



MILAN BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

June 7, 2020

A Word from Our Youth Pastor

Have you ever excitedly waited for something, but then it either turned out to be completely different from what you expected—or worse—it never happened? Failed plans, broken promises, skewed perspectives—we can be so quick to fancifully bring about extraordinary expectations in our life, only to have them shockingly shot down by the cold steel of *reality*. In these moments, we often feel angry, confused, and—most commonly—disappointed.

Take our graduating seniors, for example. You are in the middle of your senior year of high school filled with many lasts (last prom, last homecoming, last season, last first day), all culminating to that day that you would walk across the stage and get your diploma; however, unforeseen circumstances ripped that opportunity from you with no remorse, and though many have attempted to make it a time you will not forget and still enjoy, it is only fitting that you feel a little...well...disappointed. Here's the catch, though, seniors, if you will allow this 30 y.o. youth pastor to speak a bit of wisdom into your life, let me give you **2 Facts For Failure-Free Phenomenality (say that one 5 times fast!)**:

FACT #1: Disappointments Are Definite, & You Will Die...

Not your typical optimistic Noah moment here, but it's true! Disappointments are definite, and for some of us, right around the corner. Evil, illness, and the like are all promised to us due to the Fall of Man (Genesis 3)—and if life isn't hard enough, it's all wrapped in the inevitable fact that we all will die one day. In a world that tries to hide this cold reality behind memes and binge-watching sitcoms, do not forget that life is hard and it eventually leads to death (Psalm 90:9-10)...just read Ecclesiastes and you will see what I mean. How sad a life we would have if all things hinged on this one fact—and how oxymoronic that I call this one of the Failure-Free Facts when its validity is rooted in mankind's failure...but stick with me! Here's our next Fact:

FACT #2: Christ Has Conquered, & You Will Overcome!

The wages of our sin is death, but the free gift in Christ is eternal life (Rom. 6:23)! We all have sinned and fall short of God's glory, but we are justified by His grace as a gift (Rom. 3:23)! Hide yourself in this fact, that though you will face hardships in this world—especially if you truly live for Christ—take heart! Jesus has overcome the world (John 16:33)! The only One Who possesses the right to condemn you has died, raised, and is at the Father's right hand *praying* for you—so long as you belong to Him (Rom. 8:34). This is what I'm getting at...if you put all of your stock in your career, friendships, finances, family, health, dreams, and the like, you will find that, one-by-one, each of these will fail you and bring disappointment. In Christ, alone, can you find peace, strength, faith, hope, freedom, and joy that is utterly unshakeable—and no being, circumstance, or even pandemic can take that away from you (Rom. 8:35-39). If you can first come to grips with the fact that because of sin, you can expect trials, but also that in Christ, there is eternal hope in Him that far exceeds

any earthly disappointments; then you will begin to live phenomenally for Him as you claim *His* failure-free righteousness, and walk in confidence of your identity in Him. Do that, and you will go far. Take some time this week and reflect further on Hebrews 11:1-12:2. Congratulations, Class of 2020!

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 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!

Weekly Goal: \$8,135

Giving This Week: \$6,146

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.



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Children's 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 during a time of racial tension
- 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
- Jen Goke, recovering from dirt bike accident
- Betsy Kuhn, dealing with great physical discomfort
- Cliff Kuhn, home from UofM recovering following a stroke. Having some trouble expressing his thoughts
- Earl Cox, at home dealing with health issues
- Mark McDonald, **PRAISE** Mark accepted a position and begins a new job on Monday!
- Friends of Cindy Hasselbring, both sons are in critical condition with COVID.
- Jerry DuBois, rebuilding strength
- Harold Heath, continued prayer as his leg continues to heal.
- 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, 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
June 7	2 Chronicles 28-29	John 17
June 8	2 Chronicles 30-31	John 18:1-18
June 9	2 Chronicles 32-33	John 18:19-40
June 10	2 Chronicles 34-36	John 19:1-22
June 11	Ezra 1-2	John 19:23-42
June 12	Ezra 3-5	John 20
June 13	Ezra 6-8	John 21
June 14	Ezra 9-10	Acts 1

Birthdays	Anniversaries
June 8 – Rod Dietrich	June 9 – Dave & Grace Lovelace
June 9 – Clark Barton	June 12 – Kanna & Juliana Vladaj
June 11 – Kurt Dietrich & Riley Ratliff	June 14 – Charley & Ann Marie Harpst
June 14 – Izzy Slaughter	