



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".

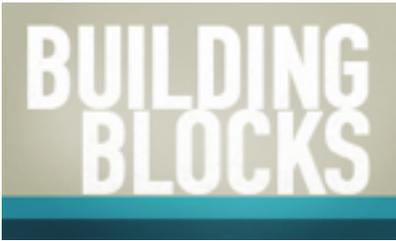
So it may come as a shock the way in which Hebrews speaks about Jesus—as if Jesus is really the only one option. He is higher than angels and more faithful than money. We can find rest in him and he never changes. His discipline is love and he never changes. The salvation he made on the cross is secure 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 1 2017 Blocks

January 8 - March 26

JOIN US SUNDAYS at 9:30am

ADULT BLOCKS

Colossians

Location: Fellowship Hall - Led by Brian Wallace

Bring your color pens/pencils as we observe the Who, What, Where, When, Why & How of the book of Colossians. Discover for yourself of the structure, flow of thought, themes, applications and more found in this epistle.

Discipleship

Location: 1st Floor Rm 103 - Led by Pastor Nathan

If you have been a Christian for very long you have probably heard words like "disciple" and "discipling" used in a number of different contexts. But what is it and how do we do it? We'll spend these 13 weeks look at discipleship and how we can follow Christ in it, caring for one another's spiritual maturity.

Simeon Trust - James Chapter 1

Location: 2nd Floor Conference Rm - Led by Karl Grosz

This block is three things:

One, an introduction to the Simeon Trust interpretation principles which are fundamental and very helpful in understanding the Bible.

Two, an opportunity to grow in sharing God's word by hands on participation.

Three, a positive environment of peer review and encouragement.

This is great for growing in studying, understanding, applying, and sharing the word of God!

YOUTH BLOCK (6th-12th grade)

Theology 2

Location 3rd Floor - Led by Alex Sosler

Last year at this time, we learned about God. This year, we will learn about humanity: what does it mean to be made in God's image? How has sin affected us? What is our purpose of existing? All important questions for a maturing mind!

KIDS BLOCKS (0-5th grade)

Children Desiring God

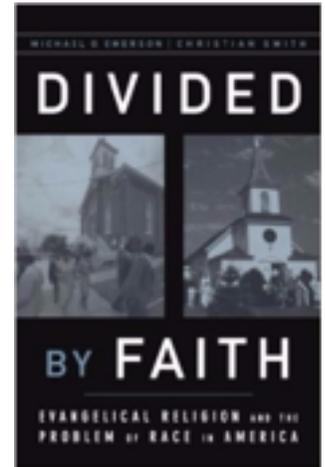
Aimed to impart to children a vision of God, who He is, and who we are in relation to Him, and to establish them with a foundation of doctrine and truth.

Book Highlight

Divided By Faith: Evangelical Religion and the Problem of Race in America

By Michael O. Emerson

Through a nationwide telephone survey of 2,000 people and an additional 200 face-to-face interviews, Michael O. Emerson and Christian Smith probed the grassroots of white evangelical America. They found that despite recent efforts by the movement's leaders to address the problem of racial discrimination, evangelicals themselves seem to be preserving America's racial chasm. In fact, most white evangelicals see no systematic discrimination against blacks. But the authors contend that it is not active racism that prevents evangelicals from recognizing ongoing problems in American society. Instead, it is the evangelical movement's emphasis on individualism, free will, and personal relationships that makes invisible the pervasive injustice that perpetuates racial inequality. Most racial problems, the subjects told the authors, can be solved by the repentance and conversion of the sinful individuals at fault. Combining a substantial body of evidence with sophisticated analysis and interpretation, the authors throw sharp light on the oldest American dilemma. In the end, they conclude that despite the best intentions of evangelical leaders and some positive trends, real racial reconciliation remains far over the horizon.



Men's Retreat - Camp Buckner March 3-4

The theme this year is "Joy in God". We want to take time to enjoy God and refresh our vision of him. We want to use this time to rest as well.



Psalm 16:11 (ESV)

11 You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Please fill out the online registration form in the weekly Enewsletter. If you have any questions, contact Nathan.

Price: \$75 includes lodging for one night and three meals.



