



Dave Steane preaching
1 Corinthians 12:14-26

8:30 AM Service
Sunday, January 3, 2021

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Welcome & Call to Worship

Dan Aikins

Songs of Praise

Great Things
Come, Now Is the Time to Worship

Phil Wickham
Brian Doerksen

***Prayer of Confession & Assurance**

Brett Hurst

Song of Response

In Christ Alone

arr. Getty

Moment of Prayer

Dan Aikins

Song of Preparation

Way Maker

arr. Leeland

Message

Body Building
1 Corinthians 12:14-26 (NASB)

Dave Steane

Song of Response

On Earth as in Heaven

Red Rocks Worship

Offering & Benediction

Dave Steane

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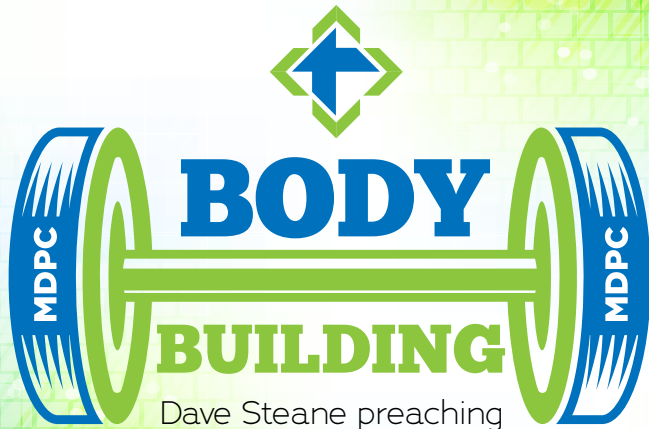


Sunday Worship Playlist

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Welcome & Call to Worship		Meliza Gómez
Song of Praise	<i>Great Things</i>	Phil Wickham
Kids' Moment		Children's Ministries
Moment of Confession & Assurance		Christyn Knoop
Songs of Response	<i>Never Gonna Stop Singing</i> <i>Way Maker</i>	Jesus Culture Leeland
Message	Body Building <i>1 Corinthians 12:14-26 (NASB)</i>	Dave Steane
Song of Response	<i>On Earth As in Heaven</i>	Red Rocks Worship
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Prelude	<i>Concerto in G Minor</i>	G.F. Handel (1685-1759)
Welcome & Call to Worship		Dan Aikins
Choral Introit	<i>Epiphany Alleluias</i>	John Weaver (b. 1937)
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty</i>	NICAEA #138; Vs. 1, 3 & 4
*Prayer of Confession and Assurance		Christyn Knoop
*Affirmation of Faith	1 Corinthians 15:1-6 & Colossians 1:15-20	
*Congregational Response	<i>The Gloria Patri</i>	Hymn #579
Anthem	<i>Arise, Your Light Has Come</i>	David Danner (1951-1993)
Pastoral Prayer		Dan Aikins
Anthem of Preparation	<i>Joined Together as One Body</i>	James Biery (b. 1956)
Message	Body Building <i>1 Corinthians 12:14-26 (NASB)</i>	Dave Steane
*Hymn of Response	<i>Take My Life and Let it Be</i>	HENDON #391; Vs. 1, 3 & 6
Offering & Benediction		Dave Steane
Postlude	<i>March</i>	Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

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MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

To see more events at MDPC, visit events.mdpc.org.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE as of December 30, 2020

2020 Annual Budget	\$12,300,000
Income to Date	\$11,923,703
Needed to Meet Budget	\$376,297

[Click Here](#) for the latest 2020 giving update.



Research shows certain marriage prep programs to be particularly effective at preventing divorce, lowering the risk by as much as 75%. [Married Life Prep](#) is approved by Twogether in Texas, and program graduates can have their Texas marriage license fee waived! A new 4-week class starts January 10.



