



MILAN BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

August 23, 2020

A Word from Our Pastor

When we look around at what's going on in our culture...I feel that it's time for the church to be the voice of reason. One way we can do that is for the church to be an example or representation of the testimony of Christ to our world. It reminded me of the challenge that the apostle Paul gave his young protégé Timothy in 1 Timothy 4:12, *"Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity."* (ESV). The Greek word for "youth"...was used of grown-up military age, extending to 40 years old, Timothy was probably 30 at the time of the writing of this epistle. The negative command here and in v.14, may indicate that Timothy (the young pastor of the church at Ephesus) had a tendency towards shyness or timidity... I know that none us today have that trouble...sure we do. Furthermore, because he was "young", there may have been some in the church that may not have accepted his authority.

The apostle was calling on Timothy to be an example in five important areas. The word "example" ... means "type" or "image." Here are the five areas that Paul says that we should consider: **First**, we are to be an example in SPEECH. This means that our conversations should always be exemplary Matthew 12:34-37). The Bible teaches us that a man's speech (his words) reflects the CONDITION of his heart. **Second**, we are to be an example in CONDUCT. Know this, our biblical convictions should MANIFEST themselves in every area of our lives (James 3:13; 1 Peter 1:15, 2:12, 3:16). **Third**, we are to be an example of LOVE, from the Greek word AGAPE...which means "seeking only the good in others." Biblical love is far different from than the emotion our culture calls love...it involves SELF-SACRIFICING service to others...regardless of how we feel (John 15:13; 1 Thessalonians 2:7-12). **Fourth**, we are to be an example in FAITH. Paul does not mean belief here, but faithfulness...in other words a Christian does not swerve off the track; he does not DEVIATE off course (Proverbs 4:27; 1 Corinthians 4:2). **And finally**, we are to be an example in PURITY. The word "purity" primarily means, "moral cleanness"... that is, purity in our sexuality, both in our thought life and our actions (2 Timothy 2:22).

It's clear here in our text that the apostle Paul is telling Timothy that he was to make a godly life style a "pattern" in every area of his life... and we should too. Carelessness in any one of these areas can speak failure and even disaster. Someone has said, *"we must live in such a way that all men will see that the charge is false."* So, here's the \$64K question, *"What kind of "pattern" (testimony) are you modeling where you live?"* Is there something about your life that makes it different? Here's the challenge... *"set an example for the believers"...* be a "pattern" for what a godly life looks like to your spouse, to your children,

to your neighbors, to your co-workers...in the words we say, in the way we conduct ourselves, in the way that we love others, in our faithfulness, and in our moral character. Folks, we should never be fearful to practice the Word of God...we should conduct ourselves in such a way that no one could question the testimony of Christ.

Ministries/Services

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

Weekly Goal: \$8,135

Giving This Week: \$9,420

C4M Total to Date: \$2,988

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.

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!





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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 and recovering from partial hip replacement
- Elli Robins, in "maintenance" stage
- 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 23	Psalms 113-115	1 Corinthians 6
August 24	Psalms 116-118	1 Corinthians 7:1-19
August 25	Psalms 119:1-88	1 Corinthians 7:20-40
August 26	Psalms 119:89-176	1 Corinthians 8
August 27	Psalms 120-122	1 Corinthians 9
August 28	Psalms 123-125	1 Corinthians 10:1-18
August 29	Psalms 126-128	1 Corinthians 10:19-33
August 30	Psalms 129-131	1 Corinthians 11:1-16

Birthdays	Anniversaries
August 25 – Chene Veldhuizen	August 25 – Chuck & Donna Gates
August 27 – Beth Heath	August 28 – Mitchell & Jackie Blake
August 29 – Mike Phillips	August 30 – Paul & Jamie Scott

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.