

**Tech Check**

Parents, volunteers, and anyone who cares deeply about young lives: Youth and Children's Ministries want to equip you to guide, protect, and nurture your kids in an increasingly digital world. So we are excited to bring Tommy McGregor to MDPC! He will share tools and resources to help you navigate obstacles related to smartphones and social media.

**Today! 11:00 AM-12:15 PM | CLC 171/172**  
[techcheck.mdpc.org](http://techcheck.mdpc.org)

**Download the New MDPC App**

We've created a powerful new mobile app, with all the features you enjoyed in the former app, PLUS expanded features in the area of event info and easy registration, group communication, personalized notifications, check-in, and so much more!  
 For download links and additional details, visit [app.mdpc.org](http://app.mdpc.org).

**Young Adult Fall Retreat**

Join our community of Young Adults as we retreat from the city to enjoy the tranquility of the country. This is for you if you are looking for a chance to breathe and relax and experience the glory of the Lord with great friends. We leave Friday after work and get back around lunchtime Sunday. Food and room provided!  
**November 2-4 | Montgomery, TX**  
**\$145 for a bunk | \$85 for campers**  
 Register: [yaretreat.mdpc.org](http://yaretreat.mdpc.org)

**Second Family**

Second Family is a ministry of care circles made up of volunteers that offer friendship, assistance, and encouragement to MDPC members who are dealing with illness or disability and have limited family support. Whether you need support, or you have (any) availability to volunteer, please let us know!  
 Contact [Beverly Fluke: bfluke@mdpc.org](mailto:Bfluke@mdpc.org), 713-490-9542

**The Antioch Partners Fundraising Dinner**

**ONE Night, ETERNAL Impact.** In an exploration of our theme, "Together" (1 Cor. 12:12), be enveloped in an experience or Southeast Asia, hear stories from our

**Today's Chancel Flowers are given**

by Lee and Larry Mueller, in memory of Ann Shidell Mueller and in celebration of her life.

**WEEKLY MINISTRY PARTNER PRAYER FOCUS**

**Prison Entrepreneurship Program** connects business executives and prison inmates in a life-transforming program that fosters entrepreneurial passion through education and mentoring. Participants begin while still incarcerated, and continue to receive support and encouragement after their release. [pep.org](http://pep.org)

**Pro-Vision** ministers to disadvantaged youth on a multipurpose campus in the Sunnyside neighborhood that includes a cultivated farm, track/basketball court, nature trail, and sports field. It works with students who are two grade levels behind, improving their self-perception by creating a community that emphasizes social skills, self-awareness, and a solid work ethic. [provision-inc.org](http://provision-inc.org)

**MDPC Field Partners Steve and Barbara Johnson** serve in Budapest, Hungary, through Youth With a Mission, operating a coffee house that serves as an evangelism center, reaching out to the Budapest community with music and conversation that sparks spiritual discussion. They lead a discipleship training school and a mercy ministries team that shares the love of Jesus with homeless people and refugee families. [ywambudapest.org](http://ywambudapest.org)

partner in Myanmar, and enjoy a delicious dinner!  
**Thursday, October 3 | 6:00 PM | MDPC**  
 With questions or to register, contact [Hope Whitney: admin@theantiochpartners.org](mailto:HopeWhitney@theantiochpartners.org), 713-490-9571

**Help Fight Childhood Hunger**

In Houston, 1 in 4 children often go without meals because their families cannot afford to buy food. A simple way you can help is to prepare meals at Houston Food Bank (HFB). Last year, MDPC volunteer teams prepped tens of 1,000s of meals for after-school programs throughout Harris County. We need your help to keep up the fight against childhood hunger! Will you please join us?

**Next date: Monday, October 14 | 8:00 AM-Noon**  
 Register and more details: [hfb.mdpc.org](http://hfb.mdpc.org)

**Youth Confirmation**

Our yearly program for all students currently in 8th grade or above. Join us for a time of focusing on what it means to follow Jesus and be part of His Church.  
**Kick-off: Sunday Evening, January 5, 2020**  
**Sundays, January 12-March 1 | 11:00 AM-12:15 PM**  
**Confirmation Sunday: Sunday, March 8**

Register: [confirmation.mdpc.org](http://confirmation.mdpc.org)  
 \$125 fee covers Confirmation Retreat expenses.

