

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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Monthly Newsletter

May 2017

National Day of Prayer

We will be holding a special brunch and service on Thursday May 4 in the MAC (Ministry Activity Center)

Brunch is at 11 am

Service is 12 pm

2017-2018 Budget Forums

We will be holding two forums to review the 2017-2018 budget prior to our Annual Meeting in June. Please attend for review and Q & A.

Forum #1 May 7, 6:00 p.m. Room 102

Forum #2 May 21, 6:00 p.m. Room 102

Note from our Pastor....

The second Sunday of May is when we celebrate Mother's Day. For some it is a very happy occasion, for others not so much. On Sunday, May 14, there will be several different feelings and emotions expressed and for those who have difficulty I want you to know that we will be praying for you.

When I think of Mother's Day... I think back, growing up in Waterford, Michigan with 6 siblings...just so you know, there was never a dull moment in our home. My mother was not a perfect mom, but she taught us the process of what it takes to individually grow and mature in our walk with Christ. A priceless teaching for us 7 kids! One spiritual discipline that she practiced was faithfully praying for her family. When I think of my mom's prayer life, three things come to mind: First, to her PRAYER WAS WORSHIP, for without it there was no worship. She understood through daily prayer and Bible study she got to know God. Secondly, PRAYER WAS WORK. She was committed to a regular time of prayer with the understanding that all God does in her life and the lives of her family, He does through the agency of prayer. And finally, PRAYER WAS WARFARE, she understood the fact that she was standing in the gap in prayer for her family. James 5:16 says, "The prayer of a righteous man [woman] is powerful and effective." I would like to challenge our moms to follow my mom's example of being a disciplined prayer warrior for your family and teach them to do the same. May all our moms feel loved, comforted, and appreciated this Mother's Day!

"Prayer is the channel through which all good flows from God to man, and all good from man to man. Prayer is a privilege, a sacred princely privilege, more than a duty. It is a means, an instrument, a condition. It is the appointed condition of getting God's aid. It is the avenue through which God supplies man's needs." E.M. Bounds

New Members Class

We will be offering another new member class! If you are interested in joining Milan Baptist as members, please join us for this next two part class. Class #1 will take place May 7, followed by Class #2 on May 14 at 9:30am in Room 207b.

Men's Ministry

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

Women's Ministry had our spring luncheon April 22. 100 ladies were in attendance for "Bloom Where You're Planted". The MAC was transformed into a beautiful flower garden.

If you were unable to attend this event, copies of the DVD are available in the church office.

SeniorLife Ministry

May Schedule: Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.

May 3 – **NO** SeniorLife

May 10 – Activity Trip **Detroit Institute of Art**

May 17 – Psalm 45

May 24 – Psalm 46 (Last SeniorLife until Fall)

Note: a luncheon follows for a donation of \$6

Children's Ministry Needs

We want to 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.

If you are interested, please see Kathy Winters!

Safety & Security Team

Just a friendly reminder ...All volunteers working with minors in any capacity must go through our Responsible Care Policy. Copies of the Policy are in the rack by the front entrance. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to see Dennis Miller, Safety & Security Ministry Coordinator.

Kitchen Korner

If you haven't taken a look in the MAC kitchen yet, make sure you take the opportunity! We are so excited to have our new double oven installed and working! We got it just in time to try it out for the Ladies Luncheon. Thanks to our men for the installation and to the Lord for the wonderful provision. Your kitchen committee won't stop smiling for a while!

We have a crew of workers in the Ministry Action Center almost every Saturday, trying to finish the next phase of the building. As a way of saying "thanks", we would like to have lunch brought in for each week. The number of participants varies, but we would love to talk you about it. If you are interested in preparing lunch on a Saturday, please see Jackie James or Gerri Beehler.

Digital Newsletter

You can now find a digital version of our newsletter and bulletin on our website!
www.milanbaptist.org

Memorial Day

Reminder that the church office will be CLOSED Monday May 29 for Memorial Day.

Youth Core Meeting

Our next Youth Core Meeting is Tuesday, May 30. This Meeting is open to ALL Youth workers and ALL Youth Parents. It will be at 6:30 p.m.

Mission Spotlight:

Elia & Julia Manduzio

The Manduzio family are missionaries in Northern Italy.



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!

www.facebook.com/MBCKidsWorship

Bible Adventurers

Special Event on May 7 at 6:00 p.m.!

Awana Clubs

Closing Program is May 3 at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to come celebrate another great year!

Note from our Youth Pastor...

"A successful youth ministry is one that the WHOLE church supports."—Chap Clark

Do we believe that? Replace "youth ministry" with any other ministry in our church, and you will find that this simple quote is applicable to every ministry we partake in at Milan Baptist Church. A single theme continues to ring in my heart as we prepare for the 2017-18 ministry year, and it stems from Psalm 127. "Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain." We have some amazing ministries, and it is my prayer that we seek Christ in all that we do. As the Youth Pastor, I love the later verses of this Psalm as it speaks to children—how they are blessing from the LORD, and those who fill their lives with children will not be put to shame! Whether you are a parent, grandparent, relative, teacher, or volunteer, children are a blessing from God and we are blessed at MBC to serve our families. Are we supporting our Children, Youth, and Adult Ministries? Are we praying for our deacons and trustees? Remember, a successful Milan Baptist Church is one that the WHOLE church supports. This is God's ministry, and we are blessed to be a part of it!