



# MILAN BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

October 25, 2020

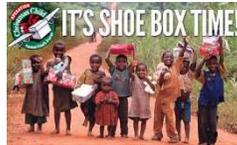
## Operation Christmas Child

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/>



### A Word from Our Pastor

Over the next four weeks I would like to discuss an enormously challenging topic for Christians, living in a world of temptation. Most of us, if we would be honest, have a hard time being a Christ follower in our pleasure-crazed culture. The fact is, God made us with the capacity to enjoy pleasure. It was His idea. He gave us our five senses ... hearing, taste, touch, smell and feel. Life was meant to be enjoyed, not just endured. God made you to enjoy the world as a part of the benefits of it. But the problem is, today in our culture, pleasure-seeking has become an obsession. It's not just the "good thing" like God says, but it's the goal of life. It's the ultimate value. For many people having fun, that is, "pleasure," is their god. The apostle Paul warned his young protégé, *"As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy."* (1 Timothy 6:17 ESV) And again, his second letter to Timothy, *"<sup>1</sup>But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. <sup>2</sup>For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, <sup>3</sup>heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, <sup>4</sup>treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,"* (2 Timothy 3:1-4) It should come as no surprise that we live in a culture where "pleasure" is god.

So, how do we live the Christian life in that kind of environment without letting it influence us? Even in our daily conversations, as Christians, we hear phrases that we've picked up from the world that indicate that pleasure is the most important thing in life. For example, "If it feels good ... do it," "Don't worry ... be happy," "Thank God it's ... Friday." (T.G.I.F.), "It doesn't get any better than ... this," and "You only go around once in life so you better go with ... gusto." The fact is, these kinds of thoughts and phrases

indicate that we live in a very experience oriented society. The ultimate question is, "How does it make me feel?"

Researchers are now telling us that pleasure is now big business in America. It's what drives the economy. Everything has to entertain us, even the news on the television has to be entertaining. You go into a bank and stand in line. There is a TV going with some sort of info program running as well as things on the walls to read so you're entertained while you're waiting in line. Even church has to be entertaining for many people today. When you consistently live your life in a fashion that all you care about is having fun, all you're doing is chiming in with our culture. Life's much more significant than being put here on earth to simply enjoy yourself. In fact, there are many, many dangers associated with making pleasure your ultimate goal in life. God says pleasure is good, but it should never be your goal. Next time I would like to share with you... THE FIVE DANGERS OF PURSUING PLEASURE.

**Weekly Goal: \$8,135**

**Giving This Week: \$6,906**

**C4M Total to Date: \$5,383**

### 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.

### 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.



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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 at home from quintuple by-pass heart surgery
- Ratliff Family, Craig went home to be with the Lord last week
- 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)

## 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 25	Jeremiah 6-8	1 Timothy 5
October 26	Jeremiah 9-11	1 Timothy 6
October 27	Jeremiah 12-14	2 Timothy 1
October 28	Jeremiah 15-17	2 Timothy 2
October 29	Jeremiah 18-19	2 Timothy 3
October 30	Jeremiah 20-21	2 Timothy 4
October 31	Jeremiah 22-23	Titus 1
November 1	Jeremiah 24-26	Titus 2

Birthdays	Anniversaries
October 25 – Dan Baughey	
October 29 – Roman Caballero	

## Ministries/Services

**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.**