



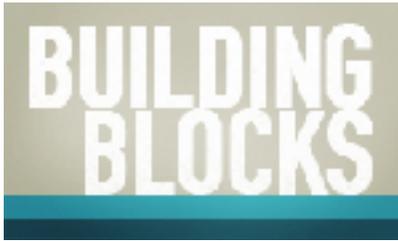
A lot of people are asking questions like this today, "Does God not care about this? Is God going to do anything about this? If God is so loving, then why doesn't he do something?" All those question bring into question the name (reputation) of God. Ezekiel is speaking to a people forced from their homes into exile in Babylon. The Babylonians have put a puppet King on Israel's throne (Zedekiah). Where is God now? What will God do next? God shows them. Over and over Ezekiel has something for his people to behold! Ezekiel's prophecies are largely stretched over a two-decade period from around 593BC to 571BC. It does not take long for anyone to realize that Ezekiel seems, if anything, strange. The book has been regarded as so difficult to interpret that Jewish rabbis would not even allow young men to read it until they were thirty years old, lest they become discouraged at the difficulty of understanding Scripture and despise it.

So, why preach on Ezekiel at Milwood Baptist church in 2018?

- 1) Fundamentally, we believe that all the Bible is God's word. We don't want to shield ourselves from anything God might have for us even if it is hard to understand at some points. We trust the main message of Ezekiel will come through clearly as we prayerfully consider it. This is wonderful practice in giving ourselves to the "whole counsel of God's word" (Acts 20:27).
- 2) Adjusting our hearts to God's glory. If there is a central message in Ezekiel it is this: God will vindicate the holiness of his name. And that is not at the expense of Israel, that is Israel's hope! Time and time again in the book God reminds the listening that he is acting for the sake of his name. God acts for his name through discipline and salvation and more. Ezekiel will test and see if God's glory is central to our own hearts.

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Quarter 1 2018 Blocks

January 7 - March 25

JOIN US SUNDAYS at 9:30am

ADULT BLOCKS

The Lord's Prayer

Location: 1st Floor Fellowship Hall - Led by Steve Sivells & John Hurley

When the disciples asked Jesus how to pray, little did they know that they would be given a model for prayer that would be used for generations. Prayer is central to our fellowship with God, and our prayer life is directly affected by what we believe about God. In this series, Dr. R. Albert Mohler Jr. shows that the pattern of prayer Jesus provides is few in words, yet massive in meaning. His prayer reflects true theology and proper doxology—a perfect guide for our own lives.

Evangelism

Location: 2nd Floor Conference Room - Led by Nathan Loudin

One pastor has said, "We will not evangelize until we plan to stop not evangelizing." This Building Block is for equipping, encouraging and exhorting us to evangelism. Perhaps you have never given time or attention to this aspect of Christian faithfulness. Perhaps it has been some time and revisiting this would greatly help you. Perhaps there is someone else you would bring along and then have lunch each week to follow up personally. Join us for 12 weeks on the purposes and means of evangelism.

YOUTH BLOCK (6th-12th grade)

Christian Theology III

Location: 3rd Floor - Led by Alex Sosler

This quarter, students will discuss, learn, and apply the doctrine of Christ and the Holy Spirit. Questions like: Who is Christ? What is His nature? What did He come to do? What does salvation really mean? What does the Holy Spirit do for believers today?

KIDS BLOCKS (0-5th grade)

Children Desiring God Curriculum

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.

Father/Daughter Spring Fling

Who: Dads and Daughters of
Any Age

When: March 23, 2018 6-8 p.m

Where: Milwood Baptist
Church

Cost: \$15 per family

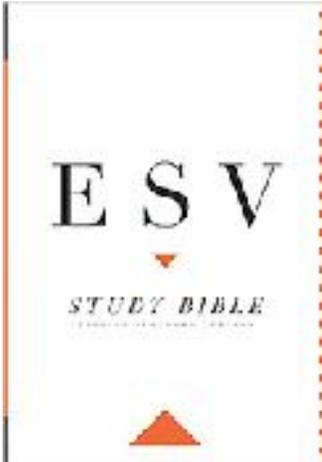
Join us for an evening of dinner and dancing
while helping our Children's Ministry raise
money for Summer Camp



Please join us for a Baby Shower
Saturday, March 24 at 3:00 PM
Honoring Kristi Vargas
At the Lindsey's, 5900 Sierra Grande
Dr.
She is having a girl!

