



# MILAN BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

May 3, 2020

## A Word from Our Pastor

How are you doing spiritually during this unprecedented “Stay at Home Order”? May be a better question to ask, “Is your “faith” on a steady course or could you be in danger of shipwreck?” Scripture warns us of the possibility of being shipwrecked in our faith...getting so far off course that we find ourselves beaten by the winds of the world and going down, spiritually. We are about ready to jump back in our series from the Pastoral Epistles (after Mother’s Day)...but before we do, let me briefly turn your attention back to Paul’s first letter to Timothy... it’s here that he instructed his young protete’ to be faithful to <sup>18</sup>...*wage the good warfare [or “fight the good fight”], <sup>19</sup>holding faith and a good conscience*” so that he wouldn’t “shipwreck” his faith (1 Timothy 1:18-19 ESV). So, what are the things that can shipwreck our faith? I believe certain habits can slowly divert the course of our spiritual life to the point where we are in dangerous waters, quickly going down, and eventually stranded on a deserted island, isolated from our brothers and sisters in Christ who were once there to help us stand strong (may be you feel that isolation right now).

In our next two instalments of our devotional article in our weekly News Letter, I would like to share some things that I’ve learned...these are six habits to steer clear of so they don’t destroy your faith...

### 1) Loving the World.

It starts so innocently. We never intend to desire the things of the world more than the things of God. But before we know it, we have made idols of the objects of our desires and our faith pays the price. Scripture gives us warning: *“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.”* (1 John 2:15 ESV).

### 2) Neglecting the Word.

One of the easiest ways to become attached to the world and to pursue the temporary, rather than the eternal is to neglect God’s Word. If we aren’t constantly pouring God’s Word and principles into our hearts and minds, we will be influenced by the perceptions and priorities of the world in which we live. In His parable of the sower, Jesus warned of *“the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful”* (Matthew 13:22 ESV).

### 3) Trusting Your Feelings.

While we should be discerning of the Holy Spirit’s direction and aware of His conviction in our lives, we can never put our feelings over the facts of Who God is and what His Word says. The prophet Jeremiah sounds the warning, *“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick.”* For you see folks, our feelings can mislead us by making us think God has abandoned us, when the facts of His Word say He will never

leave us nor forsake us (Hebrews 13:5 ESV). Our feelings might tell us God is angry with us and will not give us another chance, but the facts of His Word tells the believer... *“there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus”* (Romans 8:1 ESV). Can we all shout, **Praise the Lord!**

Continued next week...

## Ministries/Services

We will be suspending all services, ministries, and events that use the facilities through **May 15**. 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: \$5,169**

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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## 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

- Marcia, with the passing of Farris, planning a service for July
- Families who are awaiting help or are in need
- Elmer Veldhuizen, (Lyle's father), at Redies Center with health concerns
- Ralph & Whitney Stinehelfer, expecting a baby May 11
- Grace Stuckman, having back issues
- Earl Cox, at home dealing with health issues
- 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
- John Colsell, fallen 2x. 2<sup>nd</sup> time he was knocked unconscious and went to the hospital, and now in rehab and also suffering from dementia. John & Mike are in Tampa, FL
- 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, Semenчук, 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 3	1 Kings 14-15	Luke 22:21-46
May 4	1 Kings 16-18	Luke 22:47-71
May 5	1 Kings 19-20	Luke 23:1-25
May 6	1 Kings 21-22	Luke 23:26-56
May 7	2 Kings 1-3	Luke 24:1-35
May 8	2 Kings 4-6	Luke 24:36-53
May 9	2 Kings 7-9	John 1:1-28
May 10	2 Kings 10-12	John 1:29-51



## National Day of Prayer May 7, 2020

Join us for a special Call2Prayer on May 7 at 7:00 p.m. on Facebook LIVE. We will be joining together for National Day of Prayer!

Birthdays	Anniversaries
May 3 – Trevor Nelson	May 3 – Andy & Sarah Bennett
May 5 – Jim Hendee	May 5- Ed & Jeanne Mortensen
May 6 - Doug Paschall	May 8 – Jim & Cindy Oswald
May 9 – Earl Cox	May 8 – Jim & Mary Brasfield
May 10 – Kevin Stange & Neal Collins	