

SERMON NOTES

2 Timothy 3:16-17 & Hebrews 4:12 NLT | Rev. Brett Hurst

This week we talk about how God's Word is God-breathed, living, and active—powerfully penetrating the heart while teaching, correcting, and training His people in righteousness. Through this miracle of God, Scripture thoroughly equips believers for every good work by exposing motives, shaping character, and forming Christlike obedience.

1. Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. What does Paul mean when he says, “all Scripture is God-breathed”? How does this shape your understanding of biblical authority?
2. Paul lists multiple purposes of Scripture. How would you define each one in your own words?
3. What does it mean for the man (or woman) of God to be complete and equipped for every good work?
4. Why is Scripture—not tradition, culture, or personal experience—the standard Paul gives Timothy for discerning truth?
5. Which of the four functions of Scripture do you tend to welcome most? Which do you resist? Why?
6. Read Hebrews 4:12. What does it mean that the Word of God is “living and active”? Why does the writer of Hebrews compare Scripture to a double-edged sword? What does this metaphor communicate?
7. What does it mean for Scripture to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart? What does this reveal about God's insights and knowledge of the human heart?
8. When has God's Word “cut” you—revealing improper motives, attitudes, or sins you were unaware of?
9. What practical steps can you take to let Scripture shape your decisions, desires, and inner life?
10. How do these passages support the Reformed emphasis on the priority and sufficiency of Scripture?

Financial Update as of June 7, 2026

2026 Annual Budget	\$ 14,728,728
Actual Income to Date	5,974,338
Needed to Meet 2026 Budget	8,754,390

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Sun, June 14, 2026



Summer Film Series

Wed, Jun 17 | 3pm | Amphitheater

Join us in for popcorn and a movie - all free, and all are welcome! Sponsored by MDPC Prime Timers. Our first film showing June 17 is *Heaven Is for Real* (PG). Full schedule: movies.mdpc.org

YA World Cup Potluck Social

Sat, Jun 27 | 5-8pm | CLC 265

Calling all young adults in their 20s and 30s! Celebrate the excitement of the World Cup with an international potluck! Bring a dish to share representing one of the World Cup nations, compete in trivia, or jump in a casual pick-up soccer match in the Gym. Details and RSVP: ya.mdpc.org

Youth Alumni Summer Bible Study

Tue through Jul 28 | 7pm | MDPC

MDPC Youth Alumni (AKA all of our current away college students and friends), this is a space for you to reconnect, build community, and grow in your faith while you're home for the summer. You are welcome anytime! youthevents.mdpc.org

Wednesday Night Summer Bible Study

Wed through Jul 1 | 6:30-7:30pm | Summit Rm

Open to everyone! We'll spend time in Jude with Dr. Laurien Hook and then in Jonah with Dr. Clay Brown. Our study of these powerful and often-overlooked books will be a rich opportunity for learning, discussion, and fellowship. Details under Events at discipleship.mdpc.org.

Officer Nominations

Open Now at nominations.mdpc.org

We need your help in identifying members

whose gifts may be calling them into leadership at MDPC. As you pray, who comes to mind as a future Elder or Deacon? Submit nominations at nominate.mdpc.org.

Adults 55+ Fellowship

Events and activities all summer long!

Each month's schedule includes dinners, lunches, fellowship events, and get-togethers over games and puzzles. All adults 55+ are invited to join us! Reach out to Connie with questions (connie2whelchel@gmail.com) and find event details at adults55plus.mdpc.org.

H-Town Fellows at MDPC

Sep 2026-May 2027 | Wednesdays at 6pm

Are you a professional ready to seek God's purpose for your career? H-Town Fellows trains Christians to live the gospel coherently across vocation, community, and culture. For scholarship information, reach out to Joshua Smith at jsmith@mdpc.org. Apply at fellows.mdpc.org.

ECO Theology Conference

Mon-Wed, Sep 21-23 | MDPC

Join ECO pastors, elders, deacons, and covenant partners from across the nation at *Light in the Darkness: Faithful Responses to Heresy*. Presentations on contemporary expressions of ancient heresies, their impact today, and our faithful responses to them. For schedule and to register, visit theologyconf.mdpc.org.

