



MILAN BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

September 6, 2020

A Word from Our Pastor

Everyday there is tragedy all around us. There are families who have radically been impacted, in one way or another, by loss whatever the circumstance, they are in need of comfort and encouragement. This is also true in our church family. As we all know...eventually death comes to everyone whether we like it or not! It should make us all the more sincere about the way we live, how we treat people and most importantly that we know where we will go when we die. The Psalmist wrote, *"¹⁸ The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. ¹⁹ Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all."* (Psalm 34:18-19 ESV) It seems to me that man continually lives in the fear of death, but Jesus has come and for those who know Him, they no longer have to fear death. The writer of the Book of Hebrews said it this way, *"¹⁴ Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery."* (Hebrews 2:14-15 ESV). If you were to define the word "comfort," it means "bringing of real strength and courage" or "encouragement in the midst of our trials." This is exactly what the Lord brings to us in our troubled moments in life.

So, where does comfort come from? I believe God gives us at least three avenues that He uses to bring His comfort into our lives: First, THE SCRIPTURES. Paul wrote, *"For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."* (Romans 15:4 ESV). Secondly, THE CHURCH, our brothers and sisters in Christ...The Bible says that our brothers and sisters in Christ are to "bear one another's burdens" (Galatians 6:2 ESV)...God uses other believers, other Christians to bring His comfort into our lives. And Finally, He comforts us through the ministry of THE HOLY SPIRIT. The Bible tells us that the "Holy Spirit" is known as the "Comforter." John 14:26-27 says, *"²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."* (ESV).

After seeking to walk with the Lord for nearly 60 years, I cannot attempt to determine how many times the Lord has used one or all of these avenues in my life. We serve a great and awesome God! The Psalmist said, *"This is my comfort in my affliction, that your promise gives me life."* (Psalm 119:50 ESV).

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: \$3,751

C4M Total to Date: \$3,028

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
- Jim Hendee, recovering from hip replacement
- 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 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)

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.

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 6	Psalms 148-150	1 Corinthians 15:29-58
September 7	Proverbs 1-2	1 Corinthians 16
September 8	Proverbs 3-5	2 Corinthians 1
September 9	Proverbs 6-7	2 Corinthians 2
September 10	Proverbs 8-9	2 Corinthians 3
September 11	Proverbs 10-12	2 Corinthians 4
September 12	Proverbs 13-15	2 Corinthians 5
September 13	Proverbs 16-18	2 Corinthians 6

Birthdays	Anniversaries
September 9 – Melody Morris	September 13 – David & Grace Stuckman
September 10 – Lois Jedele, Lyle Veldhuizen, & Joan Cromer	
September 12 – Carla Bushart & Suzy Shunk	
September 13 – Linda McDonald & Marcia Hurst	