



MILAN BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

April 26, 2020

A Word from Our Pastor

As we continue to pray that the people we love would be protected and delivered from the Coronavirus...it reminds me of King Hezekiah's prayer for deliverance in 2 Kings 19:14-19. You can read about the life of King Hezekiah in 2 Kings Chapters 18-20. He was one of the good kings of Judah (Southern Kingdom). His life included some good choices and some not-so-good; that unvarnished reality simply accentuates the Bible's credibility, and reassures us of the truth of Scripture. It ought to inspire in us, HOPE for our own lives. To briefly summarize our text...King Hezekiah receives a threatening message from Sennacherib, the King of Assyria. Up to that point, Hezekiah had made some poor choices, but on this day, he chooses to turn back to God. Holding tightly to the frightening letter, he hurries to the temple and spreads it out before the Lord. I love that visual! I love the example Hezekiah sets for us! We too, can spread out what's troubling us before the Lord. Praying over practical challenges reminds us that our great God is not just the God of *up there*, but very much the God of *down here*, too.

What circumstances in your life need some divine direction today? Why not try spreading them out before the Lord, and praying over what's troubling you? Hezekiah begins his prayer by praising God for who He is. He takes time to articulate the evil intentions of the Assyrian king. He wraps up his prayer by clearly stating his request: *"save us, please, from his hand."* For when we pray over life's practical challenges, it reminds us that our great God is not just the God of UP THERE, but very much the God of DOWN HERE, too. And then comes a word or phrase I love to find in Scripture: *"that" or "so that."* I love seeing the reason behind a command or a request.

How many times have we heard our children or grandchildren ask, "Why?" Hezekiah doesn't just ask for deliverance; he wants God to be glorified in the answer! He prays in v.19, *"So now, O LORD our God, save us, please, from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you, O LORD, are God alone."* Our text reveals a wonderful pattern for prayer! When we pray that God will be glorified, and God will get the credit, we begin to anticipate answers that may be different than what we would want or expect. We learn that even our suffering serves a purpose (Romans 8:28): by praying for something huge, praying for God to be made much of, we find that the Pandemic we are all experiencing, the next chemo treatment, the pending surgery, a dreaded family reunion, and a flat tire can all be opportunities for gospel conversations that bring glory to God. So folks, whatever is troubling you today, use Hezekiah's prayer to inspire you to: Spread your need out before the Lord. Pray that God will answer SO THAT He is glorified in the answer!

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. Our church family can tune in to Pastor & Lisa as they lead us 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: \$6,167

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](http://www.milanbaptist.org). 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
- Whitcomb family (friends of Straders), following the passing of Randy
- Jerry DuBois, home dealing with physical needs
- Harold Heath, slowly improving. Pray specifically that the swelling goes down in his leg. They need to have the swelling come down before they can come home
- 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, Stralnic, 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 26	2 Samuel 23-24	Luke 19:1-27
April 27	1 Kings 1-2	Luke 19:28-48
April 28	1 Kings 3-5	Luke 20:1-26
April 29	1 Kings 6-7	Luke:20:27-47
April 30	1 Kings 8-9	Luke 21:1-19
May 1	1 Kings 10-11	Luke 21:20-38
May 2	1 Kings 12-13	Luke 22:1-20
May 3	1 Kings 14-15	Luke 22:21-46