



MILAN BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

April 19, 2020

A Word from Our Pastor

The Psalmist says, *"He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. ²I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."* (Psalm 91:1-2 ESV) Here we find the psalmist expressing his great confidence in the fact that whoever trusts in the Lord finds security and protection.

When we take a closer look you will notice the first two of four names for God in v.1... 1) *"Most High"* ELYON, it suggests a Supreme monarch, one who is elevated above all things. The name signifies God's majesty, sovereignty, and pre-eminence, 2) *"Almighty"* SHADDAI, which means a mighty and powerful God who is strong beyond our imagination and is more than capable to supply our every need. These titles are significant, for they stress His power as the sovereign Ruler of the world. The images of the *"shelter"* is seen as a hiding place a place of refuge. The *"shadow"*, perhaps the *"shadow"* of a bird's wing, also pictures for us, shelter and protection as well as comfort.

Notice the last two of four of the names for God in v.2... 3) *"LORD"* YAHWEH, is the personal name for God, revealed to Moses at the burning bush ([Exodus 6:2](#)). This personal name for God was considered so sacred in Judaism, that the original pronunciation is uncertain, only that it contained the letters YHWH. It has been translated as Yahweh, Jehovah, and more often as the LORD (in all caps). The significance of this name is that it represents a relatable God who seeks for us to know Him on a deep, personal level, and 4) *"God"* ELOHIM, this name first appears at the very beginning of the [Bible](#) in [Genesis 1:1](#), *"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."* When ELOHIM occurs in Scripture, it is typically translated as "God." In Greek, it is translated as *THEOS*, which is where we get our word *theology*. It means the one who is first, or the creator, and is technically a plural word. So it is fitting that this is how God is referenced in [Genesis 1:1](#); as a creator who is one, yet plural (Father, Son, Spirit). The Psalmist is proclaiming that the God in whom he trusts is the same God who created all things, the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, and the God who is forever faithful to His creation. *"God"...*is also, the believer's *"Refuge"...*that is, "shelter from danger" as well as his *"fortress,"* his "strong protection."

Psalm 91:1-2, admirably expresses the fact that the Psalmist's safety is in the LORD. During these unprecedented days of uncertainty, where have you placed your confidence? Let me encourage you to place your confidence, your trust, and your security in the God described here in the 91st Psalm, for it is in His care that we will be protected and secure!

Ministries/Services

We will be suspending all services, ministries, and events that use the facilities through April 30. Online ("Live") ministries are listed below:

"Worship Live", Sundays at 10:45. To view, you can go to 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.

"Wednesday Night Live", Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Teens and families can tune in to Pastor Noah and Chris as they share a message with our teens. To view, you can go to 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

"H.U.S.T.L.E to Pray", Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. Families can tune in to Pastor & Lisa as they lead our families in a time of prayer. To view, you can go to facebook.com/milanbaptist and click videos to view. Guide can be found on our website!

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!

Weekly Goal: \$8,135

Giving This Week: \$4,868

Many have already asked how our church will continue to meet our financial obligations (utilities, insurance, payroll, and missionary support) during this challenging season. You may provide in your tithes and offerings by one of the following methods:

- If using the U.S. Postal system: Make checks out to **"Milan Baptist Church"** and mail to **P.O. Box 147 Milan, MI 48160**.
- Submit [online](#). Instructions and a link to the secure online system can be found at www.milanbaptist.org. Contact the church if you have any questions.

Children Ministries (Age 2-Grade 6)

Parents! Don't forget to check the MBC Updates page for weekly children worship services and the MBC Kids Worship Facebook page for additional resources!



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Prayer Requests

- Marcia Hurst and family, Farris went home to be with the Lord
- Earl Cox, at home
- Harold Heath, slowly improving. Bruising is better and pain is manageable. Swelling is the same. They appreciate your prayers!
- 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, awaiting surgery for enlarged gallbladder
- Jeff Hoover (Sharon Cassell’s son) and his family situation following exposure to COVID
- 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
- PRAISE: Jim & Rachel Bennett have 97% support toward becoming full-time at Camp Barakel
- Our missionaries & their families: Bennetts, Campbells, Christensens, Gardners, Hayward, Jenks, Johnsons, Johnston, Manduzios (in Italy), Pierces, Rendels, Reeves, Semenchuk, Stralnics, Van Ormans, & Waidleys
- Our MBC Shut-Ins: Shirley Krass (Cambrian), Emma Jane Hall (Senior Solutions), & Alice Ackerman (daughters home)

Through the Bible in a Year		
Daily Bible Reading Assignment		
Date	Old Testament	New Testament
April 19	2 Samuel 6-8	Luke 15:1-10
April 20	2 Samuel 9-11	Luke 15:11-32
April 21	2 Samuel 12-13	Luke 16
April 22	2 Samuel 14-15	Luke 17:1-19
April 23	2 Samuel 16-18	Luke 17:20-37
April 24	2 Samuel 19-20	Luke 18:1-23
April 25	2 Samuel 21-22	Luke 18:24-43
April 26	2 Samuel 23-24	Luke 19:1-27