**Houston City-Wide Prayer for Freedom**

"No one can do everything, but everyone can do something." Join us to stand together in the fight against the sexual trafficking of our youth! Hosted by Street Grace, a ministry brought to Texas by MDPC's Justice Initiative ([justice.mdpc.org](http://justice.mdpc.org)).

**Sunday, October 6 | 6:00-7:30 PM**  
**Christ Evangelical Presbyterian (8300 Katy Fwy)**  
 Contact: [kathy@streetgrace.org](mailto:kathy@streetgrace.org)

**College Ski Trip 2K20**

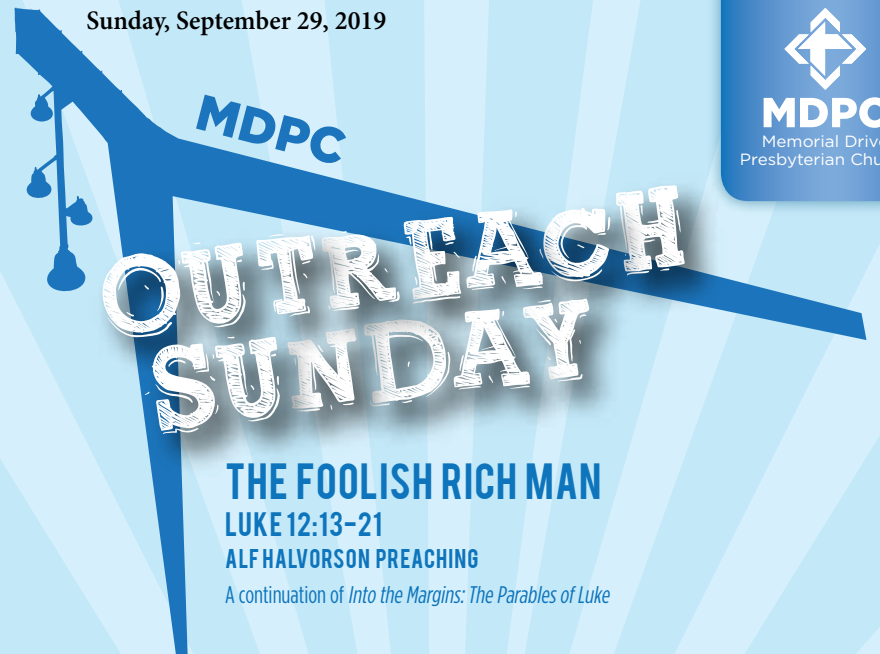
Start 2020 with a memorable few days tearing up the Colorado slopes! Cost includes lodging, meals on non-travel days, lift tickets, and ski/board rentals.  
**Saturday-Thursday, January 4-9**  
**\$595 (\$200 deposit due Dec 1, balance by Dec 20)**  
 Learn more: [collegeskitrip.mdpc.org](http://collegeskitrip.mdpc.org)

**WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE**

at 9/22/19

2019 Annual Budget	\$12,240,000
Actual Income to Date	\$6,755,002
<b>Needed to Meet Budget</b>	<b>\$5,484,998</b>

Sunday, September 29, 2019



**THE FOOLISH RICH MAN**

**LUKE 12:13-21**  
**ALF HALVORSON PREACHING**

*A continuation of Into the Margins: The Parables of Luke*

**TODAY IS OUTREACH SUNDAY • MEET MDPC'S EXTRAORDINARY PARTNERS!**

MDPC's local and global mission partners are joining us for worship during the 9:45 and 11:15 services where we will celebrate and pray for them. Drop by the Sanctuary Lobby before and after worship to welcome them and let them know how glad we are to have them here!

