

Welcome to MDPC!



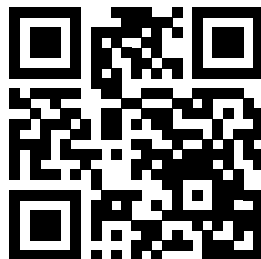
Easy Check-in!

Download the free MDPC app to your iPhone or Android.



Guest Registry

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



Give Online

Make one-time or recurring gifts with ease.





8:30 AM Service
Sunday, July 4, 2021

Rev. Dr. Dave Peterson preaching
[Galatians 3:1-14 \(NRSV\)](#)

Opening	<i>America the Beautiful</i>	arr. Bates
Welcome and Call to Worship		Dave Steane
Songs of Praise	<i>All Creatures of Our God and King</i> <i>Spirit of the Living God</i>	arr. Crowder arr. Gómez
Prayer of Confession and Assurance		Brett Hurst
Song of Response	<i>Jesus Paid It All</i>	Passion Worship
Moment of Prayer		Dave Steane
Song of Preparation	<i>What a Beautiful Name</i>	Hillsong Worship
Message	Unburdened <u>Galatians 3:1-14</u>	Dave Peterson
Song of Response	<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	TRADITIONAL
Opportunity to Give and Benediction		Dave Peterson



Sunday Worship Playlist
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Remember Our Mission Partners on the Front Lines of Ministry

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](#) to find this week's (three) prayer recipients.



9:45 AM Service

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Opening

America the Beautiful

arr. Bates

Invitation to Worship

Song of Praise

God So Loved

We the Kingdom

Moment of Confession and Assurance

Dan Aikins

Songs of Preparation

Build My Life
What a Beautiful Name

Passion Worship
Hillsong Worship

Message

Unburdened
[Galatians 3:1-14](#)

Dave Peterson

Song of Response

How Great Is Your Love

Phil Wickham

Moment of Prayer

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11:15 AM Service
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Prelude *A Song of Liberty* arr. K. White

Welcome and Call to Worship Dave Steane

Choral Introit *The God Who Gave Us Life Gave Us Liberty* Randall Thompson
(1899-1984)

***Hymn of Praise** *Lift Every Voice and Sing* #563; Vs. 1, 3 | LIFT EVERY VOICE

***Prayer of Confession and Assurance** Rachel Poysky

***Affirmation of Faith** from The Apostles' Creed

Congregational Response *My Country, 'Tis of Thee* #561; Vs. 4 | AMERICA

Anthem *An American Hymn* arr. Cecil Effinger/White

Pastoral Prayer Dave Steane

Anthem of Preparation *One Faith, One Hope, One Lord* Craig Courtney (b.1948)

Message **Unburdened** Dave Peterson
[Galatians 3:1-14](#)

***Hymn of Response** *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go* #384; Vs. 1, 3 | ST. MARGARET

Opportunity to Give and Benediction Dave Peterson

Postlude *Mansions of the Lord* Nikolas Glennie-Smith (b.1951)

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MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE as of June 27, 2021

2021 Annual Budget	\$ 11,300,000
Income to Date	\$ 5,128,154
Needed to Meet Budget	\$ 6,171,846



Suns, Jul 11-Aug 1 • 10:00a-12:00p

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



Mon-Fri, Jul 12-16 • 9:30a-12:30p

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 to find out more.



