

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 Charlie Hale	19 Amy Stinehelfer	26 Al Libby
6 Freda Baughey	20 Gerri Beehler Lori Stockwell	27 Becky Veldhuizen
7 Carole Glaser	21 Tom Tiekong	29 Gary Kassuba
12 Chuck Bushart Mark McDonald	22 Farris Hurst Kelly Mortensen	31 Tim Christensen
15 Clark Barton V	25 Jackie Blake Madison Phillips	

## Anniversaries

1 Doug & Karen McDowell	18 Kurt & Maria Dietrich	30 Jim & Joan Hendee
13 Doug & Grace Swaney	23 Jeff & Marti Scott	31 Steve & Lori Meggitt

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Milan Baptist  
Church

# Monthly Newsletter

## JANUARY 2017

### Happy New Years

God's blessings as we begin a New Year together!  
Reminder that the church office is **closed** January 2.

### Contribution Envelopes

Your 2017 Ministry Action Budget Offering Envelops are available in the narthex. If you are new and would like to receive your own, please stop by the table in the narthex or call the church office 734-439-8180.

### MLT (Ministry Leadership Team)

We have our first meeting in 2017 on Saturday, January 7 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 207.



**Special Free Movie  
Presentation of  
God's Not Dead 2  
January 15, 6:00  
p.m. in the Family  
Center**

There will be a special children's movie playing at 6:00 p.m. in Room 102

### Note from the Pastor....

I don't know about you...it seems since Lisa and I became grandparents, the speed of our family/ministry calendar has sped up significantly! It's hard to believe, yet again, another year is in our rear view mirror. I was watching the replay of the 2016 Rider Cup the other day. During one of the breaks, one of the commentators was talking about one of the golfer's swings and was reflecting on a conversation he had with him of all the practice that went into producing the amazing shots he made in his match. He talked about the habits that he needed to develop for good muscle recognition for a good swing and the bad habits that creep in that produce poor play. I saw a definite correlation to our spiritual lives. There are spiritual habits that will keep us growing in Christ and other habits that will keep us from winning in our walk with the Lord. As we look to the new year...here are some habits that will keep us from having a winning walk in 2017: (1) Loving the world, 1 John 2:15; (2) Neglecting the Word, 2 Timothy 2:15; (3) Trusting our feelings, Jeremiah 17:9, Hebrews 13:5, Romans 8:1; (4) Worrying, Matthew 13:22, Philippians 4:6; (5) Hanging with the wrong crowd, Proverbs 12:26, 27:17; (6) Relying on self, Philippians 4:13, 19. As we begin another year together, take some time to reflect on these Scriptures and put the daily effort needed to produce the biblical habits that will cause you to grow in Christ this coming year. Happy New Year!

## Men's Ministry

All men are welcome to join us on Saturdays at 8 a.m. for our Bible Study. We will be meeting every Saturday in January.

Following Bible Study, we plan on holding work days in the Family Center as we prepare to finish our building. Any and all help is welcome!

## SeniorLife

SeniorLife community Bible Study is kicking off again on January 11. We will be meeting every Wednesday for worship and Bible study at 11:00 a.m., Family Center.

### January Schedule

January 11 – Psalm 32 Full and Free Forgiveness

January 18 – Psalm 33 Praise for Protection

January 25 – Psalm 34 A Song of the Saved

## Facility Use Forms

We have new Facility Use Forms! You may pick them up in the church office and return to Erica Caballero once the front page is filled out. Reminder that ALL events must have a form filled out!



Your Deacons have prayerfully re-opened a Special Building Fund to complete the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Family Center. When considering your year-end-giving, prayerfully consider

donating, above and beyond your tithes and offerings, to the "I Love My Church" Special Building Fund...

Goal: \$300,000

The Handicap Access Fund has been re-opened. There has been an on-going need for automatic handicap door openers at the front and back doors of the main building, as well as the entrance to the Family Center. Special Fund Goal: \$8,000



## Special Events

### God's Not Dead 2

FREE Family Movie Night

**January 15 @ 6:00 p.m.**

Special Kids Movie in Room 102

Invite your friends!

### Superbowl Party 2017

Family Event hosted by our Men's Ministry! Snacks, football, and fun in our Family Center

**February 5 @ 6:00 p.m.**

### 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

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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 Spring 2017.



## 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

Come join us January 22 as we start our Winter semester!

#### Awana Clubs

Ages 3-Grade 6

Wednesdays 6:30-8 p.m.

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

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

**T & T** (grades 3-6) Room

#### January Awana Themes

January 4 – No Awana Clubs

January 11 – No Theme Night

January 18 – Hawaii Night (We will be handing out leis!)

January 25 – Pajama Night

### Note from our Youth Pastor...

I love stepping into a new year because it allows me to do two things: to **look back** and to **look forward**. Looking back, we can see the various hurts, thrills, successes and failures, and reflect on God's glory seen in His marvelous love, forgiveness, and guidance. 2016 was huge for Erica and me. It was on December 21, 2015 that I sent my résumé to our church, prayerfully asking God if He wanted me to serve at Milan Baptist Church. I had many questions about how my year would look; however, God moved in such a mighty way, and here I am married to the love of my life, expecting a beautiful boy in March, and serving alongside an amazing church family! Looking forward, I am confident that 2017 will be filled with many more fantastic opportunities to make Christ known and give Him the glory! We must be cautious, however, to not get lost in the "what-ifs" of this coming year. We cannot worry about tomorrow (Matthew 6:34), but instead must take on the day with an eternal mindset, knowing that our citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:20-21). Are we dwelling on the past? Are we longing—or fretting—for the future? Or are we running the race set before us toward Christ, the Founder and Perfecter of our faith?

## 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.*

#### C<sup>2</sup>

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 January 12 as we celebrate birthdays in January!

#### Winter Barakel Retreat 2017

Pray for our teens as they head up to Barakel January 27-29 for their annual winter retreat! Pray for safety, fun, and that God works in the lives of the 50 people representing Milan Baptist Church this weekend! (42 teens!)