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

**PRAISE & WORSHIP • CONFESSION • MESSAGE • OFFERING**

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

**11:15 AM TRADITIONAL MUSIC**

<b>PRELUDES</b>	<i>Praise Ye the Lord and All Creatures of Our God and King</i>	arr. Aaron Weitekamp
<b>*HYMN OF PRAISE</b>	<i>The Church's One Foundation</i>	vs. 1, 2, 4   arr. David M. Hines
<b>ANTHEM</b>	<i>A Mighty Fortress Is Our God</i>	Dan Forrest (b. 1978)
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	<i>Lay Up Your Treasures in Heaven</i>	Pepper Choplin (b. 1960)
<b>*HYMN OF RESPONSE</b>	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>	#276; vs. 1   FAITHFULNESS
<b>POSTLUDE</b>	<i>My Spirit Be Joyful</i>	J.S. Bach/arr. Heyforth

Musicians in this service:

Charles Hausmann, conductor; Kristine Overman, soloist; Kathryn White, organ; Danny Wilson, Andrew Wilson, trumpet; Deborah Rathke, French horn; Rick White, trombone; Dave Kirk, tuba; Julio Sanchez, timpani

**The Foolish Rich Man (Luke 12:13-21 NRSV)**

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup>But He said to him, "Friend, who set Me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup>And He said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." <sup>16</sup>Then He told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup>And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup>Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup>So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."



# A Fall to Connect

ftc.mdpc.org

Ladies, no matter your age, and whether you're new to MDPC or have been here "forever," we're sure you'll find something you'll enjoy. Learn something new, work out your stress, or just make new friends. With morning, lunchtime, and even evening events, there's something to fit everyone's schedule!

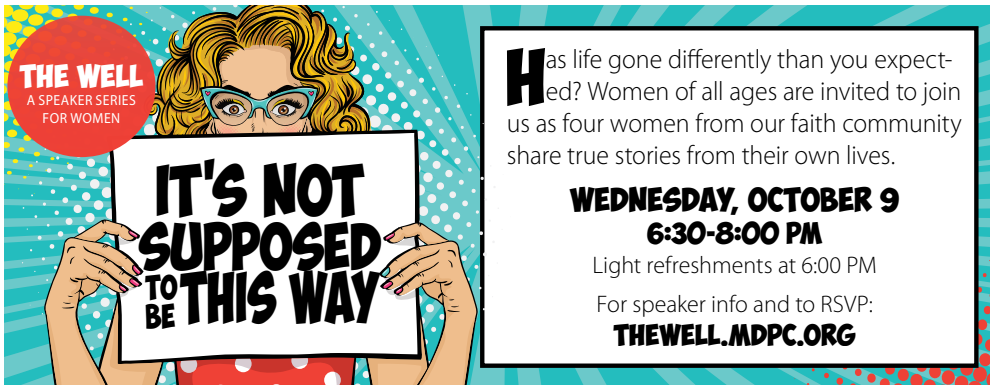


# TRUNK OR TREAT

Sponsored by MDPC DADS

Sign up to participate &/or volunteer!

Saturday, October 26 | 3:30-4:45 PM  
trunkortreat.mdpc.org



**THE WELL**  
A SPEAKER SERIES FOR WOMEN

**IT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO BE THIS WAY**

Has life gone differently than you expected? Women of all ages are invited to join us as four women from our faith community share true stories from their own lives.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9**  
**6:30-8:00 PM**

Light refreshments at 6:00 PM

For speaker info and to RSVP:  
**THEWELL.MDPC.ORG**

# SPIRITS, SPIRITS, & SPIRIT

Exploring ghosts, goblins, and the spiritual realm

From the haunting heebie jeebies to the Holy Spirit, how do we know what's out there? Is there a spiritual realm we can't see? What is it like? How do we know? Come hear guest speaker, Billy Abrahams, tackle this seemingly archaic and creepy topic, and then text in your own questions to a panel of experts.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2019 • 7:00-9:00 PM

Kindred, Montrose (2515 Waugh, 77006) • \$5 Admission • Free craft beer & food  
facebook.com/theologyontaphouston

Open to YAs, 20s & 30s

This event sponsored by SMU PERKINS SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY



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# TX-OU WATCH PARTY

## CORNHOLE TOURNNEY • RAFFLE

Saturday, October 12 • Noon @ NettBar

Funds raised benefit The Micah Project

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MICAH PROJECT

Free Admission • All Are Invited!

# Hymn Festival

MDPC Concert Series 2019-2020

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13  
6:00 PM • Sanctuary

Hymns sung by congregation and choir, with brass, percussion, strings, piano, and organ.

concerts.mdpc.org

All the Hymns You Love

# Who will you bring?

Alpha is for Christians, too. It can help arekindle a cooled faith, teach you ways to share Jesus, or simply offer a comfortable space to talk about a season of doubt or fear. The October 1 meeting is a great time to start. Invite someone along!

