

Sunday, August 5, 2018

# WRESTLING WITH SCRIPTURE

Submission Is Not a Dirty Word! Ephesians 5:15-33 • Brett & Kellie Hurst



## 8:30 AM BLENDED

WELCOME		Dave Steane
*SONGS OF PRAISE		
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE		Clay Brown
SONG OF PREPARATION		
MESSAGE	Submission Is Not a Dirty Word! (Ephesians 5:15-33 ESV)	Brett & Kellie Hurst
RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE		

## 9:45 AM CONTEMPORARY

WELCOME		
MOMENT OF CONFESSION		
MESSAGE	Submission Is Not a Dirty Word! (Ephesians 5:15-33 ESV)	Brett & Kellie Hurst
GIFTS OF GRATITUDE		Christyn Knoop

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


PRELUDE	<i>French Suite</i>	Gordon Young (1919-1998)
WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP		Dave Steane
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>Standing on the Promises</i>	Vs. 1, 2, 4   PROMISES
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE		Clay Brown
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	from Romans 8	
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>Though I May Speak</i>	#335; Vs. 1, 3   O WALY WALY
OFFERTORY	<i>Thee and Me from "Every Purpose Under the Heaven"</i>	Howard Goodall (b. 1958)
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†INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER		
COMMUNION MEDITATIONS	<i>Love Divine, All Love Excelling from "The Daughter of Jairus"</i>	John Stainer (1840-1901) Flor Peeters (1903-1986)
POSTLUDE	<i>Gavotte</i>	J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Musicians in this service: Lisa Borik, soprano • Avery Rabon, tenor • Kathryn White, organist

\*Please stand if able.

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† Communion at MDPC is shared by intinction. All who confess their faith in Christ are welcome to the table. As directed by the ushers, come forward to the communion stations in front of your seating section. Dip the bread in the cup and eat, before returning to your seat. Gluten-free bread is available; please note that it may have come into contact with gluten-containing bread during preparation of the sacrament.



**100% REAL JUICE ONLY**

## Juice Box Drive

Help Kids' Meals meet its summer demand of **4,000 juice boxes per day!** Donations of 100%-juice boxes will be accepted all this week. Look for the bins around campus. Learn more at [juice.mdpc.org](http://juice.mdpc.org).

**HUNGER INITIATIVE**



## All-Church Lunch Today

Choose from herbed salmon or roasted chicken, Waldorf salad, or chicken tenders for the kids. Meals include a choice of side salad, fresh bread, homemade dessert, and beverage. Everyone is welcome!

11:00 AM-1:00 PM in Fellowship Hall | Adults \$10, Children \$4



## Keep FOCUS!

Check out the *FOCUS* newsletter handed out with your bulletin to learn all about our fall events and programming. Highlights include **Kickoff Sunday on August 19**; the start of our **church-wide study of Romans**; and then **Harvey Remembrance Sunday on August 26**.

### 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://www.facebook.com/theologyontaphouston)

### Heads Up for Soccer Season!

Boys and girls, pre-K to 5th grade, are invited to play in the volunteer-coached Christian Sports League.

**Practices begin the week of Sept. 4 at MDPC.**  
**Games: Saturdays, Sept. 22-Nov. 10**  
**Early-bird \$120: jersey, socks, picture, trophy**  
 Register by Aug. 26 to save: [sports.mdpc.org](https://www.sports.mdpc.org)

### Rec Classes for Kids & Adults

Registration for fall REACH classes is open! Sign up for Abakadoodle, Art Studio, Ballet, Basketball, Cooking, Strength Training, Dance, MathWerks, Mini-Star Sports, Music Together, Piano, Soccer Shots, Tumbling, Voice, Woodworking, and Yoga.

*Complete class list and registration: [reach.mdpc.org](https://www.reach.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**

### Walking the Mourner's Path

Does it seem as if you should be over your grief? While there is no timeline to grief, there is always hope. Walking the Mourner's Path is a Christ-centered eight-week grief program designed to help those dealing with the loss of a loved one. It is limited to 10 participants, creating a safe place to share feelings with each other and with God. Trained facilitators guide the group.

**Thursdays, Sept. 20-Nov. 8 | 6:00-7:30 PM | MC 116**  
 Contact Beverly Fluke: [bfluke@mdpc.org](mailto:bfluke@mdpc.org), 713-490-9542  
 Registration (\$30 for materials): [grief.mdpc.org](https://www.grief.mdpc.org)

### FISH INISH for Rising Freshmen & Friends

Join MDPC Youth for a pool party, games, and dinner to get to know other freshmen and the high school staff.

