



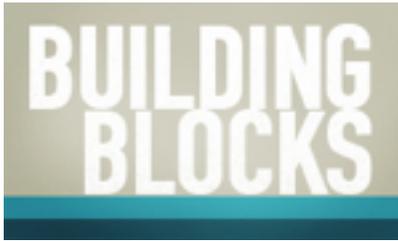
And Jesus said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.” -Matthew 22:37-40

What does it mean to love your neighbor? How is this a part of joyfully building up the body of Christ for the glory of God?

In 2016 we’ll turn our attention to our neighbors. What does God’s word say it will really be like to reach our neighbors? We’ve spent time focusing on our membership and discipleship. Now, how does the vine grow? We might find ourselves in great discomfort for the glory of God if we are going to follow a biblical vision of evangelism and hospitality. The whole law hangs on these two things: loving God and loving others. This series will surely challenge us and set our sails in the direction of reaching Austin with Christ.

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**Quarter 1 2016 Blocks - Jan 3-March 27**

**JOIN US SUNDAYS  
AT 9:30am**

ADULT BLOCKS

**Shepherding a Child's Heart by Tedd Tripp**

Fellowship Hall - led by Pastor Nathan

Parents, this is for you! How do we raise our children according to the gospel and principles laid out in God's word? Parenting isn't easy and we need all the help we can get! This is a video series coupled with a participant handbook which addresses the biblical model for shepherding our children. We'll have brief time for discussion each week following the video.

**The Essentials of Effective Prayer**

2nd Floor Conference Room - led by Brian Wallace

The Essentials of Effective Prayer Block will have you engaging directly with the Scriptures. In this compelling study, you will observe and discover what the Bible has to say about this important spiritual discipline. Come join with us to examine Biblical prayers and key principles from God's Word.

**The Wondrous Grace of God**

1st Floor Room 203 - led by John Hurley

This is a study of the book of Galatians. Are we saved by our works in keeping with the law or by the grace that comes to us in Jesus Christ? The answer might seem simple, but a study of Galatians will give you a deeper understanding and a greater affection for the grace of God.

YOUTH BLOCK (6th-12th grade)

**Christian Theology, Part I**

For the first quarter every year, the students will be studying theology in a systematic way. In an increasingly biblical illiterate society, it is of utmost importance for our students to know what the Bible says. This first quarter, Alex will be leading in teaching what the Bible teaches about God and about the Bible itself.

KIDS BLOCKS (0-5th grade)

**Children Desiring God**

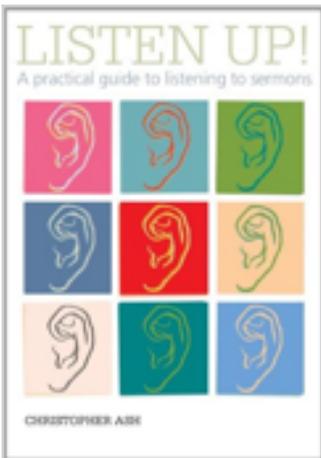
Aimed to impart to children a vision of God, who He is, and who we are in relation to Him, and to establish them with a foundation of doctrine and truth.

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On January 31 Deepak Reju preached at Milwood. He preached on "Dealing With Difficult Times" from 1 Kings 18:1-19. If you missed his sermon or would like to hear it again, go to our website and click on the MEDIA/BLOGS tab on the right of the home page.

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### **BOOK HIGHLIGHT**

"Consider carefully how you listen" - Luke 8:18

Why on earth does anyone need a guide on how to listen to sermons? Don't we simply need to "be there" and stay awake? Yet Jesus said: "Consider carefully how you listen". The fact is, much more is involved in truly listening to Bible teaching than just sitting and staring at the preacher.

Christopher Ash outlines seven ingredients for healthy listening. He then deals with how to respond to bad sermons--ones that are dull, or inadequate, or heretical. And finally, he challenges us with ideas for helping and encouraging our Bible teachers to give sermons what will really help us to grow as Christians.

A copy of this book is free to take from the book stall at the back of the sanctuary.

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The next membership class will be February 6 from 9am-noon at Milwood Baptist Church. Visit our website to learn more about membership and to sign up. Childcare is available upon request.

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## **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).



## **Missions Month**

February 14 is Missions Night - We Want More. One of our goals this year is to reach at least 30 children worldwide through Awana Global Outreach. We are 70% of the way towards our goal. Check out our world map of progress on the second floor and read about how Awana is impacting kids with the gospel around the globe.

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## **CARE NEEDED FOR BRYANT FAMILY**

The Bryant family needs help with rides on Sunday for Blocks/Worship and AWANA as well as rides daily to and from work. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated!

Contact Darren Hampton at (512) 586-8767 for instructions on how to access their Care Calendar to sign up.

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## **MILWOOD EVENTS CALENDAR**

Here is what you can look forward to at Milwood!

### **February**

6 - Membership Class (9a-12p)

### **March**

13 - Church Family Meeting

### **APRIL**

2 - Membership Class (9a-12p)

3 - Q2 Blocks Begin



Students 6th-12th grade are studying Isaiah. Come out Wednesday nights at 6:30 for food, fellowship and sharing God's message.

Contact Alex for more information.

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## December/January/February 2015

### Prayer List

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#### Building Up the Body

*So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit. (Ephesians 2:19-22)*

Pray for increased Hospitality in our church body

- Pray for more ethnic and racial diversity to join us at Milwood
- Pray for more friendships with those who are different from you (race, age, income, lifestyle, etc)
- Spend time confessing if we have been unwelcoming to any guests or held any prejudices
- Pray that we increasingly see each other as united in the Gospel and not by worldly similarities
- Pray that we would show hospitality to one another and to our neighbors

Pray for the body to be built up through conversion and baptisms

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#### 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)*

Thank God for the Gospel conversations shared in LifeGroups and church family meetings

Pray for international students at the universities around us

Pray that we gain a broader and clearer understanding of the Gospel (Ephesians 1.15-23)

Pray for people that you have shared the Gospel with in the past and may have given up hope on.

Praise God for the gifts of \$10,000 to Acuna and Puerto Rico in the honor of Maxine Kendrick

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## **Local and Global Events**

- Pray for the refugees in Syria. Pray they would find safe refuge and that Christians will proclaim the Gospel to them.
- Pray that more families in different countries (and at Milwood) would be encouraged to adopt
- Pray for presidential candidates and the debates they engage in. Pray that God would make clear who will most wisely and faithfully lead our country.

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## **Member Care**

- Pray for expecting mothers and fathers in the church, for health and preparedness.
- Pray for those members who are unable to have children—that they would have faith in God and discernment about the future.
- Pray for our member care list and those who are distant or estranged from fellowship
- Pray for parents with young families to courageously and sacrificially train their children in the Word of the Lord
- Pray for engaged and young married couples to have strong, biblical marriages
- Continue to pray for diagnosis, treatment, and recovery for Lynelle Evans, Peter Nelson, and Larry Lindsey