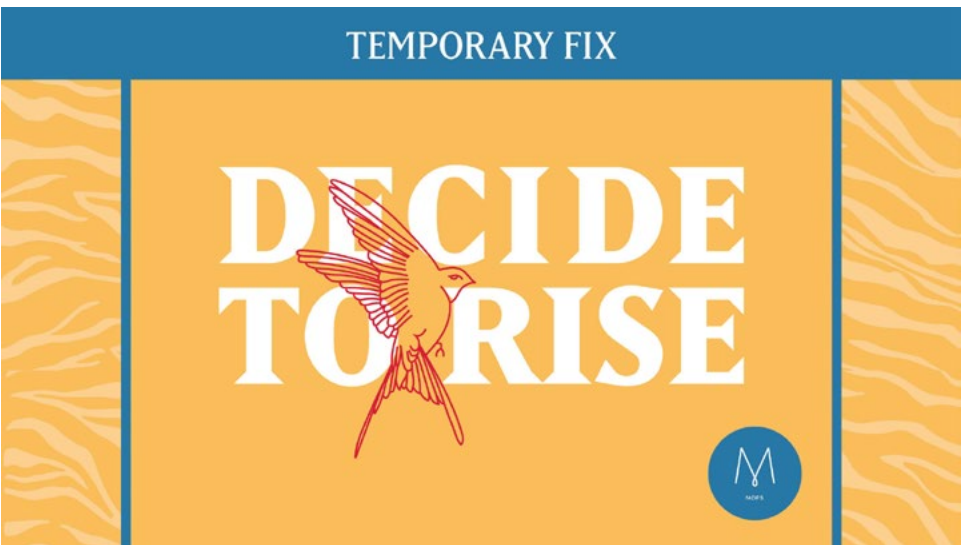
This three-part book discussion is on [One Blood](#), what *Christianity Today* describes as, "civil rights hero [John Perkins]... 'final manifesto' on race and the church's call to unity." Check out the book and [join us](#) via Zoom starting September 14.



Our church family has so many stories of God's faithfulness and action and presence...we want them to be heard. Life Is More is an effort to collect these stories to encourage individuals, and to grow the Kingdom. Will you share? Visit lifeismore.mdpc.org to learn more.



Children's Ministries is excited to offer Virtual AWANA this Fall! It's a scripturally-based, high-energy, and relationship-focused Bible Study. Learn more and sign up at awana.mdpc.org.



Our MOPS program this fall will be adapted to the needs of this time and adequately called, "MOPS: Temporary Fix." We hope all Mothers Of Preschoolers will join us! See what's on offer and sign up at mops.mdpc.org.



Registration is now open for the fall series of Word & Worship. This year's study of the Book of Hebrews will leave us with a deeper knowledge of Jesus and more complete understanding of the Bible as a whole. Learn more at hebrews.mdpc.org.



Two all-new courses to choose from begin September 23 via Zoom. Pastor Clay Brown will teach on *Apologetics*, and Lauren Hook on *Theology For Everyone*. Learn more and sign up at theologymatters.mdpc.org.



Children's Ministries Sunday School is moving to YouTube! We will have Sunday School for Preschool and Elementary Kids on our YouTube channel from 10:45-11:15 AM for our Preschool and Elementary Kids. [Click here](#) to learn more.



Join us this fall for Men's Life: Never Alone, an impactful 11-week uncovering the realities of loneliness in America and what men can do about it. These should be life-changing conversations! Learn more and sign up at ml.mdpc.org.



This is the final in our four-part kickoff sermon series on Acts [chapter 2](#) and [chapter 8](#). In Acts 2, we looked at how when the first disciples were “all together,” the Holy Spirit came in power to make them witnesses to all people, the Apostle Peter stood and preached Good News to all those gathered from every nation and tongue, and then a diverse and devoted community was formed. They *gathered* and grew, cared and shared, and then *scattered* beyond Jerusalem to share the Gospel—”in Samaria and to the ends of the earth.” Where the Apostle Peter in Acts 2 preached to thousands, Philip in Acts 8 witnesses to one seeker of God from Ethiopia.

- 1. Read [Acts 8:26-40](#). Other than God’s Messenger, there are two actors in Acts 8:26-40 (Philip and The Ethiopian Eunuch.) When have you been a seeker after God? And when have you been a witness for God?
- 2. I want us to compare the experiences of Philip (Witness) and The Ethiopian (Seeker).

| Philip’s Experience as a Witness | Ethiopian’s Experience as a Seeker |
|---|------------------------------------|
| a. How would you describe the preparation or the readiness of the person to share/hear the Good News? | |
| V. 26 | V. 27 |
| V. 29 | V. 30 |
| b. What sort of initiative does the person take to share/hear the Good News? | |
| V. 30 | V. 31 |
| V. 30 | V. 31 |
| c. What is the person’s response to the Holy Spirit, the other person, or the Good News? | |
| V. 31 | V. 34 |
| V. 35 | V. 36 |
| d. What are the results of the encounter with the HS, the other person, or the Good News? | |
| V. 38 | V. 38 |
| V. 40 | V. 39 |

- 3. With whom do you identify most right now, Philip or the Ethiopian? Why?
- 4. To what extent are the experiences/actions/words of Philip a good example of how to be a witness to Jesus Christ?
- 5. To what extent are the experiences/actions/words of the Ethiopian a good example of how to seek to know more about Jesus Christ? What is your next step on your faith journey?