

**Youth Confirmation Class 2019**

Confirmation is for all students currently in the 8th grade or above. Join us for a time of focusing on what it means to follow Jesus and be part of His Church.

**Sundays, Jan 6-Feb 24 | Confirmation: March 3**  
*Details and registration: [confirmation.mdpc.org](http://confirmation.mdpc.org)  
 \$125 fee covers Confirmation Retreat expenses.*

**Interest in Evening Knitting Group?**

Knitting for Missions knits preemie caps for Ben Taub, comfort dolls for Guatemalan children awaiting surgery, and so much more. If you feel led to this ministry, but are unavailable on Monday mornings (the group's regular meeting time), would you be interested in a Tuesday evening group at the Halvorson home?  
*Let Shari Halvorson know of your interest by emailing her at [halvorsons4@yahoo.com](mailto:halvorsons4@yahoo.com).*

**Life 2.0: Married with Young Kids!**

A laid-back group of married couples in our 30s & 40s, most with pre-K or elem-age kids. We do Bible study on Sundays, and also like to get together for social and service events. Drop by this morning and say hello!  
**Sunday mornings at 11:15 AM | MC 122**  
*Contact Madison & Drew: [malimbacher@gmail.com](mailto:malimbacher@gmail.com)*

**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 through Dec 4**  
**New Time! 6:30-7:45 AM (Breakfast at 6:00 AM)**  
*Details and registration: [ml.mdpc.org](http://ml.mdpc.org)*

**Powerful Tools for Caregivers**

Has being a caregiver left you feeling drained and frustrated? Come learn some new tools to take better care of yourself. This six-week educational program is designed to equip family caregivers with effective self-care tools to reduce personal stress, communicate more effectively, and deal with difficult caregiving situations. **Space is limited. No professional caregivers, please.**  
**Wednesdays, Oct 10-Nov 14 | 3:30-5:00 PM**  
*Registration: [caregivers.mdpc.org](http://caregivers.mdpc.org) (\$30 for resources)*

**Today's Chancel Flowers are given**

• by Louis and Belinda Jones and families, in memory and honor of their parents, Laurie and Naomi Jones.

**The White Rose is in memory of members:**

• Carter Conlin, Sr., who passed away August 19, 2018.  
 • Eleanor Prillaman, who passed away August 25, 2018.

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

**Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy** is committed to finding a long-term treatment and cure for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. This is done through research funding, advocacy efforts, raising awareness, and an annual conference for parents, families, and medical professionals.  
[parentprojectmd.org](http://parentprojectmd.org)

**Passages Treatment Center** offers a residential treatment program for chemically dependent women in recovery and their children. Women arrive at Passages after going through a detoxification program, and stay for a very structured, 90-day holistic program that addresses both their physical and spiritual needs.  
[passagesforwomen.com](http://passagesforwomen.com)

**An MDPC Partner living in New York** is building relationships for the Kingdom and sharing the Gospel, within the Bangladeshi community. Please pray for God to cover this family, keep them safe and healthy, and strengthen them as they reveal Christ's grace.

**MDPC Young Adult Fall Retreat**

Join the young adult community on a retreat from the city to enjoy the tranquility of the Hill Country. This is for 20s to mid-30s looking for a chance to relax and experience the glory of the Lord with great friends. We leave Friday after work and return midday Sunday. Food and room provided!

**Nov 2-4 | Near Round Top, Texas | \$65**  
*Register today: [yaretreat.mdpc.org](http://yaretreat.mdpc.org)*

**2019 Young Adult Mission Trip**

The Micah Project is doing amazing work in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, ministering to children who live on the street. It shows you what these children face, and inserts you directly into the community. If you want to see the love of Christ, see the beauty that is Honduras, and grow in community with other Young Adults, come check out this amazing mission partner.

**March 20-24 | \$600 out of pocket/\$600 fundraiser**  
*Contact Trevor to learn more: [tharris@mdpc.org](mailto:tharris@mdpc.org)*

**New Member Classes Start Today!**

It's not too late to join this series, taught by associate pastors and elders. Membership is an option upon completion, or take it simply to learn more about the church and what it means to be a Presbyterian.  
**Sundays, Sept 16-Oct 14 | 9:45-11:00 AM | MC 122**

**Frustrated in Your Job Search?**

WorkFaith Connection's 8-Day Job Search Workshop can energize your job search and possibly change the course of your life. WorkFaith (4555 Dacoma St) offers hope, encouragement, and resources to job seekers.  
*For details, visit [workfaithconnection.org](http://workfaithconnection.org) or contact 713-984-9611 or [ghouse@workfaithconnection.org](mailto:ghouse@workfaithconnection.org).*

**Houston Pilgrimage, A Renewal Weekend**

When was the last time you did something to ignite your faith, renew your soul, and fill you with peace? Pilgrimage is for adults (18+) from any Christian denomination to prepare them to help bring about God's Kingdom on earth.  
**Oct. 25-28 in Palacios, Texas. \$150 all-inclusive. Scholarships available. You only have to register and show up; God will take care of the rest.**  
*Contact Bart Henson: [bartshenson@gmail.com](mailto:bartshenson@gmail.com)*

**WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE**

2018 Operating Budget	\$ 11,600,000
Expected Income to Date	\$ 5,825,995
Actual Income to Date (9/9/18)	\$ 6,177,340
Current Income Surplus	\$ 351,345
<b>Needed to Meet 2018 Budget</b>	<b>\$ 5,422,660</b>

Sunday, September 16, 2018



**MDPC**

# OUTREACH SUNDAY

**IN SEARCH LUKE 19:1-10 (NRSV)**  
**ALF HALVORSON PREACHING**  
*The fourth of five sermons in the ALL IN series*

**Welcome MDPC Local and Global Ministry Partners!**  
 Today our local and global ministry partners join us for worship. Drop by the Sanctuary Lobby before and after the 9:45 and 11:15 services to extend a warm MDPC welcome to our special guests. And be sure to invite a partner to worship with you!

**Happening at MDPC****Outreach Ministries Needs You...**

MDPC Local Outreach needs four more volunteers for its committees. Committee members go out in teams of two annually to visit, review, and pray with our local outreach partners. The reviews inform consideration for financial support by MDPC. It is a unique blessing to see God at work through these hardworking, compassionate partners.  
*Is God calling you to local outreach? Contact Jan Roe at [jroe@mdpc.org](mailto:jroe@mdpc.org).*

**The Antioch Partners Annual Gala**

Experience West Asia through all five senses with the "experiential rooms," dinner, and more! Our speaker is Michael Oh of the Lausanne Movement, started by Billy Graham in the 1970s and where the term "unreached people groups" was introduced.  
**Thursday, Sept 27 | 6:30 PM | MDPC**  
*Register: [theantiochpartners.org/events](http://theantiochpartners.org/events)*

**Walking the Mourner's Path**

A Christ-centered grief program designed 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. Trained facilitators guide the group.  
**Thursdays, Sept 20-Nov 8 | 6:00-7:30 PM**  
*Register with Beverly Fluke ([bfluke@mdpc.org](mailto:bfluke@mdpc.org), 713-490-9542) or at [grief.mdpc.org](http://grief.mdpc.org); \$30 fee for materials.*

**The Anatomy of Trafficking**

Pornography is not easy to talk about. Productive, healing conversation can be undermined by feelings of shame and judgment. But to make progress in the fight to end human trafficking, we've got to address underlying issues affecting our loved ones - and us. These four evenings of learning will encourage understanding and help find a solution.  
**Wednesdays, Oct 3-24 | 6:30-8:00 PM**  
*Learn more: [justice.mdpc.org](http://justice.mdpc.org)*

**Marriage Retreat in The Woodlands**

Get away for a fun and intentional weekend to focus on your married life. This special experience includes a comfortable atmosphere, excellent food, a one-on-one date night with your spouse, and expert teaching from Brett and Kellie Hurst, long-time marriage educators.  
**Sept. 29-30 | Woodlands Waterway Marriott**  
*Register (\$220/couple): [marriageretreat.mdpc.org](http://marriageretreat.mdpc.org)*

**Save the Date: Science & Faith**


MDPC's Speaker Series continues, exploring questions about the universe and how God created life. Two scientists present from opposite ends of the Christian faith as it relates to origins. The evening will explore how science and faith can not only co-exist, but strengthen one another.  
**Saturday, Oct 13 | 5:00-8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall**  
*Learn more: [speakers.mdpc.org](http://speakers.mdpc.org)*



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**COME WITH US THIS SATURDAY!**



**MDPC Backpack Buddy**

Help provide healthy food to students who otherwise would go hungry on weekends. You spend just a few hours in the morning volunteering at Houston Food Bank.

**Select Mondays & Saturdays in the Fall**

< Visit the webpage to learn about the program and sign up to fill backpacks!

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

houston foodbank | HUNGER INITIATIVE



**PARENT POW-WOWS**

What's Influencing Our Kids Now

Sundays, 11:00 AM-12:15 PM | MDPC Gym

September 28 & 30 • Speaker Travis Crim  
• God's Design for Sexuality & Relationships

October 7, 14, & 21 • Speaker Beau Abdulla  
• Love People Not Pixels  
• Who's Talking to Your Kids About Porn?  
• Media Literacy & Technology Plans

November 4, 11, & 25  
• Critical Conversations

**THE ANATOMY OF TRAFFICKING**

WEDNESDAYS, OCTOBER 3 - 24 | 6:30 - 8:00 PM

A series of speakers approaching pornography from different angles. Each view contributes to better understanding. The goal is to pull the problem out of the shadows, enable conversation, and move toward finding a solution.

**JUSTICE INITIATIVE**

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

**PROGRAM BEGINS IN OCTOBER**





**Change the World One Child at a Time...**

Help young students succeed through mentoring, tutoring, or volunteering. The one-session trainings are offered on multiple days, and there are multiple ways to give your time.

