

This is the book in the Bible that begins, "Vanity of Vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity" (Ecc 1:2). Doesn't that just make you feel chipper. One pastor said of this book, "Sounds like Solomon needs a hug."

Martin Luther said of Ecclesiastes, "We should read this noble little book every day, precisely because it so firmly rejects sentimental religiosity!" In other words, this book can yank us out of a religious daze.

It is perfectly relevant to us. It speaks to finding satisfaction in knowledge, wealth, pleasure, work, fame and sex. It is not enough to say that we are living in a *culture* that seeks to find meaning in these things. Do we not often find ourselves facing the emptiness of these things in the world?

Ever feel like you are chasing the wind? Ecclesiastes is your friend. Those struggling with purpose and meaning will read Ecclesiastes and say, "He gets it! He feels what I feel!"

The book distinguishes between vain pursuits and meaningful living with a stinging clarity. It does not affirm or justify cynicism, skepticism, or fatalism. It doesn't say life is meaningless. It reveals what is meaningless and vain pursuits in life. It is often convicting and it is insightful all the way through. It reveals vain pursuits and presents a life that matters.

Pray. Read. Listen.

May God build up the body of Christ as we get into this book of the Bible to see "Joy, Sorrow, Vanity, and What Really Matters in Life".

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Sundays at 9:30am

Adult Blocks Offered

- Baptist Faith and Message
 - Survey the Book of Matthew (continued)
- Youth (6th-12th) will attend one of the Adult Blocks

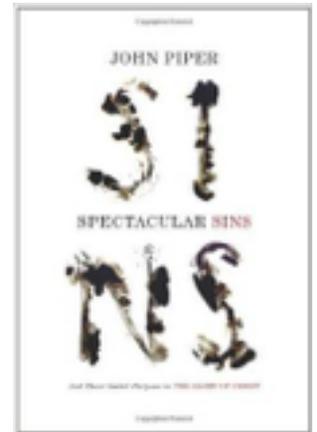
Kids Blocks offered for Downtown (0-PreK) and Midtown/Uptown combined (K-5th)

MAY RECOMMENDED READING

Spectacular Sins:

And Their Global Purpose in The Glory of Christ
by John Piper

What a weird title. Sin as spectacular? Is this a Christian book? Well, in short, yes. John Piper calls us to behold the mightiness and strength of God over everything—even sin, even natural disaster. Everything serves the good purpose of God. Available in the book stall.



Read the latest entry in our Milwood Blog by Pastor Alex Sosler..

Deep Relationships. How?

I started off my last blog about my closest friends and how we love being around each other and laugh together until the cows come home. (That's a Texas expression, right?) But is that the standard of deep relationships? Once we've laughed together all night with someone, have we made it? Is that how we measure community and relationships?

Read the rest on our website at www.milwoodbaptist.com under the MEDIA tab.



Help us tell Janet's BOH Story!

Deidox Films is a non-profit film production company that is looking to produce a short documentary film about Janet Kilgo and Bundles of Hope. Deidox creates high-quality content for over 500 pastors and ministry leaders, reaching over 60,000 people in churches across the country. Our desire is to use Janet's faithfulness to God's calling in her life to encourage others to find ways to live out their faith in the gospel.

We are looking to raise funds to cover the costs of initial production materials and crew. If you are interested in helping support this film, please contact Michael Davenport michael@deidox.com for more information on how to give. You can also find more general information at deidoxfilms.org. (Deidox Films is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit ministry, so all donations are tax-deductible)



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If you have not been receiving your emails from our CCB database then they could be going to your junk folder.

Please follow these instructions to set up your email software to accept all the emails coming from CCB:

[CCB INSTRUCTIONS](#)

Also, check your junk email folder to see if you have missed any important emails. If you have any questions, please contact

Tracy@milwoodbaptist.com



Our church family meeting was held on May 17. If you were unable to attend the meeting, please check your email for important information and dates coming up or pick up a packet at the back of the church. See one of the elders if you have any questions.

Thank you from the Uptown kids! The lunch/fundraiser at the meeting was a huge success in earning funds to help pay for summer camp.



Awana will resume in the Fall. Have a great summer!

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEEDS YOU

Our children's ministry needs to fill the following positions during the Building Block hour:

- One person to help teach in the Toddler room for the month of August
- Two people to teach in the Toddler room for the Fall semester (Sept. 20- Dec. 13)
- One person to help in the Preschool room for the Fall semester (Sept. 20- Dec. 13)

Please contact [Holly Bourland](#) for more info or to volunteer.

CHANGES TO KIDS BLOCKS & KIDCITY FOR THE SUMMER

Midtown (K-1st grade) WILL NOT MEET during extended session. There will be activity packets for children on the back table of the sanctuary.

Midtown (K-1st) and Uptown (2nd-5th) will be combined for the Kids Blocks hour at 9:30am.

Please contact [Holly Bourland](#) if you have any questions.



Students are studying 1 Thessalonians. Come out Wednesday nights at 6:30 for food, fellowship and sharing God's message.

Prayer List For May/June 2015

Building Up the Body

"In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit." Eph 2:22

- Pray for the body to continue to build itself up in love through increased awareness and concern for each other's spiritual well being (Eph 4:16)
- Pray that we would know God's presence and see his beauty (Psalm 27:4).
- Pray that we bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit. (Gal 5)
- Pray for boldness in God to declare the gospel in order to make disciples (1 Thess 2:2).
- Thank God for gospel conversations and pray for future providences to share the gospel.

Missions

"So that you also may know how I am and what I am doing, Tychicus the beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord will tell you everything." Eph 6:21

- Pray for the members who will serve our missions points. Thank God for them. Pray for this ministry and for the spread of the the gospel to the nations.

ACUNA. Tom Nelson, Brian Evans, Lynelle Evans, Steve Moore, Lilliana Guevara, Daniel Kim
PUERTO RICO (Austin and Morgan Jones). Larry Lindsey

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES. Stephanie and Vance Acker, Colette Loudin, Lauren Sosler

Local and Global Events

- SCOTUS Marriage decision. Pray for clarity in Christ's church regarding these difficult issues. Pray for wisdom and conviction for our nation's leaders.
- Pay for the justice and salvation of ISIS. Pray that God is glorified through his persecuted church and that the church would remain compassionate and faithful through hardship.
- As race has become a heated subject in America, pray for the gospel to save and unite across America so that Christ is all and in all (Col 3:11).
- Nepal. Pray for those suffering. Pray for the salvation of Nepal and that in God's providence the earthquakes would be an opening for the gospel. That some good would come from the tragedy.
- Pray for local school teachers and administrators. Pray for students going through end of the year testing.

Member Care

- Lilly and Daniel - Pray for them as they prepare to be married in July.
- Gwen Halterman - Will need surgery in coming months.
- Pray for expecting mothers and fathers in the church, for health and preparedness.
- Pray for Bundles of hope. Pray for salvation and for those ladies to be welcomed in the church.
- Thank God for Micheal and the worship team. Pray that the Spirit of God encourages them as they lead us in worship.
- Thank God for new discipleship relationships in the church! Pray those grow and multiply.
- Pray for member's whose spouses are not believers or do not attend Milwood.