

# Purely Parenting

For any adults currently in the parenting trenches! These stand-alone discussions on select Sundays throughout the year are opportunities to the exchange of new ideas and proven strategies. Open to all!

Today at 11:15 AM, Summit Room:  
**Parenting Boot Camp!**  
with MDPC Youth Staff



▲ [parenting.mdpc.org](http://parenting.mdpc.org)

▼ [ml.mdpc.org](http://ml.mdpc.org)

## MEN'S LIFE FOCUS

In a world of distractions, how do men stay FOCUSED?

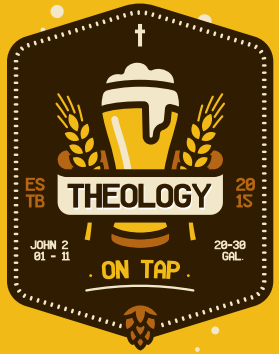


Tuesday Mornings,  
September 15, 2015–  
January 26, 2016

6:15-7:45 AM  
Fellowship Hall  
(Continental breakfast at 5:45 AM)

Register today! [ml.mdpc.org](http://ml.mdpc.org)

▼ [ya.mdpc.org](http://ya.mdpc.org)



Come **meet young adults** (singles and young marrieds, 21 to 39) from all over Houston as we sift through questions about the Christian life.

**Free craft beer**, root beer, and **heavy hors d'oeuvres**...

**Q&A Style.** We'll use anonymous texting for young adults to submit questions to a panel of local pastors.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**  
7:30 PM | 8584 KATY FREEWAY

▼ [marriage.mdpc.org](http://marriage.mdpc.org)



**Saturday-Sunday, October 17-18 | \$205/couple**

This is an overnight retreat with Brett and Kellie Hurst of Home Encouragement. Fee includes one night at the beautiful Woodlands Waterway Marriott, lunch on Saturday, and Sunday breakfast.

Registration is limited: [marriage.mdpc.org](http://marriage.mdpc.org)



## 7th Annual NOCHE DE SABOR

Saturday, September 19  
6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Come for an evening of Latin American culinary, musical, and artistic traditions!



▲ [fuente.mdpc.org](http://fuente.mdpc.org)

▼ [strobel.mdpc.org](http://strobel.mdpc.org)

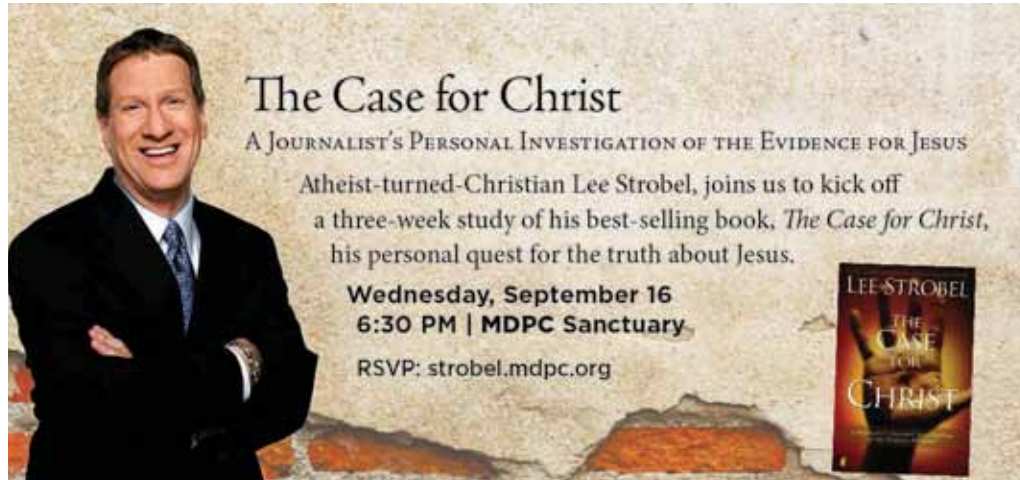
## The Case for Christ

A JOURNALIST'S PERSONAL INVESTIGATION OF THE EVIDENCE FOR JESUS

Atheist-turned-Christian Lee Strobel, joins us to kick off a three-week study of his best-selling book, *The Case for Christ*, his personal quest for the truth about Jesus.

