

The first of the year provides an opportune time to reflect on things that matter the most. Each year we will focus on something that is close to the heart of our church purpose which is to joyfully build up the body of Christ for the glory of God. We do that fundamentally by making disciples and maturing disciples.

Starting January 8th, 2017, we'll focus on discipleship. Specifically, we want to call the congregation to consider their discipleship plan. So we'll be asking you these sorts of questions:

- What is your discipleship plan for 2017?
- Who is God putting on your mind for 2017 as a discipleship relationship?
- What do the regular ministries of the church mean to my discipleship?
- Why shouldn't I start discipling someone right now?

Preaching and Lifegroup Guided Discussions

- January 8 - Marks of a Disciple
- January 15 - The Cost and Joy of Discipleship
- January 22 - A Kingdom of Kings and Priests
- January 29 - Family Discipleship
- February 5 - The Gospel of Hospitality

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Quarter 1 2017 Blocks

January 8 - March 26

JOIN US SUNDAYS at 9:30am

ADULT BLOCKS

Colossians

Location: Fellowship Hall - Led by Brian Wallace

Bring your color pens/pencils as we observe the Who, What, Where, When, Why & How of the book of Colossians. Discover for yourself of the structure, flow of thought, themes, applications and more found in this epistle.

Discipleship

Location: 1st Floor Rm 103 - Led by Pastor Nathan

If you have been a Christian for very long you have probably heard words like "disciple" and "discipling" used in a number of different contexts. But what is it and how do we do it? We'll spend these 13 weeks look at discipleship and how we can follow Christ in it, caring for one another's spiritual maturity.

Simeon Trust - James Chapter 1

Location: 2nd Floor Conference Rm - Led by Karl Grosz

This block is three things:

One, an introduction to the Simeon Trust interpretation principles which are fundamental and very helpful in understanding the Bible.

Two, an opportunity to grow in sharing God's word by hands on participation.

Three, a positive environment of peer review and encouragement.

This is great for growing in studying, understanding, applying, and sharing the word of God!

YOUTH BLOCK (6th-12th grade)

Theology 2

Location 3rd Floor - Led by Alex Sosler

Last year at this time, we learned about God. This year, we will learn about humanity: what does it mean to be made in God's image? How has sin affected us? What is our purpose of existing? All important questions for a maturing mind!

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.



***Valentine's Day Fundraiser
February 14 @ 6pm***

Here's the reality of Valentine's Day: more people out, more expensive and less food. So the students want to give you a date night at church! Child care, food and fellowship provided. Donations go to our summer trip. Four course dinner. Starts at 6.



***Men's Retreat - Joy in God!
Camp Buckner
March 3-4***

The theme this year is "Joy in God". We want to take time to enjoy God and refresh our vision of him. We want to use this time to rest as well.

Psalm 16:11 (ESV)

¹¹ You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Please fill out the online registration form in the weekly Enewsletter. If you have any questions, contact Nathan.

Price: \$75 includes lodging for one night and three meals.

STUDENTS

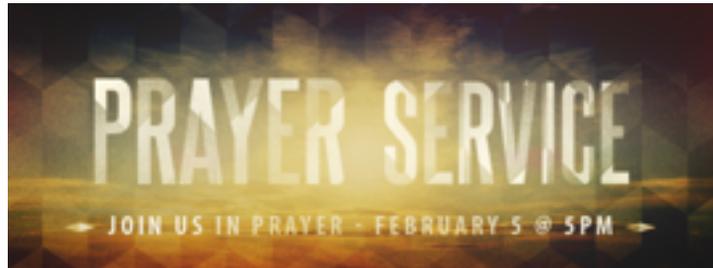


Wednesday nights at 6:30pm. We seek to build a firm, gospel-centered foundation for students in middle school and high school through formative practices and through study of God's Word. Contact Alex for more information.

NEW! Sunday Evenings at Milwood

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

FEBRUARY 5 -



We come together to take our burdens and the work of our mission to God.

Following the prayer service we will have a Super Bowl party! Bring your favorite snacks to share and comfortable chairs.

(more details to come)

FEBRUARY

12 - Men's Fellowship (5pm)

26 - Race Forum (5pm)

MARCH

5 - First Sunday Prayer Service (5pm)

12 - Women's Fellowship (5pm)

19 - St. Patrick Presentation (5pm)

26 - Church Family Meal & Meeting (5pm)

APRIL

2 - First Sunday Prayer Service (5pm)

9 - Easter Week Preview

16 - no meeting

23 - Forum on Evangelism

30 - 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

FiT Kids Sundays

Girls in 3rd-8th grade and Boys in 3rd-5th grade are meeting on the 1st and 3rd Sundays from 3:30-5:30pm. 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.

MILWOOD EVENTS CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

- 5 - FiT Kids (3:30p) *GIRLS ONLY THIS WEEK*
- 14 - Youth Valentine's Day Fundraiser (6pm)
- 18 - Membership Class (9a-12p)
- 19 - FiT Kids (3:30p)

MARCH

- 3-4 Men's Retreat (Camp Buckner)
- 11 - Deacon and Ministry Leader Training (9-11a)

APRIL

- 8 - Membership Class (9a-12p)
 - 25-27 - Simeon Trust Workshop
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MILWOOD PRESCHOOL

Milwood Preschool was started in 1989, so we are currently in our 27th year of business. We currently have 89 students, 17 teachers, and 2 administrators (Christy Bunce and Jill Moore).

Prayer Points:

- ~Gospel Conversations with teachers that are not believers
- ~Gospel conversations with Parents
- ~Biblical and spiritual foundations for the children
- ~Praise for the work that has been done in this Preschool and our church's neighborhood for 27 years. Parents call all the time wanting spots because they heard about how "loving and caring" Milwood is and how wonderful the teachers are. Parents definitely spread the word about Milwood Preschool to their friends and family.

CHURCH PRAYER POINTS - Feb. 2017



PRAY FOR THE CHURCH

- Key Verse: Corinthians 5:18-21
- Praise Christ for reconciling us to God and for becoming sin for us.
- Pray that we would be faithful in our ministry of reconciliation.
- Pray we would be agents of reconciliation with each other and in our communities.

PRAY FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

- Pray for the students as they serve the church and the community on Valentine's Day (Feb 14).
- Pray for our race forum on February 26 and that empathy and understanding would be shared.
- Pray for a time of rest and increasing joy in God during the Men's Retreat (March 3-4).

PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERSHIP

- Pray for discipleship to increase for our joy and for God's glory.
- Pray for LifeGroups as they seek to serve our city.
- Pray for those participating in STEPS—for transparency and healing (Janet and Jim Kilgo, Lauren and Alex Sosler, Nathan Loudin and Steve Dobbelstein).

PRAY FOR THE WORLD

- Pray that the church could be an avenue of civil, constructive dialogue in an age of anger and rage.
- Pray that the church would be rooted in truth in an age of fake news and deceit.
- Pray for the refugees around the world who are hurting and need help.
- Pray that we would be aware of the vulnerable and under-resourced population in Austin, and pray that we would meet the needs around us.