



MILAN BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

March 22, 2020

Message from the Pastor

As I write this note to you...we are on day 4 of this 15 day plan for social distancing suggested to us by the CDC. For many of our families, you've been cooped up in your home for several days and your mind begins to play tricks and you start to think negatively which leads to fear. The apostle Paul said, *"for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."* (2 Timothy 1:7 ESV) As Christians we should not live by the "spirit of fear." Let me remind you of what Proverbs 3:5-6 says, *"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."* This pandemic is going to pass soon, and we must stay strong and place our full trust in the Lord; He's the one who will sustain us. Psalm 91:1-2 says, *"He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the LORD, My refuge and my fortress, my God. In whom I trust."* My encouragement is for you to daily spend time with the Lord...stay true to the basics of your walk with the Lord: Prayer, Bible Study, and Personal Worship. Until we meet again...know you are loved and prayed for by your deacons and pastors.

MBC Ministries/Services

We will be suspending all services and ministries through April 4. We are excited to offer the option to view our March 22 and 29 services online at [facebook.com/milanbaptist](https://www.facebook.com/milanbaptist). We will be live at 10:45 a.m. **You do not need Facebook to view.**

Stay Updated

Our church website (www.milanbaptist.org) is a wonderful resource especially in times like this. Please visit often to see our latest updates!

Safety Precautions

- Stay home if possible/limit exposure to others
- Stay away from people that are sick
- Don't shake hands or kiss on face
- Wash your hands often
- Don't touch your face or eyes
- Cover your mouth with your arm or tissue when sneezing/coughing
- Be prepared with food, consumable supplies, meds, cleaning supplies, personal hygiene supplies, etc. if you have to be quarantined

- Stay in touch with our local and state government for announcements as this situation progresses
- Special caution should be taken by the elderly, young, and pregnant mothers

Giving

Many have already asked how our church will continue to meet our financial obligations (utilities, insurance, payroll, etc., and especially to our missionaries) during this challenging season. In the past when church services were canceled (such as snow emergencies), our members simply sent their tithes and offerings using mail. You are welcome to mail your offerings to P.O. Box 147 Milan, MI 48160.

Also, the Deacons and Treasurers have been working for several months on providing the option to submit your tithes and offerings electronically/online. We were on schedule to roll this out to the congregation in April but given the current situation we were able to expedite the testing and approval. Therefore, we are glad to announce the launch of online giving for Milan Baptist Church. **Please go to the church website for more information.**

Through the Bible in a Year		
Daily Bible Reading Assignment		
Date	Old Testament	New Testament
March 22	Joshua 10-12	Luke 1:39-56
March 23	Joshua 13-15	Luke 1:57-80
March 24	Joshua 16-18	Luke 2:1-24
March 25	Joshua 19-21	Luke 2:25-52
March 26	Joshua 22-24	Luke 3
March 27	Judges 1-3	Luke 4:1-30
March 28	Judges 4-6	Luke 4:31-44
March 29	Judges 7-8	Luke 5:1-16

2019-2020 Ministry Action Budget

Weekly Need (as of July 1, 2019)	\$8,135
Last Week March 15, 2020 Tithes & Offerings	\$10,127