

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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Monthly
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Answers in Genesis

Save the date for our upcoming
Creation Conference!

March 7 & 8

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A Word from Our Pastor

In our current series from the Pastoral Epistles (1 Timothy, Titus, & 2 Timothy) on Sunday mornings, we've come to the section on the characteristics of an authentic follower of Jesus Christ in 2 Timothy chapter 2. The apostle Paul has been reminding his young protégé Timothy of living out his faith in his daily life no matter what the circumstance. It has brought to the forefront, the importance of regular Bible reading. It's a fact, regular Bible reading improves our behavior. In fact, scripture engagement – or the frequency with which you read our Bibles – is a more reliable prediction of moral behavior than traditional measures of spirituality, such as church attendance and prayer.

Recently, I ran across some research that confirms this fact. This revelation comes from research conducted by Arnold Cole, Ed. D. and Pamela Caudill Ovwigho, who lead the Center for Bible Engagement who conducted an online survey of over 100,000 people. Their statistical analysis reveals that, controlling for other factors – such as age, gender, church attendance, and prayer – Christians who read the Bible four or more days a week have lower odds of abusing alcohol, having sex outside of marriage, viewing pornography, and gambling. Significantly lower odds. Here are some of the findings: Getting drunk: 57% lower odds, having extramarital sex: 68% lower odds, viewing porn: 61% lower odds, gambling: 74% lower odds. Also, their research supports the fact that reading your Bible more often not only makes you less likely to engage in risky behavior but also increases the likelihood that you will share your faith and disciple others. Christians who read their Bibles at least four days a week are more than two times (230%) more likely to share their faith and disciple others than Christians who read their Bibles less frequently.

In addition to improvements in our behavior...there is also data that supports the fact that reading our Bible regularly can improve our health, our relationships, as well as draw us closer to God. May these brief thoughts encourage us to spend regular time with our Bibles, so that, we might display more clearly the characteristics of an authentic follower of Jesus Christ. (Scripture Passages: 2 Timothy 2:1-26; Psalm 119:105; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 4:12; James 1:21; Isaiah 55:11)

Spring Forward

Don't forget to set your clocks one hour ahead the night of March 14!

MLT Meeting

Our next MLT Meeting will be Saturday, March 24 at 9:30 a.m.

Ladies' Ministry – First Friday Fellowship

Our next First Friday is March 6. AM Session is at 9:30a.m. & PM Session is at 7:00p.m.!

Women Without Partners

Our next lunch outing will be March 8 at Harvest Moon following Morning Worship.

Real Life (Young Adults)

Real Life is happening every Friday in the MAC starting at 6:30 p.m. 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!

Men's Ministry

There will be NO Bible Study or construction on March 7. Men's Bible Study & MAC Construction will take place 3/14, 3/21, and 3/28.

Barakel Sunday

Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 15! Paul Gardner will be here to give an update on Camp Barakel at 9:30 a.m. in the MAC. We are also excited to have him as a guest speaker during Morning Worship!

Operation Christmas Child

We are offering our families the chance to donate items monthly between now and OCC 2020. Each month will focus on a specific theme and families are invited to bring items to church during that month and place in the OCC donation bin in the narthex. Items will be stored throughout the year and then our families will be invited to a "packing party" next October! You can contact Kathleen Spencer with any questions at 734.277.5638 or kspen36624@aol.com.

Our March theme will be: stuffed animals (please remember size of the box!)

3rd Thursdays

The 3rd Thursday, of each month, there are a variety of activities that attract folks from all over to the downtown area. Since Milan Baptist Church is located in downtown, it only makes sense that we too should participate in "3rd Thursday". This is a great way to demonstrate to all the downtown visitors what our church is all about.

To start planning what it is we should do to make this happen and to make the church visible & welcoming, we need to form a committee to develop some ideas. The committee members will not be expected to be available for all the 3rd Thursday events. The committee will just be coming up with the ideas and creating a vision as to how and what it is the church needs to do.

If you are interested and have ideas to share, contact Kathy Van Buren: kathyvanburen@gmail.com or 734-429-3019

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

Our next dinner will be Saturday, March 14! Sign up now if you would like to host or be a guest. HOSTS: Please indicate if you have any animals in your home and/or are able to host guests with children. GUESTS: Please indicate if you have any allergies or if you plan on bringing your children.

Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The hosts will be responsible for providing the entire meal, but it does not need to be anything fancy. The goal of this fellowship is not to eat, but to build relationships with others in our church. There will be an information table in the narthex this month to sign-up & to help answer any questions.

Save The Date

Saturday, April 18th
Women's Spring Event
"ROYAL TEA PARTY"

Be looking for ticket information and more details soon!

WANTED:

- 1) Cups & Saucers - you have collecting dust & would **donate**.
- 2) Tea Pots & Tiered Plate Holders – you would **loan** for the party.

Direct questions & contributions:

Carol Phelps 734-439-7138 carol.phelps05@gmail.com

Mission Spotlight:

Camp Barakel

We have been long time supporters of this amazing camp! Check your bulletin for summer dates TODAY!



Children's Ministry Birth – Grade 6

Kathy Winters, Children's Ministry Coordinator
kathy.winters@gmail.com

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!

NO Bible Adventurers March 29

Awana (Age 2-Grade 6)

Wednesdays in March 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

Check out the monthly Teen Newsletter for more info!

Note from our Youth Pastor...

"PRAY WITHOUT CEASING!" That's what 1

Thessalonians 5:17 says; in fact, the other 3 times the Greek phrase for "without ceasing" is used is directed toward the perpetual prayer for and remembrance of fellow Believers. Prayer is arguably the most important thing that we can do as Christians, but sadly, it's likely the thing we do the least. Instead of dropping to our knees in reverence to our Sovereign God, we throw money, time, stress, programs, and so many other man-centered things at our problems. I love Jesus' example in **Luke 11:5-13**, but let's focus on vv. 5-10: **"And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him; and he will answer from**



"PRAYER PULLS THE ROPE BELOW, AND THE GREAT BELL RINGS ABOVE IN THE EARS OF GOD."

SOME SCARCELY STIR THE BELL, FOR THEY PRAY SO LANGUIDLY; OTHERS GIVE BUT AN OCCASIONAL PLUCK AT THE ROPE;

BUT HE WHO WINS WITH HEAVEN IS THE MAN WHO GRASPS THE ROPE BOLDLY AND PULLS CONTINUOUSLY, WITH ALL HIS MIGHT."

— CHARLES SPURGEON

within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened." We have access to the One Who owns it all! WHAT'S STOPPING US?! I have said this so many times, but let this sink in: prayer is the glue that binds our obedience and need with God's sovereign will and glory. What a waste to miss out on one of the greatest blessings of our Intercessor and High Priest, Jesus Christ. Christian history speaks of James (Jesus' half-brother) being such a man of prayer that his knees were knobby like a camel. Ring the bell! Get some knobby knees! PRAY!