



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".

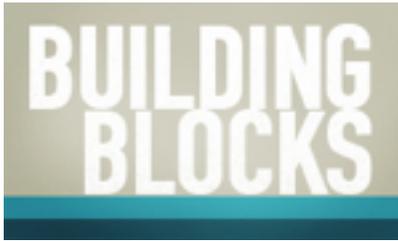
So it may come as a shock the way in which Hebrews speaks about Jesus—as if Jesus is really the only one option. He is higher than angels and more faithful than money. We can find rest in him and he never changes. His discipline is love and he never changes. The salvation he made on the cross is secure 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 2 2017 Blocks

April 2 - June 18

JOIN US SUNDAYS at 9:30am

ADULT BLOCKS

Ezekiel

Location: Fellowship Hall - Led by Nathan Loudin

Few books of the Bible seem scarier than Ezekiel — 48 chapters of weird and wonderful visions, bizarre street performances and blood-curdling judgments. Perhaps you've wondered what it's all about. This tour-like walk through Ezekiel offers a clear overview of all the main themes of Ezekiel's prophecy — God's glory, judgment, and hope — focusing on key passages that explain the surrounding chapters.

Biblical Counseling

Location: 2nd Floor Church Office - Led by Alex Sosler

What does it take for lasting change to take root in your life? If you've ever tried, failed, and wondered why, biblical counseling can help. This class explains the biblical pattern for change in a clear, practical way you can apply to the challenges of daily life and in the challenge of helping others.

Women's Block

Location: 2nd Floor Conference Rm - Led by Colette Loudin

Everywhere women face choices — home or career, money or relationships, 'secure' marriage or 'free' singleness, using your looks to get on or ignoring your looks and getting ignored, competing with the boys or retreating into the sisterhood ghetto, the 'progress' of feminism or the 'nostalgia' of motherhood and apple-pie, women bishops or tea-ladies and baby-sitters?

Our culture has plenty to say on all these issues. But a Christian woman, seeking to live for her Lord, will first of all want to find out God's design, purposes and promises for women.

YOUTH BLOCK (6th-12th grade)

Habits of Grace

Location 3rd Floor - Led by Lily Kim

No one drifts toward holiness. So what are the means of grace that God uses to shape and mold us into the image of His Son? Through reading, teaching, and practice, Habits of Grace is a workbook to help students grow toward Christlikeness.

KIDS BLOCKS (0-5th grade)

Children Desiring God



Easter Outreach Events

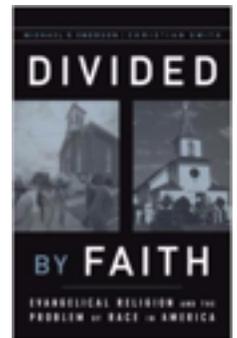
April 2 // Community Prayer Walk - 5pm
April 9 // Battery, Cookie and Card Handout -5pm Sign Up in the sanctuary
Each Member // Intentionally Invite four friends to Easter

Book Highlight

Divided By Faith: Evangelical Religion and the Problem of Race in America

By Michael O. Emerson

Through a nationwide telephone survey of 2,000 people and an additional 200 face-to-face interviews, Michael O. Emerson and Christian Smith probed the grassroots of white evangelical America. They found that despite recent efforts by the movement's leaders to address the problem of racial discrimination, evangelicals themselves seem to be preserving America's racial chasm. In fact, most white evangelicals see no systematic discrimination against blacks. But the authors contend that it is not active racism that prevents evangelicals from recognizing ongoing problems in American society. Instead, it is the evangelical movement's emphasis on individualism, free will, and personal relationships that makes invisible the pervasive injustice that perpetuates racial inequality. Most racial problems, the subjects told the authors, can be solved by the repentance and conversion of the sinful individuals at fault. Combining a substantial body of evidence with sophisticated analysis and interpretation, the authors throw sharp light on the oldest American dilemma. In the end, they conclude that despite the best intentions of evangelical leaders and some positive trends, real racial reconciliation remains far over the horizon.



It's time to register for the retreat! Sign-ups will run until May 1. Follow the link below. If you have any questions or will only be attending for the day, Saturday, please contact Colette Loudin directly. (c.loudin@outlook.com)

Compassion

Sponsorship is an effective way to make a difference in a child's life. You can sponsor a needy child through Compassion. A table in the back of the sanctuary has more information and packets for specific children who are waiting for sponsors. Or visit Compassion's web site at <https://www.compassion.com/> for more information.

