

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Deb Chapman	9 Jan Cox	18 Jennifer Bowerbank Roger Luurtsema
2 Paul Dunbar	11 Brent Paschall	19 Landon Lopez
4 Adah Bushart	12 Dennis Miller	25 Dan Baughey
8 Arlene Russ	17 Les Brooks	29 Roman Caballero

Anniversaries

3 Bob & Carol Armstrong
13 Dennis & Judith Dunn

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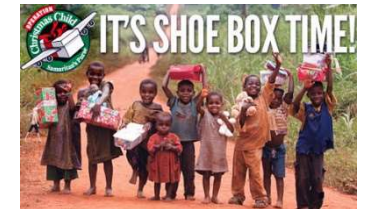
Milan Baptist
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Monthly
Newsletter

October 2019

Operation Christmas Child

Kicking off October 20! See Kathleen Spencer with questions!



A Word from Our Pastor

The writer of the Book of Hebrews wrote, "Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted." (Hebrews 12:3) As we all know...life itself can grow wearisome and hard at times, BUT with Christ Himself as our example, the Lord admonishes us not to give up, but always to press-on. For example...

- If our 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 "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 the apostle Paul did, "Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart." (2 Corinthians 4:1)
- As we see mercy and blessing begin to flow, we then 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 not to lose heart, 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've got to learn to receive it patiently, "...do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him." (Hebrews 12:5; Proverbs 3:11-12 it's sign of God's love)

But with all these strong exhortations to not give up, 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 prophet Isaiah: "...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)

Ladies' Ministry – First Friday

Our next First Friday is October 4. AM Session is at 9:30a.m. & PM Session is at 7:00p.m.!

Real Life (Young Adults)

Real Life is happening every Friday in the MAC starting at 6:30 p.m. We will NOT be meeting on Friday, October 25. For those interested in helping our ministry, we have a snack/dessert volunteer sign up on our website! Go to www.milanbaptist.org and find us under Adult Ministries! Please see Kurt or Becky Heinold with any questions!

Women Without Partners

Our next Women Without Partners lunch outing will be Sunday, October 13!

Men's Ministry

There will be NO Bible Study or construction on October 5. Bible Study & Construction will take place on 10/12, 10/19, 10/26.

Children Ministry Safety Update

We endeavor to provide a safe and inviting environment for all attendees at Milan Baptist Church, but especially our children and youth. We would like to share with you two new exciting additions for our families with young children as well as remind everyone of our policies in place for our children and youth ministries. We have two new areas to assist parents in times of transition. Our "Infant Feeding Room" is for mothers and babies only. This room provides a private place for mothers to feed their babies before returning them to the nursery or joining the service. Our "Parent Lounge" is for parents or guardians who have a little one who is having a rough time and needs parent comforting before returning to the nursery or classroom. This area is reserved for only parents or guardians and their child(ren) during ministry time. Please note that during our children's and youth ministries, only scheduled workers are allowed to interact with the children. If parents or guardians would like to observe their child or teen's class, they may watch from the beginning of the class in a designated area. Parents should not come and go during the class time, as this is disruptive to the class.

If you have any questions about the two new areas or any of our policies, please contact Kathy Winters, Children's Ministry Coordinator, Erica Caballero, Nursery Coordinator or Dennis Miller, Safety & Security Coordinator.

MLT Meeting

Our next MLT Meeting will be October 12 @ 9:30 a.m.

Flu Shot Clinic

We will be hosting a flu shot clinic ran by the Little Pharmacy of Milan on October 16 in the MAC from 1-

4p.m. Flu, shingles, and pneumonia shots will be available! Medicare can be billed.

Kitchen Committee

Our kitchen is being used so much these days! That's a good thing, but can also be a concern. Many who use our facility have leftovers from their events and leave them in the refrigerator. If you want to do that, fine, but please label it as to who left it and when. We recently had to throw several dishes of food away that had ruined. Had we had an identifying label on it, we could have made arrangements to use it for another ministry. I'm sure that is what you had in mind. We hate to throw food away, sometimes that is all we can do. If you are leaving leftovers to be used by someone else, please label it so that group knows it is for them. If you don't label it, please take it home with you to use or to freeze. It is such a blessing that God has given us such a wonderful facility. Let's honor that and take care of it in every aspect! Thanks, Kitchen Committee

Trunk or Treat/Harvest Party

Join us October 25 for our annual Trunk or Treat/Harvest Party. Trunk or Treat is from 5-6p.m. and our Harvest Party will be 6-7:30 p.m. Volunteer sign up is in the narthex and we will have planning meetings on Sunday October 6 & 20 following Morning Worship. Please see Kathy Winters with any questions!

