

# HOPE

A Humbling Call | 1 Peter 5:5-14 NIV

Sunday, Aug 14, 2022

Rev. Andrew Adair preaching

## 8:30 SERVICE

Welcome (In-person / Online)	Michael Middleton / Christyn Knoop	
Songs of Praise	<i>Glorious Day</i> <i>Praise God (Doxology)</i>	
*Prayer of Confession & Assurance		Rachel Poysky
Song of Response	<i>Who You Say I Am</i>	
Moment of Prayer		Christyn Knoop
Song of Preparation	<i>Lord, I Need You</i>	
Message	<b>HOPE: A Humbling Call (1 Peter 5:5-14)</b>	Andrew Adair
Benediction		

## 9:45 SERVICE

Welcome (In-person / Online)	Michael Middleton / Clay Brown	
Song of Praise	<i>Glorious Day</i>	
Moment of Confession & Assurance		Rachel Poysky
Songs of Preparation	<i>Who You Say I Am</i> <i>Praise God (Doxology)</i>	
Message	<b>HOPE: A Humbling Call (1 Peter 5:5-14)</b>	Andrew Adair
Moment of Prayer		Clay Brown
Benediction		

Musicians at 8:30/9:45: Asher Pudlo, drums; Uvaldo Callejas, bass; Chris Parrott, guitar;  
Kevin Paulo, keys; Michael Middleton & Perla Cantu-Arroyo, worship leaders

## 11:15 SERVICE

Prelude	<i>Where He Leads Me/He Leadeth Me</i>	Brant Adams (b.1944)
Welcome & Call to Worship		Clay Brown
*Hymn of Praise	<i>How Firm a Foundation</i>	#361; Vs. 1, 5   FOUNDATION
*Prayer of Confession & Affirmation of Faith		Clay Brown
Anthem	<i>Abide in Me</i>	Dan Forrest (b.1978)
Baptisms		Dan Aikins
	Boice Hendershot Rice, son of Tripp and Currie Rice Jack Lawrence White, son of Stewart and Kate White	
Anthem of Preparation	<i>The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation</i>	John Rutter
Message	<b>HOPE: A Humbling Call (1 Peter 5:5-14)</b>	Andrew Adair
*Closing Hymn	<i>If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee</i>	#282; Vs. 1   WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT
Postlude	<i>The Pilgrims' Chorus</i>	Richard Wagner (1813-1883)

Musicians at 11:15: Charles Hausmann, conductor;  
Chris Schubert, clarinet; Kathryn White, organ/piano



## A Humbling Call [1 Peter 5:5-14 NIV](#)

This is the final sermon in our summer sermon series on 1 Peter. In honor of school starting soon, I'm giving you a homework assignment and that's to re-read the entire letter of 1 Peter at one sitting. Don't worry, as you know, it's only 5 chapters! And, before you read it, I encourage you to watch the Bible Project video on 1 Peter. It's a great summary of the letter and it's just about 7 min long. You can Google "Bible Project video 1 Peter" and it will come up. As you re-read the letter, I encourage you to ask the Holy Spirit to show you specific ways God wants you to apply what you've been learning this summer. Consider sharing those application steps with a friend and ask that friend to pray with you as you seek to live them out. I'm convinced that for most of us here at MDPC, we don't need more information about the Christian life, we need to live out what we already know. That's where transformation happens!

