



The purpose of Christ's church is to joyfully build up the body of Christ for the glory of God. Have you given much thought to the first word, "joyfully"? How important is that in part of our purpose? What is the thinking, living, and fellowship that will lead to abundance and overflowing joy?

We'll see that joy is at the center of the church's faith and fellowship. It is a major theme that is an effect of the gospel of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. The Christian who abides in Christ is marked by joy. Sometimes joy is absent because of sin and lack of repentance. Sometimes joy is hidden by sadness and depression. Sometimes joy is missed because we are not living obediently in the way of joyfully building up. We'll spend several weeks looking at the many joys of the Christian that make up building up the body of Christ for God's glory.

Series Verse:

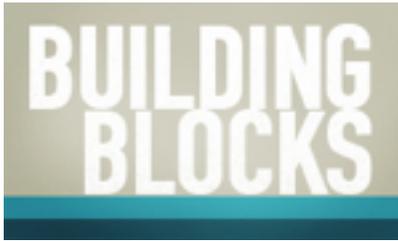
Romans 15:13 — May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Sermons:

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| Joy From God | The Joy of Discipleship |
| The Joy of Being Together | Joy in Affliction and Depression |
| The Joy of Giving | Joy in Persecution |
| The Joy of Leadership | The Joy of Missions |

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Quarter 3 2016 Blocks - July 3-September 18

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

ADULT BLOCKS

Christian Theology

Location: 2nd Floor Conf. Rm - Led by Pastors Nathan and Alex

This block we will seek to arrange the whole of Biblical teaching into logical, topical divisions. This, then, allows for the formulation of doctrine and helps us to construct an overall view of the nature of God, as He has revealed Himself in Scripture, and the manner in which He interacts with His creation.

Jesus in the Old Testament

Location: Fellowship Hall - Led by Brian Wallace

Jesus repeatedly communicated that the Old Testament Scriptures spoke about Himself [Lk 24:27, Jn 5:39, Jn 5:46-47]. If you desire to understand more clearly how Jesus could make such statements, consider attending the "Jesus in the Old Testament" building block. This engaging and enlightening block will look at MANY Old Testament texts. See [website](#) or email [briantds@gmail.com] for more information.

Philippians

Location: 1st Floor Rm 103 - Led by Steve Sivells

The book of Philippians challenges Christians to remember their true identity as citizens of God's kingdom, especially when faced with difficult circumstances and painful trials. Helping us grasp the apostle Paul's gospel-centered exhortation to endurance, this guide explains the biblical text with clarity and passion - encouraging us to joyfully imitate Christ in the midst of hardship.

YOUTH BLOCK (6th-12th grade)

How to Study the Bible

Location 3rd Floor - Led by Stephanie Lindsey

One of the main regular means of grace in the Christian life is reading the Bible. In the Word of God is truth, direction, wisdom, and righteousness. It is of utmost importance for our students to know how to mine for the treasures within.

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.

LADIES' SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

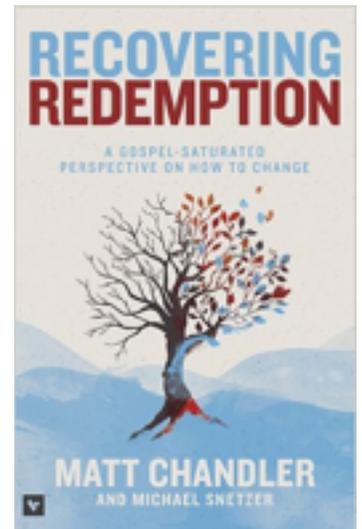
We meet every **Wednesday at 6:30pm** throughout the summer at the church. We are studying James and Ephesians.

BOOK HIGHLIGHT

Recovering Redemption

A Gospel-Saturated Perspective on how to Change
by Matt Chandler

Recovering Redemption, written with a pastor's bold intensity and a counselor's discerning insight takes you deeply inside yourself, discovering that the heart of all our problems is truly the problem of our hearts. But because of what God has done, and because of what God can do, the most confident, contented person you know could actually be *you*—redeemed through Jesus Christ.



This book is connected to the August 26th-27th STEPS Intensive. See the easel display in the sanctuary for more information.

Pick up a copy from the book stall at the back of the sanctuary. Suggested Donation \$10.