Operation Christmas Child

October 20-November 10

DO NOT INCLUDE

Candy; Toothpaste; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns; knives; or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans; dice or games that contain dice.

IDEAS TO INCLUDE:

Stuffed Animals; Harmonicas; Combs; Hairbrush; Toothbrush; Washcloth; Bar soap; Hat/scarf/mittens; Sunglasses; Pencils; Crayons; Markers; Pens; Notebooks; Picture books; Playdough; Stickers; Jump rope; Slinky

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Mission Spotlight:

Samaritan's Purse

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for more info on this amazing organization!



Children's Ministry Birth – Grade 6

Kathy Winters, Children's Ministry Coordinator

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Sunday School

Join us Sunday Mornings at 9:30am!

Kids Worship

Attend the Worship Service with your parents and then join us downstairs following the Children's Sermon! Visit our facebook page at www.facebook.com/MBCKidsWorship for daily ideas to reinforce each Sunday's lessons.

Bible Adventurers (Grades 1-6)

Join us Sundays at 6 p.m. in the MAC!

Awana (Age 2-Grade 6)

Every Wednesday in October from 6:30-8p.m.

Teen Ministry

Grade 7 – Grade 12

Noah Radtke, Youth Pastor

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Sunday School (Sundays, 9:30-10:30, MAC)

Bible Education for Grades 7-12

C2: Christ-Centered Teen Ministries

(Sundays, 6:00-8:00, MAC)

Youth Group for Grades 7-12

DEEPER (Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00, Room 207)

Small Group Discipleship for Grades 7-12

Your Spot Community Youth Outreach

(Thursdays, 6:30-8:30, MAC)

Gospel-Centered Outreach and Open Gym for Grades 7-12

Note from our Youth Pastor...

This past month, we took a group of teens to Cedar Point for their annual Christian event called PointFest (Christian concerts + Cedar Point), and it was.....ok. Great time to hang out together, but lines were ridiculously long. To make matters worse, PointFest landed on the first weekend of Cedar Point's "Halloweekends" which is their spooky celebration of Halloween filled with your typical decorations themed around that holiday. But one of the most noteworthy—and arguably worst—things that they do is send people in costumes to run up to patrons and scare them silly. All this to say, as a youth pastor who was hoping for small lines, Christian theming, lots of roller coasters, and nothing Halloween, it proved to be an interesting night. In my cheesy-humor sort of way, though, I told some of our students that I wanted to run up to random people and yell "BOO!" and when they would ask me what I was supposed to be, I would say "I'm crippling debt," or something goofy like that (to me, that sounds more scary than a clown)...

...but then it got me thinking. Fear is a peculiar feeling from people; there are irrational fears, random discomforts or stresses in life, or even some scary things that are deemed entertainment (consider the horror movie industry). But what is fear? Simply put, fear is the reaction of an individual who feels completely helpless in response to a given stimuli. Somebody jumps out in front of you, and you freeze up like a deer caught in the headlights. You turn on the lights of your basement and jump up and scream when you see a bug or rodent run across the floor. You sink low in your seat as your family discusses the possibility of bankruptcy. Your head begins to spin when you hear the doctor share the diagnosis. The list could go on and on. The Bible has a good handful of things to say regarding fear, but there are two things that come to mind. **1) "Fear God..."** was King Solomon's conclusion of what truly matters in Ecclesiastes 12:13. If fear is the feeling of helplessness—before Holy and perfect God—I have to ask, do we look at God with reverential awe and fear of His power, might, and glory? Here's **2) "Fear Not..."** was the declarative greeting of the angel before the shepherds on that quiet night in Bethlehem (Luke 2:10). Do we have holy reverence before Almighty God—the One Who has the ability to destroy body and soul in Hell (Matthew 10:28)—and are we at peace that this same All-Powerful Creator has granted us reconciliation through His Son (2 Corinthians 5:21)? When we begin to understand God's enormity of holiness matched with the gentleness of His grace, it makes the things of this earth seem quite small.