



MILAN BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

June 14, 2020

A Word from Our Youth Pastor

Many today are struggling with being shut up in our houses for such a long time and are in need of an encouraging word. We do not all handle this type of isolation in the same way...for many go in and out of depression. Depression is not something that disappears when you slap a band aid on it. Sometimes the last thing you want to hear is another Bible verse or an encouraging word from someone who has not walked in your shoes. We all have moments when we need someone to grab our hand and help pull us up out of the depths of despair. It's the moments when we cannot even reach back for the extended hand that are hardest to get through. No matter what you are facing today or tomorrow, or what you went through yesterday, there is hope for you. Psalms puts words to the hardest seasons of life when it's hard to find words to pray.

A Psalm for the fearful heart...

"¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?...¹⁴ Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!"

Psalm 27:1, 14 ESV

A Psalm for the waiting heart...

"I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry. ²He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. ³He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD." Psalm 40:1-3 [ESV](#)

A Psalm for the discouraged heart...

"Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God."

[Psalm 43:5](#) [ESV](#)

A Psalm for the grieving heart...

⁶I am weary with my moaning; every night I flood my bed with tears; I drench my couch with my weeping. ⁷My eye wastes away because of grief; it grows weak because of all my foes. ⁸Depart from me, all you workers of evil, for the LORD has heard the sound of my weeping. ⁹The LORD has heard my plea; the LORD accepts my prayer. Psalm 6:6-9 [ESV](#)

A Psalm for the overwhelmed heart...

"¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. ²Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, ³though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. Selah...¹⁰ "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

[Psalm 46:1-3](#), 10 [ESV](#)

Continue to seek the Lord daily, pray for each other, and reach out to someone if you need help. Hang-in-there troops, this time of isolation will soon be over and we will be back worshipping together. Until then, meditate on these passage and let God's Word wash over you and re-new your soul.

Ministries/Services

We will be suspending all services, ministries, and events that use the facilities at this time. Please visit our website for our [Reopening Letter](#). 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.

"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: \$7,344

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
- 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
- Friends of Cindy Hasselbring, both sons are in critical condition with COVID. Small miracles have been happening! Continue to pray!
- Juliana (Dan & Norlaine Stange's daughter) and husband, Kanna, as they are expecting the arrival of their baby girl around the end of August and that the pregnancy will go well and the baby will be healthy
- Jerry DuBois, rebuilding strength
- Jerry Austin, has an iron infusion on Monday, June 15
- Meridith, as she enters a new stage of live and strives to walk close with God
- 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
June 14	Ezra 9-10	Acts 1
June 15	Nehemiah 1-3	Acts 2:1-21
June 16	Nehemiah 4-6	Acts 2:22-47
June 17	Nehemiah 7-9	Acts 3
June 18	Nehemiah 10-11	Acts 4:1-22
June 19	Nehemiah 12-13	Acts 4:23-37
June 20	Esther 1-2	Acts 5:1-21
June 21	Esther 3-5	Acts 5:22-42

Birthdays	Anniversaries
June 14 – Izzy Slaughter	June 15 – Curt & Tammy Tessier
June 15 – Lori Meggitt & Sharon Cassell	June 19 – Harold & Beth Heath
June 16 – Izzy Ost	
June 20 – Dennis Dunn	