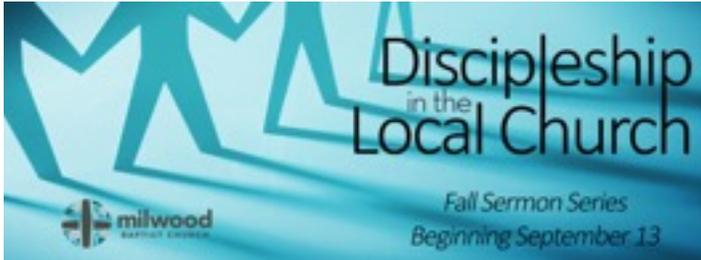




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MONTHLY REVIEW

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What does it look like to be part of a community where Christians build one another up into maturity—into “the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.” The goal of discipleship in the local church is that Christians would “no longer be children” (Eph 4:14). Paul said the church is joined and held together by every joint with

which it is equipped. That is the members of the church. And when each part is working properly, we build ourselves up to maturity in Christ in love. What does that type of community entail? We’ll discuss this over 7 weeks beginning in September!

Ephesians 4:15–16

¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

- Sept 13 Supernatural Unity
- Sept 20 Equipping the Saints for Discipleship
- Sept 27 Together in God's Word
- Oct 4 Honest and Personal Fellowship
- Oct 11 Together in Prayer
- Oct 18 [[Guest Preacher]]
- Oct 25 Gospel Partnership
- Nov 1 Showing Hospitality

LIFEGROUPS

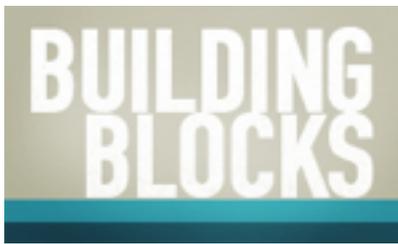
Lifegroup questions will be provided to the Lifegroup Leaders each week to discuss the sermon and its implication in the life of the church.

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Our core values are biblical community, global missions, sound doctrine and godly character. These values function as the lens through which we view and evaluate ourselves in efforts to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. They are rooted in the teaching and example of the New Testament church and its head, our Lord, Jesus Christ.



FALL 2015 Blocks
Sept 20-Dec 13

JOIN US SUNDAYS
AT 9:30am

- *Jesus and the Old Testament* Led by Brian Wallace - The Old Testament Scriptures spoke of Jesus, but many did not recognize and believe Him when He came. This Block focuses on Old Testament Scriptures that addressed Messiah's location, timing, character and activities and how Jesus was the fulfillment of these Scriptures.
 - *The Gospel and Sexual Ethics* Led by Pastors Nathan and Alex- How are Christians to think and live in an over-sexualized culture? This Block is to help clear through the cultural fog and understand the truth of God's word in a way that helps us live in holiness and love.
 - *How to Study the bible (Women's Group)* Led by Stephanie Lindsey - A Block specifically for women to give you the tools to open any passage in God's word, look at the facts of the passage, see attributes of God and most importantly apply the truths to our lives.
 - *Youth Block (6th-12th grade)* Led by Karl Grosz- We are starting a 4-year curriculum geared for students. We will look at the whole of God's Story in the Old Testament using a lot of Scripture and many discussion questions.
 - *Kids Blocks (infant-5th grade)*
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In addition to our usual fun time, this year's FALL FEST includes something extra special. We will be collecting donations for Operation Christmas Child. Join us for Milwood Baptist Church's annual FALL FEST and bring your donations to one of the drop boxes.

DONATE NOW!

Want to get started early? You can bring your donation NOW to the church and leave it in one of the drop boxes. Don't forget that it costs \$7 per box for shipping charges. Donations of money are also appreciated. We will pack boxes on **November 11**.

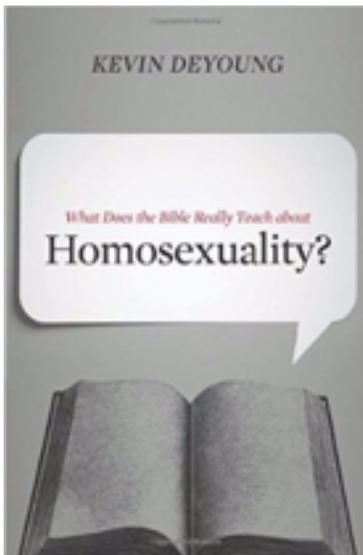
We are also collecting CANDY for FALL FEST. Bring your candy donation to the bin in the back of the sanctuary.



17 Reasons To Gather Your Children With The Church

by Nathan Loudin

I was saved listening to a regular sermon on a regular Sunday. I was in the second pew on the right at Sadler Baptist Church. I was seven years old. I'd heard the gospel plenty of times. But that day God touched my heart, and I was awakened to my need for Christ. My eyes were opened to see that God loved me and that Jesus died for me. I believed and trusted then and there. ... Read the full article on our website www.milwoodbaptist.com.



