



MILAN BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

September 20, 2020

A Word from Our Pastor

Have you been facing situations in your life that seem impossible? Having problems at work? Having to right a relationship? Needing money to pay bills?

Many times God allows situations like these to expose our lack of trust in Him. If you are honest with yourself, you will probably agree with me that we are all susceptible to these kinds of seasons in our lives. Most of the time, I find myself in these kinds of situations, it's because I tried to "fix things" on my own. I found myself frustrated with my inability to solve the situation or change the circumstance. I have come to understand that God uses these things in our lives to drive us back to Him, and to show us that He is in control. Scripture says...

2 Corinthians 1:9 ESV

"Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead."

1 Peter 1:6-7 ESV

"⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ."

When we pray we are exercising our faith in God that He can do the impossible. It was E. M. Bounds that said, "Prayer is actually faith claiming and taking hold of its natural, immeasurable inheritance." I love that...what a way with words! True godliness is just as important in the realm of faith as it is in the area of prayer.

Colossians 2:8-9 ESV

"⁸See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,"

Moreover, when faith ceases to pray, it ceases to live. Faith does the impossible because it lets God undertake for us, and nothing is impossible with God. (Mathew 19:26)

Proverbs 3:5-6 ESV

⁵Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. ⁶In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Today let's take a few minutes and read over Hebrews chapter 11 and allow the words of the writer of Hebrews to wash over you...

Hebrews 11:1 ESV

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."

Hebrews 11:6 ESV

"And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him."

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: \$7,574

C4M Total to Date: \$4,198

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
- Kathleen Spencer, pancreatic cancer now on hospice care
- Jamie Scott, tumor growing on her pituitary gland, going through tests to see which type, could lose her eye sight
- Lee Hayward, dealing with physical needs
- Noah’s cousin, Tiffany, awaiting next steps
- Cliff Kuhn, recovering from a stroke
- Jan Cox, has to schedule hip replacement in the Fall
- Ron & Carolyn Sackett, both battling cancer (PRAISE: Carolyn’s cancer in liver is gone)
- Pastor’s sister, Gail, Stage 4 lung cancer, now on hospice care
- 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
September 20	Ecclesiastes 4-6	2 Corinthians 12
September 21	Ecclesiastes 7-9	2 Corinthians 13
September 22	Ecclesiastes 10-12	Galatians 1
September 23	Song of Songs 1-3	Galatians 2
September 24	Song of Songs 4-5	Galatians 3
September 25	Song of Songs 6-8	Galatians 4
September 26	Isaiah 1-2	Galatians 5
September 27	Isaiah 3-4	Galatians 6

Birthdays		Anniversaries	
September 27	– Detric Veldhuizen	September 27	– Pastor & Lisa Strader

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.

Lord’s Supper

If you plan to participate in Lord’s Supper from home during our LIVE service on October 4, you can pick up your elements from the church on:

- September 29, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- September 30, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.