

If you haven't already, you'll face moments when you wonder if Jesus is really worth your life. Or maybe you've never seen Jesus as worth much at all. Is the man named Jesus really someone to behold and someone to hold on to? Should we put our faith in him?

Our lives in the west are all about choice. We keep our options open. We demand the right to have a choice about everything. We'll say "yes" knowing we might stumble upon a better choice with the option to choose it later. As one pastor has said, "too many of us worship at the altar of the god of options".

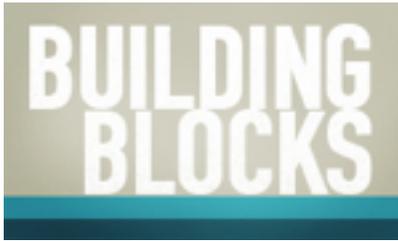
So it may come as a shock the way in which Hebrews speaks about Jesus—as if Jesus is really the only one option. He is higher than angels and more faithful than money. We can find rest in him and he never changes. His discipline is love and he never changes. The salvation he made on the cross is secure in Heaven. He is the very imprint of the nature of God and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

Simply, Jesus is the better choice. He is our only hope for eternal life, he is the the anchor of our souls, and he is the eternal savior.

Have you forgotten the supremacy and worth of Jesus? Would you consider him? Join on Sundays starting August 14th.

**In This Issue:**

Hebrews Sermon Series	1
Q4 Blocks Offered	2
Christmas Service	
Schedule	3
Senior Trip to Salado	3
Welcome New Members	3
1st Sunday Prayer	4
New Book Highlight	4
Milwood Cares	4
Students	4
Email and Social Media	5
3rd-5th Graders	5
Events Calendar	5
Prayer Points	6



## **Quarter 4 2016 Blocks**

**October 2 - December 18**

**JOIN US SUNDAYS**

### ADULT BLOCKS

#### **Foundations of a Healthy Church**

Location: 2nd Floor Conf. Rm - Led by Pastor Alex

We have a desire to be a healthy church full of healthy church members. This block will lay a foundation of what it means for us to be a healthy church and what it means for you to be a healthy church member.

#### **Meditation & Memorization of the Word of God**

Location: Fellowship Hall - Led by Pastor Nathan

Hearing the Bible on Sundays is one thing. Reading the Bible throughout the week is another. But how are we to be those blessed men and women who "meditate on the law day and night"? (Psalm 1). Think you can't memorize Scripture? This class will be a practical course on the why's and how's of Scripture memory and meditation.

#### **Ruth and Esther**

Location: 1st Floor Rm 103 - Led by Steve Sivells

Ruth and Esther are the only two books of the Bible named after women. Come learn about ordinary faithfulness and courageous action in the stories of these women.

### YOUTH BLOCK (6th-12th grade)

#### **Being a Disciple: Counting the Cost**

Location 3rd Floor - Led by Brian Wallace

When Jesus called people to follow Him, what did He expect of them? Was it reasonable? What's the difference between those who say they're Christians and everyone else? What proves whether a person is a true disciple of Jesus Christ or not? These questions will be asked as we search out what the Bible has to say about being a disciple of Jesus Christ. Come join the Youth as we search the Scriptures together.

### KIDS BLOCKS (0-5th grade)

#### **Children Desiring God**

Aimed to impart to children a vision of God, who He is, and who we are in relation to Him, and to establish them with a foundation of doctrine and truth.



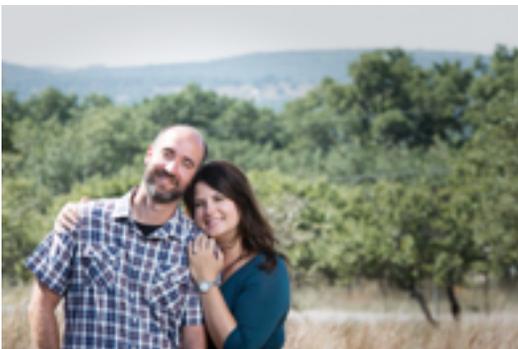
---

### ***SENIORS TRIP TO SALADO - December 10***

The seniors of Milwood are invited to lunch and fellowship in Salado, TX. If you can get your coffee at the Senior Citizen price at McDonalds, we're talking about you! We will leave at 10am from the church to eat lunch in Salado and allow time for dessert, coffee and shopping after.

---

### ***WELCOME NEW MEMBERS***



#### **Allison Sloma**

Allison was born in San Antonio. She is married to Andrew and live in North Austin. They have a son Ben, who is 10. Allison attended Georgetown High School and The University of Texas at Austin. She is currently working as a registered dietitian at Whole Foods Market. Allison enjoys gardening, cooking, sewing, shopping and watching movies with Andrew.



#### **Cindy Aaram**

Cindy was born in Midland, Texas. She is married to Mohamed and they live in Round Rock, Texas. Cindy attended Greenwood High School and Midland College and is currently working as an accountant. She enjoys photography, watching movies and spending time with family.

---

## ***First Sunday Prayer Meetings - 5pm***

The first Sunday of each month we will come together to take our burdens and the work of our mission to God.

