

# We got you, Mom!



Free  
Childcare!

Are you a mom of young children? Would you like a little break in the week to drop off the kids, relax, and chat with other moms? Then Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is for you! Come for coffee, connection, solid content, and adult conversations.

We'll save you a seat!

Every other Thursday starting August 30

9:30-11:15 AM | Parlor

Register: [mops.mdpc.org](http://mops.mdpc.org)



## Working Moms, MOPS has a place for you, too!

4th Wednesday each month  
Starting August 29 | 5:00-6:30 PM  
For details and to register, visit  
[workingmops.mdpc.org](http://workingmops.mdpc.org).

# The Living Well



by MDPC  
Women

## A 25-week study of Jesus through Luke's Gospel

Led and facilitated by Charlotte Crawford

Come as you are to seek God at dawn through His Living Word and prayer. Be encouraged by a brief testimony and the gospel Scriptures read aloud followed by time for solitary personal reflection; responding to God's Word and Voice through journaling, prayer, and provided study guide. Women of all ages and faith stages who desire to grow as women of God, trained and taught by Biblical truth and stories, are warmly welcomed.

Wednesdays, 6:15-7:00 AM  
September 12, 2018 - April 10, 2019

Registration: [tlw.mdpc.org](http://tlw.mdpc.org)

Contact Anna Vickers with questions: [avickers@mdpc.org](mailto:avickers@mdpc.org), 713-490-9260



MDPC  
Memorial Drive  
Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 12, 2018

## WRESTLING WITH SCRIPTURE

Not What I Expected • 1 Peter 4:12-19 (NASB) • Dave Steane

8:30 AM BLENDED

WELCOME

Dave Steane

\*SONGS OF PRAISE

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Dan Aikins

SONG OF PREPARATION

MESSAGE

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Dave Steane

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

9:45 AM CONTEMPORARY

WELCOME

BAPTISMS

Dave Steane

Steele Lea Davidson, daughter of Adam and Ellen Davidson

Matthew Rodrigues Moreira, son of Rafael and Edneia Moreira

Ruby Louise Reed, daughter of James and Jessica Reed

Austin Alan Zabor, son of Robert and Lori Zabor

MOMENT OF CONFESSION

Kyle Collins

MESSAGE

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11:15 AM TRADITIONAL

PRELUDE

*Pièce Héroïque*

César Franck (1822-1890)

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Brett Hurst

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Lift High the Cross*

#371; Vs. 1, 3, 4 | CRUCIFER

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from The Apostles' Creed

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Lift High the Cross*

#371; Chorus | CRUCIFER

ANTHEM

*On to Higher Ground*

arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

OFFERTORY

*O Divine Redeemer*

Charles Gounod (1818-1893)

MESSAGE

Not What I Expected • 1 Peter 4:12-19 (NASB)

Dave Steane

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Lord, Speak to Me*

#426; Vs. 1, 5 | CANONBURY

POSTLUDE

*O Divine Redeemer*

Charles Gounod

\*Please stand if able.

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### This week, please pray for these MDPC Ministry Partners:

**Memorial Assistance Ministries (MAM)** helps those struggling with temporary crises maintain self-sufficiency and avoid homelessness. Its resources include social services, job counseling, an ESL school, and a resale shop.

[maministries.org](http://maministries.org)

**Mission Centers** ministers to all ages in under-resourced neighborhoods in Houston's inner city by providing Christ-centered community programs and neighborhood outreach.

[missioncenters.org](http://missioncenters.org)

**Youth With A Mission** • MDPC field partners Steve and Barbara Johnson created a coffeehouse that serves as an evangelism outreach tool—a place where music and good coffee help conversations go “beneath the surface.”

[ywambudapest.hu](http://ywambudapest.hu)



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**Theology On Tap: VALUE of LIFE**

When do we begin to exist as a person? Do we have a soul before conception? Who creates life, when does life begin, and how do those questions affect our theology and the way we live? Come hear professor of Philosophy and Theology, Dr. Joshua Farris, present some thoughts, then text in your questions to a panel of scholars and pastors. Open to young adults (20s-30s).

**Tuesday, August 14 | 7:00 PM | Kindred, Montrose**  
**Free craft beer & food | Admission \$5**

[facebook.com/theologyontaphouston](https://facebook.com/theologyontaphouston)

**Young Adults: Let's Go Dancing!**

Connect with MDPC 20s & 30s and our friends from the Brazilian Church for a night of dinner at Diablo Loco (7:30 PM) and dancing and Wild West.

**Thursday, August 16 | 7:30 PM**

For more info, text Sarah Stone: 832-605-8129

**Kickoff Sunday Choir Singing**

All are invited to sing with the Sanctuary Choir at the 11:15 service on Kickoff Sunday! We will gather in the choir room August 19 at 9:45 AM to prepare exciting music for the first worship service of the new school year (no Wednesday rehearsal this week). Regular rehearsals resume Wednesday, August 22, 7:00-9:00 PM.

