

Make Him Known!

January Sermon Series

Our church purpose is simple: Joyfully Building Up the Body of Christ for the Glory of God. We build up the body by making and maturing disciples of Jesus.

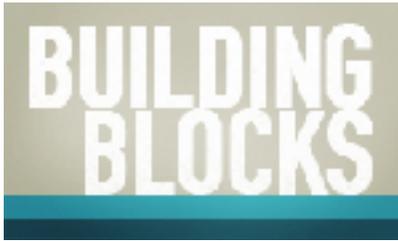
Each January we take time to look at some aspect of our purpose again. In 2018 we'll look at the building up the body by making disciples. The word most associated with this is "evangelism". But what are we saying? When Paul prays for help in evangelism in Ephesians 6:19 he uses the word *gnorizo*, which means, "to make known". Paul prays for boldness to make the gospel known.

Our purpose is proclaiming the gospel so that Christ is made known!

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Quarter 1 2018 Blocks

January 7 - March 25

JOIN US SUNDAYS at 9:30am

ADULT BLOCKS

The Lord's Prayer

Location: 1st Floor Fellowship Hall - Led by Steve Sivells & John Hurley

When the disciples asked Jesus how to pray, little did they know that they would be given a model for prayer that would be used for generations. Prayer is central to our fellowship with God, and our prayer life is directly affected by what we believe about God. In this series, Dr. R. Albert Mohler Jr. shows that the pattern of prayer Jesus provides is few in words, yet massive in meaning. His prayer reflects true theology and proper doxology—a perfect guide for our own lives.

Evangelism

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

One pastor has said, "We will not evangelize until we plan to stop not evangelizing." This Building Block is for equipping, encouraging and exhorting us to evangelism. Perhaps you have never given time or attention to this aspect of Christian faithfulness. Perhaps it has been some time and revisiting this would greatly help you. Perhaps there is someone else you would bring along and then have lunch each week to follow up personally. Join us for 12 weeks on the purposes and means of evangelism.

YOUTH BLOCK (6th-12th grade)

Christian Theology III

Location: 3rd Floor - Led by Alex Sosler

This quarter, students will discuss, learn, and apply the doctrine of Christ and the Holy Spirit. Questions like: Who is Christ? What is His nature? What did He come to do? What does salvation really mean? What does the Holy Spirit do for believers today?

KIDS BLOCKS (0-5th grade)

Children Desiring God Curriculum

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.

STEPS // Monday Nights, Beginning January 15th

We've now seen 9 of our members go through this ministry. This recovery-strength discipleship is for everyone. A 13-session discipleship program takes people to the root of sin and suffering in order to embrace the freedom found only in Christ's redemption. Potentially life-changing experiences are brought about by in-depth Bible study, thorough personal assessments, insightful teaching videos, and honest interactions with a group leader and mentor.

CHURCH FAMILY MEETING

Sunday, January 21 - 5pm

We are having a FISH FRY!

In order to plan enough food, please RSVP on the sheet at the back of the sanctuary or online through the link in our weekly email.

The cost will be \$5/person.



Men of the church are invited to camp at Garner State Park. There will be some time for intentional thinking and praying about following God in 2018 and plenty of time for hiking and resting. Contact Nathan for more information or to sign up.



VALENTINE'S DAY FUNDRAISER **February 14 @ 6pm**

Our second annual Valentines Day Dinner will be February 14 this year. Guys: Don't allow the Hallmark holiday to catch you by surprise. Go out to eat the day before or day after—food is cheaper, you get more, and less crowds. On Valentine's Day, allow the students to whisk you away for an evening in paradise. You won't want to miss it! Plus, any donation you give goes to our summer trip to DC/Baltimore.

Empower Conference - February 26-27

Our State Convention is hosting a conference on evangelism featuring preaching from JD Greear, Juan Sanchez, OS Hawkins, and more. More info can be found at sbtexas.com/empower/. Contact Nathan if you would like to attend.



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 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.

Sunday Evenings at Milwood

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

January 7 - First Sunday Prayer Service (5pm)

January 14 - More information coming soon!