Wednesday, September 16  
6:30 PM | MDPC Sanctuary

RSVP: [strobel.mdpc.org](http://strobel.mdpc.org)



▼ [grief.mdpc.org](http://grief.mdpc.org)

## Walking the Mourner's Path™



### TRANSFORM GRIEF INTO JOYFUL LIVING

This Christ-centered grief program is limited to ten participants, creating a safe place to share feelings with each other and with God. Two trained facilitators will guide the group.

**Tuesdays, Sept. 15-Nov. 3**

3:00-4:30 PM | MC 116

Cost: \$25 (Scholarships available)



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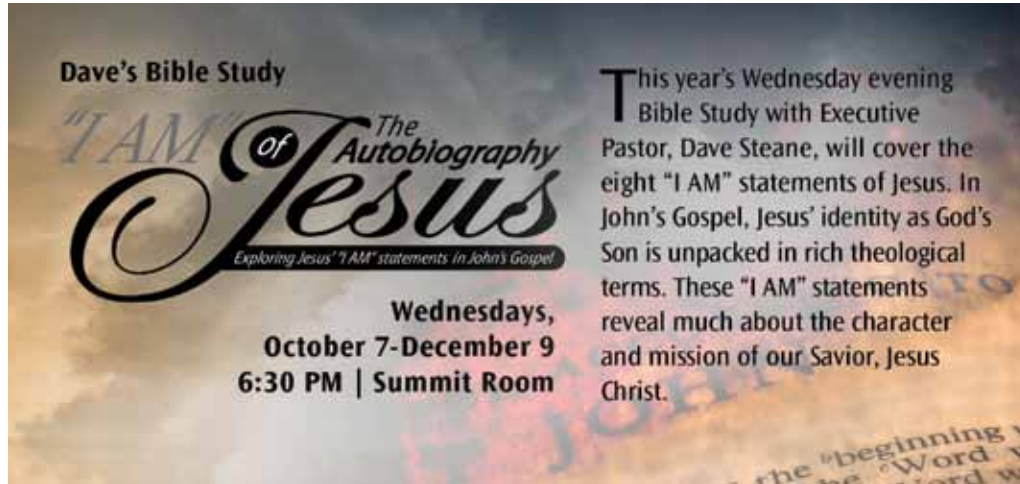
Dave's Bible Study

## "I AM" of Jesus

Exploring Jesus' "I AM" statements in John's Gospel

Wednesdays,  
October 7-December 9  
6:30 PM | Summit Room

This year's Wednesday evening Bible Study with Executive Pastor, Dave Steane, will cover the eight "I AM" statements of Jesus. In John's Gospel, Jesus' identity as God's Son is unpacked in rich theological terms. These "I AM" statements reveal much about the character and mission of our Savior, Jesus Christ.



