



# MILAN BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

May 24, 2020

## A Word from Our Pastor

As we all, ready ourselves, to celebrate another Memorial Day...so be it a little different than normal celebrations. I know that you would agree that we now live in a world that has been changed due to an invisible foe that caused a world-wide Pandemic. All of us have been impacted by COVID-19 in some way, one way or another.

As restrictions slowly begin to be lifted here in Michigan and things slowly get back to normal over the summer...my heart is still thankful that we have the privilege to live in the most amazing country called the United State of America! Here are some quick thoughts for us to think about...

Freedom truly is a gift from God. The words engraved on Jefferson's Memorial reflect that truth: "God who gave us life gave us liberty at the same time." And freedom is foundational to who we are as a people. It is a part of the American DNA. But freedom is not free. Jesus Himself said: "*Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.*" (John 15:13 ESV) Freedom requires sacrifice. And that is true for our nation. The cost of freedom is great. The fight for freedom is never over. We must fight to win it, and then we must fight to keep it.

I'm remind of the Chris Tomlin song, "You Are my King" ...

I'm forgiven because you were forsaken  
I'm accepted, You were condemned  
I'm alive and well  
Your spirit is within me  
Because you died and rose again  
  
Amazing love how can it be?  
That my king would die for me  
Amazing love I know it's true  
It's my joy to honor you  
In all I do  
I honor you

Yes, we should be extremely grateful of the sacrifice of those who have fought for and continue to preserve our freedoms in this country. But, let's not forget that because of the once and for all sacrifice of one, our Lord Jesus Christ, we are free from the penalty of sin and death and have the privilege to live eternally with Him.

Enjoy your time with your friends and family this weekend... looking forward to gathering together as a church at some time in the near future.

## 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://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://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://facebook.com/milanbaptist) and click videos to view. Guide can be found on our website!

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

**Giving This Week: \$7,197**

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](http://www.milanbaptist.org). Contact the church if you have any questions.

## Our Daily Bread **(Almost time for a new book!)**

If you are looking for the next Our Daily Bread booklet we have 3 options for you! You can download the "Our Daily Bread" app, you can go to our website and click the link to take you to their website, OR you can call the church office and request a copy to be delivered to your home!



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## 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
- Trevor Nelson, tested positive for COVID-19
- 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
- Mark McDonald, searching for a job
- Doris Branch, Michelle Glenon's mom, taken to St Joe with concern of possible heart failure
- Friends of Cindy Hasselbring, both sons is in critical condition with COVID.
- Jerry DuBois, rebuilding strength
- Harold Heath, pray for a safe trip home! They are on the road and had some issues with their coach. They are waiting for a part before they can continue home. Supposed to arrive today (Thursday). Continued prayer for Harold's health as he drives
- Jerry Austin, having an iron infusion on Tuesday, June 9
- Ron & Carolyn Sackett, both battling cancer (PRAISE: Carolyn's latest testing shows her cancer is continuing to shrink!)
- 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
- PRAISE: Jim & Rachel Bennett received 100% support to go full-time at Camp Barakel. Prayer needed for sale of their house
- Camp Barakel, following the cancelation of all summer camp
- Our missionaries & their families: Bennetts, Campbells, Christensens, Gardners, Hayward, Jenks, Johnsons, 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)

## 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 24                         | 1 Chronicles 22-24 | John 8:28-59  |
| May 25                         | 1 Chronicles 25-27 | John 9:1-23   |
| May 26                         | 1 Chronicles 28-29 | John 9:24-41  |
| May 27                         | 2 Chronicles 1-3   | John 10:1-23  |
| May 28                         | 2 Chronicles 4-6   | John 10:24-42 |
| May 29                         | 2 Chronicles 7-9   | John 11:1-29  |
| May 30                         | 2 Chronicles 10-12 | John 11:30-57 |
| May 31                         | 2 Chronicles 13-14 | John 12:1-26  |

| Birthdays                            | Anniversaries                  |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| May 24 – Steve Luurtsema             | May 28 – Rod & Jorene Dietrich |
| May 26 – Sandy Hewitt & Curt Tessier |                                |
| May 27 – Suzy Shunk                  |                                |