



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

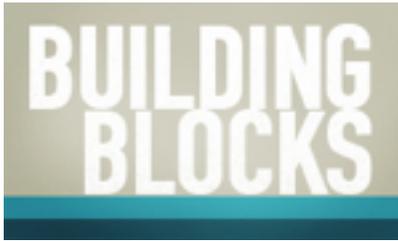
while actually being deceived. For example, John says, “I am writing these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you” (1 John 2:26). He mentions deception two other times and two times in 2 John as well.

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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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.

40 Minute Bible Study - Fasting and Prayer

2nd Floor Conference Room - led by Brian Wallace

This block is divided into two 6-week halves. The Essentials of Effective Prayer... and The Key Principles of Biblical Fasting. These compelling studies will have participants observing the text and discovering for themselves what the Bible has to say about these important spiritual disciplines.

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,

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION FOCUS

In January we want to encourage our members to reflect on their spiritual growth. We want to follow David's example in Psalm 139 and think on our spiritual walks. So here is what we, the Elders, are asking of the members of Milwood.

1. If you have not already, listen to the sermon on Psalm 139 from January 3, 2016. You can find that on our website.
2. Follow up with the blog on our website "How God Makes Our Grievous Ways Known."
3. Fill out this brief spiritual reflection form. This will be sent to the Elders and will be confidential among them. This is for you and for us. Be as detailed and personal as you are comfortable with. Most questions are not required to be answered. We really urge you to take time and prayerfully fill this out. You can find the form here [Spiritual Reflection Form](#).
4. This will culminate on January 24th when we'll gather for a special evening service to sing and share testimonies of how God has grown us and matured us. That will be at 6:30 following Awana and Daniel Kim will lead us in singing.

You will not likely want to do this all in one setting. It is recommended to do each part on different days. Let these sink in over time and pray about it several times.

May we continue to build one another up in love for our joy and God's glory!



A Culture Of Discipleship

One Day Seminar
January 30, 2016

Deepak Reju will help equip us to develop a culture of discipleship 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

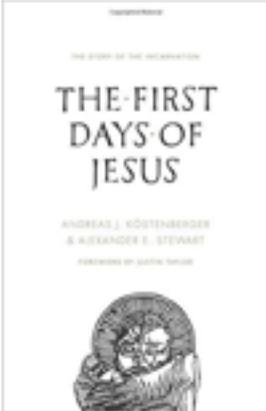
Cost: \$30

Register By: January 8

Visit www.milwoodbaptist.com for more information and to register.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Trae and Tiffany Cadenhead
Children: Ian & Neveah
AND
Louis and Brandi Bryant
Children: Nathaniel & Hannah



BOOK HIGHLIGHT

Aimed at stirring your affections for Jesus, this meditative book will lead you on a step-by-step journey through the Gospels' birth narratives, clearing away common misconceptions, making messianic connections, and setting the stage for Jesus's later life and ministry.

Pick up your copy at the Book Stall at the back of the sanctuary.

Pastor Nathan's Books for 2015

Read Pastor Nathan's 2015 Book Blog for reviews on many of the books he read in 2015.

<http://milwoodbaptist.com/milwood-blog/post/books-for-2016>

CARE NEEDED FOR BRYANT FAMILY

They need a ride to and from church on Sunday mornings for Building Blocks and the church service and also to and from AWANA on Sunday evenings. Thank you in advance for your help. It is greatly appreciated!

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

MEN'S NIGHT OUT

January 10 at 6:30pm join us for food, fellowship and prayer.

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.

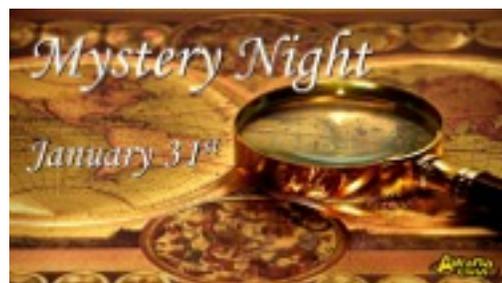
RECEIVING WEEKLY CHURCH NEWS?

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).



WINTER EVENTS CALENDAR

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

January

- 3 - Q1 Blocks Begin
- 10 - Men's Night Out (6:30p)
- 10 - Youth Parent Meeting
- 17 - Church Family Meeting
- 24 - Testimony Service (6:30p)
- 30 - Discipleship Seminar (9am-3p)

February

- 6 - Membership Class

March

- 13 - Church Family Meeting
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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.

December/January/February 2015

Prayer List

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

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

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.

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