



# MILAN BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

October 11, 2020

## 2020 Annual Church Ministry Meeting

Join us October 18 at 6p.m. in-person in the MAC or on Zoom (see email for details) for our ACMM

### If joining by zoom or if unable to attend:

Come to the church office Monday-Thursday 9a.m.-12p.m. or 1p.m.-4p.m. to complete and turn in your absentee ballot. You may also fill one out in the MAC following Morning Worship on Sundays (October 11 or 18). Please call the church office with any questions: 734-439-8180.

### A Word from Our Pastor

In Psalm 15, David the Psalmist, spoke of a certain type of character that we needed to be successful in life and ministry when he wrote, *"O LORD, who shall sojourn in your tent? Who shall dwell on your holy hill? <sup>2</sup>He who walks blamelessly and does what is right and speaks truth in his heart; <sup>3</sup>who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his neighbor, nor takes up a reproach against his friend; <sup>4</sup>in whose eyes a vile person is despised, but who honors those who fear the LORD; who swears to his own hurt and does not change; <sup>5</sup>who does not put out his money at interest and does not take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things shall never be moved."* (Psalm 15:1-5)

David starts this Psalm with a couple of questions: *LORD, who may dwell in your sacred tent? Who may live on your holy mountain?* Then, he answers the questions in a ten point response: 1) *The one whose walk is blameless,* 2) *who does what is righteous,* 3) *who speaks the truth from their heart;* 4) *whose tongue utters no slander,* 5) *who does no wrong to a neighbor,* 6) *and casts no slur on others;* 7) *but honors those who fear the LORD;* 8) *who keeps an oath even when it hurts, and does not change their mind;* 9) *who lends money to the poor without interest;* and 10) *who does not accept a bribe against the innocent.* After he answers his questions...he closes with a promise, *whoever does these things "shall never be moved" (shaken).*

Regardless of what may happen around us, we can live with full confidence that the right principles have shaped our character and have guided our decisions. That confidence will give us emotional and spiritual stability. It will enable us to be the kind of Christ followers whom God can use for his glory.

As you reflect on this psalm, I would like you to consider the character that drove David's behavior and examine your own life, to see what character traits are driving your

behavior these days? Then, answer this important question: "What would you like to have "drive" your behavior?" I want us, as followers of Christ, to make it our goal to more completely integrate the kind of "godly-character" spoken of by David here in Psalm 15...into our personal life, our marriage, our family life, and our ministry. Remember the Psalmists promise: *Whoever "does these things shall never be moved."*

### Ministries/Services

Please read our most recent [Reopening Letter](#). **We will be LIVE and in-person at 10 a.m.**

"Call 2 Prayer" Prayer Meeting, 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: \$8,311**

**C4M Total to Date: \$5,033**

### 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.

### Operation Christmas Child

Fill a box for Operation Christmas Child to send to a needy child. Return your box by Sunday, November 15th. Or you may choose to fill a box online for \$25 at the organization's website. <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/>

**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
- Steve Meggitt, recovering from open heart surgery
- 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)
- Peace and comfort for the family of Gail (Pastor’s sister) following her home-going this past week
- Elli Robins, in “maintenance” stage
- Camp Barakel, as they make plans for the winter
- 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)

## Giving

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](http://www.milanbaptist.org). Contact the church if you have any questions.

## Thank You

Thank you for all the cards, calls, meals and prayers during this time. We are blessed to have such a wonderful church family. Thank you, the family of Kathleen Spencer.

## 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
October 11	Isaiah 37-38	Colossians 3
October 12	Isaiah 39-40	Colossians 4
October 13	Isaiah 41-42	1 Thessalonians 1
October 14	Isaiah 43-44	1 Thessalonians 2
October 15	Isaiah 45-46	1 Thessalonians 3
October 16	Isaiah 47-49	1 Thessalonians 4
October 17	Isaiah 50-51	1 Thessalonians 5
October 18	Isaiah 53-55	2 Thessalonians 1

Birthdays	Anniversaries
October 11 – Brent Paschall	October 13 – Dennis & Judith Dunn
October 12 – Dennis Miller	
October 17 – Les Brooks	
October 18 – Roger Luurtsema & Jennifer Bowerbank	

## Ministry Start Ups

Some of our ministries are meeting! 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.
- SeniorLife Community Bible Study on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. (Worship Only)
- Special Prayer Gatherings on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
  - Chapel side of MAC
  - Special prayer every Sunday until the election
- Annual Church Ministry Meeting on October 18 @ 6p.m.