



MILAN BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

November 22, 2020

A Word from Our Pastor

During the past year I've heard Christians say, "God will never give you more than you can handle." And with it, they quote 1 Corinthians 10:13 ESV... *"No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it."* Let's be clear folks, this verse is not talking about all of life's circumstances...it's talking about "temptation."

Over the last eight months, I'm sure some, if not all of you, have asked... "How much more can we handle? Where is God during this pandemic? We continue to wait patiently for God to remove it. Scripture reminds us that ²⁶*Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.* ²⁷*And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.* ²⁸*And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.* (Romans 8:26-28 ESV). In Paul's second letter to the church at Corinth said, *"But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me."* (2 Corinthians 12:9).

So here's what I've learned through the difficult seasons in my life...I continue to rely of the truth and comfort of God's Word...*"My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth."* (Psalm 121:2 ESV) *"Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him."* (Isaiah 40:10 ESV)

After walking with the Lord for more the 50 years...at times, life has been more than I can handle, but I've come to understand that it's never more than God can handle! Someone has said, "Worry robs us of the knowledge that God is God." (So true) I've heard it said, "God is not running for God." (Again, so true) Scripture says... ⁶*Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you,* ⁷*casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.* (1 Peter 5:6-7 ESV) Know this, if we decide that God is not worthy of our trust, even though He is, FEAR will quickly step in and cause us to flee from the presence of God. Let me encourage you to meditate on God's word to Moses during the time when He renewed His covenant with Israel, *"...The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,"* (Exodus 34:6 ESV), As well as Moses' word to Joshua, *"It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."* (Deuteronomy 31:8 ESV). We should also remind

ourselves of the words of John the beloved disciple, ³*For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.* ⁴*For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith."* (1 John 5:3-4 ESV).

Know this, God may allow circumstances in our lives, from time to time, that are more than we can handle. But, like with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego (Daniel 3:16-28), He will also walk with us through the fire, through the storm (Psalm 23:4). Remember this...in His great love we are no longer victims to anything! One of my favorite passages in the New Testament is Paul's words in Romans 8...¹⁸*For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.* ¹⁹*For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.* ²⁰*For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope* ²¹*that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.* ²²*For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.* ²³*And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.* ²⁴*For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees?* ²⁵*But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience...* ³⁷*No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.* ³⁸*For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers,* ³⁹*nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."* (Romans 8:18-25, 37-39 ESV) No matter what you're dealing with today, understand that there's a beginning, a middle and an end, do not grow weary in well doing (Galatians 6:9; 2 Thessalonians 3:13; Hebrews 12:3). Our faithful God will see you through to the other side.

Weekly Goal: \$8,135

Giving This Week: \$3,792

C4M Total to Date: \$5,878

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](https://www.milanbaptist.org). Instructions and a link to the secure online system can be found at 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 and for our elected officials during this unprecedented time.
- All those who have lost loved ones
- Church leadership as they make decisions moving forward
- Scott Family, following the loss of Marti's father last Sunday
- Pray with Kanna and Julie Vladaj for baby daughter Nora, home now but still struggling with some digestive issues
- Dan Stange, home (Praise!) dealing with COVID-19 and pneumonia. Pray the rest of the family stays healthy.
- Arthur Avery, recovering from infection at a Beaumont Hospital
- Steve Meggitt, recovering at home from quintuple bypass heart surgery
- 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
- 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)

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



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
November 22	Ezekiel 18-19	James 4
November 23	Ezekiel 20-21	James 5
November 24	Ezekiel 22-23	1 Peter 1
November 25	Ezekiel 24-26	1 Peter 2
November 26	Ezekiel 27-29	1 Peter 3
November 27	Ezekiel 30-32	1 Peter 4
November 28	Ezekiel 33-34	1 Peter 5
November 29	Ezekiel 35-36	2 Peter 1

Birthdays	Anniversaries
November 24 – Jamie Scott & Doris Branch	November 22 – Lyle & Bonnie Veldhuizen
November 25 – Larry Van Buren	November 24 – Charles & Mendy Jackson
November 28 – Mary Gable	November 25 – Larry & Lois Jedele
November 29 – Chuck Gates & Cami Ratliff	November 28 – Gene & Adah Bushart