



# MILAN BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

October 18, 2020

## 2020 Annual Church Ministry Meeting

Join us TONIGHT 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:**

You may fill out a ballot in the MAC following Morning Worship TODAY!

### A Word from Our Pastor

In Luke's gospel we are called to do something that is very difficult. We are called to "love our enemies." Jesus, when speaking to His disciples said, <sup>27</sup> "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup> To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. <sup>31</sup> And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. <sup>32</sup> "If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup> And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. <sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, (Luke 6:27-35 ESV)

Here we find Jesus giving His disciples words of admonishment... He gives them "Seven aspects of unconditional love." These actions, not done naturally by human nature, require supernatural enabling...so here they are: We are called to... (1) Love your enemies; (2) Do good to those who hate you; (3) Bless those who curse you; (4) Pray for those who mistreat you; (5) Do not retaliate v.29a; (6) Give freely vv.29b-30; and (7) Treat others the way you want to be treated v.31. How in the world can we do this? What does God's Word say?

### Philippians 2:3 ESV

*"Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves."*

### Proverbs 4:23 ESV

*"Keep your heart (guard your heart) with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life."*

### Matthew 20:26 ESV

*<sup>26</sup> It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant,*

### Philippians 2:4 ESV

*<sup>4</sup> Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.*

### Matthew 5:37 ESV

*<sup>37</sup> Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil.*

### 1 Peter 5:7 ESV (Psalm 55:22, Matthew 6:25-32)

*<sup>7</sup> casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.*

### Galatians 6:9 ESV

*<sup>9</sup> And let us not grow weary of doing good (don't get discouraged with spiritual sowing because the harvest is often long in coming), for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.*

This is Christianity in "overalls" folks, this is deep stuff, but even in the hard relationships in life, God's strength and grace will see us through (2 Corinthians 12:9 ESV). We can represent our Savior and Lord with "unconditional love" for others. In 1965 Hal David and Burt Bacharach teamed up to write and produce a popular song, "What the World Needs Now," definitely a sweet song but it doesn't really speak the truth of what the world "really" needs. Our world needs a Savior...who can be seen through the testimonies of His authentic followers. In our own strength this can seem like an impossible task, but with God's help we can do it and do well. Let's pray together for the "supernatural enabling" needed to love our enemies with the "unconditional love."

### Philippians 4:13 ESV

*<sup>13</sup> I can do all things through him (Christ) who strengthens me.*

### Weekly Goal: \$8,135

Giving This Week: \$5,815

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/>



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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, had successful Quintuple By-pass surgery, still battling pneumonia
- Craig Ratliff, in the hospital in Flint with double-pneumonia
- Pray for our missionaries John & Carol Pierce, Carol's mother, Joan, went to be home with the Lord.
- Jamie Scott, tumor growing on her pituitary gland, going through tests to see which type, could lose her eye sight
- Lee Hayward, in a care facility
- Noah's cousin, Tiffany, awaiting next steps
- Cliff Kuhn, recovering from a stroke
- Ron & Carolyn Sackett, both battling cancer (PRAISE: Carolyn's cancer in liver is gone)
- 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 Orman, & 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.

## 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 18	Isaiah 53-55	2 Thessalonians 1
October 19	Isaiah 56-58	2 Thessalonians 2
October 20	Isaiah 59-61	2 Thessalonians 3
October 21	Isaiah 62-64	1 Timothy 1
October 22	Isaiah 65-66	1 Timothy 2
October 23	Jeremiah 1-2	1 Timothy 3
October 24	Jeremiah 3-5	1 Timothy 4
October 25	Jeremiah 6-8	1 Timothy 5

Birthdays	Anniversaries
October 18 – Roger Luurtsema & Jennifer Bowerbank	
October 19 – Landon Lopez	
October 25 – Dan Baughey	

## 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://facebook.com/milanbaptist)

## Other Ministry Start-ups

- **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.**