

Sunday, August 4, 2019



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Joy

**Philippians 4:10-14**

*Brett Hurst preaching*

## HAPPENING AT MDPC

### Transformed by Hope: A Study of Luke

Nothing transforms you like studying the words and deeds of Jesus Christ in Scripture! Grab this opportunity to grow through exploring the Gospel of Luke.

The study begins Kickoff Sunday, August 18. Many opportunities to participate:

Sunday Schools using curriculum • 9:45 & 11:15 AM

New Sunday Pastor-led Class • 9:45 & 11:15 AM

New Sunday In-depth Study Group • 9:45 AM

New Wednesday Study Group • 6:30-7:30 PM

*Learn more and sign up: [luke.mdpc.org](http://luke.mdpc.org)*

### Faith for Skeptics

Fascinating speakers will equip you to answer questions like “Does God really exist?” and “Is faith rational or just a crutch?” and more. All are invited! This is for all ages and stages of faith.

Sundays through Aug 11 | 11:00 AM | Amphitheater

*Learn more about our speakers: [skeptical.mdpc.org](http://skeptical.mdpc.org)*

### MAM Back to School Drive Starts Today!

Help MAM help 6,000 SBISD students go back to school this fall with new school clothing and shoes. These families are neighbors who need our support! Visit our table in the Parlor Hallway or Breezeway.

*Checks made out to MAM, credit card, or cash are gratefully accepted.*

### MOPS Summer Small Group

Gather with other moms of young kids for coffee, connection, and learning more about the Christian faith. We'll get to know the basics of the Bible together along with plenty of conversation about how faith can help us in our busy lives today!

Upcoming dates: August 8, August 15 | 9:30 AM

*To learn more and RSVP for free childcare, visit [summermops.mdpc.org](http://summermops.mdpc.org).*

### You Can Change the Life of a Child

Come to the tables in the Breezeway this morning to learn more about MDPC's mentoring, tutoring, and volunteering programs in 3 local schools. Find out how you can be the difference in a young student's life!

*Between services in Sanctuary Breezeway  
Or learn more and sign up at [change.mdpc.org](http://change.mdpc.org).*

### Theology On Tap: Sexy Time

What is the purpose of romantic relationships? How does our faith inform the way we date and marry? What does the Bible say about sex? Bring all your questions to this conversation about God and our love lives.

Tuesday, Aug 13 | 7:00-9:00 PM | 2515 Waugh Dr.

*Open to 20s & 30s | \$5 gets you craft beer & food  
[facebook.com/theologyontaphouston](https://facebook.com/theologyontaphouston)*

### Living Water International (LWI) Mission

LWI exists to demonstrate the love of God by helping communities acquire desperately needed clean water, and to experience “living water”—the gospel of Jesus

Christ. On this trip to Honduras (Dec. 7-14, 2019), you'll witness the transformational power of water firsthand as you drill a water well, teach sanitation and hygiene, and share God's love with the community.

Registration deadline is September 15.

Contact Kelsi McCormack: [kmccormack@mdpc.org](mailto:kmccormack@mdpc.org)

### Heads Up for Soccer Season

Boys/girls in pre-K-5th grade are invited to play on WH Christian Sports League teams coached by volunteers. Practices begin the week of Sept. 2 at MDPC. Games at area churches: Saturdays, Sept. 21–Nov. 9

Fee of \$130 (\$155 after Aug. 25) includes jersey, socks, picture, trophy

*Register by Aug. 25 to save: [sports.mdpc.org](http://sports.mdpc.org)*

### Youth Parent Meeting

Youth parents: join MDPC Youth on Kickoff Sunday to hear about our vision for youth to flourish in their relationship with Christ! You'll meet our amazing staff and volunteers and learn about the ministry, its programs, and new registration policies and procedures.

Sunday, August 18 | 11:15 AM-12:15 PM | MDPC Gym

*Light refreshments will be served.*

### Men's Life Kickoff Breakfast

Join MDPC and Houston area men as we kick off Men's Life 2019: Man Alive! Come hear Pastor Emeritus, Dave Peterson, and enjoy delicious breakfast and fellowship. Open to all men of all ages.

