



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.

Church Family Fellowship – Games and Snacks

This Sunday, bring your favorite games and snacks. 5:00pm. All ages welcome! Its a great way to spend time with both new people and old people in the church.

First Sunday Prayer Meetings - 5pm

The first Sunday of each month we will come together to take our burdens and the work of our mission to God.



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.

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-7th 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-7th 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

January

- 8 - Church Family Fellowship (5p)
- 15 - Joint Prayer Service with St. Stephens
- 15 - STEPS begins
- 15 - FiT Kids (3:30p)
- 22 - Church Family Meal & Meeting
- 28 - Deacon and Ministry Leader Training
- 29 - One-on-One Discipleship Training

FEBRUARY

- 4 - Lifegroup Leader Training
 - 5 - First Sunday Prayer Service (5p)
 - 5 - FiT Kids (3:30p)
 - 12 - Men's Fellowship
 - 14 - Youth Valentine's Day Fundraiser
 - 18 - Membership Class (9a-12p)
 - 19 - FiT Kids (3:30p)
 - 26 - Race Forum
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RANDY MOORE

- Pray for family joy, love and harmony in a busy season
- Pray for Randy—for faithful stewardship of the ministry entrusted to Him.
- Pray that God would encourage the Moores with the comfort of the love of Christ
- Pray for faithful preaching and teaching that leads to maturity
- Pray for a spirit of grace and hospitality in their gathering
- Pray that they would be faithful to share the gospel with their neighbors
- Pray that God would bear great fruit in their gospel ministry



CHURCH PRAYER POINTS - Jan. 2017



PRAY FOR THE CHURCH

- Key Verse: 2 Thessalonians 1.3
- Pray that we may be a thankful people, filled with joy
- Pray that our faith may grow abundantly for the glory of God
- Pray that our love for others increases for the glory of God

PRAY FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

- Pray for the sermon series on discipleship
- Pray for the LifeGroup Leader Training on January 28
- Pray for the whole year of 2017 and through the calendar
- Reflect and pray about 2016. Pray in anticipation of what God may do in 2017

PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERSHIP

- Pray for discipleship to occur in more families in the church
- Pray for our LifeGroup leaders
- Pray that we may be more bold and faithful in sharing the gospel
- Pray that we would see more conversions and baptisms in 2017

PRAY FOR THE WORLD

- Pray for peace in Aleppo
- Pray for dependent and vulnerable refugees as a result of terror and destruction
- Pray for single moms and the burdens they regularly bear
- Pray for the homeless population of Austin
- Pray for a smooth transition in the presidency
- Pray for students and teachers as they transition to second semester studies