Tues, Sep 14-Nov 30 • 6:30-7:45a

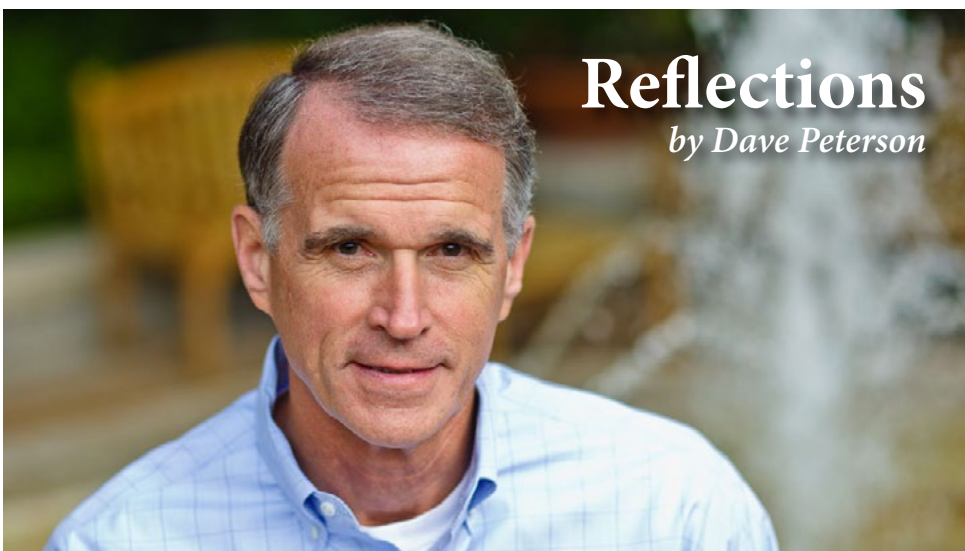
Since 2003, Men's Life at MDPC has encouraged thousands of men to walk more fully with God and live in meaningful relationship with others. Join us this fall for Men's Life 2021: Connecting. Learn more at ml.mdpc.org.



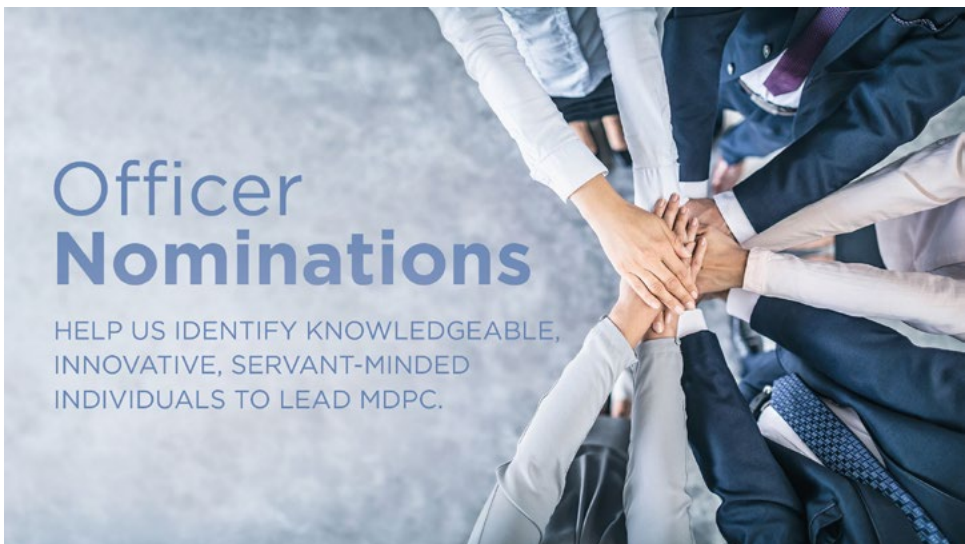
Ladies, connect with God and connect with others this summer! With **day and evening, weekday and weekend events from May to August**, there's something for everyone. Learn more and sign up at stc.mdpc.org.



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.

