

# ***Welcome to MDPC!***



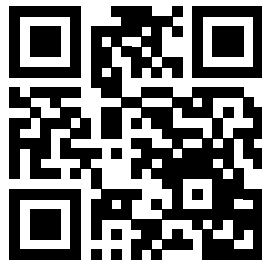
## ***Easy Check-in!***

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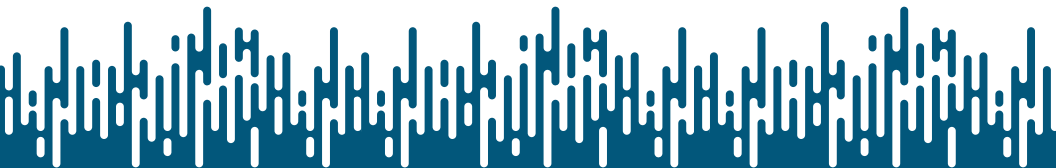
## ***Guest Registry***

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



## ***Give Online***

Make one-time or recurring gifts with ease.



# unburdened

Finding Freedom in Christ Alone



8:30 AM Service  
Sunday, August 15, 2021

Rev. Dr. Clay Brown preaching  
[Galatians 5:26-6:18 \(NLT\)](#)

<b>Welcome and Call to Worship</b>		Dave Steane
<b>Songs of Praise</b>	<i>Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)</i> <i>How Great Thou Art</i>	Paul Baloche TRADITIONAL
<b>Prayer of Confession and Assurance</b>		Brett Hurst
<b>Song of Response</b>	<i>Leaning on the Everlasting Arms</i>	TRADITIONAL
<b>Moment of Prayer</b>		Dave Steane
<b>Song of Preparation</b>	<i>As the Deer</i> <i>Lord, You Are More Precious than Silver</i>	TRADITIONAL TRADITIONAL
<b>Message</b>	<b>Unburdened</b> <a href="#">Galatians 5:26-6:18</a>	Clay Brown
<b>Song of Response</b>	<i>Forever Reign</i>	Hillsong Worship
<b>Opportunity to Give and Benediction</b>		Clay Brown



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  
Sunday, August 15, 2021

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## Invitation to Worship

### Song of Praise

*Your Love Awakens Me*

Phil Wickham

### Moment of Confession and Assurance

Dave Steane

### Songs of Preparation

*Fresh Wind  
Forever Reign*

Hillsong Worship

### Message

**Unburdened**  
[Galatians 5:26-6:18](#)

Clay Brown

### Song of Response

*Build My Life*

Hillsong United

### Moment of Prayer

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### Opportunity to Give and Benediction

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11:15 AM Service  
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<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Andante Sostenuto from Symphony No. 1</i>	Johannes Brahms/arr. White
<b>Welcome and Call to Worship</b>		Dave Steane
<b>Choral Introit</b>	<i>Lend Your Voice to the Song</i>	Carl Nygard
<b>*Hymn of Praise</b>	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>	#276; Vs. 1, 2   FAITHFULNESS
<b>*Prayer of Confession and Assurance</b>		Christyn Knoop
<b>*Affirmation of Faith</b>	from Romans 8	
<b>*Congregational Response</b>	<i>The Gloria Patri</i>	Hymn #579
<b>Anthem</b>	<i>Arise, My Soul, Arise</i>	Dan Forrest (b.1978)
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>		Dave Steane
<b>Anthem of Preparation</b>	<i>My Faith, My Hope</i>	Gwyneth Walker (b.1947)
<b>Message</b>	<b>Unburdened</b> <a href="#">Galatians 5:26-6:18</a>	Clay Brown
<b>*Hymn of Response</b>	<i>O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee</i>	#357; Vs. 1, 3   MARYTON
<b>Opportunity to Give and Benediction</b>		Clay Brown
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Te Deum</i>	Marc A. Charpentier (1643-1704)

