



# MILAN BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

April 5, 2020

MBC

## Message from the Pastor

As I write this note to you...we have another Executive Order handed down from our President, to "Stay Home, Stay Safe," til April 30. Please, continue to follow the guidelines that came out in "President Trump's Coronavirus Guidelines for America" that you received in the mail this week and stay safe! Also, be faithful to pray for all our elected officials every day...that God would show them what's best for us.

This week I would like us to focus on the words of the Psalmist in Psalm 46...<sup>1</sup>*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.* <sup>2</sup>*Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,* <sup>3</sup>*though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling...* <sup>10</sup>*"Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"* <sup>11</sup>*The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.* (vv.1-3, 10-11 ESV).

The occasion for the writing is uncertain, but most seem to agree that it best fits a threatened invasion of Jerusalem by the Assyrian King, Sennacherib, during the reign of Hezekiah (2 Kings 19, Isaiah 36-37). When Hezekiah was faced with the inevitability of the Assyrians invading Jerusalem, he went up to the temple and "spread it out before the Lord".

The writer must have been an eye witness. He not only records history, but also, this passage has something to say to us, as Christians. What God did here on behalf of Israel in the physical sense, He longs to do for His children. This Psalm formed the background for Martin Luther's great hymn, "A Mighty Fortress is our God."

*"A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing;  
and though this world with devils filled should  
threaten to undo us, we will not fear for God hath  
willed His truth to triumph through us."*

This Psalm can be summed up in one statement: "In times of distress and discouragement, God's people can sing because they are SECURE." Let Him be your "refuge" which means "stronghold," "A citadel high and safe into which the oppressed retreat; a safe haven from the storm." Psalm 9:9 says, "The LORD is a stronghold ("refuge") for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble." And let Him be your "strength." Psalm 29:11 says, "May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!" (Additional Scripture: Romans 8:31-39)

Until we meet together again...know you are loved and prayed for by your deacons and pastors.

## Ministries/Services

We will be suspending all services and ministries through April 30. To view services, you can go to [facebook.com/milanbaptist](https://facebook.com/milanbaptist) and click videos to view. If you are watching it LIVE, the video will show up as soon as you pull the page up. Don't forget to print off the Message Note Page before you tune in.

## Stay Updated

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

## Giving This Week: \$8035 Weekly Goal: \$8,135

Many have already asked how our church will continue to meet our financial obligations (utilities, insurance, payroll, 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 the US Postal system: **Milan Baptist Church P.O. Box 147 Milan, MI 48160.**

Also something NEW, the Deacons and Treasurers have been working for several months on providing the option to submit your tithes and offerings electronically/online. We are happy to announce that it is now reality...you now can give you tithes and offerings electronically/on line. **Please go to the church website for information and simple instructions on how you can take advantage of this secure convenient way of supporting the ministry of your church.**

## Prayer Requests

- Farris Hurst, had another stroke, because safety protocols Marcia is unable to be by his side at this time.
- Brent Paschall, recovering at home from a broken leg
- Jerry Austin, physical need
- Neal Kesterson's mom, recovering at home
- Ron & Carolyn Sackett, both battling cancer
- Pastor's sister, Gail, battling Stage 4 lung cancer, having gallbladder surgery on Tuesday.
- Elli Robins, fighting leukemia
- Michelle Glenon's mom, Doris Branch recovering from pneumonia at home
- Ron Radtke, praying for healing for lump on his leg
- MBC extended family, being smart and staying safe during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Our missionaries & their families: Bennetts, Campbells, Christensens, Gardners, Hayward, Jenks, Johnsons, Johnston, Manduzios (in Italy), Pierces, Rendels, Reeves, Semenchuk, Stralnic, Van Ormans, & Waidleys
- Our MBC Shut-Ins: Shirley Krass (Cambrian), Emma Jane Hall (Senior Solutions), & Alice Ackerman (daughters home)



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<b>Through the Bible in a Year</b>		
<b>Daily Bible Reading Assignment</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Old Testament</b>	<b>New Testament</b>
<b>April 5</b>	1 Samuel 1-3	Luke 8:26-56
<b>April 6</b>	1 Samuel 4-6	Luke 9:1-17
<b>April 7</b>	1 Samuel 7-9	Luke 9:18-36
<b>April 8</b>	1 Samuel 10-12	Luke 9:37-62
<b>April 9</b>	1 Samuel 13-14	Luke 10:1-24
<b>April 10</b>	1 Samuel 15-16	Luke 10:25-42
<b>April 11</b>	1 Samuel 17-18	Luke 11:1-28
<b>April 12</b>	1 Samuel 19-21	Luke 11:29-54