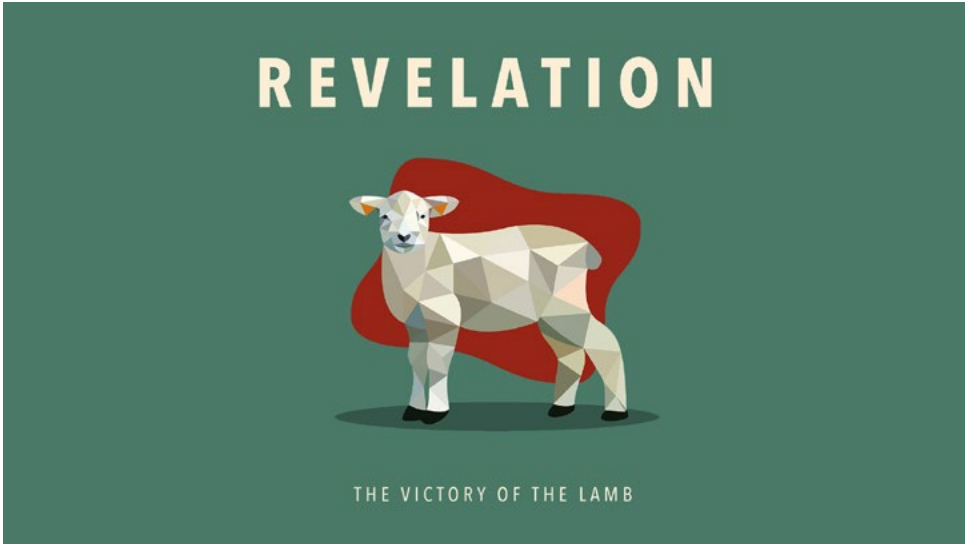


If you miss hearing the wit and wisdom of Dave Peterson - you're in luck. Dave writes occasional Reflections on life and faith, usually once a week or so. If you'd like to subscribe, send an email to davterpeter@gmail.com.



Through Tues, Aug 4

MDPC needs your help in identifying those who would make good Elders and Deacons. Hard copy forms are available around campus and online at nominations.mdpc.org.



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.



Tue, Aug 17 • 6-9p • \$20 for food & drink

Men, invite your buddies to join us for a fun night out, with Astros on the big screen, Tex-Mex, beer, and fellowship with other men. Tickets at mensnight.mdpc.org.



Suns, 9:45 or 11:15a • 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.



Children's Ministries Sunday School is on YouTube! We offer Sunday school lessons for preschool and elementary kids on the MDPC Kids YouTube channel, Sundays at 10:45-11:15a. [Click here](#) to learn more.

MDPC NEW MEMBERS

*Introduced in worship on
Sunday, June 27, 2021*

We are excited to welcome 17 new members to the MDPC family! These additions also include new members of the MDPC Fuente and MDPC Portuguese-language congregations. Learn a little more about each below, and join us in welcoming them to MDPC.



Vagner Delgado and **Nubia Alfredo** enjoy music, singing, reading, and watching soccer games. Vagner is a pool technician at All Seasons Pool Service.



Carlos Garcia and **Karla Franco** are originally from Venezuela and have a 4-year-old named Miranda. Carlos is a dentist, and Karla holds a degree in business administration. They enjoy making pastries, playing chess, and traveling. Their family in Venezuela is Christian – in fact, Carlos' brother-in-law and sister both are pastors!



Mario Garcia and **Sidia Guzmán** are the parents of Katherine (20) and Andrea (10). Mario is an orchestra teacher in HISD and Sidia is an agricultural technician and currently manages their business, Mandarin Coffee, which is grown on their small farm in their country of origin, Honduras. They enjoy learning coffee techniques and sharing their coffee with Houston.



Roxana Garcia is the mother of Matias (3). She is a petroleum engineer and enjoys painting, drawing, and reading. She is originally from Venezuela and her husband, Nomar Henriquez, is already member of our church.



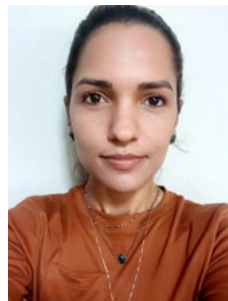
Marleny Andrea Hernandez is a student who enjoys drawing and cooking, and also playing volleyball and basketball. Her mother, Marleny, also is becoming a member.



Christi Marsh is a teacher and Head Swim Coach at a Houston-area high school. She is active in serving youth through area ministries, a Rodeo Houston committeeman, and a 20-year cancer survivor this July. "Love all people and love them well!"



Marleny Muñoz is a mother of three (Marleny, Fernando, and Jose). She is an instructor in baking, pastry, and jewelry design. She is originally from El Salvador, where she graduated as commercial clerk.



Flavio Silva is a research assistant at UT Health, and was a psychiatrist in his country of origin, Brazil. **Bruna Maurente** was an attorney in Brazil, and has interest in serving the church through singing and caring for children. They both enjoy music and leading Bible studies, and are gifted in public speaking.



