



MILAN BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

November 29, 2020

A Word from Our Pastor

While on vacation last week...I saw a decorative sign that read, "So very THANKFUL, forever GRATEFUL unbelievably BLESSED" It reminded me of how the Psalmist expressed his heart of thankfulness when he wrote, "Praise the LORD! Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!" (Psalm 106:1 ESV). One of my favorite Psalms is Psalm 100, where the Psalmist calls on all men to praise and worship the Lord because He is God (vv.1-3) and because He is good (vv.4-5)... "Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations." (Psalm 100:1-5 ESV)

For some in our church, it has been a very tough year. I believe what this Psalm is admonishing us to do. We are to give thanks for the goodness of God. We are blessed in our family, in our church, and in our nation, the United States of America by the goodness of God. Of all people that should give thanks, as Christians, our gratitude should be at the top of the list! It's not uncommon to compile lists at Christmas time and draw up a list of resolutions of New Years, but there's another list we often overlook...a Thanksgiving list. I am convinced that if we began to make a list, we would find that we have much more for which to be thankful for than our material possessions. Like you I'm sure my list would include the major things: life, health, family, friends and the country we live in, despite all its flaws.

But even more than that... I'm thankful for my salvation, my wife, my family, my ministry, my church family, and the mercy God showers on me each and every day. With Jesus we have so much to be thankful for on this Thanksgiving Weekend!

Lamentations 3:22-24 ESV

"The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

Psalm 118:1, 5-9, 28-29 ESV

"Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!... Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the LORD answered me and set me free. The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me? The LORD is on my side as my helper; I shall look in triumph

on those who hate me. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes... You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you. Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

Weekly Goal: \$8,135

Giving This Week: \$4,498

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](#). Instructions and a link to the secure online system can be found at www.milanbaptist.org. Contact the church if you have any questions.

Kids Worship

Children can sit with families until dismissal. Masks are required and social distancing will be in place. ALL ages require pick up by a parent or guardian following the Morning Worship Service.

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

Other Ministry Meetings:

- Men's Bible Study on Saturdays at 8:00 a.m.
- SeniorLife Community Bible Study on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. (Worship Only)
- Church Library (Sundays & Wednesdays) following services
- First Friday AM & PM on Friday, December 4
- Special Prayer Gatherings on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
 - Room 207



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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
- Stange family, as they recover from COVID-19 at home.
- Arthur Avery, recovering from infection at a rehab facility
- 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, Stralnic, 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
November 29	Ezekiel 35-36	2 Peter 1
November 30	Ezekiel 37-39	2 Peter 2
December 1	Ezekiel 40-41	2 Peter 3
December 2	Ezekiel 42-44	1 John 1
December 3	Ezekiel 45-46	1 John 2
December 4	Ezekiel 47-48	1 John 3
December 5	Daniel 1-2	1 John 4
December 6	Daniel 3-4	1 John 5

Birthdays	Anniversaries
November 29 – Chuck Gates & Cami Ratliff	December 2 – Tim & Sandy Hewitt
November 30 – Dorsey Conley	
December 2 – Alicia Baker	
December 4 – Dave Lovelace	
December 5 – Grace Swaney & Marti Scott	

THANK YOU!

A big thank you to everyone who helped make Operation Christmas Child a success! We appreciate everyone who took the time to pack a box, donate, or volunteer to send these boxes off.