



MILAN BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

December 6, 2020

A Word from Our Pastor

As I write this article...the election certification process continues...our country continues to wait on the actual outcome of the election. As followers of Jesus Christ, what should we be doing? Let me suggest starting with God's Word by reading and meditating on 2 Chronicles 7:14 ESV which says, *"if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land."*

Ask yourself this question, "Do I possess the burden of revival?" The burden of revival can be summed up in one word: it is *prayer*. In order that we not make a mistake on what God means by *prayer*, this holy burden is defined in at least four ways:

First, there must be *brokenness* in prayer... *"If my people...will humble themselves"*...we must daily surrender our mind, heart and will to a holy God (James 4:6). *Second*, there must be *selflessness* in prayer... *"If my people...will pray"*... we must daily put to death selfishness in prayer and substitute selflessness in prayer (Romans 8:26-27). *Third*, there must be *earnestness* in prayer... *"If my people...will...seek my face"*... we must avoid things and people that divert and sidetrack us from the set purpose of seeking the face of God in these desperate days in which we live (Luke 11:9; Hosea 10:12). *And finally*, there must be *holiness* in prayer... *"If my people...will...turn from their wicked ways"*... our personal holiness is directly related to our effectiveness in prayer (James 5:16; 1 Timothy 2:8).

In the spirit of finishing 2020 strong, I want you to know that I am committed to pray for revival in my own life, my marriage, my family, our church, our city, our state, and our country. What about you? Scripture says, if we will pray this way God will forgive our sin and heal our land. This kind of praying does not matter on who wins the election, but what kind of people are we to be.

Weekly Goal: \$8,135

Giving This Week: \$13,674

C4M Total to Date: \$6,238

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 (Grades K-6)

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**
- **Special Prayer Gatherings on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.**
 - **Room 207**

2021 Nominating Committee Results

This year's Nominating Committee is: Chuck Bushart, Chuck Gates, Bill Cassell, Barb Collins, Mary Gable, & Bonnie Tew.



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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
- Chuck Gates, as he recovers from pacemaker procedure
- 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
- 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, 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
December 6	Daniel 3-4	1 John 5
December 7	Daniel 5-7	2 John
December 8	Daniel 8-10	3 John
December 9	Daniel 11-12	Jude
December 10	Hosea 1-4	Revelation 1
December 11	Hosea 5-8	Revelation 2
December 12	Hosea 9-11	Revelation 3
December 13	Hosea 12-14	Revelation 4

Birthdays	Anniversaries
December 7 – Vanessa Lopez, Jim Baker, & Sue Kesterson	December 11 – Dan & Norlaine Stange