**Wednesday, Aug. 8 | 5:00-7:00 PM | Member Home**  
 Registration (\$10): [fishinish.mdpc.org](https://www.fishinish.mdpc.org)

### 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 at Wild West.

**Thursday, August 16 | 7:30 PM**  
 For more info, text Sarah Stone: 832-605-8129

### 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

### Save the Date: Science & Faith: Is Genesis History or Legend?

Come explore questions about the universe, our origins, how God created life, humanity, and all that we know and see, as we hear two views of how to interpret Genesis from Dr. Craig Story and Christopher Rupe. As both scientists and Christians, they'll present their 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**

### 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)

### Frustrated in Your Job Search?

WorkFaith Connection's 8-Day Workshop can energize your job search and possibly change the course of your life. WorkFaith, located at 4555 Dacoma Street, offers hope, encouragement, and resources to job seekers.

For details, visit [workfaithconnection.org](https://www.workfaithconnection.org) or contact 713-984-9611 or [ghouse@workfaithconnection.org](mailto:ghouse@workfaithconnection.org).

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

**Loving Houston** advances community transformation throughout Greater Houston by helping churches serve local schools. Its equipping sessions help form church-school partnerships, mobilizing a workforce of hundreds of thousands of volunteers to serve in ways that make a proven positive impact.  
[lovinghouston.net](https://www.lovinghouston.net)

**Medical Center Apartments**, operated by a coalition of 13 churches, are leased to patients and caregivers who are in Houston for long-term treatment. MDPC oversees nine of these one-bedroom "homes-away-from-home."  
 Contact South Main Baptist: 713-524-2640

**Transitions Foundation** mobilizes disabled Guatemalans through rehabilitation, education, and spiritual development. It was founded to give dignity to the disabled as they work together to make custom wheelchairs and prosthetics. The diligence of the workers and excellent design of their products give new life to many with disabilities.  
[transitionsfoundation.org](https://www.transitionsfoundation.org)

### The White Rose is in memory of member:

George Nilsson, who passed away July 29, 2018.

### WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

2018 Operating Budget	\$ 11,600,000
Expected Income to Date	\$ 5,108,624
Actual Income to Date (7/29/18)	\$ 5,086,828
<b>Current Income Deficit</b>	<b>\$ 21,796</b>
<b>Needed to Meet 2018 Budget</b>	<b>\$ 6,513,172</b>



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[pastorpodcasts.mdpcc.org](http://pastorpodcasts.mdpcc.org)

## Submission Is NOT a Dirty Word!

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As we continue our summer sermon series, *Wrestling With Scripture*, we move to the latter portion of Paul's letter to the Ephesians. In chapter 5 of this beautiful love letter from God's heart, Paul is encouraging us to live lives that reflect the grace and love of our Creator. Just as children often imitate their parents, we as Christians are drawn to imitate Christ. Jesus sacrificed for us in the ultimate expression of submission to the Father. Our love for one another should be of the same kind—a love of sacrifice and yielding to greater service to the Lord and to one another. Because of God's commitment to mold us into faithful servants, this kind of godly character will grow naturally in marriage, family, church, community, and beyond.

1. In the first three chapters of Ephesians, Paul presents several beautiful "indicatives," glorious statements of facts, that describe the remarkable position that believers experience in Christ. Can you briefly list some of those unchanging indicatives mentioned in chapters 1-3?
2. Ephesians 5 is all about walking in love and then breaking things down into specifics. Read Eph. 5:15-17. What things does God want us to know in these verses?
3. In Eph. 5:18, God makes it clear that He does not want us under control of outside influences; rather, He wants us to "be filled with the Spirit." In what practical ways does God guide us to walk in the Spirit? (See Eph. 5:19-21.)
4. Read John 15:13. What is Jesus' definition of the greatest love possible? How does this connect with Paul's instruction to husbands to "love their wives as Christ loved the church"? Meanwhile, what are tangible ways that men and women can serve each other in everyday daily living?
5. Genesis 2:18 states that God made Adam a helper "suitable" for him. How necessary do you believe it was it for Adam to interact with another kind of human being who was equal to him in every way? How important was it for the woman to be different from Adam?
6. Give examples of ways that your own parents were different from one another. How did their differing strengths influence who you have become today?
7. Read Galatians 3:28. Then read Ephesians 5:22-33. If men and women are clearly equal to one another in Christ, why do you think God assigned different roles to each in marriage?