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Sunday, August 15, 2021

# MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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

## WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE as of August 8, 2021

2021 Annual Budget	\$ 11,300,000
Income to Date	\$ 6,074,350
Needed to Meet Budget	\$ 5,225,650

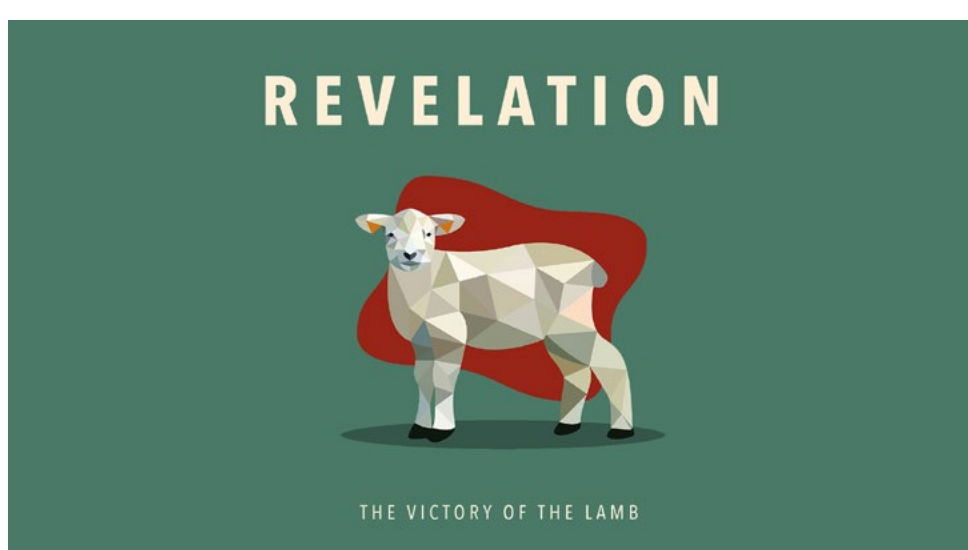


### Visit our table this Sunday!

Please consider sponsoring a local child. You'll send a youngster to school ready to learn! Your donation of any amount will help kids succeed in school and in life. Learn more at [mambts.mdpc.org](https://mambts.mdpc.org).



On **Aug 22 at 12:15**, come to an "open sing-in" to discover the joy of choral singing! MDPC's Reimagined Choir is streamlining activities, loosening attire, and making it easier for you to participate, even if you do not regularly attend 11:15 worship. Learn more at [choir2021.mdpc.org](https://choir2021.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](https://wordandworship.mdpc.org).



