

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Jason Johnson	9 Pastor Strader	20 Charley Harpst
2 Philip Tessier Amanda McCune	10 Kevin Johnson	23 Bill Cassell
4 Christian Libby	12 David Dietrich	24 Jonathan Lovelace Sarah Bennett
5 Doug Russ Brittany Phillips Shirley Krass	15 Joan Hendee	27 <b>Joe Porter</b>
6 Noah Radtke	16 Jan Hasselbring	29 Lois Reeves

## Anniversaries

5 Tom & Starr Tieking	6 Jack & Cathy Rendel	13 Dave & Mary Gable
18 Roger & Wilma Luurtsema	22 Al & Kathy Libby	

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Milan Baptist  
Church

# Monthly Newsletter

## February 2017

### Superbowl Party Family Center February 5 6:00 p.m.

There will be food, football, and fun for the whole family!



### Winter Jam 2017

Teens and Young Adults, join us! Great night of worshipping God with some of the top artists in Christian music!

### Youth Sunday

Youth Sunday is February 12! Don't miss the chance to hear how God is working in our youth!

### Is Genesis History?

One time viewing of this family feature will be shown at Ann Arbor's Rave Cinemas on February 23 at 7 p.m.



## Note from the Pastor....

Our current series of study on Sunday mornings is from Paul's letter to the church at Colossae. A letter written while the apostle Paul was in his first imprisonment in Rome. It still amazes me that he wrote such passionate words of encouragement to people that he had never met. All he knew about them he had learned from Epaphras one of the influential leaders in the church. Paul's consistent theme throughout was the supremacy and all-sufficiency of Christ in everything. In Colossians 1:9-14, he shares a one sentence prayer on behalf of the believers at Colossae. I believe this prayer has a particular importance for believers today. Within this 106 word intercessory prayer, we see three specific petitions. First, that they might have SPIRITUAL INTELLIGENCE, second, that they might have PRACTICAL OBEDIENCE, and third, that they might have MORAL EXCELLENCE. We as believers today need SPIRITUAL INTELLIGENCE if we are going to live a life that's pleasing to God. In addition, we need PRACTICAL OBEDIENCE so our walk and our work are consistent. This can come about only by SPIRITUAL POWER from God that enables us to express endurance and long-suffering, resulting in an over-whelming gratitude for God's Work of redemption in our lives. Interestingly, endurance has to do with the circumstances in life and long-suffering has to do with people. It amazes me how people can endure trying circumstances, only to lose their tempers with a friend or loved one. Endurance and long-suffering go together if we are growing spiritually, which results in a life lived in MORAL EXCELLENCE. May we be dependent on God's power in our daily lives and *"live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way."*

## Men's Ministry

The Men's Ministry is hosting a breakfast for the men of Milan Baptist Church on **March 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM** with guest speaker Frank Sherwin from the Institute of Creation Research. All the men are invited to enjoy sweet fellowship and food.

Our regular meetings and work days on the MAC are still happening, and any help would be greatly appreciated. See Dennis Miller or Chuck Gates for more information.

## Women's Ministry

December 6, 2016, was our annual Ladies' Christmas Banquet with the theme "The Gift That Keeps Giving." We had approximately 115 ladies in attendance. Lisa Strader was our speaker, speaking on the gifts of the wisemen and their significance. We have copies of the DVD from that event if you were unable to attend. See Joan Hendee or contact the church office if you would like a copy.

Our annual Spring Luncheon is coming on Saturday, April 22 at 11:30 A.M. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. Our planning committee for the luncheon will be meeting soon. We welcome ideas and suggestions.

## SeniorLife- Wednesdays at 11 a.m.

### February Schedule

February 1 – Psalm 34 A Song of the Saved  
February 8 – Psalm 35 A Pleating of the Persecuted  
February 15 – Psalm 36 God and the Godless  
February 22 – Psalm 37 Teaching for Troubled Times

## Children's Ministry Needs

1. We want create two pre-school classes: one for 2-3 year olds and one for 4-5 year olds. We are in need of teachers and assistants.

2. In order to have three rotating teams for Kids Worship (grades 1-5), we are in need of two more adults to complete the third team.

If you are interested, please see Kathy Winters!

## Kitchen Korner

It's always busy in our kitchen, as you may know. There is always something happening, and we are glad for it. There a couple of reminders that your Food & Services committee would like to pass on to you. It is important to us that things run smoothly in order to serve you and glorify God in our facility. When you leave food in the refrigerator, please use the labels provided to identify your

group and the date it was opened. If using the freezer, there is a sheet to fill out on freezer door to identify your item. Otherwise, it will be put to "general use".