Questions? Email Tracy Stidam: [tstidam@mdpc.org](mailto:tstidam@mdpc.org)

**Parent Open House on Kick-Off Sunday**

Parents of all 6-12th graders, join MDPC Youth Ministries for an Open House! Meet the Youth staff and amazing volunteer team, have a snack, and hear about our ministry and fall programs and events.

**Sunday, August 19 | 10:45-11:10 AM | MDPC Gym**

**Volunteer in Schools**

Help out local kids at local schools. Caring adults are needed for roles that range from mentoring or tutoring kids, to helping out in the library, to planning and staffing teacher appreciation events, and more. There's something for every type of servant spirit!

**Sign-up Sunday, August 26 between services**

Learn more at [change.mdpc.org](https://change.mdpc.org).

**C. S. Lewis for Today**

The words and thoughts of C.S. Lewis, even 50 years after his death, remain remarkably powerful and profound, as though they were authored this morning rather than decades ago. So why does Lewis remain so popular and influential? Clay Brown, Equipping Pastor, teaches a six-session course seeking to answer that question.

**Weds, Aug 22-Sept 26 | 6:30-7:30 PM | MC 122**

[lewis.mdpc.org](https://lewis.mdpc.org)

**Today's Chancel Flowers are given by:**

- Mary Reed, on the baptismal date of her granddaughter Ruby Louise.
- Dr. Jim Terry, in honor of Jim and Jan Terry's 65th wedding anniversary.

**Backpack Buddy Program**

In Houston, 1 in 4 children is at risk of hunger and rely on school meals for breakfast and lunch; many have little or nothing to eat over the weekends. You can make a difference by going with MDPC to HFB to fill backpacks with nutritious food. The backpacks will be distributed by Spring Woods Middle School to 120 at-risk kids on Friday afternoons for them to take home. Volunteers age 6 and older are encouraged to participate.

**Twice a month at Houston Food Bank (HFB)**

See dates and sign up online: [bpbuddy.mdpc.org](https://bpbuddy.mdpc.org)

**Love to Welcome People?**

Children's Ministries could use your help on Sunday mornings as a greeter! Help us welcome visitors and make families feel at home at MDPC.

Email Rachel Poysky for details: [rpoysky@mdpc.org](mailto:rpoysky@mdpc.org)

**Special Buddies Needed**

Could you give one hour of your time, once a month, to help a child with special needs? Special Blessings Ministry is looking for volunteers (ages 14+) to serve as "buddies" during Sunday School.

Contact Keri Mosk: [kmosk@mdpc.org](mailto:kmosk@mdpc.org), 713-490-9265

**Romp Through the Old Testament**

A Bible study led by Pastor Clay Brown, Pastor Beth Case, and Pastor Rachel Poysky.

**Tuesdays, starting Sept. 11 | 9:00-10:00 AM | MC 122**

[romp.mdpc.org](https://romp.mdpc.org)

**Men's Life 2018: Core Training**

The all-new ML curriculum is about the foundational principles that strengthen the *core* of what makes us men. Invite a buddy to this 12-week series and rebuild the inner workings of your life. No matter where a guy is in his walk with Christ, Men's Life is for everyone!

**Tuesday Mornings, Sept. 11-Dec. 4**

**New Time! 6:30-7:45 AM (Breakfast at 6:00 AM)**

Details and registration: [ml.mdpc.org](https://ml.mdpc.org)

**SPEAKER SERIES: Science & Faith**

You'll want to save the date to come explore questions about the universe, our origins, how God created life, humanity, and all that we know and see. Dr. Craig Story and Christopher Rupe present two views of how to interpret Genesis. As both scientists and Christians, they'll offer thoughts on creation, evolution, how men and women were formed, how to understand the known universe with our scientific knowledge, and more. Join us as we discover how scientific discovery bolsters our faith in and love for God.

**Saturday, Oct. 13 | 5:00-8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall**

**WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE**

2018 Operating Budget	\$ 11,600,000
Expected Income to Date	\$ 5,221,787
Actual Income to Date (8/5/18)	\$ 5,227,184
Current Income Surplus	\$ 5,397
<b>Needed to Meet 2018 Budget</b>	<b>\$ 6,372,816</b>

# Saved by FAITH

A Study of the Book of Romans

A CHURCH-WIDE STUDY

This fall through early spring 2019, hundreds of MDPC members and friends are exploring Romans together. Most Sunday Schools have signed on already. If you're currently unaffiliated, new study groups are forming - details at the link below. No registration is required. Simply show up and begin the life-changing journey toward freedom in Christ!

