



“Go therefore and MAKE

DISCIPLES of all nations, baptizing them...and TEACH them to obey my commandments.” The great commission is the purpose of the church and how we, as individuals, should strive to live. A couple of years ago I was asked if I had a blank slate to do student ministry, what would it look like? My first thoughts were, “not too different than what it looks like now”. As I thought about it more, I was drawn to how Jesus made disciples and taught them. The more I looked at how he disciplined them to make other disciples, the more I realized it was in the everyday, normal patterns of life. More often than not he used their encounters and the run of the mill routines to “make” his disciples. So when he told his disciples to go and MAKE disciples and TEACH them, they would follow his example. This really changed my thoughts on how we make disciples of

students. So last January we set out to better disciple our students with d-groups.

D-groups are two to four students led by an adult that loves Jesus and students. The heart of these groups is to spend at least one planned time a week together as well as time living everyday life with each other. This is not an easy task. It is a commitment of time and lifestyle. Our prayer is that God would challenge and mature the students while they have some intentional time with someone that wants to see them grow in their walk with Christ. This month we are launching our next batch of d-groups. They will commit to meet with each other, study God’s word and keep each other accountable for the next nine months. We are excited to see how the students will grow and be stretched as they seek to be more like Christ.

We will still have weekly Gatherings on Wednesday nights and classes that help equip students on Sunday mornings,

but my hope is to have more people willing to invest in students and more students that want to be disciplined. You can help by continuing to pray that God would work in the lives of our students and leaders. Continue to support our students by giving to the scholarship fund, which helps students pay for big events like camp. I also hope you are challenged to look at your own life and ask the questions: Who am I discipling and who is discipling me? We are all called to make disciples, not a select few. My prayer is that Milwood would be known for making disciples that make disciples.

-Randy Moore
Student & Community Pastor

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Verse of the Month:

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

Matthew 27:45-50

Sharing God's Work

What has God done in your life? Share with us so that we may rejoice with you. If you'd like to encourage others through your testimony, you can email Danielle.

(danielle@milwoodbaptist.com)

We'll include your story in one of the upcoming Milwood Monthly issues.

A Note from Maxine Kendrick

Maxine Kendrick is 95 years old and is now residing at Park Bend Senior Health Center. She is full of joy and vigor! On a recent visit, she passed along a message for Milwood. She says, "I miss Milwood. I love my Sunday School class. I always enjoyed my Sunday School class. Don't forget to tell the people about the second coming of Jesus Christ, because He IS coming back! He said He would and He will and He is. But so often people don't like to hear about that, you know? But they need to!" She also shared that she was thankful for her friends visiting her from Milwood.



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Sharing the Gospel

Last week I was getting Colette's van worked on. The auto shop gave me a ride to the church while they did the work. A young guy, with tattoos and a pony tail tied underneath his hat, drove me. I felt the Spirit leading me to strike up a conversation that might lead to the gospel. (Why does this always happen when there is a captive audience?) As we were talking I noticed he was wearing a survival strap (www.survivalstrap.com). At some point in the conversation I said, "I noticed your survival bracelet. Ever use it?" He said no and we shared stories about it. Then I asked him, "So what is the survival bracelet in your life? All of your life?" He said, "God, because God has saved me from 5 near-death car accidents." He likes to race. (I told him to juice up the mini-van for me!) From there we had a brief discussion about Jesus. I shared with him how Jesus is our only hope for survival. I also found out that he lives about 1/4 mile from me. All that in a 15 minute car ride! He said that he was baptized as a child and we briefly discussed what it really means to follow Jesus. What a joyful discussion!

-Nathan Loudin
Senior Pastor

Baptisms on Sunday, September 16



Rachel Lindsey, Hailey Ham and Allison McFarland

LIFEgroup Member Testimony

One of my first Sundays at Milwood, I was invited to the Loudin's LIFEgroup. Being new to Austin and the church, this invite was a great opportunity to get to know other Christians and to share my story. I have found our Thursday evenings to be a great time to dig a little deeper in God's Word and many times I have come away with insights that keep me thinking about the Bible passage for the rest of the week. I would say that if you are fairly new to Milwood, as I was, a LIFEgroup is a great way to build Christian relationships within the church and also to be intentional about your faith! -Andrew Sloma

What Are We Doing Around Austin and the World?

Our missions budget for 2012 is about \$29,000. Below is a list of the expenditures and what we have done so far this year. Praise God for the gifts from the church and their use for His glory in Austin and around the world! Your regular tithes do not only contribute to paying the light bill around here; they fund the sending of the light to dark places.

Acuna	\$2,734.91
Austin Baptist Chapel Soup Kitchen	\$800
Austin Baptist Association	\$2,099.97
Baptist Community Center	\$800
Baptist Student Union	\$800
Southern Baptist Cooperative Program	\$1,250
Benevolence	\$686.24
International Missions Board	\$87.90
North American Missions Board	\$2,250

Awana

We have started the Awana year strong, averaging 55 kids in club on Sunday afternoon and 8 students in Trek/Journey on Thursday evening. As always, God is faithful and has provided enough leaders and volunteers so that we are now fully staffed. We have had the opportunity to meet new families over the last few weeks and it is always fun to hear how they heard about our Awana club. One family just moved from Alaska and they found our club by making a wrong turn while going to Summit Elementary. As they were driving down Cassidy Drive, they saw our Awana banner in the front yard!

One of our goals in Awana is to get as much of God's word as we can, as deep as we can, into the hearts of as many children as we can. It is always a blessing to see a clubber put into practice a Bible verse they have memorized. This past week, my son Peter told Amy and I that he had had a bad dream but it went away when he recited his Bible verse Joshua 1:9, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage...for the Lord your God is with you..." That story made our week.

In His service,
Tom Nelson