



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:**

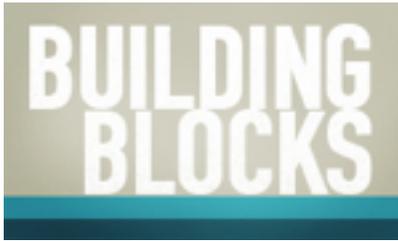
Romans 15:13 — May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

**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 2 2016 Blocks - April 3-June 26**

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

ADULT BLOCKS

**The Gospel and Sexual Ethics**

2nd Floor Conference Room - led by Pastor Nathan

How are Christians to think and live in an over-sexualized culture? This Block is to help clear through the cultural fog and understand the truth of God's word in a way that helps us live in holiness and love.

**Money and Contentment**

Fellowship Hall - led by Karl Grosz

You will discover God's view of material wealth. You'll learn where money comes from, how we're supposed to handle it, and you'll understand how to live an abundant life, regardless of your financial circumstances.

**1 & 2 Timothy**

1st Floor Room 103 - led by Don Courtney

This is a study of the books of Timothy. Paul's godly counsel was helpful not only to Timothy, a first-century Christian leader, but also to believers today.

YOUTH BLOCK (6th-12th grade)

**Survey of the New Testament**

3rd Floor - led by Daniel Kim

What is the story of the New Testament? That's what students will learn during the second quarter building block. It will be a walk through Matthew-Revelation to see how God has fulfilled His promise in the person and work of Jesus Christ.

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.

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## ***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 two new ministries. At the Church Family Meeting we brought two new ministry opportunities to the church that we want to make sure you are aware of. You can be involved immediately.

### **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.

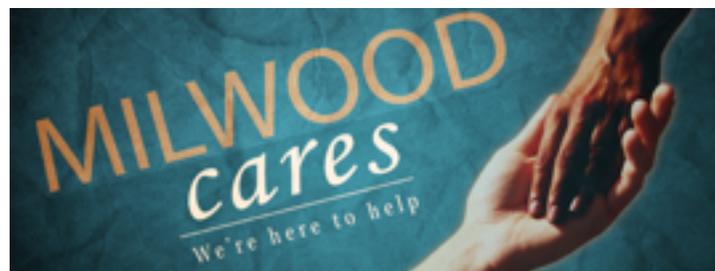
If you are able to help or interested in either of these ministries please contact Nathan at [nathan@milwoodbaptist.com](mailto:nathan@milwoodbaptist.com).

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## ***LIFEGROUP LEADERS MEETING***

Sunday, June 12 @ 5:00pm

We will gather together as LifeGroup leaders for a training and discussion. We want to train in some discipleship material, as well as discuss your LifeGroups and how things are going.



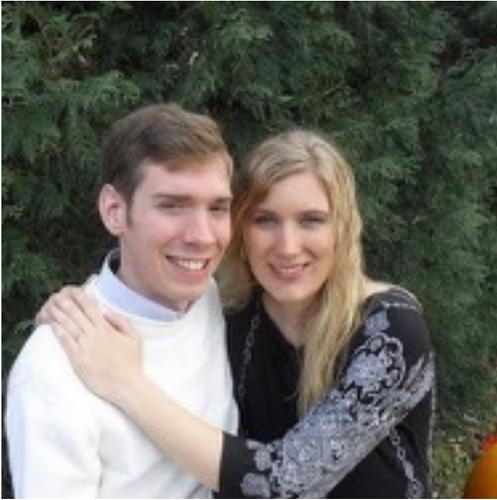
Several Milwood Baptist families are currently in need of our care. Please visit the care calendars below to see what needs you are able to meet at this time. Below is the address to the website and the codes to access each calendar and sign up.

website: [carecalendar.org](http://carecalendar.org)

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

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## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**



**Sarah Smith** - I am married to Joshua Smith and currently work as an attorney. My favorite hobbies include listening to music and playing piano and flute, spending time with family and friends, reading and doing some creative writing, cooking, and I enjoy being around animals. I have always enjoyed spending time with horses, but haven't done so in years.



**Brian Williams** - I am married to Esther and we have three children (Amos 4, Sophia 2, Abigail newborn). I attended Christopher Newport University and Baylor University and currently work as a Data Scientist. My hobbies include computer programming, woodworking, raising kids, computer games, guitar and board games.

**Esther Williams** - I am married to Brian (same kids!). I attended University of Mary Hardin Baylor and am currently blessed to be working at home raising our family. My hobbies include using Spanish whenever I get the chance, reading, cloth diapering, listening to music and spending time with family and friends.



**Marsha Blackstock** - I have one daughter (Miley) and two grandchildren (Kaiden and Olivia). I graduated from University of Southern Mississippi with a BS degree in Elementary Education. I am a retired teacher and spend most of my free time with grandchildren. I also like to read, travel, camp and watch football.

## **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



We need volunteers to help out beginning at 8am for set up. Please contact the office to sign up.

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## **MILWOOD EVENTS CALENDAR**

### **JUNE**

10-11 - Elder's Retreat  
12 - Lifegroup Leaders Meeting (5p)  
18 - Membership Class (9a-12p)  
25 - Fuller Baby Shower (10a)

### **JULY**

4 - Neighborhood Parade (8a set up)  
23 - Bowman Baby Shower (10a)

### **AUGUST**

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

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## ***Thank you, Milwood family!!***

We raised a little over \$1200 at our BBQ lunch fundraiser! We are so blessed by your generosity. You have cut the cost of camp in half, and I know that will mean a lot to our KidCity families. If you have not had a chance to give, we will continue to take donations until June 15. Contact Holly Bourland (sixbourlands@gmail.com) for more details.

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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.

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### **Prayer List - March/April/May 2016**

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#### **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

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#### **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.

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## **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.

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## **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