---

### ***BOOK HIGHLIGHT***

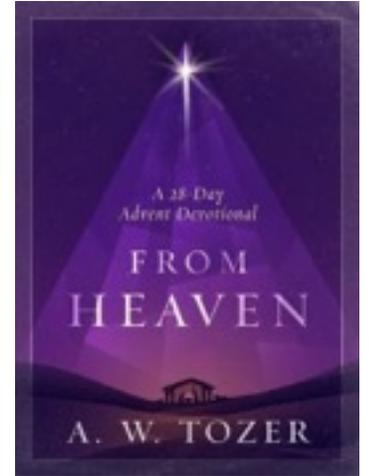
*From Heaven*

A 28-Day Advent Devotional

by A.W. Tozer

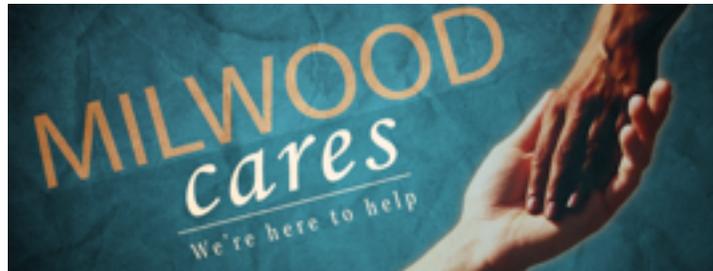
"We live between two mighty events..."

Advent is as much about looking back as it is looking ahead—back to Christ's incarnation, ahead to His return. *From Heaven* combines A. W. Tozer's best reflections on these two themes to help us better appreciate the season of Advent. Each daily reading is paired with Scripture for meditation, drawing our attention to the rising light of Christ.



Pick up a copy from the book stall. Suggested donation is \$10.

---



Milwood Baptist families are currently in need of our care. Please visit the care calendars below to see what needs you are able to meet at this time. Below is the address to the website and the codes to access each calendar and sign up.  
website: [carecalendar.org](http://carecalendar.org)

[Bryant - Transportation Needs](#) ID: 222311 / Code: Jesus

---

### ***STUDENTS***



Wednesday nights at 6:30pm. We seek to build a firm, gospel-centered foundation for students in middle school and high school through formative practices and through study of God's Word. Contact Alex for more information.

---

## **LIFEGROUPS**

Are you part of a LifeGroup? Find more information about our LifeGroups and how to join one on the Milwood Baptist Church website or call the office.

## **RECEIVING WEEKLY CHURCH NEWS?**

If you aren't receiving the Milwood weekly email newsletter, go to the church website and sign up so you can get the latest updates and news about what is happening at Milwood Baptist Church.

You can also keep informed by liking our Facebook page: Milwood Baptist Church or following us on Twitter: Milwoodbaptist

## ***ATTENTION 3RD - 5TH GRADERS!***

Join us for fun, fellowship and discovering God's Word on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 3:30pm. Stay tuned for more details or ask Mrs. Holly to tell you more!

---

## ***MILWOOD EVENTS CALENDAR***

### ***December***

- 2 - Ladies' Christmas Party (6:30-8:30p)
- 3 - Membership Class (9a-12p)
- 3 - Grand Prix Race (4-7p)
- 4 - Special Called Meeting for Budget Approval following worship
- 4 - STEPS Mentors Meeting following worship
- 4 - First Sunday Prayer Meeting (5p)
- 10 - Senior Trip to Salado (10a)
- 11 - Youth Social Event
- 14 - Youth Christmas Party
- 24 - Christmas Eve Service (4:30-activities, 5:30-service)
- 25 - Christmas Morning Worship
- 27-28 - Church Office Closed

### ***January***

- 15 - STEPS begins
-

## **International Mission Board**

- Pray for the Lottie Moon Offering—(100% of donations go straight to missionaries on the field)
- Pray for president David Platt and wisdom in financial and spiritual issues
- Pray for the IMB Global City Initiative and healthy churches to be planted. (More than half the world's population lives in global urban centers)
- Pray specifically for the 10-40 window, where the gospel is mostly unknown
- Pray for a new generation of bold, courageous missionaries to the hardest to reach places
- Pray to see if the Lord would lead you to missionary work

For more information go to [imb.org](http://imb.org)

### **Milwood's Budgeted Southern Baptist Convention Giving**

International Mission Board - \$4300

North American Mission Board - \$2000.

Austin Baptist Association - \$2800 (portion goes to SBC)

Cooperative Program - \$1250 (75% goes to missions)

SBC 2015 Budget - nearly \$200 million.

2016 Lottie Moon Goal - \$155 million.



## **CHURCH PRAYER POINTS - Dec 2016**



### **PRAY FOR THE CHURCH**

Key Verse: Galatians 4.4-5

- Praise God for sending His Son.
- Pray for a more robust understanding of the reason Christ came to earth.
- Pray for those who are lost and still under the law.

### **PRAY FOR UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Advent: Prayerfully and joyfully wait and prepare your heart for the coming King.
- Pray for the 2017 calendar—that it would all be for our maturing and the glory of God!
- Pray for the focus of Discipleship, Easter, Adoption, and Missions.
- Pray for the preaching series in Hebrews
- Pray for the Christmas events to be a gospel light to the community.
- Pray that we would invite guests in the holiday season and that they may hear the gospel and live.

### **PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERSHIP**

- Thank God for His faithful provision in giving in 2016
- Pray for building blocks in 2016
- Pray for our worship team. Thank God for their service and pray for their encouragement.
- Pray for lost family members that we will see during the holidays.

### **PRAY FOR THE WORLD**

- Prayer for president-elect Donald Trump and the on-going selection of his cabinet.
- Pray for wisdom in the government and with the protestors of the North Dakota pipeline.
- Pray for the future of Cuba in the wake of Fidel Castro's death. Pray for peace and liberty
- Pray for a new, wise police chief in Austin