Peggy and Dennis Swoboda have been married 52 years but have known each other since first grade. They are native Houstonians. Their family includes two married sons, Brandon and Blake, and their spouses, Betsy and Julie, and 11 grandchildren. They have been watching MDPC online for a year and have been attending in person for the last three months and are ready to make MDPC their permanent church home.



Juan Vasquez has four adult children: Juan, Jose, Roberto, and Miguel. Juan is a chef and he likes playing baseball and fishing. **Yrene Vivas** has two adult children of her own: Denison and Brenda. She has a bachelor's degree in administration and is an expert in banking and finances in her country of origin, Venezuela. She likes taking walks in the park.



Mat Yelvington is a native Houstonian who is a mental health counselor and business coach. He has two favorite things in life: a good movie and great Mexican food!

Ready to Take Your Next Step at MDPC?

Discover MDPC with Alf

Discover MDPC is a chance to get to know MDPC through a conversation with our Senior Pastor, Alf Halvorson. Alf will share about the history, mission, and vision of MDPC. He will also answer questions you have and share about the ministry at and through MDPC.

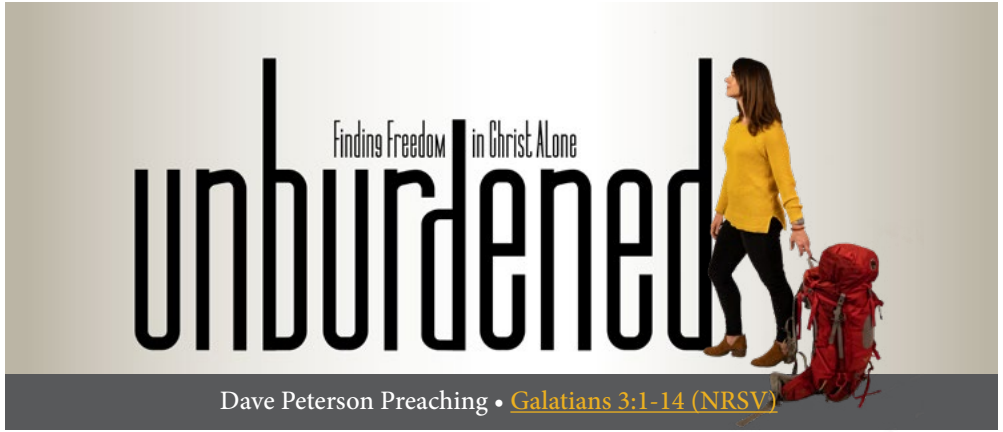
September 12 | In-Person in The Gathering Room, or via Zoom

No RSVP necessary! Show up, or get the Zoom link at membership.mdpc.org.

Explore Our New Member Class!

Come learn the history, vision, and mission of MDPC. Led by Associate Pastors, Elders, and staff, you will explore if becoming a member is the right next step in your faith in Jesus. If you decide becoming a member is indeed the right step, you will be introduced at a worship service to the congregation and invited to meet with Session (board of Elders) to be received as an MDPC member.

Dates for the next New Member Class will be posted soon: membership.mdpc.org



What kinds of things bewitch people and put them under a spell? Paul lived the first half of his life under the spell of religious legalism—circumcision, sabbath and the Mosaic Law.

After his encounter with Jesus, Paul wrote,

...the very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me.

(Romans 7:10)

Jesus broke Paul's spell of religious legalism and replaced it with grace and love.

Paul began planting churches around the core reality of Jesus' love and grace.

Word came that the churches in Galatia had reverted to religious legalism. Why is religious legalism so attractive? So, Paul wrote these words,

O you foolish Galatians. Who has bewitched you?

Jesus' love is the great spell-breaker.

SPELL #1 – Life is hopeless

- What makes hope difficult?

SPELL #2 – Life is meaningless

- Where do you find meaning in life?

SPELL #3 – I am worthless

- What kinds of things happen when people feel worthless?

SPELL #4 – Love has its limits

- Where do you tend to underestimate the power of love?