Saturday, Aug 24 | 8:30-9:30 AM | Fellowship Hall

*Register (\$10 per person): [mlkickoff.mdpc.org](http://mlkickoff.mdpc.org)*

### Children Ministry Volunteers Wanted

Sign up with a friend to make it extra fun!

Preschool needs every-other-week teachers for 3, 4, and 5-year-olds, plus storytellers. Elementary needs 2nd and 4th-grade teachers for the 11:15 hour.

Contact Lyndsey Dottavio: [ldottavio@mdpc.org](mailto:ldottavio@mdpc.org)

### Savvy Caregiver Course

Are you caring for someone with memory issues and are concerned about what lies ahead and how to manage? Learn more about dementia/Alzheimer's and how to have a better quality of life with your loved one in this 6-week course. Sponsored by Caring Ministries.

Wednesday, Sept 4-Oct 9 | 9:30-11:30 AM | MC 122

*To register, contact Sharon Cantrell of Amazing Place: 713-440-8177, [scantrell@amazingplacehouston.org](mailto:scantrell@amazingplacehouston.org)*

### Walking the Mourner's Path

A Christ-centered grief program guided by trained facilitators to help those dealing with the loss of a loved one. Limited to 10 participants, it's a safe place to share feelings with each other and with God. \$30 for materials.

Thursdays, Sept 5-Oct 24 | 3:30-5:00 PM | MC 116

*Register at [grief.mdpc.org](http://grief.mdpc.org) or with Beverly Fluke: [bfluke@mdpc.org](mailto:bfluke@mdpc.org) or 713-490-9542*

## MORNING WORSHIP AT MDPC

**8:30 AM** BLENDED & **9:45 AM** CONTEMPORARY

**PRaise & WORSHIP • CONFESSION • MESSAGE • OFFERING**

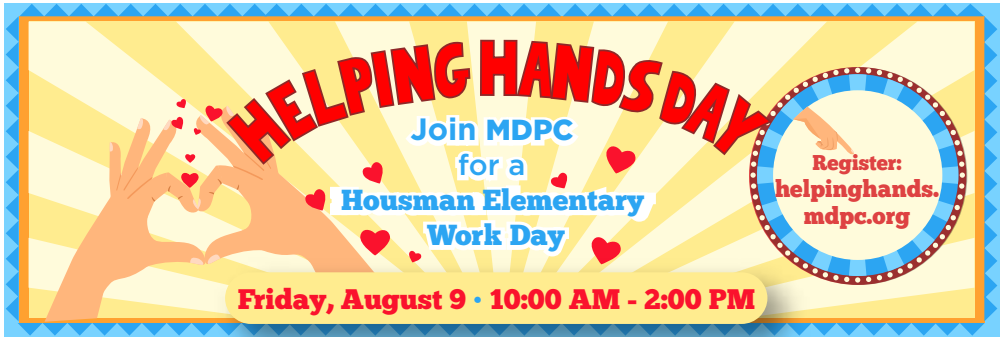
Musicians in these services: Gisele Duque and Michael Middleton, worship leaders; Daniel Amaya, bass; George Heathco, guitar; Daniel Martinez, keys; Asher Pudlo, drums

**11:15 AM** TRADITIONAL MUSIC

PRELUDE	<i>Sonata No. 1</i>	Felix Borowski (1872-1956)
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>Standing on the Promises</i>	Vs. 1, 2, 4   PROMISES
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	<i>Standing on the Promises (Refrain)</i>	
OFFERTORY	<i>Give Me Jesus</i>	arr. Moses Hogan (1957-2003)
INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER		
COMMUNION MEDITATIONS	<i>On to Higher Ground</i> <i>The Prayer: We Praise Thee</i>	arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953) Karl Jenkins
POSTLUDE	<i>The Golden Trumpet</i>	Lani Smith (1934-2015)

Musicians in this service:

