



John writes, “so that you may know that you have eternal life” (1 John 5:13). Why? It is not necessarily because the church was doubting their salvation. Rather, among the real gospel in their community there were false gospels. The church was in danger of being assured in their own minds

while actually being deceived. For example, John says, “I am writing these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you” (1 John 2:26). He mentions deception two other times and two times in 2 John as well.

John writes about the true fellowship with God, who is truly in the light, what true love is, and how we truly know the Spirit of God. There is much more!

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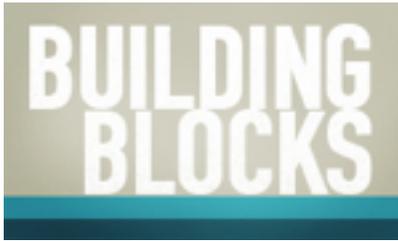
### Thanksgiving Dinner and Operation Christmas Child Pack

Thank You Milwood Baptist!

We sent 162 boxes and collected over \$860 towards shipping costs.

Read our responses to “What Are You Thankful For” in the latest Milwood Blog on our website.





## **NEW FORMAT BEGINNING IN 2016**

Building Blocks will be 13 week (quarterly) sessions offered year round. New block classes will begin each quarter for adults. Children and youth will follow their specific curriculum with teachers rotating each quarter. Watch for 2016 Quarter 1 Blocks sign ups coming soon!

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### **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)*



## ***2016 BUDGET SCHEDULE***

### **10/20 - Elder Budget Review**

After the Elders review the budget we'll be contacting the treasurer, ministry leaders, Deacons, and staff to discuss 2016 budget direction and needs.

### **11/10 - Elders Confirm Budget**

Elders will meet to confirm final budget changes and recommendations to church body.

### **11/22 - Budget Presented to Church**

The 2016 budget will be presented to the church body. This will not be in a meeting, rather handed out following the service.

### **12/6 - Q and A in Church Family Meeting**

There will be a Q and A during the Church Family Meeting on December 6 to clarify and communicate budget questions.

### **12/13 - Vote Following Service**

Following the service there will be a specially called business meeting specifically to vote on the 2016 budget.



### ***A Culture Of Discipleship***

One Day Seminar

January 30, 2016

Deepak Reju will help equip us to develop a culture of disciple making in the local church. Do not think of this as an end-all training for our leaders. But do consider this a very strategic opportunity to equip the saints to do the work of the ministry--building up the body of Christ to the fulness of the stature of Christ--and see a biblical vision for a culture of discipleship.

Location: Milwood Baptist Church

Time: 9am-3pm

Cost: \$30

Register By: January 8

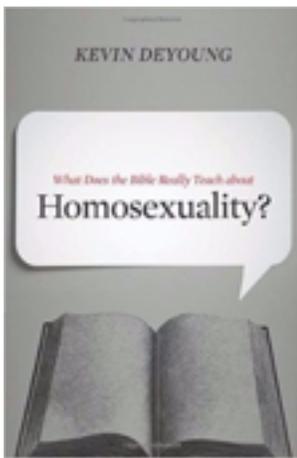
Visit [www.milwoodbaptist.com](http://www.milwoodbaptist.com) for more information and to register.

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We celebrated the baptism of Ben Sloma on November 22.

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### **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.

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### **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 best meet his needs and



## **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).



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## ***FALL/WINTER EVENTS CALENDAR***

Here is what you can look forward to at Milwood this fall & winter!

### ***December***

- 5 - Membership Class (9a-12p)
- 6 - Church Family Meeting
- 24 - Christmas Eve Service (5:30p)
- 23-25 - Office Closed for Christmas
- 31 - Office open until NOON

### ***January***

- 1 - Office Closed for New Year's
  - 10 - Men's Retreat (6:30p)
  - 30 - Discipleship Seminar (9am-3p)
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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.

JANUARY 10: Parent Meeting. We will share a meal and talk about the upcoming year in students, including summer plans. Mark that date and make plans to be there.

Contact Alex for more information.

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## 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.

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#### 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

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#### 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

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## 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.

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## 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**