



In our minds Christmas is an event that happens at the same time every year. Although, maybe we would say it is starting earlier and earlier each year. But we would also say that Christmas is an event which happened 2000+ years ago when Christ was born? We often struggle to connect our Christmas

each year with that Christmas 2000 years ago. But Christmas, so as much as it is about the birth of Christ, is actually part of the grand plan of God which is what brought together the fullness of time!

When Christ was born a time was fulfilled. Paul says it this way in Galatians, "When the fullness of time had come, God sent for his son, born of a woman..." (Gal 4:4). Likewise in Ephesians Paul speaks of Jesus saying that God, "Set forth Christ as a plan for the fulness of time" (Eph 1:10).

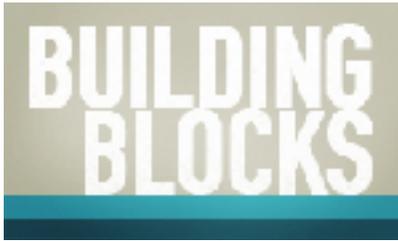
In Christ the purpose of time and all creation has come to earth. Christmas is not about an event each year. It is not only about an event 2000+ years ago. It is about birth of the one who binds together all other events in time — the mission of God to redeem his creation and a people.

Join us Sundays in December

- Nov 26 - The Plan Was Jesus All Along [Creation (Fall), Abraham, Moses, and Galatians 3]
- Dec 3 - Christ Will Come Like This (Prophets)
- Dec 10 - Christ is Born (Gospels)
- Dec 17 - Epistles and the Church
- Dec 24 - Come Again, Lord Jesus The close of the

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Quarter 4 2017 Blocks

October 1 - December 24

JOIN US SUNDAYS at 9:30am

ADULT BLOCKS

Daniel: Discovering What the Future Holds

Location: Fellowship Hall - Led by Brian Wallace

Daniel had understanding of dreams and visions from God. Mostly the book of Daniel is regarding these visions which were future for Daniel and some still future for us. For 12 weeks come... discover what the book of Daniel says, discover the dreams Daniel understood, and discover what the future holds for us today.

Church History

Location: 3rd Floor - Led by Alex Sosler

Those who don't know history are doomed to repeat it." For 13 weeks, we'll get a brief overview of people and events from the first century to today. Each week we will answer: what can we learn, what should we avoid, and how can history help reform us into the image of Christ?

Apologetics & Mission

Location: 2nd Floor Conference Room - Led by Nathan Loudin

This block will coincide with preaching schedule that is taking place in the fall — Culture in October and Missions in December. While Evangelism declares the truth of the gospel, apologetics defends the truth of the gospel. To that purpose apologetics takes both an offensive and a defensive position. When we talk about missions, we're talking about God's people accomplishing his plan of redemption all over the earth - salvation from among the nations.

YOUTH BLOCK (6th-12th grade)

Youth will attend the Church History Block on the 3rd Floor.

KIDS BLOCKS (0-5th grade)

Children Desiring God

Aimed to impart to children a vision of God, who He is, and who we are in relation to Him, and to establish them with a foundation of doctrine and truth.

New in the Bookstall

Joy Upon Joy
An Advent Devotional
By Charles Spurgeon



This advent devotional allows hassled Christians to daily redeem the busiest month of the year using seasonal reflections by the "Prince of Preachers," Charles Spurgeon. In the classic style of Spurgeon's *Morning and Evening*, each of the twenty-eight days contains a brief morning and evening devotional that begins with a Scripture and follows with a selection from Spurgeon's advent-themed sermons. This all-new compilation of Spurgeon's works includes space for journaling and reflection. Experience the delight of loving December once again, and prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth alongside Spurgeon's thought-provoking words.

St Stephen's Christmas Celebration - Dec 17th, 4:00pm

St Stephen's has cordially invited Milwood Baptist to join their Christmas celebration on December 17th. We're grateful for our growing relationship with our brothers and sisters in Christ down the street. How great to gather and celebrate Christ together?



December 21 - Neighborhood Caroling

Meet at the church at 6pm to carol through our neighborhood and invite our community to join us for our Christmas Eve service.

CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE

10:30am - Worship (no blocks)

5:00pm - Christmas Eve Service

Invite neighbors, friends, and family members to join us for a family-friendly, Christmas Eve candle light service.



We hope to host Pastoral Interns beginning in 2018. The purpose of the internship is to entrust the gospel to faithful men who are able to to teach others also ([2 Tim 2:2](#)). We aim to do this by exposing aspiring pastors to the regular rhythms of pastoral ministry while fine-tuning pastoral convictions. If you know someone who would be interested or has a ministry connection, spread the word.

Visit our website for more information.

RETURN ADOPTION CARDS

Please fill out and mail back the adoption cards that were sent to your home a couple weeks ago. We would like to have them before Christmas.

Sunday Evenings at Milwood

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

December 3 - First Sunday Prayer Service (5pm)

December 10 - Missionary Visit (5pm)

December 17 - *no meeting*

December 24 - Christmas Eve Service (5pm)

December 31 - *no meeting*

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

MILWOOD EVENTS CALENDAR

DECEMBER

2 - Ladies' Christmas Party (6:30-8:30pm)
3-8 - Operation Acuna
9 - Membership Class (9a-12p)
15 - Midtown/Uptown Party
21 - Neighborhood Caroling (6pm)
26-27 - Church Office Closed

JANUARY

6 - Baby Shower for Lauren Sosler

PASTOR'S BLOG



Read the latest entries on our Milwood Blog by Pastor Nathan. Go to milwoodbaptist.com/media

New Life Group Forming

New Life Group: Led by Bowmans at their home on Tuesday evening at 8 PM.
Contact the Bowmans (badlagger@gmail.com) 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.

Upcoming Events:

December 1 - Mainstreet Bethlehem

December 9 - Sweet Eats Fruit Farm

January 5 - New Years Party (*rescheduled from Dec. 15*)

Contact Alex for more information.



LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING®

- Pray for the International Mission Board and SBC missionaries around the globe.
- Thank God for Don and Jane Courtney and their ministry in Guatemala.
- Pray for abundant gifts to be spread across the world for God and His glory.
- Pray that many would trust Christ as Lord and Savior in places with little gospel witness.
- Pray for Kingdom impact in the global cities initiative (Dubai, Kuala Lumpur, Shanghai, London).
- Pray for David Platt and the leadership team to be good stewards of gospel resources.

*100% of donations from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offerings go directly to missionaries on the field

Member Prayer Card - December 2017

Joyfully Building up the Body of Christ for the Glory of God.

Prayer for the Church Body

- John 1:9-13
- Pray that there would be rooms in our hearts and lives to receive Christ in a fresh way this Advent season.

Upcoming Ministry

- Pray for the missions trip to Acuña December 3-8.
- Pray for Nathan Loudin, Brian Williams, and Lynelle Evans and the people they encounter in Mexican villages.
- Pray for caroling in the 'hood on December 21.
- Pray for gospel contact and impact.
- Pray for our Christmas Eve service and for those who will come who may not be in church.
- Pray for our hospitality and conversion.

Members

Stuart and Kristen Jordan: Thank God for the healthy birth of their baby girl Haddie.

Abby McReynolds: Pray for the safe arrival of their baby toward the end of the month.

Pray for the Christmas season: for hospitality to each other, our families, and neighbors.

Pray that we would be focused on Christ in this season and not the whims of consumer culture.

The World Around Us

- Pray for victims of sexual and physical abuse.
- Pray for leaders of integrity and character to lead our companies, institutions, and government.
- Pray for those who are spending holidays alone, away from family, or with strained relationships with family members.

