

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Charlie Hale	12 Chuck Bushart Mark McDonald	22 Farris Hurst Gracie Jaarda
5 Freda Baughey	15 Clark Barton V	25 Madison Phillips Jackie Blake
6 Ron Radtke Dante Callarino	18 Addy Jackson	28 Gary Kassuba
7 Carole Glaser	19 Amy Stinehelfer	
8 Linda Radtke	20 Gerri Beehler	

Anniversaries

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



Milan Baptist
Church

Monthly Newsletter

January 2018

Family Movie Night

Join us January 14 at 6 p.m. in ^{the}MAC for our FREE family movie night! We will be showing "Is Genesis History?"

Bring your favorite snack - popcorn is provided!



Special children's movie will be shown in Room 102

A Note from Our Pastor

As another year begins, I see it as an excellent time to review the year that has past. It's a healthy process to take time to reflect on our successes and failures of the year gone by and mark the lessons learned from these everyday experiences. I am reminded of the words of the apostle Paul in his first letter to his young prodigy Timothy, "Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity." (1 Timothy 4:12). Within this verse, we find some things to ponder, that is, five areas that we should make a concerted effort to be an "example" (meaning: "type," "pattern," "image," or "model,").

First, we are to be an example in our SPEECH, that is, our conversations should always be exemplary (Matthew 12:34-37). Scripture reveals that our speech reflects the condition of our heart (Proverbs 12:22). Second, we are to be an example in our CONDUCT. It's true, our biblical convictions should manifest themselves in every area of our lives, for you see, a godly life brings authenticity to our testimony (James 3:13). Third, we are to be an example of LOVE, the apostle is describing a "love" (AGAPE) that is different from the emotion our culture calls love. It involves self-sacrificing service to others (Galatians 5:6). Fourth, we are to be an example in FAITH, Paul does not mean belief, but faithfulness. As a Christian, we are not to swerve off the track, we must not deviate off course (Proverbs 4:27). And finally, we are to be an example in PURITY, which means "moral cleanness" (2 Timothy 2:22). The apostle Paul; is telling Timothy that he was to make a Godly life style a "pattern" in every area of his life, and we should too. Carelessness in any one of these areas can speak failure and even disaster. Someone has said, "We must live in such a way that all men will see that the charge is false." In the way of application, ask yourself this question: What kind of "pattern" (testimony) am I modeling for my spouse, my kids, my neighbors, my co-workers? Also, is there something about my life that actually makes a difference? Blessings to you and your family in the New Year!

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Noah Radtke, Youth Pastor

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Fridays 9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m

New Year Holiday Hours

The church office will be closed January 1- January 2.

SeniorLife Ministry

We kick off the New Year on January 10 with a Singpiration event! Luncheon to follow!

MLT Meeting

Our first MLT Meeting of the year will take place on Saturday, January 20 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 207

Ladies' Ministry – First Friday

Our newest ministry will be kicking off this month! The Ladies' Ministry will be hosting this "girl time" once a month! Make new friends, learn crafts, learn new cooking skills, and spend time in God's Word! They are offering two meeting time options: 9:30a.m.-11:30a.m. led by Joan Hendee or 7p.m.-9p.m. led by Lisa Strader. Kickoff is January 12!

Ladies' Christmas Banquet DVD

DVDs of this year's Ladies' Christmas Banquet are now available in the church office!

Men's Ministry

We will pick back up with our normal bible study and work day schedule January 13. We will be meeting every Saturday following January! Bible study begins at 8 a.m. followed by work day at 9:30 a.m.

Health Concern

Local communities in southeastern Michigan have seen a drastic rise in cases of Hepatitis A. IHA, Monroe County Health Department, along with other health organizations are strongly recommending that people consider being vaccinated as a precautionary measure. The leadership of Milan Baptist Church felt it important to pass this information along and encourage our congregation to consider talking to their physicians about being vaccinated.

2018 Creation Conference-SAVE THE DATE

Our 2018 conference will take place in February! Start passing the word now that we will be hosting Frank Sherwin with ICR (Institute for Creation Research) on Saturday, February 24 and Sunday, February 25. He will be joining us with some NEW and exciting topics. We are also blessed to have Steve Harney and Adam Walz with Cool Kids Ministries to be here that weekend for a special children's program.

Deacon Caring Fund

It has been a long standing tradition that after the communion services our ushers are available in the back to accept an offering that goes into the Deacon Care Fund. This fund is used at the Deacons' discretion to assist members/non-members with dire, one time, financial needs. Examples of how we have been able to assist include things like a night at a hotel, replacing a tire, car repair, groceries, utility bill, medical bill, etc. The congregation's ongoing support for this offering/fund is so needed, and so appreciated by the Deacons and those that we have been able to assist over the years. By God's grace most of us haven't been in a situation where we didn't know where we were going to sleep tonight, if we could feed our kids today, if we were going to have heat or lights, or how we were going to get to work so we didn't lose my job. By your sacrifices and giving we seek to be used of God to make sure that others don't have to worry about these kinds of things for one more night either. You can also designate for this fund on your offering envelopes at any time. Thanks for all of your on-going support.

Mission Spotlight:

Andrew Semenchuk

Andrew Semenchuk has been with SGA (Slavic Gospel Association) and one of our supported missionaries for many years now! SGA brings the Lord's work to Russia and focuses on preparing His church to spread the Good News of salvation!



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 the Worship Service with your parents and then join us downstairs following the Children's Sermon!

www.facebook.com/MBCKidsWorship

Bible Adventurers (Grades 1-5)

We kick back off January 21 at 6 p.m.!

Awana (Ages 3-Grade 6)

January 3: NO CLUBS (Happy New Year)

January 10: No theme night – first week back!

January 17: Hawaii Night

January 24: Pajama Night (Bring a stuffed animal!)

January 31: Twist and Shout the clown!

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.*

C² (Christ Center Student Ministries)

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!

C2 Party moved to January 7, 6-9 p.m.

Your Spot Community Youth Outreach

Thursdays 6:30-8:30 in the MAC, grades 6-12

Join us January 11 as we celebrate birthdays!

NO Your Spot on January 4!

Deeper (Wednesday Night Small Group) January 10!

Note from our Youth Pastor...



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! It's hard to believe that Winter Barakel is only a month away! If you are a part of the crazy crew that is going February 2-4, don't forget that your next (and final) payment is due January 7! Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any issues, or are unsure of how much you owe. Checks can be made to Milan Baptist Church! You should have already been given a letter specifying things to bring, the weekend's schedule, and transportation info; however, if you need any of that, just let me know! If you missed out on going to Winter Barakel and you're feeling that itch to still get up North and be a part of that amazing place, don't worry! We're going back May 4-5 to help clean it up for the Summer! In the meantime, keep checking our website, social media pages, and the Teen Newsletter to be "in the know" of what is happening around MBC Teen Ministries!