### Tue, 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](https://ml.mdpc.org).



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

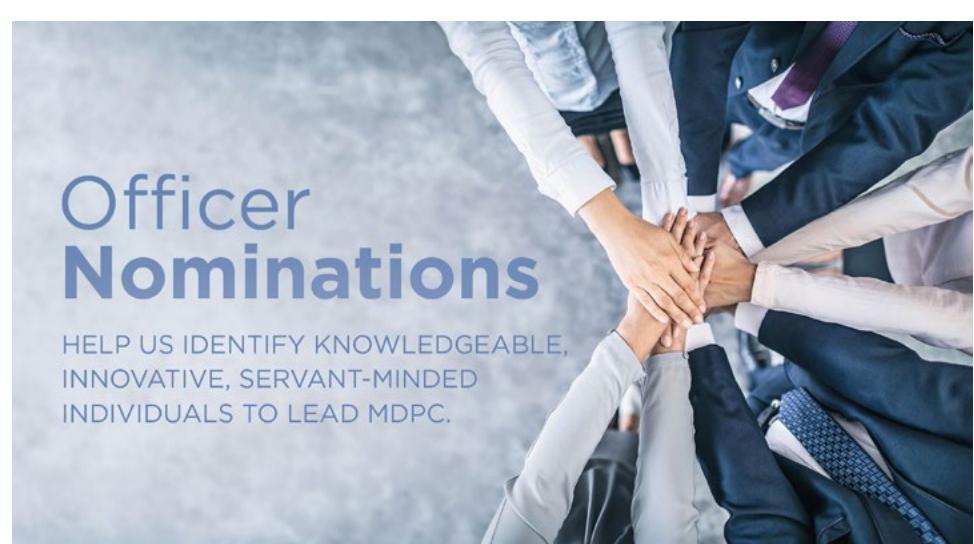


**You Belong Here!** This fall, we will celebrate three very special Sundays: Aug 22 (Kickoff Sunday); Aug 29 (Ministry Fair); and Sep 5 (Labor Day Cookout). For details of each Sunday's events, stay tuned to [homecoming.mdpc.org](https://homecoming.mdpc.org).



### 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](https://mensnight.mdpc.org).



### Through Tue, Aug 24

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](https://nominations.mdpc.org).



BYF offers weekly biblical lessons taught by a pastor or someone else with seminary training. No signup, no class roll. Join us in our all-church Bible study, Sent by Love: A Study of Acts (Part 2). The study kicks off on **Sun, Aug 22**, in the Amphitheater at **9:45 and 11:15a**. Visit [byf.mdpc.org](https://byf.mdpc.org) for details.



### Starting Tue, Sep 14 • In person with free food.

Try it the first week or come all 10 weeks for no pressure conversations about life, faith, and meaning. Find details at [alpha.mdpc.org](https://alpha.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.



We conclude our series on Galatians titled “Unburdened.” We’ve given it that title because we are truly “unburdened” from sin, guilt, hopelessness, and all that goes with them through the only true gospel there is! The good news of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, and His grace alone!

As Paul wraps up his communication to the Galatian Christians, he reminds them of the practical and ethical implications of being a Christ follower in community with other Christ followers. But he cannot leave it there. Why? Because he knows they are likely to believe that if they just obey the moral code, they will be in good shape with God. Thus he comes back one more time to his core point, summed up in Galatians 6:15 (NLT): “It doesn’t matter whether we have been circumcised or not. What counts is whether we have been transformed into a new creation.”

As you talk about the passage and the sermon, consider the following helps for study and discussion:

1. It is self-evident that followers of Jesus should not be conceited or provoke each other to anger and envy. So why do you think Paul feels compelled to emphasize this? Why do we need to hear this again and again?
2. We are told to “share each other’s burdens” in Galatians 6:2. What does this mean, especially as you look at Galatians 6:1-3 as a whole?
3. On one hand, we are involved in the lives of one another, helping those who struggle and receiving help when we fall. On the other hand, “we are each responsible for our own conduct” (Galatians 6:5, NLT). How do these two truths work together in daily life?
4. If you read Galatians 5:26–6:10 by itself, it sounds like Christianity is mostly about doing the right thing. How is the gospel both more and less than that?
5. Paul takes great pains to show that this communication is from him in Galatians 6:11. Why is this so important to him? To us?
6. With at least three examples, show how Galatians 6:15 sums up Paul’s entire argument in Galatians.
7. Respond to C. S. Lewis’ statement about transformation: “The terrible thing, the almost impossible thing, is to hand over your whole self—all your wishes and precautions—to Christ. But it is far easier than what we are all trying to do instead. For what we are trying to do is to remain what we call ‘ourselves’, to keep personal happiness as our great aim in life, and yet at the same time be ‘good’. We are all trying to let our mind and heart go their own way—centered on money or pleasure or ambition—and hoping, in spite of this, to behave honestly and chastely and humbly. And that is exactly what Christ warned us you could not do. As He said, a thistle cannot produce figs. If I am a field that contains nothing but grass-seed, I cannot produce wheat. Cutting the grass may keep it short: but I shall still produce grass and no wheat. If I want to produce wheat, the change must go deeper than the surface. I must be ploughed up and re-sown.”