Join us immediately following worship. Lunch will be sandwiches from Subway.

Please bring \$5/person for lunch.

NEW MINISTRY AT MILWOOD

As we continue to turn this year from a more inward focus (membership, leadership structure, etc) to outward growth and discipleship, we want you to be aware of new ministries. At the Church Family Meeting we brought new ministry opportunities to the church that we want to make sure you are aware of.

Come to Denton for Recovery Ministry Intensive // August 26-27

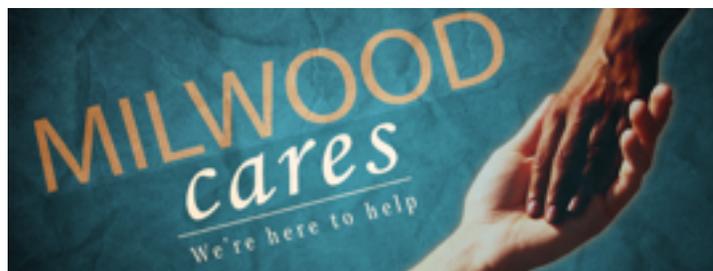
In August we'll take a group to Denton to attend a Steps Study Intensive. This is a Friday night and Saturday intensive look at their Steps Study which seeks to help individuals recover from sin struggles through redemption of the gospel of Christ. We are attending this intensive to investigate how this ministry could be used at Milwood for our members and the community around us.

If you are able to help or interested please contact Nathan at nathan@milwoodbaptist.com.

MINISTRY LEADERS MEETING

Sunday, July 10 @ 5:00pm

There will be a meeting of all Ministry Leaders on *Sunday, July 10 at 5pm* here at Milwood Baptist Church. If you have any questions, please contact Nathan.



Several Milwood Baptist families are currently in need of our care. Please visit the care calendars below to see what needs you are able to meet at this time. Below is the address to the website and the codes to access each calendar and sign up.

website: carecalendar.org

[Bryant - Transportation Needs](#) ID: 222311 / Code: Jesus

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 during the school year.

May 1 was our last club night. We will start up again in the Fall.

For more information please contact Tom Nelson (512.731.3184).

MILWOOD EVENTS CALENDAR

JULY

- 10 - Ministry Leaders Meeting (5p)
- 17 - Church Family Meeting
- 23 - Bowman Baby Shower (10a)

AUGUST

- 6 - Membership Class (9a-12p)
- 12 - Family Fun Night (6p)
- 26-27 - Recovery Ministry Intensive

SEPTEMBER

- 4 - Church Family Meeting
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STUDENTS

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.

Prayer List - March/April/May 2016

Building Up the Body

But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine. Older men are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness. Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled. Likewise, urge the younger men to be self-controlled.

—Titus 2.1-6

Pray for increased desire for intentional and personal discipleship relationships

Pray for increased awareness of needs in our community

Pray for diversity at Milwood that reflects the unity of the Gospel

Pray for the preaching ministry

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

Missions and Evangelism

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

—2 Corinthians 5.17-19

Pray for neighbors by name

Pray for fruitful conversations about the Gospel when inviting neighbors over

Pray for Ben Wright in his church plant in Cedar Park (Cedar Pointe Baptist Church)

- For continual reminders to depend on the power of the Spirit.
- For growth in boldness to spread the gospel.
- For building relationships with the people they've met prayer-walking our neighborhood
- That God would protect them from sin, particularly their elders, and that he'd raise up more qualified and gifted elders.

Local and Global Events

- Pray for presidential election and the candidates
- Pray for the Supreme Court nomination
- Pray for safety and wisdom for police officers
- Pray for the “Together for the Gospel” conference in April (National Pastors conference in Louisville)
- Pray for the Supreme Court currently hearing the Texas Abortion case regarding the safety and regulation.

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 that members would seek out adoption and foster care to care for the orphan and widow.
- Pray for the preparation and faithfulness of Andrew and Allison Sloma to be wed in April.
- Pray for Elvira Garcia who has recently moved into her son’s home. Any cards or visiting would go a long way: 11501 Santa Cruz Dr, Austin, TX 78759
- Thank God for increased discipleship relationships in the church
- Thank God for members receiving reproof and correction with humility
- Pray for the spirit of unity and the bond of peace