

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".

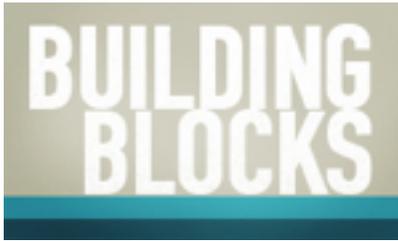
So it may come as a shock the way in which Hebrews speaks about Jesus—as if Jesus is really the only one option. He is higher than angels and more faithful than money. We can find rest in him and he never changes. His discipline is love and he never changes. The salvation he made on the cross is secure 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 2 2017 Blocks

April 2 - June 18

JOIN US SUNDAYS at 9:30am

ADULT BLOCKS

Ezekiel

Location: Fellowship Hall - Led by Nathan Loudin

Few books of the Bible seem scarier than Ezekiel — 48 chapters of weird and wonderful visions, bizarre street performances and blood-curdling judgments. Perhaps you've wondered what it's all about. This tour-like walk through Ezekiel offers a clear overview of all the main themes of Ezekiel's prophecy — God's glory, judgment, and hope — focusing on key passages that explain the surrounding chapters.

Biblical Counseling

Location: 2nd Floor Church Office - Led by Alex Sosler

What does it take for lasting change to take root in your life? If you've ever tried, failed, and wondered why, biblical counseling can help. This class explains the biblical pattern for change in a clear, practical way you can apply to the challenges of daily life and in the challenge of helping others.

Women's Block

Location: 2nd Floor Conference Rm - Led by Colette Loudin

Everywhere women face choices — home or career, money or relationships, 'secure' marriage or 'free' singleness, using your looks to get on or ignoring your looks and getting ignored, competing with the boys or retreating into the sisterhood ghetto, the 'progress' of feminism or the 'nostalgia' of motherhood and apple-pie, women bishops or tea-ladies and baby-sitters?

Our culture has plenty to say on all these issues. But a Christian woman, seeking to live for her Lord, will first of all want to find out God's design, purposes and promises for women.

YOUTH BLOCK (6th-12th grade)

Habits of Grace

Location 3rd Floor - Led by Lily Kim

No one drifts toward holiness. So what are the means of grace that God uses to shape and mold us into the image of His Son? Through reading, teaching, and practice, Habits of Grace is a workbook to help students grow toward Christlikeness.

KIDS BLOCKS (0-5th grade)

Children Desiring God



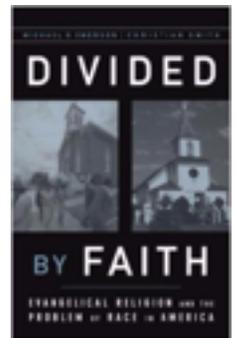
Please pray for these ladies as they retreat together in May.

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.



Compassion

Sponsorship is an effective way to make a difference in a child's life. You can sponsor a needy child through Compassion. A table in the back of the sanctuary has more information and packets for specific children who are waiting for sponsors. Or visit Compassion's web site at <https://www.compassion.com/> for more information.

Church Directory Photos



It is important for us to have pictures of all our members.

We will be taking individual and family photos for our church directory after worship on April 30, May 7 & 14. Sign up for your time slot on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

Church directory photos are ***FREE***.

Printed photo packages will be available at 25% off. All profits from the printed packages will go directly to Milwood Baptist Church. Package price sheets are located in the church entry.

RECYCLING AT MILWOOD

We are making an effort to reduce our monthly waste management costs and be better stewards of the environment. Look for this sign around Milwood. You will find new bins located throughout the church where you can place recyclable items (paper, metal, cardboard, plastic, glass)



Pastor's Blog Entry

"Is Satan Inciting Me to do Something? Then What?"

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

Sunday Evenings at Milwood

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

May

7 - First Sunday Prayer Service (5pm)



Join us for a special evening of songs and prayer. Childcare will be provided.

14 - *no meeting*

21 - Church Family Meal & Meeting (5pm)

28 - *no meeting*

June

4 - First Sunday Prayer Service (5pm)

11 - Men's Fellowship

18 - *no meeting*

MILWOOD EVENTS CALENDAR

MAY

5 - FiT Kids Boys Campout

7 - FiT Kids Girls (3:30pm)

12-13 - Women's Retreat

17 - Tacos for Teachers at Summit

26 - Family Fun Night (6-8:30pm)

July

4 - Milwood Parade

21 Family Fun Night (6-8:30pm)

24-27 - Preteen Camp

28-29 - Children's Camp

30-Aug 3 - Acuna

June

4 - FiT Kids Girls (3:30pm)

17 - Membership Class (9a-12p)

August

7-12 - UAE

19 - Membership Class (9a-12p)

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.



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

June 19-23: Austin Week

July 14-16: mother/daughter beach trip. Father/son camping trip.

August 11: Lock-In

October 13-15: D-Now

Contact Alex for more information.

INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD

Pray for:

- President David Platt: For wisdom and good stewardship in handling resources
- Churches to be planted and flourished throughout the world
- Pray specifically for the 10/40 window: the least reached population in the world
- Pray that some of our children and students would be called to serve God in global missions
- The global cities: Dubai, Kuala Lumpur, London, and Shanghai. For gospel witness and influence that would be ethnically diverse, influence the regions, impact the globe, and reach the physically and spiritually needy.

Learn more and find other ways to pray at imb.org

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CHURCH PRAYER POINTS - May 2017



PRAY FOR THE CHURCH

-Key Verse: Galatians 5:13

For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

-Pray that we would find joy and freedom in serving one another.

PRAY FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

-Pray for the Tacos for Teachers outreach at Summit Elementary

-Pray for the Bundles of Hope showers: for connection and gospel impact

-Pray for our family fun night on May 26: For friendships to form and gospel conversations

PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERSHIP

-Thank God for the faithful moms in our congregation

-Pray for those members who desire to become moms: for comfort and hope

-Pray for Katie Lindsey and her time assisting the local church in Greece.

-Pray for the opening of "Sweet Eats Fruit Farm" owned by the Meredith's

-Pray for "Salus Chiropractic" owned by the Worley's

PRAY FOR THE WORLD

-Pray for the University of Texas, students and administration, as they mourn the loss of a student after the stabbing on campus

-Pray for president Donald Trump: for wisdom, justice, and peace