Sunday, September 13, 2015

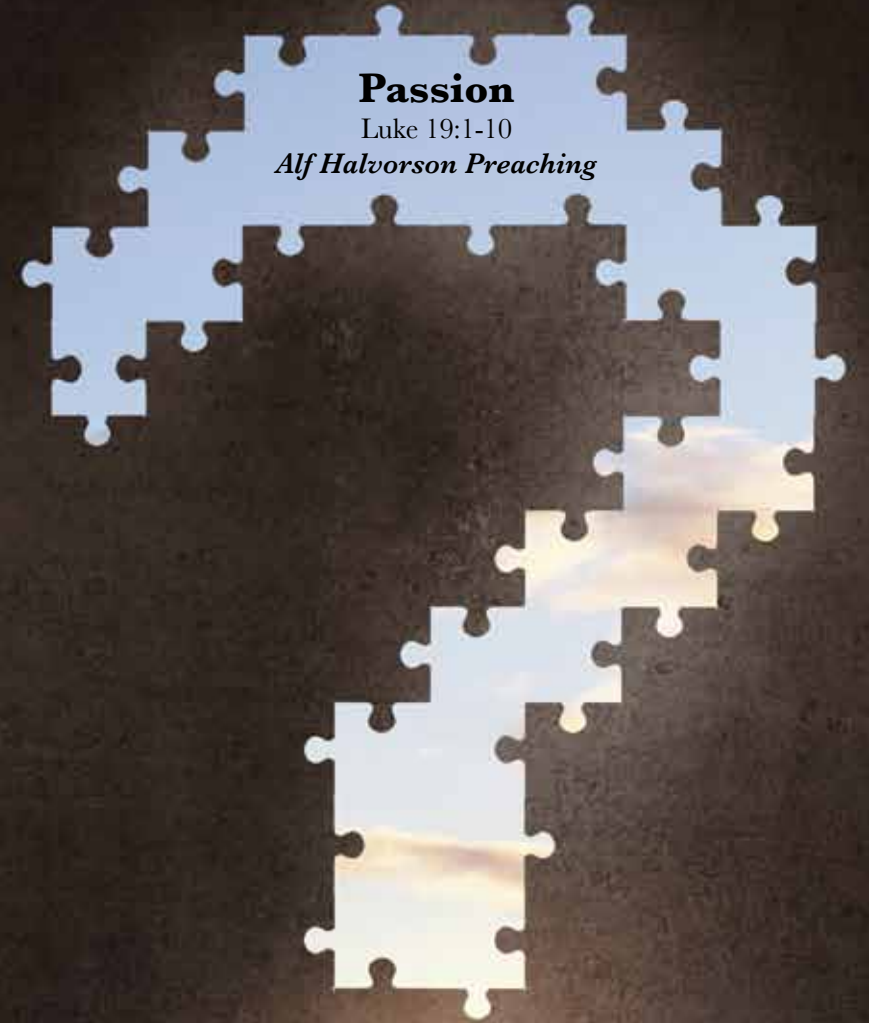


# WHAT KIND OF CHURCH

## Passion

Luke 19:1-10

*Alf Halvorson Preaching*



Please silence all devices, and refrain from consuming food or beverages during worship.



## MDPC HIGHLIGHTS

### Sunday School Spotlight

**Faith Explorations** is beginning a new book study today on *Finding God in Unexpected Places* by Phillip Yancey. This is a dynamic group aged 60+ that enjoys fellowship and discussion. We hope you'll stop in!

**Sundays, 9:45 AM | CLC 170**

*AJ Phipps: ajoanphipp@aol.com or 713-781-5139*

Next Sunday, **Pilgrims in Progress** will begin a new series on *Amazing Grace: The History & Theology of Calvinism*. Everyone is welcome to come and listen and learn in an atmosphere of warmth and good humor with others in their 60s to 70s.

**Sundays, 9:45 AM | Room 103**

*Bob Chesshir: bchesshir@sbcglobal.net or 281-920-9528*

### BSD Welcome Coffee Today

This fall, Bible Study Discussion (BSD) looks at the journey of God's people, from Egypt to the Resurrection. Learn more at our Welcome Coffee! There's no commitment; just stop by to say hello and meet some of the other participants:

**Welcome Coffee Today: 9:15-11:00 AM | Room 101**

**Classes meet on a variety of days/times: [bsd.mdpc.org](http://bsd.mdpc.org)**

*Contact Marcia Davis with questions: [mmdavis84@gmail.com](mailto:mmdavis84@gmail.com), 713-598-4330*

### New Member Class Begins Today

MDPC's New Member Class series is taught by the associate pastors and elders. The series includes a Saturday service project at one of our local mission partners.

**Sundays through October 18 | 9:45-11:00 AM | Summit Room**

*Contact Diann Turet: [dturet@mdpc.org](mailto:dturet@mdpc.org) or 713-490-9553*

### Calling All Knitters!

Have you ever wanted to express your concern beyond using comforting words? Your knitting can reach out locally and globally through these quiet yet powerful ministries at MDPC:

**Knitting for Missions: Every Monday | 9:30 AM | MC Room 126**

**Prayer Shawl Ministry: September 14 (Second Mondays) | 6:30 PM | The Nook at MDPC**

*Contact Maritza Pujols with questions: [mpujols@mdpc.org](mailto:mpujols@mdpc.org) or 713-490-9556*

### Tuesday Bible Study

Taught by MDPC's Associate Pastor, Kristin Huffman, and Director of Children's Ministries, Rachel Poysky, the Tuesday Morning Bible study will journey together through the Scriptures. More details to come, but be sure to mark your calendars!