1. In v. 5 Peter tells them to "clothe" themselves with humility. As we know, humility is a core value in the Kingdom of God. Humility literally means freedom from pride or arrogance. Living out biblical humility takes courage, and my experience is we can't do it in our own strength, it's only possible through the power of the Holy Spirit. Where is God wanting us to grow in humility? If nothing comes to mind, I encourage you to do something really humbling, if you're married, ask your spouse for some ideas! If you're single, ask a friend who knows you well to give you some suggestions. I believe God wants our humility to be an essential aspect of our witness in the world.
2. Peter understood how difficult it can be to follow Jesus, especially in the face of persecution and suffering, and thus in v. 7 he gives them important advice, "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." We all deal with anxiety at various times – for some of us it's for brief periods, while for others it can be a longer-term challenge. Where is God wanting each of us to grow in "casting" our anxieties on him, trusting him more deeply, and experiencing his peace more fully, not only for our sakes but also for the sake of those he wants to minister to through us?
3. In vv. 8 – 9 Peter identifies our real enemy ... the devil (the word "devil" is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word "Satan," which means "adversary" or "opponent"). The devil is very crafty in how he attacks us. In his book *The Screwtape Letters*, CS Lewis masterfully explores some of the devil's tactics. If you haven't read this book, I encourage you to read it (or re-read it!). Regardless, where in our lives do we need to be vigilant in terms of the devil's tactics? Are there any steps we need to take now? Maybe there's someone we could invite to be praying with us about these areas?
4. According to Open Doors, "Christian persecution is higher today than at any other time in modern history." Open Doors estimates that 1 in 7 Christians worldwide experience high levels of persecution. What did you think about the statement by the Middle Eastern Christian leader who said, "If you are not the Church which has been called to suffer, go find the Church that is suffering and stand with it"? What did you think about Basma's story? One way we can stand with our Christian brothers and sisters around the world who are suffering is through prayer. How can we be more faithful in actually doing this?
5. In vv. 12 – 14 Peter gives final greetings, but his primary focus in these final verses is what he focuses on at the end of v. 12, "... this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it." Jesus is the true Messiah and through him, as Peter wrote in Ch. 1, God "...has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade." Peter challenged them, and through this letter God is challenging us, to "stand fast" in God's grace that's been revealed in Jesus Christ. Is there an area in your life now where you are finding it hard to stand fast? If so, would you be willing to share that with someone so they can pray with you about that?



# MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

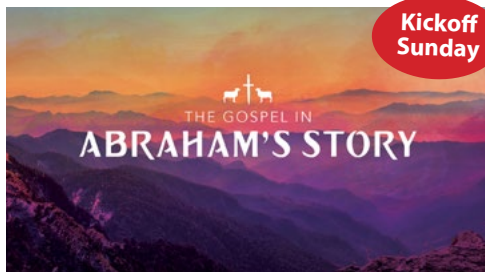
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Sunday classes and other groups are encouraged to participate in the newest all-MDPC fall study! We'll learn how the Old Testament stories point directly to the Gospel. Visit [abraham.mdpc.org](https://abraham.mdpc.org) for details.



**Sundays, Aug 21-Dec 4 • 11:00am**

You CAN read the whole Bible in 90 Days! Join the group making the journey this fall for support, accountability, and connection. Learn more at [b90.mdpc.org](https://b90.mdpc.org).



**Wed, Aug 24 • 5:30pm • Summit Rm**

Enjoy some pizza while meeting our new children's choir director! No RSVP needed. Learn more about the choir at [childrenschoir.mdpc.org](https://childrenschoir.mdpc.org).



**Groups begin Sep 8**

In Mark, we see a beautiful depiction of Jesus' life, His teaching, His love of all people, and His victorious defeat of sin and death. Details and registration at [wordandworship.mdpc.org](https://wordandworship.mdpc.org).



**Tue, Sep 13-Oct 18 • 10:00am-Noon**

If you are caring for a loved one with dementia, this class is for you. Gain a better understanding of the disease while learning tips for care and self-care. Sign up at [savvy.mdpc.org](https://savvy.mdpc.org).



**Thu, Sep 15 • 7:00pm • Sanctuary**

What does it look like to live with joy in a society that doesn't always agree with Christian thought or belief? Come to hear Alistair Begg and leave with a renewed sense of hope! Begg is senior pastor at Parkside Church in Ohio. In addition to Sunday services at Parkside, he can be heard daily on the *Truth For Life* radio program. Learn more at [speakers.mdpc.org](https://speakers.mdpc.org).



**Have you tossed a name in the hat?**

If you know an MDPC member who would make a great elder or deacon, nominate them by using our online form. Learn about the process and the roles at [nominate.mdpc.org](https://nominate.mdpc.org).



**Sat-Tue, Sep 3-6, 2022**

Join us on an **in-person mission trip** to Honduras! Micah Project ministers to boys in crisis through community outreach and three group homes. Learn more at [micah.mdpc.org](https://micah.mdpc.org).

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Each week, we pray for three of MDPC's partners in ministry, both local and global. They truly covet your prayers! Find this week's prayer recipients at [partners.mdpc.org](https://partners.mdpc.org), or pick up one of the prayer booklets available around campus.

## Financial Update as of Aug 7, 2022

2022 Annual Budget	\$ 12,294,000
Income to Date	\$ 6,367,690
Needed to Meet Budget	\$ 5,926,310

## Births and Deaths

**Thad Roach** passed away Jul 23, 2022.  
**Marty Nolterieke** passed away Aug 6, 2022.