***Pastor's New Blog Entry
"Cowardice and Calculations: Why We Don't Speak Up"***

To read Pastor Nathan's new blog entry visit our website and click in the Media tab.

Sunday Evenings at Milwood

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

March 5 - First Sunday Prayer Service (5pm)

March 12 - Creating a Home of Hospitality (5pm)

Bethany and Steven Hebbard are the inn-keepers at Community First! Village in Austin, Texas. Community First! Village is a 27-acre master planned community that provides affordable, permanent housing and a supportive community for the disabled, chronically homeless in Central Texas. It's a place where the homeless can heal and find home. Bethany and Steven will join us to discuss the principles of home and how we can create safe, grace-filled communities in our homes. You won't want to miss it!

March 19 - St. Patrick Presentation (5pm)

Who is St. Patrick other than a Leprechaun and why does he matter? St. Patrick was taken as a slave and then went back to the people to enslaved him to share the gospel. He was one of the primary ways the gospel spread to pagan Ireland in the 5th century. He has a lot to teach us about faithfulness, community, and faith in a post-Christian culture. How are we to live our lives in such a way that gives testimony to those who have no interest in what we believe and hold dear?

26 - Church Family Meal & Meeting (5pm)

(more details to come)

APRIL

2 - First Sunday Prayer Service (5pm)

9 - Easter Week Preview

16 - no meeting

23 - Forum on Evangelism

30 - 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

FiT Kids Sundays

Girls in 3rd-8th grade and Boys in 3rd-5th grade are meeting on the 1st and 3rd Sundays from 3:30-5:00pm. Join us for fun, fellowship and discovering God's Word.

3rd-5th grade girls & 6th-8th grade girls will meet separately and work through Elizabeth George's book, A Girl's Guide to Discovering Her Bible. Contact Tammy Wallace for questions.

3rd-5th grade boys will work through Jim George's book, A Boy's Guide to Discovering His Bible. Contact Darren Hampton for questions.

MILWOOD EVENTS CALENDAR

MARCH

3-4 Men's Retreat (Camp Buckner)
5&19 - FiT Kids (3:30pm)

APRIL

2&23 - FiT Kids (3:30pm)*note date change*
8 - Membership Class (9a-12p)
25-27 - Simeon Trust Workshop

MAY

12-13 - Women's Retreat

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. Contact Alex for more information.

GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP And LOCAL OUTREACH

- Pray about where God is breaking your heart in the city
- Pray for the vulnerable, under-resourced, and overlooked populations in Austin
- Pray for how may God be calling you to serve the city and your neighborhood
- In your regular rhythms, pray how God could use your normal activities to spread love and peace and have gospel conversations

Here are some organizations to consider:

Austin LifeCare
Refugee Services of Texas
Mobile Loaves and Fishes
Austin Soup Kitchen
Retirement Homes
Summit Elementary

CHURCH PRAYER POINTS - March 2017



PRAY FOR THE CHURCH

PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERSHIP

-Key Verse: 2 Timothy 4:5

- Pray that the church would be built up by the making of more disciples
- Pray that our church would be burdened to "do the work of an evangelist"

Pray for our LifeGroup leaders:

- Danny and Abby McReynolds
- Andrew and Allison Sloma
- Steve and Melanie Sivells
- Brian and Lynelle Evans
- Matt and Denise Ham
- Jon and Jonni Meredith

Pray that we would apply discipleship into our lives and not be hearers of the word only

PRAY FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

- Pray for Steven and Bethany Hebbard who will come to share on creating a home of hospitality on March 12
- Pray for a spirit of unity and love in our church family meeting on March 26
- Pray for a new spirit of brokenness over sin in the season of Lent that starts this month
- Pray for a spirit of reflection in our lives as we seek areas of unfaithfulness in our lives
- Pray for our Easter outreach

PRAY FOR THE WORLD

- Pray for our governmental leaders and the establishment and upholding of justice in our nation
- Pray for the refugee crisis in the middle east
- Pray for immigrants and their families in Austin
- Pray for justice for Boko Haram and the establishment of peace in Nigeria
- Pray for the unemployed and underemployed