



MILAN BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

August 16, 2020

A Word from Our Pastor

Do you know who wrote the book of Proverbs? The author who wrote most of it is King Solomon. (Proverbs 1:1). Most conservative scholars believe that Solomon, son of David, penned chapters 1 to 29. A man named Agur wrote chapter 30. King Lemuel wrote chapter 31. Solomon wrote Proverbs to offer instruction, wisdom and understanding (Proverbs 1:2). It is believed that Solomon wrote over 3,000 proverbs and over a 1,000 songs throughout his life. The word "Proverb" means "a comparison" and it came to be used for any sage or moralistic pronouncement. Many Proverbs are considered condensed parables that give instruction on how to live a godly life. Almost every facet of human relationships is mentioned, and the teaching of the Book of Proverbs is applicable to everybody. For this week, I would like us to consider Proverbs 2, with its 22 verses, which appears to be a long poem. An APPEAL for wisdom is followed by an understanding of the BENEFITS. Seems to follow an instructional pattern for us to follow. As we take a closer look we can see that this proverb seems to speak about the believer's commitment...that results in right behavior.

There are two distinct parts to this proverb: The first thing we see Solomon's APPEAL to receive WISDOM vv.1-4. He wants the reader to see that wisdom is God-given, not the result of human effort or ability. The apostle James wrote, "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him." (James 1:5 ESV). The two-fold APPEAL to attain WISDOM, requires us first, to consistently spend time MEDITATING on the Scriptures. Secondly, we need to develop SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE. Folks, we must diligently SEARCH the scriptures: (Notice what Solomon says, we are to call out v.3, to look for it as hidden treasure v.4). It implies that if understanding doesn't come immediately, we should put forth a greater effort.

The secondly thing that Solomon expresses is, the BENEFITS of receiving WISDOM vv.5-22. Again, there's a two-fold BENEFIT: First, you will gain the KNOWLEDGE of God: vv.5-8. V.5 says that when you seek the Lord you will find the Lord. The reason you will find Him is that He is the source of WISDOM and UNDERSTANDING vv.6-8. Secondly, we will gain DISCERNMENT: vv.9-22, Discernment for LIVING vv.9-11. We will develop the intellectual capacity and moral insight to discern what's right, just, and fair. Secondly, discernment for PROTECTION vv.12-19. Protection from *evil*

men who would pervert God's ways and try to draw others in by creating ethical chaos, which results in pain and perversion. And finally, discernment for ENABLEMENT vv.20-22. Wisdom will enable us to do what is right and enjoy God's blessing for doing it.

Remember this, WISDOM is God given...it first requires a receptive heart, then a willingness to search the Scriptures. The BENEFITS that Solomon revealed are KNOWLEDGE of God, and DISCERNMENT for living, protection and enablement. When see benefits like these...why would be not want to pursue WISDOM? Let me suggest a way for you to get started...take the next 30 days and read and meditate on (5) Psalms (150 Psalms) and (1) Proverb (31 Proverbs) per day and see what God does in your life.

Ministries/Services

We will begin meeting in person August 16! LIVE services will continue as well. Please read our most recent [Reopening Letter](#). We will be LIVE at 9:30 a.m. In person services will be at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

"Call 2 Prayer", 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)

Weekly Goal: \$8,135

Giving This Week: \$7,732

C4M Total to Date: \$2,848

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.

Christmas 4 Missions (C4M)

You can still donate! All donations will be divided up equally among our missionaries and sent out as a special Christmas gift. You can make note on your tithe envelopes or online if you want to designate any money toward C4M.



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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
- Church leadership, as they make decisions moving forward
- Marlon Hall, following the loss of his mother
- Kathleen Spencer, pancreatic cancer now on hospice care
- Jim Hendee, recovering from hip replacement
- Noah's cousin, Tiffany, awaiting next steps
- Emma Jane Hall, doctors found a solid lump and she is awaiting testing (near thyroid gland)
- Cliff Kuhn, recovering from a stroke
- Earl Cox, at home dealing with health issues
- 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
- Ron & Carolyn Sackett, both battling cancer
- Pastor's sister, Gail, Stage 4 lung cancer, now on hospice care
- Elli Robins, now in "maintenance" stage! She will receive treatments from home for the next year and a half
- Camp Barakel, following the cancelation of all summer/fall retreats and fire of barn.
- 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
August 16	Psalms 94-96	Romans 15:14-33
August 17	Psalms 97-99	Romans 16
August 18	Psalms 100-102	1 Corinthians 1
August 19	Psalms 103-104	1 Corinthians 2
August 20	Psalms 105-106	1 Corinthians 3
August 21	Psalms 107-109	1 Corinthians 4
August 22	Psalms 110-112	1 Corinthians 5
August 23	Psalms 113-115	1 Corinthians 6

Birthdays	Anniversaries
August 18 – Bella McCune	
August 20 – Neal Kesterson	

Parents! Planning on bringing your kids to service with you? Grab a phone/tablet and some headphones and scan the QR code below for kids activities!



Final Board Posting		
() = Seats available		
Deacon (3)	Trustee (3)	Church Treasurer
Chuck Bushart	Chuck Gates	Dave Gable
Adam Caballero	Clark Barton IV	
Tim Hewitt	Mitchell Blake	
	Roger White	