New Book Highlight

ESV Study Bible



The English Standard Version is one of the most trustworthy translations of Scripture. Considered a “word-for-word” translation (known as formal equivalence), the ESV seeks to balance accurate with literary excellence and readability so that what as much as possible what we read is what was written. Pick yours up at the back table for a discounted price of \$20. You can also see Pastor Nathan’s recent blog on “How to Use a Study Bible” on our website. Go to our website and click on Resources>Blog.

Jennings Family Coming to Austin

The Jennings Family will be in Austin for several months on sabbatical. They are expecting their 6th child during this time. This is a special opportunity for us to support them in their ministry. Steve will preach at Milwood twice during this time and we will likely see them other Sundays as guests. Ways you can directly care for them:

Sitting - Offering date nights by sitting.

Find the care calendar link in our weekly email

Calendar ID : 265999

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Shower Luncheon, April 8 - We’ll have a get-to-know-you luncheon as we also help the Jennings prepare to welcome their little one. More info coming.

Austin Lifecare // Sunday, April 22 @ 5pm

We have hosted nearly 10 Bundles of Hope showers over the years and we want to continue in supporting life by coming along expecting mothers. Mary Whitehurst, Director of Austin Lifecare, will join us to share how men and women in our church can take steps to support life and reach others for Christ.



We hope to host Pastoral Interns beginning in 2018. The purpose of the internship is to entrust the gospel to faithful men who are able to to teach others also ([2 Tim 2:2](#)). We aim to do this by exposing aspiring pastors to the regular rhythms of pastoral ministry while fine-tuning pastoral convictions. If you know someone who would be interested or has a ministry connection, spread the word.

Visit our website for more information.

Sunday Evenings at Milwood

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

March 11 - Lifegroup Leaders Training (5pm)

March 18 - Church Family Meal & Meeting (5pm)

March 25 - Men's Fellowship (5pm)

April 1 - Easter (no evening event)

April 8 - First Sunday Prayer (5pm)

April 15 - "Hole in Our Holiness" - book discussion (5pm)

April 22 - Austin Lifecare (5pm)

April 29 - TBD

MILWOOD EVENTS CALENDAR

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

MARCH

6-10 - Simeon Trust Workshop
17 - Membership Class (9a-12p)
23 - Father/Daughter Spring Fling (6-8pm)
24 - Vargas Baby Shower (3pm)
30 - Good Friday Service (3pm)

APRIL

1 - Easter (no blocks)
8 - Jennings luncheon/shower (12-2)
10-14 - Together for the Gospel
13-15 - Ladies' Retreat
24 - Membership Class (9a-12p)
28 - Cohorn Shower



PASTOR'S BLOG

Read the latest entries on our Milwood Blog by Pastor Nathan. Go to milwoodbaptist.com/media



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.

Upcoming 2018 Student Events:

March 12-16 - Serve the City Week
June 8-9 - Rite of Passage Retreat
June 18-22 - Love the City Week
July 13-15 - D-Now
~ July 26-Aug 2 - Summer Trip
Aug 31-Sept 1 - Lock In
December 14 - Christmas Party

Contact Alex for more information.

March 2018

SOMA Austin - Randy Moore

Pray that Soma would continue to grow in their love for Jesus and stay connected to him, as the branches bears fruit by being connected to the vine. Pray for fruitfulness in their lives and church as a spiritual work.

Pray that they would greater realize their union with Christ as the most important relationship we can foster, individually and corporately.

Pray for the Gospel to go out in power. Join them as they pray and ask the Lord for 10 people to come to faith in Jesus this year.

Pray that they speak the Gospel with boldness and power.

Pray as they begin the process to look for a Sunday morning Gathering place. Pray it would be a place that blesses the community, and for the subsequent funds, people, and right place.



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