



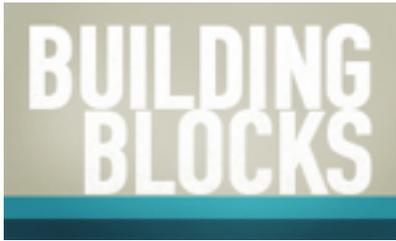
And Jesus said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.” - Matthew 22:37-40

What does it mean to love your neighbor? How is this a part of joyfully building up the body of Christ for the glory of God?

In 2016 we'll turn our attention to our neighbors. What does God's word say it will really be like to reach our neighbors? We've spent time focusing on our membership and discipleship. Now, how does the vine grow? We might find ourselves in great discomfort for the glory of God if we are going to follow a biblical vision of evangelism and hospitality. The whole law hangs on these two things: loving God and loving others. This series will surely challenge us and set our sails in the direction of reaching Austin with Christ.

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Quarter 1 2016 Blocks - Jan 3-March 27

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

ADULT BLOCKS

Shepherding a Child's Heart by Tedd Tripp

Fellowship Hall - led by Pastor Nathan

The Essentials of Effective Prayer

2nd Floor Conference Room - led by Brian Wallace

The Wondrous Grace of God

1st Floor Room 203 - led by John Hurley

YOUTH BLOCK (6th-12th grade)

Christian Theology, Part I

KIDS BLOCKS (0-5th grade)

Children Desiring God

Quarter 2 2016 Blocks will begin April 3. Watch the announcements for more information about the Blocks that will be offered.



We will be serving lasagna, bread and salad for lunch.
Please bring your favorite dessert to share!



BOOK HIGHLIGHT

Spurgeon's Sorrows

Realistic Hope for those who Suffer from Depression

by Zack Eswine

Christians should have the answers, shouldn't they? Depression affects many people both personally and through the ones we love. Depression is not new though, indeed the "Prince of Preachers" C.H. Spurgeon struggled with depression and talked openly about it. Here Zack Eswine draws from Spurgeon's experiences to encourage us. What Spurgeon found in his darkness can serve as a light in our own darkness. This is not a self-help guide, but rather "a handwritten note of one who wishes you well."

A copy of this book is available in book stall at the back of the sanctuary. Suggested donation of \$10.

*****CARE NEEDED FOR BRYANT FAMILY*****

The Bryant Family needs our help with transportation. They need a ride to and from church on Sunday mornings for Building Blocks and Worship and also to and from AWANA on Sunday evenings. **Louis needs help getting to and from work on a daily basis.** Please follow the link below to sign up on their care calendar. Thank you in advance for your help. It is greatly appreciated!

BRYANT FAMILY CARE CALENDAR: www.carecalendar.org

Calendar ID: 222311

Security Code: Jesus

READ NATHAN'S NEW BLOG

Why Do I Tithe and How Much?

It is a personal question. Why do you tithe and how much?

In a five year study by Christianity Today's sister group, Church Law and Tax, it was discovered, "only 10-25 percent of the families in the church tithe, but they often provide 50 to 80 percent of the funding." Where do you fall in that statistic? A couple questions every church member should ask themselves is how much should I tithe and why?

- Read the rest at: www.milwoodbaptist.com under the MEDIA tab.



Please join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship on March 6th for a come-and-go celebration of the marriage of

Joshua and Sarah Smith

This will be a great opportunity to meet with and congratulate the new couple over cake and light snacks.

Contact [Colette Loudin](#) for more information.



We will have our next Bundles of Hope Shower on Saturday, March 5 from 11am to 2pm at Milwood Baptist Church. We are honoring Sarah who is having a baby girl.

Contact [Janet Kilgo](#) for more information.



SIMEON TRUST WORKSHOP

A men's workshop where you will gain the necessary tools for preaching and teaching from the Minor Prophets focusing on Joel and Amos.

April 27-29

High Pointe Baptist Church



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

Awana happens on Sundays at 4pm. It's not too late to join. For more information please contact Tom Nelson (512.731.3184).

Missions Month

One of our goals this year is to reach at least 30 children worldwide through Awana Global Outreach. We are 70% of the way towards our goal. Check out our world map of progress on the second floor and read about how Awana is impacting kids with the gospel around the globe.

LIFE GROUP LEADERS MEETING

On March 20 at 6:30 PM, we'd like to catch up with LifeGroup leaders to recap our Discipleship weekend with Deepak. We'll discuss how we can implement discipleship into our lives and through our LifeGroup relationships.

MILWOOD EVENTS CALENDAR

March

- 13 - Church Family Meeting
- 20 - Lifegroup Leaders Meeting

APRIL

- 2 - Membership Class (9a-12p)
- 3 - Q2 Blocks Begin
- 27-29 - Simeon Trust Workshop

May

- 15 - Church Family Meeting
 - 27 - Family Fun Night
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Students 6th-12th grade are studying Isaiah. Come out Wednesday nights at 6:30 for food, fellowship and sharing God's message.

Contact Alex for more information.

December/January/February 2015

Prayer List

Building Up the Body

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit. (Ephesians 2:19-22)

Pray for increased Hospitality in our church body

- Pray for more ethnic and racial diversity to join us at Milwood
- Pray for more friendships with those who are different from you (race, age, income, lifestyle, etc)
- Spend time confessing if we have been unwelcoming to any guests or held any prejudices
- Pray that we increasingly see each other as united in the Gospel and not by worldly similarities
- Pray that we would show hospitality to one another and to our neighbors

Pray for the body to be built up through conversion and baptisms

Missions and Evangelism

"But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. (Luke 6.27-28)

Thank God for the Gospel conversations shared in LifeGroups and church family meetings

Pray for international students at the universities around us

Pray that we gain a broader and clearer understanding of the Gospel (Ephesians 1.15-23)

Pray for people that you have shared the Gospel with in the past and may have given up hope on.

Praise God for the gifts of \$10,000 to Acuna and Puerto Rico in the honor of Maxine Kendrick

Local and Global Events

- Pray for the refugees in Syria. Pray they would find safe refuge and that Christians will proclaim the Gospel to them.
- Pray that more families in different countries (and at Milwood) would be encouraged to adopt
- Pray for presidential candidates and the debates they engage in. Pray that God would make clear who will most wisely and faithfully lead our country.

Member Care

- Pray for expecting mothers and fathers in the church, for health and preparedness.
- Pray for those members who are unable to have children—that they would have faith in God and discernment about the future.
- Pray for our member care list and those who are distant or estranged from fellowship
- Pray for parents with young families to courageously and sacrificially train their children in the Word of the Lord
- Pray for engaged and young married couples to have strong, biblical marriages
- Continue to pray for diagnosis, treatment, and recovery for Lynelle Evans, Peter Nelson, and Larry Lindsey