



MILAN BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

September 27, 2020

A Word from Our Pastor

Last Sunday we began our new sermon series THE MARKS OF A GROWING CHURCH from the earliest two letters written by the apostle Paul. I was thinking again about Paul's BURDEN for writing to the Thessalonians and his emphasis on the purity in the believer's life. Let me ask you a question, "Is your faith walk on a steady course or could you be in danger of *"shipwreck"*? Paul warned Timothy (and us) of getting so far off course that we find ourselves beaten by the winds of the world and going down, spiritually. In his 1st letter to Timothy he made this charge, "¹⁸... I entrust to you, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophecies previously made about you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, ¹⁹holding faith and a good conscience. By rejecting this, some have made shipwreck of their faith." (1 Timothy 1:18-19 ESV)

So, what are some things that "shipwreck" our faith? I believe certain habits can slowly divert our course to the point where we are in dangerous waters, quickly going down, and eventually stranded on an island, isolated from our brothers and sisters in Christ who were once there to help us stand strong. Let me suggest to you some unhealthy habits that will put us adrift: **First, loving the world.** It starts so innocently. We never intend to desire the things of the world more than the things of God. But before we know it, we have made idols of the objects of our desires and our faith pays the price. Be wary of loving anything in this world more than Jesus. When something else captures your heart, it will eventually destroy your faith. (1 John 2:15). **Second, neglecting the Word of God.** One of the easiest ways to become attached to the world and to pursue the temporary, rather than the eternal is to neglect God's Word. If we aren't constantly pouring God's Word in our hearts and minds, we will be stained by the perceptions and priorities of the world in which we live (Matthew 13:22). **Third, trusting our feelings.** While we should be discerning of the Holy Spirit's direction and aware of His conviction on our hearts, we can never put our feelings over the facts of who God is and what His Word says (Jeremiah 17:9). We cannot base our faith on our feelings, we must base it on the facts of who God is and what He says in His Word. Remember, your feelings constantly fluctuate but the facts about God never change. **Fourth, worrying.** Worrying is an easy thing to do. But it's extremely dangerous! And it's a habit that insults God. To worry is to say to ourselves and others "God can't handle this, therefore I must stress." Philippians 4:6 says, "*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.*" (ESV) **Fifth, hanging out with the wrong crowd.** Psalmist tells us that success in life and ministry comes to those "*who walk not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers.*" (Psalm 1:1 ESV).

Throughout the Book of Proverbs we are told to choose our friends carefully (Proverbs 12:26). **And finally, relying on self.** We live in a world that praises self-reliance. But Jesus never did. He stressed God-reliance, which takes faith. Someone has said, "To remain "self-sufficient" is to remain "faith-inefficient." If any of these unhealthy habits are present in your life...your life is in jeopardy of being shipwrecked.

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: \$17,310

C4M Total to Date: \$4,498

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
- Arlene Russ & the Spencer Family, following the home going of Kathleen on September 22
- 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)
- Starr Tiekling, recovering from heart attack in St. Joseph, MI
- 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, Stralnic, Van Ormans, & Waidleys
- Our MBC Shut-Ins: Shirley Krass (Cambrian), Emma Jane Hall (Senior Solutions), & Alice Ackerman (daughters home)

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.

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 27	Isaiah 3-4	Galatians 6
September 28	Isaiah 5-6	Ephesians 1
September 29	Isaiah 7-8	Ephesians 2
September 30	Isaiah 9-10	Ephesians 3
October 1	Isaiah 11-13	Ephesians 4
October 2	Isaiah 14-16	Ephesians 5:1-16
October 3	Isaiah 17-19	Ephesians 5:17-33
October 4	Isaiah 20-22	Ephesians 6

Birthdays		Anniversaries	
September 27	– Detric Veldhuizen	September 27	– Pastor & Lisa Strader
September 28	– Ann Marie Harpst & Carolyn Sackett		
October 1	– Deb Chapman		
October 2	– Paul Dunbar		
October 4	– Adah Bushart		

Ministry Start Ups

Some of our ministries will be starting up! Please check with your ministry leaders for details and keep an eye on the church calendar. All ministries will be meeting in the MAC. Some of our ministries starting up include:

- Men's Bible Study on Saturdays at 8:00 a.m.
- First Friday AM Session on October 2 at 9:30 a.m.
- SeniorLife (Bible Study Only) on October 7 at 11:00 a.m.
 - October 7 will be our Singspiration!