Church Directory Photos



We will be taking family photos for our church directory after worship on April 23, 30 and May 7. Sign up for your time slot on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

Church directory photos are free. Printed photo packages will be available at 25% off. All profits from the printed packages will

RECYCLING AT MILWOOD

We are making an effort to reduce our monthly waste management costs and be better stewards of the environment. Look for this sign around Milwood. You will find it posted on recycle bins where you can place all of these items. For more details on specific items, click [HERE](#).



Support for Katie Lindsey – Mission to Greece

Katie Lindsey, the daughter of Stephanie and Larry Lindsey, will be serving alongside a church plant in Greece this summer. Josh LaRavia is planting a church there, sent from McKinney Memorial Baptist Church (Katie's church). Katie and her team will be in Greece for 7 weeks volunteering with refugees, doing evangelism with local college students, and teaching english. Katie is seeking to raise \$4200 by April 17th. We praise God for the part Milwood has played in Katie's spiritual growth and want to continue to support her now in reaching the nations! Prayerfully consider supporting Katie by making a tax deductible offering to Milwood marked "Katie to Greece".

Pastor's Blog Entry
"Cowardice and Calculations: Why We Don't Speak Up"

To read Pastor Nathan's blog entry visit our website and click in the Media tab.

Sunday Evenings at Milwood

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

April 2 - First Sunday Prayer Service (5pm) - Community Prayer Walk

April 9 - Service Sunday (5pm)

Serving our neighbors and passing out cookies. Sign up on the sheet at the back of the sanctuary to help out.

(more details to come)

APRIL

16 - *no meeting*

23 - Forum on Evangelism (5pm)

30 - *no meeting*

May

7 - First Sunday Prayer Service (5pm)

14 - *no meeting*

21 - Church Family Meal & Meeting (5pm)

28 - *no meeting*

MILWOOD EVENTS CALENDAR

APRIL

2&23 - FiT Kids (3:30pm) *note date change*

8 - Membership Class (9a-12p)

25-27 - Simeon Trust Workshop

MAY

7&21 - FiT Kids (3:30pm)

12-13 - Women's Retreat

17 - Tacos for Teachers at Summit

20 - Outreach Training

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

FiT Kids Sundays

Girls in 3rd-8th grade and Boys in 3rd-5th grade are meeting on the 1st and 3rd Sundays from 3:30-5:00pm. Join us for fun, fellowship and discovering God's Word.

3rd-5th grade girls & 6th-8th grade girls will meet separately and work through Elizabeth George's book, *A Girl's Guide to Discovering Her Bible*. Contact Tammy Wallace for questions.

3rd-5th grade boys will work through Jim George's book, *A Boy's Guide to Discovering His Bible*. Contact Darren Hampton for questions.

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

March 31-April 2: Hope and Justice Retreat

April 22: Paintball and Pampering

June 19-23: Austin Week

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.



NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD

Pray for:

- President Kevin Ezell: For wisdom from the Spirit and power in ministry
- Dying SBC churches: For faithful pastors who care for members and love the community
- "SEND cities: For church revitalization and for church planting efforts
- Their Adoption and Foster care ministry: That churches would love and care for the orphan and widow
- Their disaster relief ministry: That they would meet physical needs with tangible love
- Increased involvement for our church in caring for churches and pastors



CHURCH PRAYER POINTS - April 2017



PRAY FOR THE CHURCH

- Key Verse: Acts 4:31
- Pray that we would be filled with the Holy Spirit and speak the gospel with boldness
- Labor in prayer for gospel opportunities and conversations

PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERSHIP

- Pray that each member would be faithful to invite four others to Easter service.
- Pray for gospel conversations to be many during the Easter season, and that the Lord would be pleased to save some.
- Pray for the Nelson family and their perseverance in caring for Peter in this season of sickness.
- Pray for the continued

PRAY FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

- Pray for our prayer walk on April 2: That the Lord would hear our pleas and be pleased to break up hard soil for the gospel
- Pray for our outreach April 9: That people would be home and conversations would be full of joy and love.
- Pray for our Easter service: That we
- Pray for the women retreat May 12-13: That the power of prayer would be used by our women for great impact in the world and community.

PRAY FOR THE WORLD

- Pray that we would be more concerned with gospel truth than with political ideology
- Pray for Summit elementary and the teachers and administrators as they finish their school year
- Pray for Leslie Poole, our district council member, and her office as they seek to make our part of the city a better place to live
- Pray for Steve Adler, our mayor,

