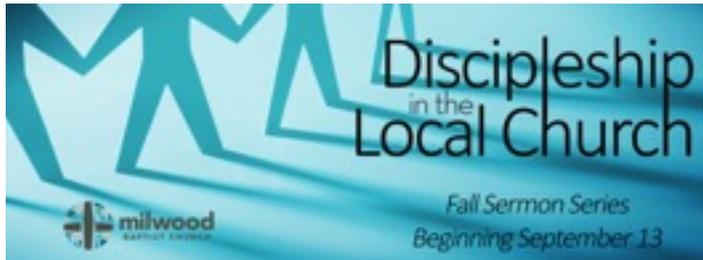




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MONTHLY REVIEW

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

LIFEGROUPS

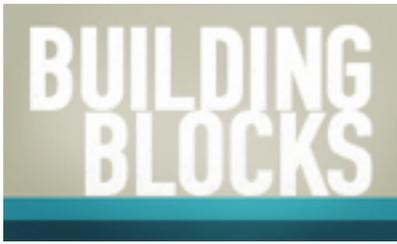
Lifegroup questions will be provided to the Lifegroup Leaders each week to discuss the sermon and its implication in the life of the church.

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Milwood Baptist
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
Begin September 20
Register on our
website NOW!

- *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 - Y 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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Men, what has God called us to in the local church? Maybe you've never asked yourself that question that way. But what is the biblical instruction for men in the church? How are we to conduct ourselves and are there particular ways in which we should contribute to the building up of the body of Christ? This retreat is a great opportunity to grow closer to other men as we all take inventory of our growth in Christ together.

Please Register by: **September 27**

COST: \$70

LOCATION: Highland Lakes Baptist Encampment, 5902 Pace Bend Rd N, Spicewood, TX 78669

See more information about the schedule and how to register at www.milwoodbaptist.com



Who Is Jesus?

By Greg Gilbert

“Here was a man who claimed to be a prophet , a savior, a king, even God himself—a man whose listeners would have been perfectly justified in chalking him as a lunatic or a charlatan if only he hadn’t kept on doing things to back those claims up!”

Greg does a masterful job of bringing some of the most complex and important truths about Jesus to the reader in an accessible way. Those who have never heard of Jesus, those who think they know Jesus, and those who do know Jesus will appreciate it greatly.

Who is Jesus? in Arabic

Our book highlight for the next several weeks will go towards 9Marks production of Who is Jesus? into Arabic. This will be produced in hardback (like here). More importantly, it will be produced in electronic form and able to be distributed more freely and discretely in Middle-Eastern contexts.

Goal: \$4,000

Consider:

- Buying 2, 3, or even 5 books to give to friends. Offer to read along with them and discuss it together over lunch.
- Contribute \$100 or more for your book to support the translation into Arabic.
- Consider using this book as LG material to help support the translation effort
- Consider making a generous contribution.

As always, anyone is free to take a book if they commit to read it. Online contributions can be accepted by going through our website at www.milwoodbaptist.com.



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).

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEEDS YOU

Our children's ministry needs to fill the following positions during the Building Block hour:

- One person to help teach in the Toddler room for the fall semester

Please contact [Holly Bourland](#) for more info or to volunteer.



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**