



“Toto, I’ve a feeling we’re not in Kansas anymore,” Dorothy said, then turning around in dismay, “we must be over the rainbow.” Truth was, in that moment, Dorothy had no idea where she was. Dorothy’s line is used often when someone feels out of place or feels far from home.

Christians today are increasingly feeling like, “we’re not in Kansas anymore”. Our culture is changing rapidly and issues that people face today are increasingly complex, it seems. More than ever individuals are questioning their gender and legislations are questioning several millennia of gender norms. “Intolerance” is a word that will stir up any conversation. What about the age old question of God’s existence? And what about all the reproductive technologies available today? Are they good? Helpful? Right? What about dying? Is physical assisted death an honorable death?

Most importantly, we want to work through this Biblically to find the truth of God’s word. And as importantly, we want to equip Christians to think critically about these issues so to be able to speak the hope of the gospel with those we encounter. Christians ought to be prepared and equipped to engage our culture!

OCTOBER

- 8 - The Gospel and Our Culture Series: Ethics of Life and Dying
- 15 - The Gospel and Our Culture Series: Reason for God
- 22 - The Gospel and Our Culture Series: Gender Identity
- 29 - The Gospel and Our Culture Series: Intolerance

NOVEMBER

- 5 - The Gospel and Our Culture Series: God in the Workplace

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Quarter 4 2017 Blocks

October 1 - December 24

JOIN US SUNDAYS at 9:30am

ADULT BLOCKS

Daniel: Discovering What the Future Holds

Location: Fellowship Hall - Led by Brian Wallace

Daniel had understanding of dreams and visions from God. Mostly the book of Daniel is regarding these visions which were future for Daniel and some still future for us. For 12 weeks come... discover what the book of Daniel says, discover the dreams Daniel understood, and discover what the future holds for us today.

Church History

Location: 3rd Floor - Led by Alex Sosler

Those who don't know history are doomed to repeat it." For 13 weeks, we'll get a brief overview of people and events from the first century to today. Each week we will answer: what can we learn, what should we avoid, and how can history help reform us into the image of Christ?

Apologetics & Mission

Location: 2nd Floor Conference Room - Led by Nathan Loudin

This block will coincide with preaching schedule that is taking place in the fall — Culture in October and Missions in December. While Evangelism declares the truth of the gospel, apologetics defends the truth of the gospel. To that purpose apologetics takes both an offensive and a defensive position. When we talk about missions, we're talking about God's people accomplishing his plan of redemption all over the earth - salvation from among the nations.

YOUTH BLOCK (6th-12th grade)

Youth will attend the Church History Block on the 3rd Floor.

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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Andres & Kristi Vargas



Andres was born in Osorno Chile. He attended German Institute of Osorno (K-HS), Southern University of Chile (Universidad Austral de Chile) and Baylor University. He is a piano instructor. Andres enjoys playing piano, being outdoors anywhere around water or mountains and relaxing at home watching movies.

Kristi was born in Houston, TX. She attended grade school in Katy, TX and Texas A&M. She is a communications coordinator for Bridges International. Kristi enjoys spending time with Andres or with friends while cooking, eating, talking and laughing. She likes to be outside or watching movies, TV and reading.

Sunday Evenings at Milwood

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

October 1 - First Sunday Prayer Service (5pm)

October 8 - *no meeting*

October 15 - Preaching and Singing (5pm)

October 22 - Education Forum (5pm)

One of the biggest concerns for our children is their education: are we failing them? pushing them too hard? not pushing them enough? But more fundamental is discerning what is education for? What kind of persons are we forming for life? Join Kevin and DeAnn Stuart from the Austin Institute of Family and Culture this night to discuss what principles we should have in educating our children to be fully formed, fully flourishing human beings and life-long learners.

October 29 - Fall Fest Preparations & Prayer Time (5pm)

FALL FEST
 FOOD GAMES
 ROCKWALL
 INFLATABLES
 PHOTO BOOTH
OCT. 31 6-8PM

We are collecting cash donations for
 OPERATION ACEENA

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need volunteers to help with Fall Fest!. Please sign up on the list at the back of the sanctuary.

We hope to host Pastoral Interns beginning in 2018. The purpose of the internship is to entrust the gospel to faithful men who are able to teach others also (2 Tim 2:2). We aim to do this by exposing aspiring pastors to the regular rhythms of pastoral ministry while fine-tuning pastoral convictions. If you know someone who would be interested or has a ministry connection, spread the word.



Visit our website for more information.

New in the Bookstall

Conversion

How God Creates A People
 By Michael Lawrence

Does what a church believes about how people become Christians change how we do evangelism? In this concise book, Michael Lawrence explains the doctrine of conversion and helps us consider the relationship between what we believe about how people are saved and our approach to sharing the gospel in the context of the local church. Readers of this book will understand how the local church should participate in the conversion process through ordinary means, such as biblical preaching and intentional relationships.



St. Stephens is Turning 130!
Chicago Mass Choir In Concert at St. Stephens MBC
 Saturday, October 7, 2017
 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

St. Stephens MBC 12300 Amherst, Austin, TX 78727
 For Info: Minister Ambres Kearney 512-837-1196, EXT 19

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

OCTOBER

7 - Ladies' Luncheon (9:30am-2pm)
21 - Membership Class (9am-12pm)
31 - Fall Fest

NOVEMBER

11 - Baby Shower for Abby McReynolds (10am)
15 - Church Family Thanksgiving Meal
23-24 - Church Office Closed



PASTOR'S BLOG

Read the latest entries on our Milwood Blog by Pastor Nathan. 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.

Mark your calendars! Here are our events for 2017

October 13-15: D-Now

Contact Alex for more information.



AS A FAMILY, LET US PRAY TOGETHER:

- Pray for all the volunteers, that they will carry on their task through God’s grace and power working in them.
- Pray for Kim Ransleben, that she may boldly proclaim God’s word and wisdom.
- Pray that many unbelieving guests will join us, and that the Holy Spirit will touch them and give them enlightenment.
- Pray that the body of believers who attend may also find joy and encouragement in this time of fellowship.
- Pray for the outpouring of the power of Holy Spirit, that everyone who will attend will experience the love of God in greater dimension and depth.
- Pray that God and God alone will be glorified and magnified in this event.



-Pray that the men in our church will be able to build solid relationships with the fathers that are involved.

-Pray that we will love the moms that participate in bundles of hope well and come along beside them stand with them showing them the persevering love of Christ.

-Pray that God will open doors so that we can have a long-lasting relationship with the mothers and families.

-Pray that the mothers and families will be open to Christ, believe the gospel, and build deep relationships in the church.

PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERSHIP

- Pray for the students going to D-Now October 13-15.
- Pray for the community and gospel conversations during Fall Fest on October 31.
- Pray for each other as we consider our role in caring for the orphan.
- Pray that our membership would be a safe, hospitable place in their communities.
- Pray for a growing diversity in our membership made up of every tribe, nation, tongue, race, and color.

PRAY FOR THE WORLD

- Pray for the United Arab Emirates and Steve Jennings—for wisdom and peace for his family.
- Pray for Pakistan and Summar Shakeel and permission to meet and build a church.
- Pray for Mexico and those affected by hurricanes and earthquakes.
- Pray for Puerto Rico and the devastation due to hurricanes.