Monica Isomura, soloist; Kathryn White, piano/organ



**HELPING HANDS DAY**  
Join MDPC  
for a  
**Housman Elementary  
Work Day**  
Register:  
[helpinghands.  
mdpc.org](http://helpinghands.mdpc.org)  
**Friday, August 9 • 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**



Who do YOU know that would make a great  
**MDPC OFFICER?**

The Nominating Committee requests your help to find members with gifts that equip them for MDPC leadership. Prayerfully consider whom you know that God may be preparing to serve as an Officer. Submit his/her name(s) at [nominations.mdpc.org](http://nominations.mdpc.org) or by using the printed forms available around campus.

**We need your help to identify qualified candidates to serve as MDPC Officers!**

**The White Rose is in memory of MDPC member:**

Bernice DeMoss, who passed away July 27, 2019.

WEEKLY  
MINISTRY  
PARTNER  
PRAYER  
FOCUS

**Loving Houston** • Advancing community transformation throughout Greater Houston by helping churches serve local schools. Their equipping sessions foster connections to form church-school partnerships. [lovinghouston.net](http://lovinghouston.net)

**Medical Center Apartments** • A coalition of 13 churches operating apartments leased to patients and caregivers in Houston for long-term treatment. MDPC oversees nine one-bedroom apartments. *Contact South Main Baptist: 713-524-2640*

**Renewing Our Minds (Croatia)** • Led by MDPC field workers Tihomir and Christine Kukulja, ROM seeks to reconcile people of different faiths and cultures in the Balkan region by studying the teachings of Jesus.

[forumforleadership.blogspot.com](http://forumforleadership.blogspot.com)

**WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE**

at 7/28/19

2019 Annual Budget \$12,240,000

Actual Income to Date \$5,388,061

**Needed to Meet Budget \$6,851,939**



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## A Summer Series on the Book of Philippians

**Philippians 4:10-14** ESV

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Paul begins this portion of Scripture by expressing joy for receiving kindness from his friends in Philippi, a prominent city of the gold-producing region of Macedonia. This kindness came to Paul in the form of a gift delivered by Epaphroditus to help in Paul's ministry. Paul's appreciation expressed to the Philippians is both heartfelt and genuine. In ancient times, it was also culturally customary to express gratitude to one's benefactors. These Philippian church members were most likely a mix of a few rich congregants, some moderately prosperous members, as well as many Macedonians that were relatively poor. From any point of view, the gift made from this church to Paul was certainly generous and encouraging.

Paul was obviously an important leader and mentor in the lives of these Philippians. This Philippian church was established under Paul's guidance while he was traveling on his second missionary journey. After a solid launch, Paul continued to advise these friends frequently as a consultant of sorts, and shared in their victories and struggles from afar. Paul's continued influence on the spiritual development of this trailblazing body of believers in Europe was critical and impactful.

1. How does it make you feel when you are able to give back to someone who has helped shape your life? What does it mean to you emotionally to be able to respond in that way?
2. Read Phil. 4:10. What do you think has caused Paul to "greatly rejoice in the Lord"?
3. Paul celebrates the fact that he has received provisions from his friends to aid in the ministry of the gospel. Do you believe there are additional reasons for his joy?
4. Read 1 Thessalonians 2:5; 1 Corinthians 9:3-18; 2 Corinthians 11:8-9. Do you think Paul was sensitive about money matters and the public perception about these issues? Why or why not?
5. Do you think Paul wants them to continue in acts of benevolent giving to ministry efforts? If so, why? Who will benefit from that ongoing practice?
6. In verse 12, Paul claims that he has learned the secret of being content. What factors do you think have contributed to his understanding?
7. In what particular ways do you believe Paul has learned to be content?
8. Read Philippians 4:13. What is the source of Paul's power to be successful in ministry?
9. Why was it so important for Paul to affirm the Philippians again for their generosity in 4:14?
10. Reading ahead to verse 19, what is God's role in this process of provision? What do you think is the ultimate purpose of this provision?