See how you can make a difference in a local kid's life:

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

**NOCHE DE SABOR**

Saturday, September 29 | 6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

MDPC Fuente Ministries invites you to its annual "Night of Flavor" celebrating the many traditions and cultures represented here in our church. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

Invite others to this free event: [flavor.mdpc.org](http://flavor.mdpc.org)

**MDPC MORNING WORSHIP**

**8:30 AM BLENDED**

**WELCOME** Trevor Harris

**\*SONGS OF PRAISE**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE** Rachel Poysky

**SONGS OF PREPARATION**

**GIFTS OF GRATITUDE**

**MESSAGE** **IN SEARCH** (Luke 19:1-10) Alf Halvorson

**RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE**

**9:45 AM CONTEMPORARY**

**WORSHIP INVITATION**

**SONGS OF PRAISE**

**MOMENT OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE** Kyle Collins

**OUTREACH MOMENT** Amy Delgado

**SONG OF PREPARATION**

**MESSAGE** **IN SEARCH** (Luke 19:1-10) Alf Halvorson

**GIFTS OF GRATITUDE**

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** *Gavotte from the Sixth Sonata* Bach/arr. Irons & White

**WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP** Christyn Knoop

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** *O Worship the King* #476; Vs. 1, 2, 5 | Lyons

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from The Apostles' Creed

**HYMN OF PRAISE** *Now Thank We All Our God* arr. John Rutter (b. 1945)

**HYMN OF RESPONSE** *Here I Am, Lord* #525; Vs. 1 | Daniel Schutte (b.1947)

**OUTREACH MOMENT** Amy Delgado

**OFFERTORY** *O Sing Unto the Lord a New Song* Healey Willan (1880-1968)

**MESSAGE** **IN SEARCH** (Luke 19:1-10) Alf Halvorson

**POSTLUDE** *Ode to Joy* Beethoven/arr. Mike Forbes

Musicians in this service: Charles Hausmann, conductor; Kathryn White, organ; Sanctuary Choir; John Parker and Rich Harris, trumpet; Rick White and Brian Logan, trombone; Julio Sanchez, timpani; Jason Zacher, soloist

\*Please stand if able.

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**STARTS WEDNESDAY**

**THE MUSIC BOX KIDS' CHOIR**

Learn about music and choral singing in a fun, worshipful environment! All kids grades K-5 are welcome. Led by contemporary worship leader Meliza Gómez. Email [mgomez@mdpc.org](mailto:mgomez@mdpc.org) to sign up.

**WEDNESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 19-NOVEMBER 14**

**4:45-5:30 PM | CHAPEL**



# All In

**IN SEARCH - LUKE 19:1-10**  
**SENIOR PASTOR ALF HALVORSON PREACHING**

This is the fifth, and final, in our *All In* fall sermon series. It also is Outreach Sunday, when MDPC welcomes 150+ of our Ministry Partners for worship and lunch. Some of the focus in our *All In* series has been on how we can individually and as families be more connected to God and God's people, the church—in worship, in discipleship, in relationships/communion, etc. Now we focus on how God calls us out

of a narrow focus on ourselves and our own group, and we see how God expands our circle and eyesight to notice, engage, and help “outsiders” who need God and God's provisions.

1. Read Luke 19:1-10. You maybe have heard this story since childhood. What struck you this time? If this was your first reading of this text, what things jumped out at you?
2. This event happens late in Jesus' ministry while He is on his way to Jerusalem, where He will be arrested and crucified. Later in this chapter (Luke 19:28), Jesus enters Jerusalem; but right before our story in Luke 18:31-33, the text says that Jesus told His disciples what would happen in Jerusalem, and the disciples did not understand what crucifixion and resurrection meant to their Friend and Savior. How do the disciples react to what Jesus does in Luke 19:1-10 (especially verse 7)? Do they understand? How do they behave?
3. I talked about clinical psychologist, Henry Cloud, who posits that when we are struggling and feel we are out of control, we say three things about our “trouble”: that it is personal, pervasive, and permanent. I explained these three concepts in the sermon. Have you ever watched this downward spiral in someone? Explain. What about in yourself?
4. In verse 5, Jesus notices Zacchaeus, calls him by his name, and invites Himself to Zacchaeus' house. What do you think Zacchaeus was thinking and feeling when that happened? Why, in your mind, did the crowd grumble and get so upset?
5. I made three truth claims regarding Jesus in the second part of my sermon, based on what Jesus did with Zacchaeus:
  - A. “No matter how insignificant I/you feel, Jesus notices me/us.”
  - B. “No matter what others say about you, Jesus affirms your basic worth.”
  - C. “No matter what you've done in the past, Jesus still wants you and has a mission for your life.”
 React to those claims, based on our text for today.
6. What is Zacchaeus' reaction to these claims by Jesus? In other words, what does he in verse 8 publicly commit to do? Why is that so significant?
7. Verses 9 and 10 make two profound affirmations, one about Zacchaeus, and the other about the reason why Jesus came to earth. Ponder both, noting that the word *salvation* in verse 9 means “wholeness with God, others, and yourself,” and that the phrase “he too is a son of Abraham” seems to suggest that Jesus is welcoming Zacchaeus back into the community of Jericho and the community of faith.
8. If Jesus' mission statement *is vs. 10*, what is our role in partnership with Him? How might we partner with one or more of our local, national, or international Outreach Partners?