**Tuesdays, beginning September 15 | 9:00 AM | Room 122**

### Outreach Sunday 2015: Meeting Old & New Friends

Next Sunday, our local and global ministry partners will be here to worship with us! Many of them have been praying for MDPC, the Senior Pastor Nominating Committee, and the Halvorsons over this past year. Come extend a warm MDPC welcome and celebrate our mission partners! Reps from our various partner programs and ministries will be in the Sanctuary Lobby. Please drop by to say hello, and perhaps even invite a partner to sit with you!

**Sunday, September 20 | Before and after the 9:45 and 11:15 services**

### The Antioch Partners' 3rd Annual Fundraising Dinner

This year's theme is "Resistance to the gospel and growth of the Church in Asia." Learn what God is doing among unreached people groups through long-term missionaries.

**Thursday, September 17 | 6:30 PM | MDPC**

*Contact Hope Manley for information: [admin@theantiochpartners.org](mailto:admin@theantiochpartners.org) or 713-490-9571*

### Prime Timers for Senior Adults: Discover the 9 Types of People

The Enneagram is a study of the nine basic personality types of people. Used by many churches as a tool for spiritual growth, it helps us understand our unique wiring and where God wants to bring healing and transformation into our lives. Speaker Christyn Knoop, MDPC's Adult Ministries Director, is a student of the Enneagram.

**Tuesday, September 15 | 10:30 AM | Fellowship Hall**

*Lunch reservations are closed, but visitors are welcome for the free program.*

## MDPC WORSHIP

\*Please stand if able.

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**Sermon Notes** are available from the ushers and at the Connection Center and Front Office.

### 8:30 BLENDED SERVICE

WELCOME

Dave Steane

\*SONGS OF PRAISE

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Brett Hurst

SONG OF PREPARATION

OFFERTORY

MESSAGE

*What Kind of Church? / Passion*  
Luke 19:1-10 (NRSV)

Alf Halvorson

### 9:45 CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

WORSHIP INVITATION

\*WORSHIP MUSIC

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Christyn Knoop

BAPTISMS

William George Albrecht, son of William and Megan Albrecht  
Annaleigh Claire Frazier, daughter of Brent and Allison Frazier  
Madeline Elaine Winkler, daughter of Joseph and Melissa Winkler

Dave Steane

OFFERTORY

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### 11:15 TRADITIONAL SERVICE

PRELUDE

*Highland Cathedral*

arr. K. White

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Dave Steane

CHORAL INTROIT

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

arr. Hausmann

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Crown Him With Many Crowns*

#151; Vs. 1, 4 | arr. White

BAPTISMS

Everett Reid Beitler, son of Jeffrey and Jennifer Beitler  
Paulina Sue Curtis, daughter of H. Lamar and Blanca Curtis  
Henry Douglas Galimore, son of Devin and Tracy Galimore

Dave Steane

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

CHORAL ANTHEM

*O, Clap Your Hands*

R. V. Williams (1872-1958)

OFFERTORY

*Lord, Thy Glory Fills the Heaven*

Glenn L. Rudolph (b.1951)

MESSAGE

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Alf Halvorson

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*

#366; Vs. 1, 2, 3 | St. CATHERINE

POSTLUDE

*Menuet Gothique*

Leon Boellmann (1862-1897)

### OTHER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SPANISH SERVICE

11:15 AM | Chapel

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

FIFTH SERVICE

5:00 PM | Chapel

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

## MDPC INFO

### Coordinating Team

Mauricio Chacón | Associate Pastor for Fuente

Brandon Gaide | Associate Pastor for Next Gen

Ginny Glass | Communications & Media Dir.

Meliza Gómez | Contemporary Music Dir.

Luke Gordon | Youth Ministries Dir.

Alf Halvorson | Senior Pastor

Charles Hausmann | Traditional Music Dir.

Kristin Huffman | Associate Pastor for Outreach

Brett Hurst | Relationships Minister

Gena Kookan | Sr. Leadership Ministry Coor.

Rick Myers | Associate Pastor for Caring

Rachel Poysky | Children's Ministries Dir.

Becky Riggs | Business Administrator

Dave Steane | Executive Pastor & Head of Staff

Kathryn White | Coordinating Music Dir.

