

He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. -Hebrews 1:3a

If you haven't already, you'll face moments when you wonder if Jesus is really worth your life. Or maybe you've never seen Jesus as worth much at all.

Is the man named Jesus really someone

to behold and someone to hold on to? Should we put our faith in him?

Our lives in the west are all about choice. We keep our options open. We demand the right to have a choice about everything. We'll say "yes" knowing we might stumble upon a better choice with the option to choose it later. As one pastor has said, "too many of us worship at the altar of the god of options".

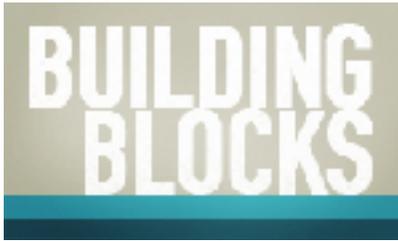
So it may come as a shock the way in which Hebrews speaks about Jesus—as if Jesus is really the only one option. He is higher than angels and more faithful than money. We can find rest in him and he never changes. His discipline is love and he never changes. The salvation he made on the cross is secure in Heaven. He is the very imprint of the nature of God and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

Simply, Jesus is the better choice. He is our only hope for eternal life, he is the the anchor of our souls, and he is the eternal savior.

Have you forgotten the supremacy and worth of Jesus? Would you consider him? Join us on Sundays.

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Quarter 3 2017 Blocks

July 2 - September 24

JOIN US SUNDAYS at 9:30am

ADULT BLOCKS

Romans

Location: Fellowship Hall - Led by Nathan Loudin

The book of Romans was Paul's greatest literary achievement, a majestic letter in which the apostle explores crucial doctrines such as original sin, election, substitutionary atonement, the role of the law, and justification by faith alone. This book, like few others, truly plumbs the theological depths of the gospel of God in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Christ, Culture and Your Neighborhood

Location: 2nd Floor Conference Room - Led by Alex Sosler

How are we to think about the city of Austin? Do we keep it weird? How do we have meaningful conversation with our neighbors? How can we connect with people in our workplace that seem so different? This building block gives us some categories and ideas of how we can grow in loving our neighbors and glorifying God.

YOUTH BLOCK (6th-12th grade)

Evangelism

Location 3rd Floor - Led by Karl Grosz

Central to our identity as evangelicals is the "evangel" or messenger. We have good news (the gospel) to share. In this class, students will learn what makes this news good and how to share this good news with others.

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 will meet every Thursday this summer from 7-8:30 PM at Stephanie Lindsey's home, 5900 Sierra Grande Dr., Austin, TX 78759.

We will be studying Women of Faith in the Old Testament by Mary Davis.

Contact Stephanie Lindsey for questions.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Greg & Sheila Shrewsbury

Sheila and Greg have three children, Kiera Nohe (5), Michael (18) and Austen (22).

Sheila is from the Philippines where she attended Dole Philippines School and University of the Philippines at Los Banos. She currently works as a Quality Engineering Manager. She enjoys spending time with family. Sheila comes to us from New Life Church.

Greg is from Radford, Virginia where he attended Bluefield high School, Bluefield College and West Virginia Wesleyan College. He works in Human Resources. Greg enjoys spending time with family, following politics and writing. When he lived in WV he completed HR work for a pro-life center. Greg comes to us from Second Baptist Church in Houston, Texas. Sheila and Greg live in the Brushy creek Area.

Marichu Beriones

(picture coming soon!)

Marichu is married to Jeffrey Beriones and has three children, Kaye Hatakeyama (30), Anna Hatakeyama (25) and Reina Hatakeyama (15). She was born in Caloocan City, Philippines. Marichu attended Philippines Women's University. She works as an assistant business office manager and lives in Wells Branch Parkway. Marichu enjoys listening to sermon messages on YouTube, visiting with friends, watching movies with friends and going to the gym. She comes to us from Eternal Faith Baptist Church in Manor, Texas.



DATE NIGHT - Friday, August 18!

The students (and a few parents) want to give you a date night! Have a last special summer night out with your significant other. In efforts to help raise funds for the church building for Immanuel Pakistan, all proceeds will go to Summar. We'll be at the church from 6 PM-8 PM. Help us help you and help Summar! For questions contact Alex.

New in the Bookstall

Why Trust the Bible?

By Greg Gilbert

The Bible stands at the heart of the Christian faith. But this leads to an inescapable question: why should we trust the Bible? Written to help non-Christians, longtime Christians, and everyone in between better understand why God's Word is reliable, this short book explores the historical and theological arguments that have helped lead millions of believers through the centuries to trust the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation. Written by pastor Greg Gilbert, author of the popular books *What Is the Gospel?* and *Who Is Jesus?*, this volume will help Christians articulate why they trust the Bible when it comes to who God is, who we are, and how we're supposed to live.



Sunday Evenings at Milwood

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

August 6 - First Sunday Prayer Service (5pm)

Childcare provided

August 13 - Church Family Fellowship (5pm)

August 20 - Women's Fellowship (5pm)

August 27 - 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

Praying for UAE Travelers

Pastors Nathan & Alex, Lauren Sosler and Janet Kilgo

MILWOOD EVENTS CALENDAR

August

7-12 - UAE

19 - Membership Class (9a-12p)

September

5 - First Day of Preschool

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.

Mark your calendars! Here are our events for 2017

August 11: Lock-In

October 13-15: D-Now

Contact Alex for more information.



SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION SEMINARIES

The seminaries that we support through the cooperative program are:

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky (1859);
The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas (1908);
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in New Orleans, Louisiana (1917);
Gateway Seminary of the Southern Baptist Convention in Ontario, California (1944);
The Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina (1951);
Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri (1957).

Pray that their efforts to educate and train ministers of the gospel would bear fruit throughout the entire world.

CHURCH PRAYER POINTS - August 2017



PRAY FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

- Pray for the missions trip to serve Katie and Steve Jennings in the UAE.
- Pray for the team members: Nathan Loudin, Alex Sosler, Lauren Sosler, and Janet Kilgo.
- Pray for students as they seek to serve the church through offering a date night on August 18.

PRAY FOR THE WORLD

- Pray for Summar Shakeel in Pakistan as he is under pressure from the government to build a church building.
- Pray for Summit Elementary school—their teachers, staff, and administrators as they seek to love and educate students.
- Pray for the Emirate people in the UAE--that they would turn from the false god of Islam to the true God, Jesus Christ.

PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERSHIP

- Pray for families who are transitioning back to the routine of school.
- Pray for students: that they would use their influence to witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for parents that they would use relationships to love others and steward the gospel.
- Pray in anticipation for our focus on adoption and foster care in September--that our souls would be ready to hear from God and obey whatever He leads us in.
- Pray that God would bear fruit in our gospel conversations and that the lost would be saved.

PRAY FOR THE CHURCH

- Key Verse: Romans 13.8-10
- Pray that the only thing we would owe one another is love.
- Pray that we would seek ways to serve our neighbor.