January 21 - Church Family Meeting (5pm)...See information above

January 28 - More information coming soon!

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

JANUARY

6 - Baby Shower for Lauren Sosler
15 - STEPS begins
26-27 - Men's Camping Retreat

FEBRUARY

14 - Valentine's Day Fundraiser (6pm)
26-27 - Empower Conference



PASTOR'S BLOG

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



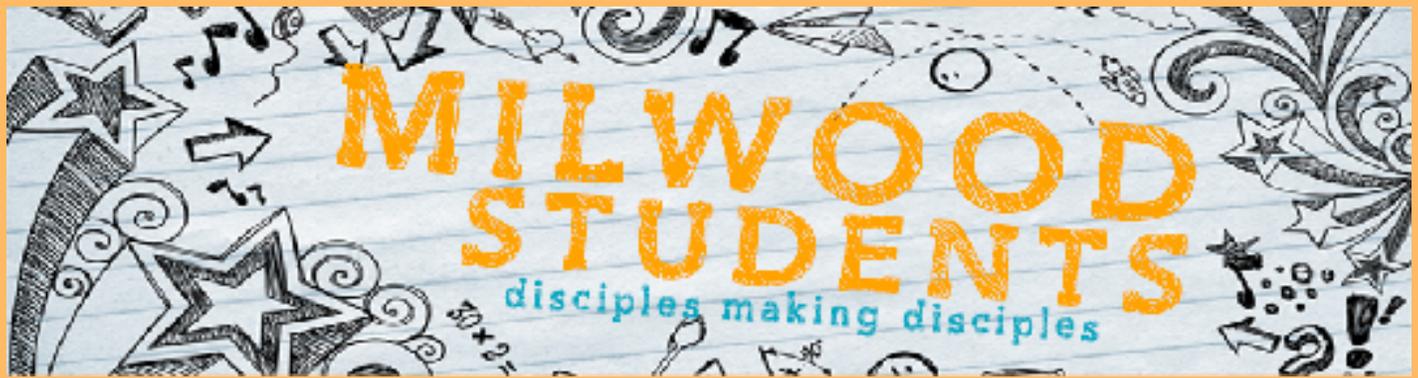
STUDENTS

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:

January 5 - Count Down to Christmas (355 Days!) Party, 6:30-9pm

Contact Alex for more information.



- Pray for students to trust in Christ every day and have life-long, sustaining faith
- Pray for parents and patience, wisdom, and love during this difficult season of parenting for many.
- Pray for parents to own their child's discipleship and spend time talking with them about life, Jesus, and faith.
- Pray for Wednesday nights: for students to be engaged, the gospel to be clear, and the Spirit to be present.
- Pray that students would be bold in sharing the gospel with their friends.
- Pray and consider if there's a student you can mentor and spend time with this year.

Member Prayer Card - January 2018

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

Prayer for the Church Body

- 2 Timothy 4:5 - As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.
- Pray that our church would "do the work of an evangelist" for the glory of God.
- Pray for boldness even when evangelism feels like work.
- Pray our evangelism would be the overflow of our love and joy in God and lives to receive Christ in a fresh way this Advent season.

Upcoming Ministry

- Pray through how you want to grow spiritually in 2018.
- Pray that discipleship would be revived and sustained in the homes of families this year.
- Pray for organic hospitality, and pray through how often and who you want to invite into your home this year.
- Pray that many would come to faith and be baptized in our church this year.

Members

Daniel and Abby McReynolds: Join us in praising God for the birth of a new baby girl.

Vance and Stephanie Acker: Pray as they follow God's call as they train to be foster parents.

Louis Bryant: Praise God as we rejoice in his new job!

Pray for shut-ins: Carleen Watson, Frieda May, and Elvira Garcia

The World Around Us

- Pray for the protests in Iran: For peace and for freedom.
- Pray for the conflicts in Israel: That the church would care for all peoples in the midst of chaos.
- Pray for character, wisdom, and unity in the white house and for Donald Trump.
- Pray for mayor Steve Adler and just laws to be established in our city.