Groups begin next Sunday: [romans.mdpc.org](https://romans.mdpc.org)

# What A Relief!

Retired Navy SEAL Chad Williams will talk about what saved him from the chaos of indifference and what a relief it is to have Christ on our side. Grab a buddy and come for great food and a relaxed afternoon with other guys - men who've been through the same ups and downs of this past year in Houston.

**Saturday, August 25**

**11:45 AM-2:00 PM**

Register: [relief.mdpc.org](https://relief.mdpc.org) | Cost: \$20 (includes lunch)



# HARVEY ONE YEAR LATER

MOMENTS OF REFLECTION AND HEALING

**Sunday, August 26**

*Come and Go, 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM*

Harvey was nearly one year ago. On August 26, MDPC will offer a quiet space for you to remember it in your own way, should you choose to. There will be stations to pray, give thanks, receive communion, be anointed with oil, or simply pause to reflect on God's presence in your life during this past year. More details at the link below.

[remember.mdpc.org](https://remember.mdpc.org)

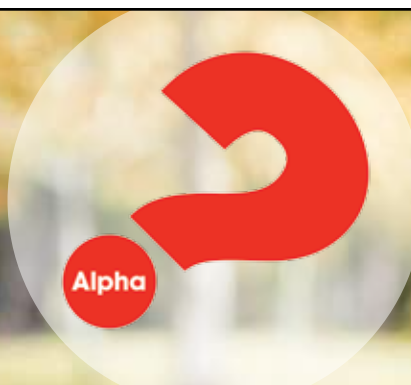
# word AND worship

2018-2019: A Study of Genesis

**Five Weekly Day/Time Options • Groups begin September 6**

Details and registration: [wordandworship.mdpc.org](https://wordandworship.mdpc.org)

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. - Colossians 3:16



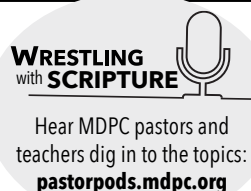
Whether you're a believer, questioning, or maybe wouldn't even call yourself Christian, if you want to explore faith in an open, honest, accepting forum, Alpha is for you.

**Starts Tuesday, September 11**

6:30 PM • Free • Dinner and childcare provided!

[alpha.mdpc.org](https://alpha.mdpc.org)

# WRESTLING WITH SCRIPTURE



## Not What I Expected

1 Peter 4:12-19 (NASB) • Dave Steane

Today we conclude our 2018 Summer Sermon Series: *Wrestling with Scripture*. Over the past several weeks, we have examined some of the biblical passages that can be confusing, disappointing, and sometimes downright angering. Today's passage is from 1 Peter 4:12-19 and focuses on the reality of suffering in the life of a Christian.

There is a prevailing view in some Christian circles that the Christian life should be free from suffering. When we talk with people and invite them to trust Jesus, we extol the myriad of blessings that come with a life in Christ: eternal security, the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit, a transformed heart, a godly worldview, love, joy, peace, patience...

But Scripture is quite clear that followers of Jesus will suffer. Not only do we share in the sufferings of the Lord Jesus, but we also are in no way immune to the suffering in the world. And to make matters worse, we suffer at the hands of a secular and ungodly world when we declare that Jesus is Lord.

1. To set the context, Peter wrote his first letter to a group of Christian believers who were scattered in the regions of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia. He refers to these Christians as *aliens* in 1 Peter 1:1. These aliens likely were Jews who had embraced Jesus as their Messiah and Savior, and Peter considers their true citizenship as being heaven. What do you see as the implications of living on earth but having our true citizenship in heaven?
2. In 1 Peter 4:12, Peter referred to his readers as "*beloved*." This is a term of endearment and affection. Peter was affirming a very special spiritual bond between himself and the other believers. In what ways have you experienced this same invisible bond?
3. Peter continued in 1 Peter 4:12 by reminding the believers that they shouldn't be surprised by "the fiery ordeal among you." The suffering which Peter referenced was likely a combination of social discrimination and violent persecution. Peter's coaching was aimed to prepare and comfort the believers. How have you been prepared and comforted by someone's spiritual advice and counsel? How does being prepared affect the way you see things?
4. In 1 Peter 4:13, Peter offered these perplexing words, "*but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing...*" Some might accuse Peter of being unrealistic and putting on a fake smile in the midst of suffering. Reflect on ways that you have suffered because of your faith in Christ. In what ways have you been able to rejoice? What blessings did you receive? What lessons did you learn?
5. In 1 Peter 4:19, Peter affirmed that "*those who suffer according to the will of God shall entrust their souls to a faithful Creator...*" Peter reminded his readers again that their citizenship is not of this world, but rather, they belong to God. What difference does it make to you knowing that you belong to God? How is that difference applied practically in your life?
6. What suffering are you currently facing? How has it affected you? In what ways does this passage speak to your situation? Can you identify a point of application where this passage can transform you more into the image of Jesus Christ?

