



# MILAN BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

May 17, 2020

## A Word from Our Pastor

Two weeks ago we shared the first three of six Habits that will destroy your faith. This week my intention is to share the last three of these negative habits...here's a quick review of the first three...

- 1) **Loving the World.** (1 John 2:15 ESV).
- 2) **Neglecting the Word.** (Matthew 13:22 ESV).
- 3) **Trusting Your Feelings.** (Hebrews 13:5; Romans 8:1 ESV).

And now the last three habits that we should steer clear of so that we do not destroy our faith.....

### 4) Worrying.

Worrying is an easy thing to do. But it's dangerous. To worry is to say to ourselves and others "God can't handle this, therefore I must stress." Jesus instructed His disciples five times in Luke 12 not to worry, because God would take care of them. We are also told in Philippians 4:6 to worry about nothing and instead, pray about everything.

### 5) Hanging with the Wrong Crowd.

Psalm 1:1 ESV tells us blessing comes to *"...the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers."* And throughout the Proverbs we are told to choose our friends wisely (Proverbs 12:26). Are you around others who sharpen your faith and challenge you to grow spiritually (Proverbs 27:17)? Please folks, do not hang out with people who constantly complain, criticize, gossip, for they will whittle away your faith. Choose your friends carefully so your faith is protected.

### 6. Relying on Self

We live in a world that praises self-reliance. But Jesus never did. He stressed God-reliance, which takes faith. When we rely on God, our achievements, success, blessings and rewards are no longer about us and our abilities. If they were, we'd have only ourselves to thank. Make sure your hope is in God. When you stop relying on yourself it will propel your faith forward in ways you can't imagine. Someone has rightly said, "to remain 'self-sufficient' is to remain 'faith-inefficient.'"

**APPLICATION:** If you struggle with any (or all) of the habits above, you don't have to stay stuck in that rut. If you are in Christ you are a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17) capable of developing new habits that build, rather than destroy your faith. As we await the lifting of the "stay at Home Order," recommit your life to Him and trust in Him and remember, He's the one who allows circumstances to come our way that stretch and strengthen our faith.

## Ministries/Services

We will be suspending all services, ministries, and events that use the facilities **until further notice**. Online ("Live") ministries are listed below:

"Worship Live", Sundays at 10:45. To view, you can go to [facebook.com/milanbaptist](https://www.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](https://www.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](https://www.facebook.com/milanbaptist) and click videos to view. Guide can be found on our website!

**Weekly Goal: \$8,135**

**Giving This Week: \$7,751**

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](https://www.milanbaptist.org). Instructions and a link to the secure online system can be found at [www.milanbaptist.org](https://www.milanbaptist.org). Contact the church if you have any questions.



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May 10, 2020

## 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!

## Prayer Requests

- Prayer for our nation and elected officials during this unprecedented time.
- All those who have lost loved ones
- Families who are awaiting help or are in need
- Earl Cox, at home dealing with health issues
- Mark McDonald, strained a ligament in his leg last week and is now in a brace.
- Mark McDonald, searching for a job
- Friends of Cindy Hasselbring, both sons is in critical condition with COVID.
- Jerry DuBois, home dealing with infection
- Harold Heath, pray for a safe trip home! They are leaving tomorrow (Friday). Continued prayer for Harold's health as he drives
- Jerry Austin, physical need
- Ron & Carolyn Sackett, both battling cancer
- Pastor's sister, Gail, battling Stage 4 lung cancer, awaiting surgery for enlarged gallbladder
- Elli Robins, now in "maintenance" stage! She will receive treatments from home for the next year and a half
- Ron Radtke, PRAISE lump was a torn muscle and he now has plans to meet with an orthopedic surgeon
- PRAISE: Jim & Rachel Bennett received 100% support to go full-time at Camp Barakel. Prayer needed for sale of their house
- Camp Barakel as they maneuver the summer schedule during this pandemic.
- Our missionaries & their families: Bennetts, Campbells, Christensens, Gardners, Hayward, Jenks, Johnsons, 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)

## HEBREWS 4:12



*"For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart."*

**"ONLY 1 IN 6 ADULTS READ THE BIBLE EVERY DAY."**

The Word of God is living and effective. It has the power to convict, shape, and inspire us— if we read it. But so often, obstacles like confusion and busyness keep us from reading the Bible and experiencing the life-transforming power of God through it.

Through the Bible in a Year		
Daily Bible Reading Assignment		
Date	Old Testament	New Testament
May 17	1 Chronicles 1-3	John 5:25-47
May 18	1 Chronicles 4-6	John 6:1-21
May 19	1 Chronicles 7-9	John 6:22-44
May 20	1 Chronicles 10-12	John 6:45-71
May 21	1 Chronicles 13-15	John 7:1-27
May 22	1 Chronicles 16-18	John 7:28-53
May 23	1 Chronicles 19-21	John 8:1-27
May 24	1 Chronicles 22-24	John 8:28-59

Birthdays	Anniversaries
May 18 – Emily Paschall	
May 20 – Sharon Thatcher	
May 21 – Lydia Heinold	
May 22 – Mendy Jackson, Bev Gay, & Erica Caballero	
May 24 – Steve Luurtsema	