Save the Date! Marriage Retreat

Sat-Sun, Oct 17-18 | Moody Gardens Resort

Registration is open! marriageretreat.mdpc.org

A vibrant pink flyer for summer events. At the top, it says 'A SLICE OF SUMMER' in white text. Below this, there are three event cards, each with a watermelon slice icon. The first card is for 'SUMMER STUDY' on Wed, Jun 17 and 24, 10-11:30am in the Parlor. The second is for 'SUMMER SERVE' on Fri, Jun 19, 1-3pm in the Child Advocates room. The third is for 'SUMMER SOCIAL' on Thu, Jun 25, 6-8:30pm in the Summit Rm. A QR code is in the top right corner. The MDPC Women logo is at the bottom.



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All Events events.mdpc.org

As you enter worship, we kindly ask that you silence your cell phones.



8:30 BLENDED SERVICE

GATHERING

Call to Worship		Rachel Poysky
*Songs of Praise	<i>Forever (Give Praise to the Lord) Jesus Paid It All</i>	
Confession & Assurance		Clay Brown
Song of Response	<i>Worthy of It All</i>	
Prayer		Rachel Poysky
Worship Song	<i>Trust in God</i>	

HEARING THE WORD

Message	R & R: The Power of the Word of God 2 Timothy 3:16-17 & Hebrews 4:12 (NLT)	Brett Hurst
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RESPONDING

Song of Response	<i>Build My Life</i>
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SENDING

*Benediction		Brett Hurst
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9:45 CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

GATHERING

Call to Worship		Michael Middleton
*Songs of Praise	<i>Glorious Day Great Are You Lord</i>	
Confession & Assurance		Christyn Knoop
Song of Response	<i>Worthy of It All</i>	
Welcome		Rachel Poysky
Worship Song	<i>Trust in God</i>	

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Baptism		Rachel Poysky
	Nora Lynn Graeve, daughter of Mark and Kelly Graeve	

SENDING

*Benediction		Brett Hurst
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Blended and Contemporary Worship Leaders
MDPC Worship Team: Uvaldo Callejas, David Cavazo, Asher Pudlo, Will Story, Angel Uribe
Michael Middleton, Generational Worship Director

* Please stand, if comfortable.

11:15 TRADITIONAL SERVICE

GATHERING

Preludes	<i>Give Me Jesus and I Sing the Mighty Power of God</i>	arr. Sterling/Hayes
Call to Worship		Beth Case
Choral Introit	<i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i>	Paul Langston (1928-2012)
*Hymn of Praise	<i>I Sing the Mighty Power of God</i>	Vs. 1, 2, 3 #288 ELLACOMBE
*Confession & Assurance of Pardon		Paul Ehram
*Affirmation of Faith from the New City Catechism		
*Congregational Response	<i>Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us</i>	#572 KYRIE arr. Haley Wilan

HEARING THE WORD

Anthem of Preparation	<i>Speak, O Lord</i>	arr. John Ferguson (1941-2025)
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RESPONDING

*Hymn of Response	<i>Sing Them Over Again to Me</i>	Vs. 1, 2 WORDS OF LIFE from the Methodist Hymnal
Prayer		Beth Case
Anthem of Response	<i>Ascribe to the Lord</i>	Rosephanye Powell (b. 1962)

SENDING

*Doxology	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	#592 OLD 100TH
*Benediction		Brett Hurst
Postlude	<i>Rigaudon</i>	André Campra (1660-1744)

Traditional Worship Leaders
MDPC Sanctuary Choir | Kathryn White, organist/pianist
Charles Hausmann, Traditional Worship Director

* Please stand, if comfortable.

Our pastors are here to help. They'd love to hear from you!



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Remember Our Frontline Mission Partners

MDPC partners in local and global ministry truly covet your prayers! Find out this week's prayer recipients by picking up the prayer booklet available around campus or visit partners.mdpc.org.