Tuesdays through Nov. 19  
6:30-8:15 PM at MDPC

Free dinner, free childcare

Learn more: [alpha.mdpc.org](http://alpha.mdpc.org)

# transformed by HOPE

A Study of the Gospel of Luke

Nothing transforms you like studying the words and deeds of Jesus Christ in Scripture! Come grow by exploring the Gospel of Luke.

Learn more at [luke.mdpc.org](http://luke.mdpc.org) or visit one of the classes listed at left.

**Walking Through Luke with the Pastors**  
Stand-alone lessons following the "Transformed by Hope" study. Choose either 9:45 or 11:15 AM, Amphitheater.  
Today: Clay Brown, Equipping Pastor  
"Jesus Truly Understands," Luke 4:1-13  
Next week: Luke 4:14-44

**Other Opportunities to join Transformed by Hope**

- 9:45 and 11:15 AM: 15 participating Sunday-morning classes
- Together in the Word, 9:45 AM, MC 127: A new in-depth group study  
Weekly preparation and readings, registration required  
Limited to 18 participants
- Wednesday Evening Study & Discussion group, 6:30-7:30 PM: MDPC's  
Kitchen is open so you can have dinner beforehand! Prices/menus at [food.mdpc.org](http://food.mdpc.org).

# Theology Matters

Equipping Ministries is launching a new series of college/seminary level studies! Each of the five stand-alone subjects will consist of four Wednesday evening sessions revealing both "matters about theology" and "how theology matters" in your Christian growth. Participation is limited to the first 20 registrants. Please note that attendance at previous sessions is not required for participation in later courses. Classes will be taught by Dr. Clay Brown, Equipping Pastor.

**1 Theology & Faith**  
Wednesdays, October 2, 9, 16, & 23  
6:30-8:00 PM • MC 122  
(Registration will be open September 4-30.)

[theology.mdpc.org](http://theology.mdpc.org)

# word AND worship

Sundays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays  
Sept. 2019 – Apr. 2020 • Cost: \$40

Exodus tells the story of how God rescues His people from oppression in Egypt and leads them through the wilderness. God remains faithful to His covenant and demonstrates His great love for His people countless times throughout this book. Join us as we learn more about our faithful God.

[wordandworship.mdpc.org](http://wordandworship.mdpc.org)

# EXODUS

# INTO THE MARGINS

## THE PARABLES OF LUKE

### The Foolish Rich Man

Luke 12:13-21 NRSV | Alf Halvorson preaching

This is the fourth in our fall series of messages on Jesus' Parables. Last week we looked at prayer; this week we look at how to approach and respond to blessings from our work and leisure time. There seems to be nothing *off-limits* to Jesus when it comes to our lives. What gives us security? What is permanent and what is transitory?

1. Read Luke 12:13-21. What seems to be the circumstance in verse 13 that led to this parable (16-21)? How does Jesus respond to the initial request (vs. 14)? And how does verse 15 prepare the reader or hearer for what is to follow?
2. In verse 15, Jesus tries to warn against greed. Would you say that most people today agree or disagree with the statement, "One's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions"? Discuss.
3. Focus on the actual parable in verses 16-21. What do you notice about all the pronouns? Does Jesus charge this man with any actual crime of illegal activity? Why does Jesus say that he is a *fool* or *foolish*?
4. This man thought that his possessions could cause security and length of life. But then Jesus says, "This very night your life is being demanded of you." Or, tonight you die. Steven Covey has said, "begin with the end in mind." Is that what Jesus is saying here? And how might that help us to put our possessions in proper perspective?
5. Jesus seems to be suggesting some things are permanent and some not. We can't take some things with us to heaven; but, if you read verses 21 and 33-34, Jesus seems to suggest that we can take other things. What does He mean by "treasure in heaven"? And how can we be "rich toward God"?
6. I told a story at the beginning of my sermon regarding the commercial advertisements connected to the iconic radio skit, "Who's on First?" by Abbott and Costello. What don't you believe now that you used to believe 70 years ago? Are there any beliefs that are permanent? That you can build your life on or that will hold you up if you choose to stand on them? That you trust no matter when they were said? Is there any verse from Luke 12:12-21, 33-34 that you would, could, do, or will put your weight down on today?

