



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.

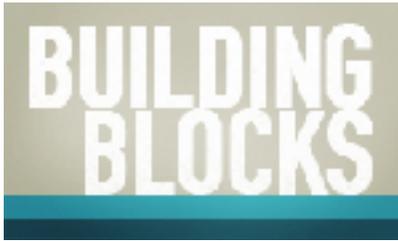
So, why preach on Ezekiel at Milwood Baptist church in 2018?

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 2 2018 Blocks

April 8 - June 24

JOIN US SUNDAYS at 9:30am

ADULT BLOCKS

Galatians

Location: 1st Floor Fellowship Hall - Led by Alex Sosler

Martin Luther wrote that Galatians was meant for the troubled, afflicted, and tempted. It was through Galatians that Luther was comforted and through which the Reformation started. The one sure foundation that the book of Galatians is founded on is this: our justification is not by ourselves or our works, but by Jesus Christ, the Son of God. This allows us to throw away all shame and to be bold above measure. In many ways, Galatians gets to the heart of the Christian faith. Come experience the overwhelming freedom of grace through faith.

Simeon Trust Worship // John

Location: 3rd Floor Room 301 - Led by Nathan Loudin

Men and women are invited to grow in studying the Bible using principles developed from Simeon Trust. Some group participants will have the opportunity to present to the block participants a teaching outline made from observations in the text.

Healthy Church

Location: 2nd Floor Conference Room - Led by John Hurley

John Hurley will lead in giving attention to healthy church and healthy church membership. These matters never get old and they are vital to a church's joy and faithfulness. Join John to take a walk through why church matters. Already have all this down? Already have it all figured out? Come to refresh your memory and prepare to disciple someone else.

YOUTH BLOCK (6th-12th grade)

Missions & Money

Location: 3rd Floor - Led by Brian & Esther Williams and Jennifer Tobey

The students are going through two six-week blocks. The first 6 weeks will be on missions: the why, the how, and the purpose; and the second 6 weeks will be on financial principles: God's purposes for money and practical ways to be good stewards of God's resources.

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.



MOM & SON DAY OF FUN

05/05/2018 | 1PM - 3PM
REGISTER HERE

Who: Mothers and Sons of Any Age

When: May 5, 2018 1-3pm

Where: Milwood Baptist Church

What: Ice Cream Sundae Bar, Obstacle Course races, Nerf Battle*

Cost: \$15/family

All proceeds go towards helping our kids go to Summer Camp

*Please bring your own NERF gear. We will have a limited amount available.

Register online at www.milwoodbaptist.com

Evangelism Nights Coming Up

May 8 and May 22

Would you join in evangelism these nights coming up? Perhaps you would minister at home or perhaps meet at the church and go out to gather.

Must RSVP to nathan@milwoodbaptist.com.



Visit our facebook page (Milwood Baptist Church) or our website (milwoodbaptist.com)
to see the trailer and to RSVP.



The Milwood students will be hosting more Parents Night Out events. More information will be coming on how to sign up.

End of School: May 18
Mid Summer: June 22
Back to School: August 11

2018 Men's Retreat

Our 2018 men's retreat is set for May 25-26 and we'll be joined by Pastor Ben Wright this year! Check details below and sign up!

Location: Camp Buckner
Dates: May 25-26
Cost \$100-\$120 depending on room choice.

Men, join together for fellowship time and for sitting under the word of God together! This is a great time to get away and get together. Register below.

More room options this year! Choose your room and your price!

Christians in a Secular Society

Pastor Ben Wright will walk us through the example of the faithfulness of the church in Acts as they followed Christ in a secular society. The church's influence and favor in society may wain, but how we can still be faithful to God. What does that look like? Ben will share several talks on this matter and also give us break out questions.

Ben Wright

Ben grew up in a believing family and made a profession of faith as a young child, but really only understood the gospel and trusted Christ much later. He spent the next 14 years working in Christian educational organizations, studying at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, and training in a pastoral apprenticeship. In 2009 he joined the staff of High Pointe Baptist Church in Austin as an Associate Pastor. After several years there, High Pointe commissioned him to pastor its Cedar Park church plant. Ben and his wife, Meredith, have three sons and one daughter.

Contact Nathan (nathan@milwoodbaptist.com) to register.

AUSTIN BAPTIST COMMUNITY CENTER MISSION

is having their annual

Spring Food Drive

We will be collecting food items in a container in the foyer until Sunday, May 20.

New in the Book Stall

This month, we're featuring several children's board books from various figures in church history. These great, short reads help kids get acquainted with people from history who God used to make an impact for the Kingdom of God. Who knows? You may learn something to!

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 6 - First Sunday Prayer (5pm)

May 13 - no meeting

May 20 - Church Family Meal & Meeting (5pm)

May 27 - 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

MILWOOD EVENTS CALENDAR

MAY

- 5 - Mother/Son Day of Fun (1-3p)
- 18 - Film Screening/Queso Cookoff (6:30-8p)
- 20 - Church Family Meal & Meeting (5p)
- 24 - Last day of preschool
- 25-26 - Men's Retreat

JUNE

- 12-13 - SBC Dallas
- 15 - Family Fun Night (6-8pm)
- 16 - Membership Class (9a-12p)
- 23 - Ladies Event



PASTOR'S BLOG

Read the latest entries on our Milwood Blog by Pastor Alex. 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:

- 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.

Austin LifeCare and Bundles of Hope

Pray for Mary Whitehurst as she leads Austin LifeCare to care for expecting mothers at risk.

Pray for pregnant women who are vulnerable and confused. Pray that they would find Austin LifeCare and babies would be saved.

Pray for future dads as they deal with fear and inadequacy. Pray they would support and help and stay together as a family unit.

Pray for our church to care not only for babies, but for mom's who need assistance after they have their babies.

Pray that the mom's we minister to would come to know Jesus.

Consider and pray for how God is calling you (men and women) to be involved: in mentoring, support groups, financially, data entry, front desk, etc.



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