Karen Winship | Human Resources Dir.

Dave Peterson | Pastor Emeritus

Gary Bowker | Pastor Emeritus

MDPC Foundation

*For information, contact Business Administrator  
Becky Riggs at [briggs@mdpc.org](mailto:briggs@mdpc.org) or 713-953-2570.*

### Ministry Partners

Pray for these MDPC partners working to make a difference in the lives of others:

**Redeemed Ministries** identifies and responds to the needs of women exploited for sex in Houston and surrounding areas. It partners with federal, state, local, and non-governmental agencies to provide services directly to victims of domestic sex trafficking. [redeemedministries.com](http://redeemedministries.com)

**The Rose's** mission is to reduce deaths from breast cancer by providing screening, diagnosis, and access to treatment, regardless of a patient's ability to pay. Last year they helped over 9,000 uninsured women. [the-rose.org](http://the-rose.org)

**MDPC Partner Family** living in South Asia is developing a team that reaches out to locals to train them in website development, while strategically building relationships for the Kingdom. Please pray for God to cover and keep them safe and healthy, and to strengthen them as they build relationships and share stories of Jesus with an oral culture.

#### WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

##### OPERATING INCOME

2015 Budget	\$	10,500,000
Expected Income to date	\$	5,365,462
Actual Income to date	\$	5,194,516
Current Income Deficit	\$	170,946

Pictured: Your generosity supports ministries like The Rose, which enables early detection of breast cancer for all women.



### MDPC Turns 60...

*In 2015, we celebrate 60 years of faith and ministry!*

Submitted by member Mary Sherwood:

"This is a team photo from around 1967 of the fighting MDPC football team with coach Bob McNair in the center at the back, with Phil Sherwood on Bob's left (no tie), and our two sons #5 Alex (front row), and #37 Taylor (back row). We played St. Luke's and St. Francis that I remember."

*Do you have classic MDPC photos? Email scans to Eva Kaminski ([ekaminski@mdpc.org](mailto:ekaminski@mdpc.org)) or drop prints at the Front Office. Originals will be returned.*

### Please Pray

**The Red Rose is in honor of**

- Whitney Kristina Cleveland**, born August 20, 2015, to Tim and Kristina Cleveland. She is the granddaughter of Bitsy and Tom Cleveland.
- Hudson Blaine Morgan**, born September 4, 2015, to Kelly and Chris Morgan. Hudson is the granddaughter of Jim and Leslie Kottwitz, and the great-granddaughter of Carol Lee and Ken Robertson.

**The White Rose is in memory of**

- Arlene Work**, who passed away August 28, 2015.
- Dave Dickerson**, who passed away September 1, 2015.



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# WHAT KIND OF CHURCH?

## *Passion*

Luke 19:1-10 (NRSV)

Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson Preaching

The context for Luke 19:1-10 is that Jesus is heading to Jerusalem for the last time. He knows He is going to His death. He is passing through Jericho before climbing the almost 4,000 feet in about 15 miles to the Holy City. While in Jericho, Jesus takes the time to stop, notice someone up in a tree, call him by name, and go to his house. That someone was Zacchaeus, a chief tax collector. The Roman overseers were smart. They didn't collect their own taxes. They enlisted the conquered populace to collect them. These turncoats were hated; considered unclean; and they would often over-charge their own people and pocket the difference. So, they were rich but despised.

1. (From vs. 3 and 4) Why, in your mind, do you think Zacchaeus climbed the tree to see Jesus? What was he hoping would happen?
2. Why do you think Jesus noticed him and went to his house? Is there anything in the text that tells you why?
3. Who are the "all" in verse 7? Is it the disciples, the crowd, the Pharisees, others? Why are they so mad?
4. In verses 8 and 9, Zacchaeus promises something and Jesus proclaims something. If repentance is "turning around and going in the opposite direction," do you think Zacchaeus' repentance is genuine? Why or why not? Is it finished?
5. What does it mean when Jesus says, "he too is a son of Abraham"?
6. What can we learn from Zacchaeus in this story?
7. What can we learn from Jesus? If Jesus' mission statement is verse 10 ("For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost"), how can MDPC carry on that same mission in our day?
8. What might your role be in that mission? Pray that God might place a person on your heart or in your path...



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