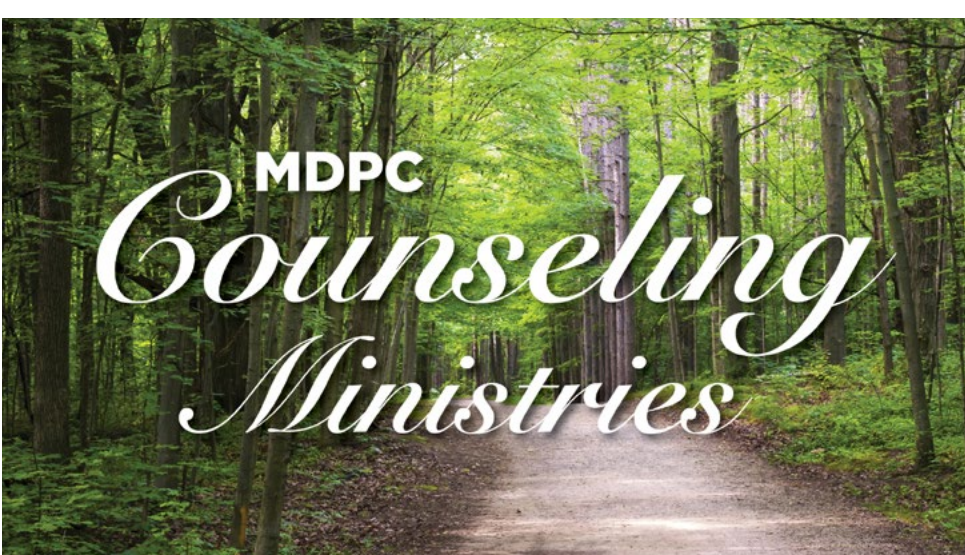
Children's Ministries Sunday School is moving to YouTube! We will have Sunday School for Preschool and Elementary Kids on our YouTube channel from 10:45-11:15 AM for our Preschool and Elementary Kids. [Click here](#) to learn more.



Church in the City is back! Our fellow Houstonians can use your help this year more than ever. Save the dates and keep an eye on citc.mdpc.org.



MDPC's fast-paced Saturday food pantry can use your helping hands, even if it's just for an hour or two. Shifts are flexible and you'll be put right to work! Learn more and sign up at action.mdpc.org.



Need a soft place to land? Unsure of where to go next? Learn more about our short-term counseling ministry by emailing MDPC counselor-in-residence Amanda Grace Caldwell, or visit counseling.mdpc.org.



FPU's focus on behavior change is a different view of personal finance. Most folks know what to do with money, but not how to do it. Millions have followed Dave Ramsey's plan out of debt and into a life of saving and giving. You can, too! Learn more at fpu.mdpc.org.



Alpha is for everyone. It breaks down distance (and social distancing) barriers by meeting online to explore life, faith, and meaning. No question or comment is out of bounds, and you're free to say as much or as little as you wish. To sign up for the next session starting February 2: alpha.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.



Sunday childcare currently is available for children five and under. Visit children.mdpc.org to see our Sunday morning health and safety protocols. For The Galaxy elementary Sunday school, just text Galaxy F2F to the number 94000 so we know you are coming!



Does it seem like you should be over your grief? While there is no timeline to grief, there is always hope. Join us Thursdays, Jan. 21-March 11 (3:00-4:30 PM on Zoom) for this Christ-centered program designed to help those dealing with loss. Trained facilitators guide the group. [Email Beverly Fluke](#) for details and to sign up.



College students! Come for weekly (outdoor) Fire Pit Fellowship over Christmas Break. Free food! Plus friends and Bible study. Kicks off Thursday, December 17; 6:30 PM for dinner, Bible study begins at 7:15 PM. [Learn more here](#).



With all of the uncertainty we have faced during the past year, it's easy to forget some of the core and fundamental truths about this wonderful, and occasionally messy, thing called the Christian Church. On this first Sunday of 2021, we want to look at the Apostle Paul's magnificent teaching on the nature of the Christian Church and be reminded of God's amazing design of Christian Community.

The Church in the city of Corinth was in a mess. Paul had traveled to Corinth on his second missionary journey and preached a simple but powerful message about the cross. The Church in Corinth was established, and Paul spent about 18 months investing himself in that Christian community. Things devolved after Paul's departure, and there were severe problems which harmed the Corinthian Church. These included deep divisions, lack of unity, abuse of the sacraments, disorder during worship services, and moral laxity.

The entire letter of First Corinthians seeks to address the myriad of problems within the Corinthian Church, but [chapter 12](#) focuses on the nature of God's remarkable design for the Christian Church. Some scholars believe it wasn't that the Corinthians didn't understand unity, but that they didn't understand the value of diversity.

1. In 1 Corinthians 12:14-17, we have Paul's brilliant illustration of how the Church is like the human body. Paul imagines a cruel game of inferiority and superiority between different body parts, but concludes all parts of the body are valuable. Reflect on a time when you felt either inferior or superior within the Christian Church. What did you learn about yourself through this?
2. In 1 Corinthians 12:18, Paul makes a bold claim: *"but now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired."* The composition of the Christian church is not random, but it is by divine design. How does that truth impact your thinking on your role within the Christian Church?
3. Paul suggests it is the unity of the body that gives each individual part its meaning and purpose. How have you found this to be true in your life?
4. In verses 21-25, we find yet another example of how the Christian faith inverts the values of the world. Normally, we would give honor to those people who are highly gifted and talented. But Paul says there is greater honor given to the weaker members. In what ways have you found this to be true? Do you consider yourself a stronger or weaker member?
5. In verse 26 we find these familiar words: *"And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it."* Paul is describing a connection of compassion within the Christian Church. Reflect on some ways you have experienced this.