



## NEW MEMBERS!



*Pictured from left to right: Pastor Nathan, Vance and Stephanie Acker, Richie Saldana, Cassady and Ryan McFarland, Desiree and Henry Schreiner, Nikki Rikkard*

### New Members

Praise God for the new members who joined Milwood in Covenant on January 19th. Having gone through our membership class and also spent time in Lifegroups, they have decided to join us in growing in Christ. Make sure to meet our new family and welcome them!

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## BAPTISMS!

January 19th was a great day at Milwood. We baptized two sisters and brother in Christ. Pictured below are Stephanie Acker, Nikki Rikkard, and Blake Wilson. Praise God for the willingness of these three to profess Jesus Christ as Lord and savior. Thank God for working in their hearts!



Romans 6:3-4 "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."

## Verse of the Month:

### *Spiritual Blessings in Christ*

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love 5 he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, 8 which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight 9 making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ 10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

11 In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, 12 so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. 13 In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 1:3-14

## RENOVATION

God has blessed Milwood in so many ways. The building we currently worship in was built in 1985 and the mortgage was paid off in December of 2010. There are various functional and aesthetic purposes in the renovation plan which will help sustain the intentionality and usefulness of this building in the years to come.

Our building will never save a soul from the frustration of sin. But our building does communicate the life of the church and our intentionality in achieving our purpose. Buildings tell stories, ours is the story of God at work in his people for the spread of the gospel.

*"Facilities should work (pragmatically). But facilities should also say something about God (theologically)."*

- Tim Cool, *Why Church Buildings Matter*

## SANCTUARY RENDERING



## ENTRY VESTIBULE RENDERING



## KIDCITY'S MIDTOWN

We are having a great time in Midtown! We have been learning about God's creation, our fall into sin, and God's amazing plan of redemption. In February we will begin to see God's plan put into action through His Covenant with Abraham.



Our Memory Verse for February is Genesis 17:7. Midtown teachers for February are Janet Kilgo and Christy Henderson.