

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Jason Johnson	12 David Dietrich	23 Bill Cassell
2 Amanda McCune Philip Tessier	13 Tucker Jackson	24 Jonathan Lovelace Sarah Bennett
5 Brittany Phillips Doug Russ Shirley Krass	15 Joan Hendee	27 Joe Porter Tanner Jackson
6 Noah Radtke	16 Jan Hasselbring	
9 Pastor Strader Kevin Johnson	20 Charley Harpst	

## Anniversaries

5 Tom & Starr Tiekink	13 Dave & Mary Gable	18 Roger & Wilma Luurtsema
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# Monthly Newsletter

February 2018

### Creation Conference

Join us February 24-25 for our Creation Conference

See inside for list of topics and get all the details online at our website:

[www.milanbaptist.org](http://www.milanbaptist.org)! Frank Sherwin will be back with exciting new topics and Cool Kids Ministries will be putting on a special conference for our kids!



### A Note from Our Pastor

As we begin the second month in the New Year (but for those in ministry, most of you are half way through the ministry year), I would like to take this opportunity to encourage you. Consider the words of the writer of the Book of Hebrews: *“Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.”* (Hebrews 12:3). The Christian life and ministry can grow wearisome and hard at times, but with Christ Himself as our example, the Lord admonishes us not to *“grow weary or fainthearted”*, but always to press on. For example: If my prayers seem to go unanswered, He reminds us that we *“ought always to pray and not lose heart.”* (Luke 18:1). When we grow tired and are tempted to quit, the Scriptures assure us that *“for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.”* (Galatians 6:9).

When God has entrusted us with a certain ministry, we need to learn to say, as with the apostle Paul, *“Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart.”* (2 Corinthians 4:1). Our God is a faithful God and as we see His mercies begin to fall, we can say as he did, *“So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.”* (2 Corinthians 4:16). We can even encourage others to not give up, as he did: *“So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.”* (Ephesians 3:13).

Finally, even when God has to discipline us, we must learn to take it patiently. Again from the Book of Hebrews, *“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him.”* (Hebrews 12:5). But with all these strong exhortations to not grow weary or fainthearted, we also need to know just how we can obtain the needed strength to keep on keeping on. The answer is in God’s amazing counsel to the Prophets Isaiah: *“but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.”* (Isaiah 40:31). Let us PRESS ON my brothers and sisters!

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

### Ladies' Ministry – First Friday

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. We hope to see you February 2!

### Kitchen Korner

We will be having a sign up soon for a church-wide breakfast on February 24! Please sign up in your ABF or the narthex. We are also looking for anyone willing to put together lunches for our trustees during MAC work days. If you are interested, please see Gerri Beehler. gerbeehler@hotmail.com

### 2018 Creation Conference

Our 2018 conference is a few weeks away! Please contact Erica Caballero if interested in helping out with meals. We will also be having a short snack time in between evening sessions. We encourage you to bring a snack or dessert to share. See the list of topics below and make sure to check out our website for all the details for the children and adult conferences!

#### Saturday, February 24

Session 1, 5:00 p.m. Your Origins Matter

Session 2, 6:30 p.m. The Genesis Flood

#### Sunday, February 25

Session 3, 9:30 a.m. Biology and the Age of the Earth

Session 4, 10:45 a.m. The Fossil Record

Session 5, 5:00 p.m. Our Amazing Microbe Interface System

Session 6, 6:30 p.m. The Created Placenta

### Summer Camp Barakel

If your child or teen is interested in summer Barakel then the time is NOW! Camp slots are quickly filling up. We will be transporting those interested the following weeks: Grades 4-6 & 7-9 July 31-August 6 and Grades 6-8 & 10-12 August 7-13. If you have registered for these weeks and would like transportation, please contact the office today: 734-439-8180 or ecaballero@milanbaptist.org.

### 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:

#### John & Carol Pierce

John and Carol serve in planting tribal churches to isolated indigenous people groups around the world with New Tribes Missions.

Their work includes worldwide clerical services, communication with ministry partners, processing travel documents, and caring for elderly parents.



## 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](http://www.facebook.com/MBCKidsWorship)

#### Bible Adventurers (Grades 1-5)

We will not be meeting February 4 or 25, but we will see you February 11 and 18!

#### Awana (Ages 3-Grade 6)

February 7: Popcorn Night

February 14: Valentine's Party

February 21: YBC Puppet Show

February 28: Polka Dot Night (Wear your dots!)

## 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> (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!

**Young Ladies' Dinner is February 17!**

#### Your Spot Community Youth Outreach

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

Join us February 8 as we celebrate birthdays!

**Deeper (Wednesday Night Small Group) 6:30 p.m.!**

### Note from our Youth Pastor...

HEY TEENS!

February is jam packed with some amazing things in our Teen Ministries. First, we're kicking off the month with WINTER BARAKEL!!!! If you are part of our group who is going, be sure to be at the church by no later than 1:00pm February 2 (yes...that means you have to leave school early), and get ready for one of the greatest times of your life! Talk to Noah if you have any questions. Second, we will be having a Youth Sunday on February 11 to highlight our trip to Winter Barakel; you're not going to want to miss that! Third, on February 17 we will be having a Teen Ladies' Dinner. This is an opportunity for our young ladies to dress up, eat a meal together, and receive encouragement from their peers and a devotion led by one of our leaders. It's also an opportunity for our guys to dress up and serve the ladies (don't worry...you'll get to eat too)! See Noah about further details. Lastly, we're closing out the month with the Creation Conference (Feb. 24-25), which will be an excellent opportunity for us to refine our knowledge of Creation Science, and better defend our faith. There is SO much going on, but I don't want you to miss the big picture of all of it...**Colossians 1:10 says, "...so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God."** This is our prayer for you...in your homes, schools, or wherever you are, that you walk worthy of the Lord, pleasing Him, bearing fruit, and knowing Him. We love you dearly, and we're praying for you!