



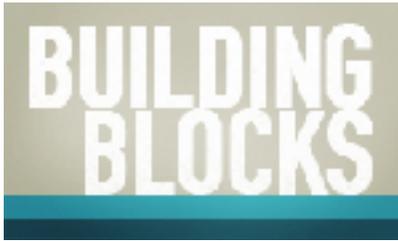
A lot of people are asking questions like this today, "Does God not care about this? Is God going to do anything about this? If God is so loving, then why doesn't he do something?" All those question bring into question the name (reputation) of God. Ezekiel is speaking to a people forced from their homes into exile in Babylon. The Babylonians have put a puppet King on Israel's throne (Zedekiah). Where is God now? What will God do next? God shows them. Over and over Ezekiel has something for his people to behold! Ezekiel's prophecies are largely stretched over a two-decade period from around 593BC to 571BC. It does not take long for anyone to realize that Ezekiel seems, if anything, strange. The book has been regarded as so difficult to interpret that Jewish rabbis would not even allow young men to read it until they were thirty years old, lest they become discouraged at the difficulty of understanding Scripture and despise it.

So, why preach on Ezekiel at Milwood Baptist church in 2018?

- 1) Fundamentally, we believe that all the Bible is God's word. We don't want to shield ourselves from anything God might have for us even if it is hard to understand at some points. We trust the main message of Ezekiel will come through clearly as we prayerfully consider it. This is wonderful practice in giving ourselves to the "whole counsel of God's word" (Acts 20:27).
- 2) Adjusting our hearts to God's glory. If there is a central message in Ezekiel it is this: God will vindicate the holiness of his name. And that is not at the expense of Israel, that is Israel's hope! Time and time again in the book God reminds the listening that he is acting for the sake of his name. God acts for his name through discipline and salvation and more. Ezekiel will test and see if God's glory is central to our own hearts.

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Quarter 1 2018 Blocks

January 7 - March 25

JOIN US SUNDAYS at 9:30am

ADULT BLOCKS

The Lord's Prayer

Location: 1st Floor Fellowship Hall - Led by Steve Sivells & John Hurley

When the disciples asked Jesus how to pray, little did they know that they would be given a model for prayer that would be used for generations. Prayer is central to our fellowship with God, and our prayer life is directly affected by what we believe about God. In this series, Dr. R. Albert Mohler Jr. shows that the pattern of prayer Jesus provides is few in words, yet massive in meaning. His prayer reflects true theology and proper doxology—a perfect guide for our own lives.

Evangelism

Location: 2nd Floor Conference Room - Led by Nathan Loudin

One pastor has said, "We will not evangelize until we plan to stop not evangelizing." This Building Block is for equipping, encouraging and exhorting us to evangelism. Perhaps you have never given time or attention to this aspect of Christian faithfulness. Perhaps it has been some time and revisiting this would greatly help you. Perhaps there is someone else you would bring along and then have lunch each week to follow up personally. Join us for 12 weeks on the purposes and means of evangelism.

YOUTH BLOCK (6th-12th grade)

Christian Theology III

Location: 3rd Floor - Led by Alex Sosler

This quarter, students will discuss, learn, and apply the doctrine of Christ and the Holy Spirit. Questions like: Who is Christ? What is His nature? What did He come to do? What does salvation really mean? What does the Holy Spirit do for believers today?

KIDS BLOCKS (0-5th grade)

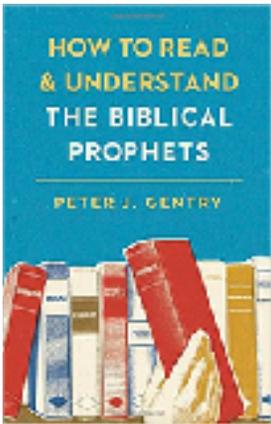
Children Desiring God Curriculum

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.



VALENTINE'S DAY FUNDRAISER **February 14 @ 6pm**

Our second annual Valentines Day Dinner will be February 14 this year. Guys: Don't allow the Hallmark holiday to catch you by surprise. Go out to eat the day before or day after—food is cheaper, you get more, and less crowds. On Valentine's Day, allow the students to whisk you away for an evening in paradise. You won't want to miss it! Plus, any donation you give goes to our summer trip to DC/Baltimore.



New Book Highlight

How to Read & Understand the Biblical Prophets by Peter J. Gentry

The Prophetic Books of the Bible are full of symbolic speeches, dramatic metaphors, and lengthy allegories—a unique blend of literary styles that can make them hard to comprehend. How can we know if we are reading them the way God intended them to be read?

In this accessible guide, leading Old Testament scholar Peter Gentry identifies seven common characteristics of prophetic literature in the Bible that help us understand each book's message. With illustrations and clear examples, Gentry offers guidance for reading these challenging texts—teaching us practical strategies for deeper engagement with the biblical text as we seek to apply God's Word to our lives today.



Childcare is provided.

Please RSVP to slindsey5900@gmail.com if you are planning to attend and if you need childcare (free of cost). We are planning something very special and need a head count.

Empower Conference - February 26-27

Our State Convention is hosting a conference on evangelism featuring preaching from JD Greear, Juan Sanchez, OS Hawkins, and more. More info can be found at sbtexas.com/empower/. Contact Nathan if you would like to attend.



We hope to host Pastoral Interns beginning in 2018. The purpose of the internship is to entrust the gospel to faithful men who are able to teach others also ([2 Tim 2:2](#)). We aim to do this by exposing aspiring pastors to the regular rhythms of pastoral ministry while fine-tuning pastoral convictions. If you know someone who would be interested or has a ministry connection, spread the word.

Visit our website for more information.

Sunday Evenings at Milwood

We will have special events at Milwood on most Sunday evenings. Watch this space to learn about these upcoming events.

February 4 - First Sunday Prayer Service (5pm)

February 11 - More information coming soon!

February 18 - More information coming soon!

February 25 - Men's Fellowship (6:30pm): Sweet Eats Fruit Farm

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

MILWOOD EVENTS CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

3 - KidCity Worker Training (10am)
14 - Valentine's Day Fundraiser (6pm)
17 - Membership Class (9am-12pm)
24 - Ladies' Tea (3pm)
26-27 - Empower Conference

MARCH

6-10 - Simeon Trust Workshop
24 - Vargas baby shower (10am)
24 - Ladies Event
30 - Good Friday Service (3pm)



PASTOR'S BLOG

Read the latest entries on our Milwood Blog by Pastor Nathan. Go to milwoodbaptist.com/media



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.

Upcoming 2018 Student Events:

February 14 - Valentine's Day Fundraiser (6pm)
March 12-16 - Serve the City Week
June 8-9 - Rite of Passage Retreat
June 18-22 - Love the City Week
July 13-15 - D-Now
~ July 26-Aug 2 - Summer Trip
Aug 31-Sept 1 - Lock In
December 14 - Christmas Party

Contact Alex for more information.

February 2018

NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD Revitalization Initiative

Each year, 900-1000 Southern Baptist Churches will hold their final service and shut their doors. In light of this, we want to pray:

Replant Practitioner Training March 8-9, 2018. A gathering of over 250 Directors of Mission and others who work with struggling churches helping them determine their future under God's guidance.

Raising up Replanters: we are looking for 100 plus men each year to be called and equipped to lead struggling churches toward health and vitality thru Replanting.

Replant Movement: pray for the 3-5K churches who are near closure and in need of discerning the future for their congregations.

Pray for the leadership:

John Mattingly: Replant Consultant

Mark Clifton: Director, Replant

Brad O'Brien: Development and Mobilization, Replant

Bob Bickford: Associate Director of Replant



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