BOOK HIGHLIGHT

What Does the Bible Say About Homosexuality?

by Kevin DeYoung

This book is very approachable, humble, and clear. It is an insightful and objective view at the six passages that refer to homosexuality in the Bible. In our culture Christians would do well to have a good understanding of what the Bible says on this increasingly prevalent issue in our culture.

Pick up your copy at the Book Stall at the back of the sanctuary.



Continued Support for Izzy

We continue to invite the congregation to give generously throughout his college pursuit to support expenses such as books, supplies and monthly living expenses. All gifts will go to a designated fund here at Milwood under the care of the Elders. Izzy also has several job opportunities and is looking to see what will



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 has kicked off for another exciting year! It's not too late to join. For more information please contact Tom Nelson (512.731.3184).



FALL EVENTS CALENDAR

October

9-10 - Men's Retreat
31 - FALL FEST/Operation Christmas Child Collection

November

11 - Operation Christmas Child Pack/Thanksgiving Dinner
25-27 - Office Closed for Thanksgiving

December

5 - Membership Class
24 - Christmas Eve Service
23-25 - Office Closed for Christmas



Students are studying Isaiah. Come out Wednesday nights at 6:30 for food, fellowship and sharing God's message.

Contact Alex for more information.

July/August/September 2015

Prayer List

Please use this prayer list between now and our next church family meeting. This is for personal use and to guide Lifegroup gatherings.

Week 1 and 5: **Building Up the Body**

In your personal time and in your Lifegroup time extract prayers for the building up of the body of Christ from Psalm 1. How can we pray for the building up of the church through Psalm one? Are there individuals that we should be particularly thankful for in light of this verse? Those whom need our prayer?

Psalm 1

Week 2 and 6: **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

Pray for July 31 Family Fun Night

- That the community would come.
- That God will give us awareness, boldness, and opportunity for Gospel conversations.

Pray that we will **humbly love** those we disagree with and those who are different from us.

Pray for enemies of the gospel, that they would see our love and God's love for them and become proclaimers of the gospel.

Pray for opportunities for Gospel conversations and boldness to share the Gospel in our relationships.

Who has God laid on your heart to speak with?

Who are those around you who do not trust in Jesus?

Pray for the members who will serve our missions points. Thank God for them. Pray for this ministry and for the spread of the the gospel to the nations.

ACUNA. Tom Nelson, Brian Evans, Lynelle Evans, Steve Moore, Lilliana Guevarra, Daniel Kim
PUERTO RICO (Austin and Morgan Jones). Larry Lindsey

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES. Stephanie and Vance Acker, Colette Loudin, Lauren Sosler

Week 3 and 7: **Local and Global Events**

- SCOTUS Marriage decision.
- Pray for government officials and church leaders and members.
- Churches in the South whose buildings were recently burned.
- Pray for the community of Chattanooga following the killing of 4 soldiers.
- Pray for wisdom and conviction to follow God's will regarding abortion in light of the recent news about Planned Parenthood.
- As race has become a heated subject in America, pray for the gospel to save and unite across America so that Christ is all and in all (Col 3:11).
- Pray for teachers/administrators/students coming back to school
- As the city grows, pray that the church in Austin would be faithful to Gods Word and increase in faith and number.

Week 4 and 8: **Member Care**

- Pray for those members who are distant from fellowship at Milwood and for the member roll clarification beginning July 19th.
- Pray for the courage to speak the truth in love in order to build up the body of Christ into maturity.
- **Gwen Halterman** - Recovering from surgery well. Stood up a few hours after hip surgery.
- Pray for **expecting mothers** and fathers in the church, for health and preparedness.
- **LifeGroup leaders** and their fervency and commitment to love God and people.
- Our elders as they oversee the church and seek to lead the church in vision.
- **Izzy El-Ubaydy** as he goes to a Southwestern Seminary to pursue his undergraduate degree and then Seminary. Pray for godly influences and friends around him. Praise God for His provision.
- **Peter Nelson**. Kidneys have not grown since birth. Potentially a transplant or dialysis. Not observing and watching blood samples.
- **Nancy Moore**. Recently retired but unable to rest. Fighting sickness past two weeks.
- **Lynelle Evans**. Seeing next round of Dr's post cancer treatment.
- **Larry Lindsey** and his recovery. Praise God for a successful surgery. Larry's eyesight has not come back in his right eye. Otherwise, he is recovering well and pathology report said the tumor was benign.
- Member's whose spouses are not believers or do not attend Milwood.
 - **Marissa Edwards**
 - **Uli Behrends**
 - **Gwen Halterman**
 - **Darren Hampton**