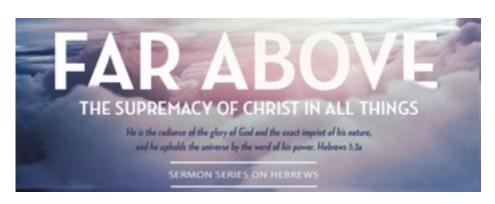


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If you haven't already, you'll face moments when you wonder if Jesus is really worth your life. Or maybe you've never seen Jesus as worth much at all. Is the man named Jesus really someone to behold and someone to hold on to? Should we put our faith 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 on Sundays starting August 14th.

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Milwood Baptist
Church

2016

Our core values are biblical community, global missions, sound doctrine and godly character. These values function as the lens through which we view and evaluate ourselves in efforts to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. They are rooted in the teaching and example of the New Testament church and its head, our Lord, Jesus Christ.



Quarter 4 2016 Blocks

October 2 - December 18 JOIN US SUNDAYS

ADULT BLOCKS

Foundations of a Healthy Church

Location: 2nd Floor Conf. Rm - Led by Pastor Alex

We have a desire to be a healthy church full of healthy church members. This block will lay a foundation of what it means for us to be a healthy church and what it means for you to be a healthy church member.

Meditation & Memorization of the Word of God

Location: Fellowship Hall - Led by Pastor Nathan

Hearing the Bible on Sundays is one thing. Reading the Bible throughout the week is another. But how are we to be those blessed men and women who "meditate on the law day and night"? (Psalm 1). Think you can't memorize Scripture? This class will be a practical course on the why's and how's of Scripture memory and meditation.

Ruth and Esther

Location: 1st Floor Rm 103 - Led by Steve Sivells

Ruth and Esther are the only two books of the Bible named after women. Come learn about ordinary faithfulness and courageous action in the stories of these women.

YOUTH BLOCK (6th-12th grade)

Being a Disciple: Counting the Cost

Location 3rd Floor - Led by Brian Wallace

When Jesus called people to follow Him, what did He expect of them? Was it reasonable? What's the difference between those who say they're Christians and everyone else? What proves whether a person is a true disciple of Jesus Christ or not? These questions will be asked as we search out what the Bible has to say about being a disciple of Jesus Christ. Come join the Youth as we search the Scriptures together.

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.





We will gather for a meal, fun games and activities and packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

Is acting your thing? We will have fun skits presented by folks in our Milwood Family.

Let Nathan know if you would like to put on a skit.

Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert. We will provide turkey, dressing, potatoes and vegetable.

Contact Janet Kilgo (512-660-1674) if you have any questions about the meal plans.



Bring in your donations for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. For a list of suggestions, follow the link below. We will be collecting donations through November 16 (Church Thanksgiving Dinner)

Shoebox Suggestions can be found on our website at milwoodbaptist.com

First Sunday Prayer Meetings - 5pm

The first Sunday of each month we will come together to take our burdens and the work of our mission to God.

BOOK HIGHLIGHT

The Roots of Endurance
Invincible Perserverance in the lives of John Newton, Charles Simeon, and William Wilberforce
by John Piper

John Piper's *The Roots of Endurance* gives us a picture of three men who persisted when it appeared they could not. So if for years you've prayed the same prayer and it seems unanswered, if it seems like one catastrophe after another claims what little faith you have, if bitterness has set in and will not budge, read about the lives of Newton and Simeon and Wilberforce, and learn no only to finish the race but to finish

Newton and Simeon and Wilberforce, and learn no only to finish the race but to finish it stronger than when you began.





Milwood Baptist families are currently in need of our care. Please visit the care calendars below to see what needs you are able to meet at this time. Below is the address to the website and the codes to access each calendar and sign up.

website: carecalendar.org

Bryant - Transportation Needs ID: 222311 / Code: Jesus



STUDENTS

Wednesday nights at 6:30pm. We seek to build a firm, gospel-centered foundation for students inmiddle school and high school through formative practices and through study of God's Word. Contact Alex for more information.

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



COMING DECEMBER 3!

Calling all 1st-6th graders and everyone! Car kits can be purchased for \$3.00/kit beginning Nov. 6. In addition to the 1st-6th grade bracket, we will have an "unlimited" bracket whereby racers of any age can register a car to compete.

Contact *Tom Nelson* for more information.

Schedule of Events

November 13 - Pit Party #1 / Registration (4-6p)

November 27 - Pit Party #2 / Registration (4-6p)

December 3 - Grand Prix Race (4-7p)

MILWOOD EVENTS CALENDAR

November

- 6 First Sunday Prayer Meeting (5p)
- 13 Church Family Meeting
- 13 Grand Prix Pit Party #1 / Registration (4-6p)
- 16 Thanksgiving Dinner/OCC (6:30-9p)
- 23-25 Church Office Closed
- 27 Grand Prix Pit Party #2 / Registration (4-6p)

December

- 3 Membership Class (9a-12p)
- 3 Grand Prix Race (4-7p)
- 4 First Sunday Prayer Meeting (5p)
- 10 Senior Trip to Salado (10a)
- 11 Youth Social Event
- 14 Youth Christmas Party
- 25 Christmas Morning Worship
- 27-28 Church Office Closed

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Pray for:

- Pray that these boxes would bless the family of pastors who receive them
- Pray for the children who will receive the boxes that they may experience the tangible reality of God's provision and love
- Pray for our November 16 meeting where we pack the boxes—that love would be shared in fellowship
- Pray for the leaders of Samaritan's Purse—that they would use their talents and resources for the glory of God
- Pray for great, lasting, and far-reaching spiritual fruit



CHURCH PRAYER POINTS - Nov 2016



PRAY FOR THE CHURCH

- -Key Verse: Romans 15:7
- -Pray that our church would grow in our understanding and realization that Christ has welcomed us
- -Pray that our church would continue to reach out and love others, as Christ has welcomed us
- -May both of these things be for the glory of God

PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERSHIP

- -Pray for those on the member care list
- -Pray for Judy Christian and health concerns
- -Pray for the student ministry and the students involved
- -Pray for our senior members (Gwen Halterman, Linda Davenport, Don and Jane Courtney, Bill and Shirley Jureka, Carleen Watson)

PRAY FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

- -Church Family Meeting: That it would be led and carried out with a spirit of truth and love
- -Thanksgiving Dinner/Operation Christmas Child: For fellowship to be full of love, joy, and fellowship. -Grand Prix: For friendships to be formed and God to be glorified
- -Membership Class: For new members to join us in building up the body of Christ for the glory of God.

PRAY FOR THE WORLD

- -Pray for our elections—both national and local representatives
- -Pray for the thousands of children in the foster care system who have no homes in Austin.
- -Pray that we would value Christ above materialism in this cultural season.
- -Pray for freedom and for Christians in North Korea