When you bring dishes to share, please label them so that we can get them back to you. We have several "unknowns" on our cart right now. If you are missing something, take a look just inside the west kitchen door. We just might have it!

Any questions, see Jackie James, Kathy Van Buren or Gerri Beehler. You can find us in the Korner!

2016-2017 Ministry Action Budget Report	
July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017	As of 12/31/2016
Ministry Action Budget Goal	\$193,818
Ministry Action Budget Giving	\$213,121
Ministry Action Budget Expenses	\$189,842

## Note from the Trustees...

Until further notice, the Family Center will not be available for use on Saturday afternoons. We will be having work days every Saturday following Men's Bible Study. If you are able to help, please see Chuck Gates or Dennis Miller.

## Creation Conference March 18-19, 2017

Special two day conference! Six sessions with Frank Sherwin from ICR (Institute for Creation Research). Topics below:

### Saturday, March 18

Session 1 – 5:00 p.m. Human Evolution?  
Session 2 – 6:30 p.m. The Amazing Oceans

### Sunday, March 19

Session 3 – 9:30 a.m. Dinosaurs! (Breakfast, FC)  
Session 4 – 10:45 a.m. The War of the Worldviews  
Session 5 – 5:00 p.m. Scientific Evidence for

Creation

Session 6 – 6:30 p.m. Mount St. Helens

**Special Note for Parents:** Special Children's program with Steve Harney and Adam Walz, Cool Kids Ministries 3 years – 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

## Mission Spotlight: Lois and Virgil Reeves

10000 N. OAK TRAFFIC WAY, KANSAS CITY, MO 64155  
Virgil is the International Director for Crossworld. He and

Lois wear many hats like teaching church history, visiting churches, care and oversight of workers, training workers, and strategic development for the mission.

**Mark your Calendars...** the Reeves will be joining us for their missions report April 30



## Children's Ministry Birth – Grade 5

### Sunday School

Join us Sunday Mornings at 9:30am! We have classes for children birth-grade 5

### Kids Worship

Sunday Mornings at 10:45am! Attend church with your parents and then join us downstairs following Children's Sermon!

Check us out on Facebook!  
[www.facebook.com/MBCKidsWorship](http://www.facebook.com/MBCKidsWorship)

### Bible Adventurers

NO Bible Adventurers February 5!

### Awana Clubs

Wednesdays 6:30-8 p.m.

**Cubbies** (3yrs-PreK) Room 121

**Sparks** (grades K-2) Room 102

**T & T** (grades 3-6) Family Center

### January Awana Themes

February 1 – Twist and Shout visits!

February 8 – Popcorn Movie Night

February 15 – Camo night

February 22 – YBC Puppet Show

## Note from our Youth Pastor...

There is a lot of amazing things happening within our Teen Ministries. We just got back from Winter Barakel, and are already looking towards returning for both the Co-Labor Challenge in April and Summer Camps! We are making plans for some amazing trips and opportunities within our Teen Ministry, including sending a group of teens to Leslie County, Kentucky in July for a missions trip. As our numbers increase and we meet new students, we as a team are prayerfully looking at new ways to intentionally move our students forward in ministry. From small groups to developing a praise team, we are running full force into 2017 with a heart for discipleship, continuing to follow the direction of our amazing King! In all these things, we cannot thank you enough for your continued prayers. I often turn to Colossians 1:9-14 as I pray for our teens, and I ask that you would do the same. It is my hope and prayer that our students would **Follow God, Walk in God, Bear Fruit for God, Find Strength in God, and Give Thanks to God**, knowing that all of this is made possible through Christ and His redemptive work on the cross.

## Youth Ministry Grade 6 – Grade 12

### Sunday School

9:30a.m.—*Education: A Place Where Students Can Learn From God's Word With Like-Minded Peers.*

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Grades 6-12 are invited to join our study on Developing a Godly Character. Learn to study the Bible deeper, enhance your prayer life, and grow spiritually!

### Your Spot

Thursdays 6:30-8:30 in the MBC Family Center, grades 6-12

Join us February 9 as we celebrate birthdays in January!

### Winter Jam 2017

\$10 a ticket/See Noah for permission slips! Join us as we worship with hundreds of teens and some of Christian music's top young artists!

### Youth Sunday

We are taking over the church service February 12! See Noah on how you can be involved!

