



He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. -[Hebrews 1:3a](#)

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".

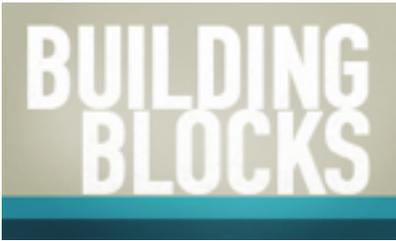
So it may come as a shock the way in which Hebrews speaks about Jesus—as if Jesus is really the only one option. He is higher than angels and more faithful than money. We can find rest in him and he never changes. His discipline is love and he never changes. The salvation he made on the cross is secure 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 us on Sundays.

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## ***Quarter 3 2017 Blocks***

***July 2 - September 24***

***JOIN US SUNDAYS at 9:30am***

### *ADULT BLOCKS*

#### **Romans**

Location: Fellowship Hall - Led by Nathan Loudin

The book of Romans was Paul's greatest literary achievement, a majestic letter in which the apostle explores crucial doctrines such as original sin, election, substitutionary atonement, the role of the law, and justification by faith alone. This book, like few others, truly plumbs the theological depths of the gospel of God in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

#### **Christ, Culture and Your Neighborhood**

Location: 2nd Floor Conference Room - Led by Alex Sosler

How are we to think about the city of Austin? Do we keep it weird? How do we have meaningful conversation with our neighbors? How can we connect with people in our workplace that seem so different? This building block gives us some categories and ideas of how we can grow in loving our neighbors and glorifying God.

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

#### **Evangelism**

Location 3rd Floor - Led by Karl Grosz

Central to our identity as evangelicals is the "evangel" or messenger. We have good news (the gospel) to share. In this class, students will learn what makes this news good and how to share this good news with others.

### *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.

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### ***Out of the Office***

Pastor Nathan will be out of the office through July 12. Please contact Alex or Tracy during that time.

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**Global  
Missions**

*Proclaiming the gospel  
to the nations.*

## **THREE MISSION TRIPS COMING UP**

Our purpose is *joyfully building up the body of Christ for the glory of God*. We build up the body by making and maturing disciples. We could add to our purpose though, *joyfully building up the body of Christ for the glory of God among all nations*. So when we talk about mission trips, praying for missions, and tithing to support missions we are not talking about a temporary project. We are talking about the reason we are here--to build up the body of Christ for the glory of God.

Carefully consider how you will support Christ's purpose of our church. We're all called to tithe. We're all called to pray. Might you also go? I look forward to seeing how we might come along side local churches and support the global work of the gospel together.

For His Glory,  
Nathan

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### ***Ladies' Summer Bible Study***

We will meet every Thursday EXCEPT JUNE 29 this summer from 7-8:30 PM at Stephanie Lindsey's home, 5900 Sierra Grande Dr., Austin, TX 78759. We will be studying Women of Faith in the Old Testament by Mary Davis. Contact Stephanie Lindsey for questions.

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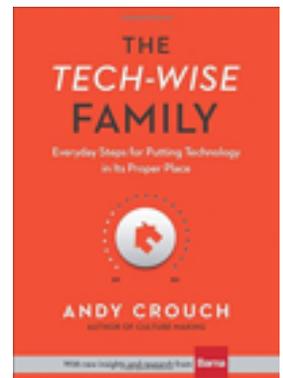
## ***New in the Bookstall***

*The Tech-Wise Family*

By Andy Crouch

Making Good choices about technology in our families is more than just using internet filters and determining screen-time limits for our children. It's about building character, wisdom, and courage rather than accepting technology's promises of ease and instant gratification. It's about developing our heart, mind, soul, and strength when we're tempted to settle for entertainment and consumer satisfaction. And it's definitely not just about the kids.

Alongside in-depth original research from Barna Group that shows how families are wrestling with technology's new realities, Andy Crouch takes parents beyond the typical questions of what, where, and when to show us that in a world full of devices, there's a way to choose a better life than we've imagined.



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## ***Sunday Evenings at Milwood***

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

***July 2 - First Sunday Prayer Service (5pm)***

***July 9 - Preaching & Singing (5pm)*** - Carl Grosz will be teaching from James 1

***July 16 - no meeting***

***July 23 - Church Family Meal & Meeting (5pm)***

***July 30 - Testimony & Singing Night (5pm)***

*Looking Ahead:*

August 6 - First Sunday Prayer Service (5pm)

August 13 - Church Family Fellowship

August 20 - Women's Fellowship (5pm)

August 27 - *no meeting*

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## ***MILWOOD EVENTS CALENDAR***

### ***July***

4 - Milwood Parade

21 Family Fun Night (6-8:30pm)

24-27 - Preteen Camp

28-29 - Children's Camp

30-Aug 3 - Acuna

### ***August***

7-12 - UAE

19 - Membership Class (9a-12p)

### ***September***

5 - First Day of Preschool

## **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

## ***Praying for our KidCity Campers***

Please pray for our adult sponsors, children and preteens who will be leaving for camp soon.



## ***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.

Mark your calendars! Here are our events for 2017

July 14-16: mother/daughter beach trip. Father/son camping trip.

August 11: Lock-In

October 13-15: D-Now

Contact Alex for more information.

# Praying for ACUNA

Mission Point in Acuna, Mexico

- Pray for Tom Nelson, Lily and Daniel Kim, Ben and Nathan Hurley, Uli Behrends, Nathan Loudin, Alex Sosler, and Chris Bourland as they go to Acuna July 30-August 4.
- Pray for guidance, wisdom, and peace as they prepare for the trip.
- Pray for safe travels to and from Acuna.
- Pray for strength and health as we minister to the people of Acuna.
- Pray that the Gospel is shared with clarity.
- Pray for the children of Acuna as the Gospel is shared and love of Jesus is shown to them.



## CHURCH PRAYER POINTS - JULY 2017



### **PRAY FOR THE CHURCH**

-Key Verse: Romans 15:1-2

We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up.

Pray that our church would be others focused.

### **PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERSHIP**

-Pray for Karl Grosz as he preaches during Sunday evening on July 9.

-Pray that God would bless us as we rest and sabbath together on Sundays.

-Pray for Jim Kilgo as he leads and manages auto mechanics.

-Pray for Leighann Hurley as she trains dogs and develops a business.

-Pray for a growing commitment to gathering together, especially during busy seasons.

### **PRAY FOR UPCOMING EVENTS**

-Pray for fruitful relationships developed at the Fourth of July Parade.

-Pray for the students' mother—daughter retreat on July 13-16.

-Pray for fruitful conversation and friendship at the Family Fun Night on July 21.

-Pray for the preparation of the mission trip and those going to the UAE.

### **PRAY FOR THE WORLD**

-Pray that we would increasingly grow to love our city and love our place.

-Pray for the Milwood neighborhood—that we would leave it better than when we found it.

-Pray for refugees across the globe who are rootless, often destitute, and lost—pray they would find home in Christ.

-Pray for churches to be places of civility and reconciliation between all types of ethnicities and races.