



# MILAN BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

May 30, 2021

## A Word from Our Pastor 05/30/21

### Romans 6:8-10 ESV

<sup>8</sup> Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God.

After our study of the Apostle Paul's *Prayerful Benediction* (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24), where we were challenged to have an "all in" commitment to live for Christ. I was reminded of another Scripture where the Apostle Paul admonished the early Christians to have a walk worthy of the calling they received (Ephesians 4:1). The Book of Romans is the *doctrinal* Book of the New Testament and chapter 6 is a *foundational* chapter that communicates, in no uncertain terms, the tremendous price that was paid for our freedom, by our Savior. Time and time again, the words of this passage have brought hope and healing, and helped to encourage me in my struggle to truly live out my salvation with fear and trembling (Philippians 2:12). Notice the *life-transforming truths* in Romans 6...

v.1-2... calls us to live a **different life**... *"What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?"*

v.4... gives us hope for a **new life**... *"We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."*

v.5... gives us a sense of certainty about **eternal life** in Christ... *"For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his."*

v.7... introduces the possibility of a **life of freedom**... *"For one who has died has been set free from sin."*

v.10... describes the once-for-all **price Jesus paid** for our lives... *"For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God."*

v.13... presents a challenge to make **our lives an offering** to God, and instrument of righteousness... *"Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness."*

And on and on it goes, full of **life-transforming** truth for you and me.

### Romans 11:33 ESV

<sup>33</sup> Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

If this is true, which it is, understanding the depth of his love for us...why would we not want to live a life full of **life-transforming** truth as an **offering** back to Him?

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## Nugget from Noah (for Parents) 5/30/21

If you remember, we are covering my favorite tagline: "**Love God. Love Others. Keep Moving Forward.**" Further explained, we are called to **love God for all that He is, love others for all that they're worth, and keep moving forward in all that we do.**

This week's emphasis is on how we are called to **LOVE OTHERS**. I don't think Milan Baptist has a shortage on love for one another, but as one of your pastors, I would encourage us to be more intentional in *how* we love one another. There are so many passages that we could go to in reference of love, but I would like to incline your attention toward **Philippians 2:1-4**...Paul gives the church a number of encouragements in rapid succession about what loving unity looks like:

- **Loving unity has the same loving mind—the same focus (v. 2).** We need to stop focusing on our differences; and instead, emphasize what brings us together.
- **Loving unity is selfless and humble (v. 3).** Each and every soul is an image-bearer of God, so treat them like that!
- **Loving unity seeks the interests of others (v. 4).** We all bring different gifts and convictions to the table, so value them!

There is one more aspect of loving unity that needs to be addressed, and it's found in the example Paul gives in **vv. 5-11**. What unites us, causes us to be humble, and draws us to seek the value of all people? Answer: **Loving unity is both modeled and provided through the loving sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross.** If we need to see the best way to truly love others as ourselves, we need only look to the cross. Parents, create a home that loves one another. Milan Baptist Church, be a family that lives in loving unity. Look to Christ; you can do nothing greater.

## Prayer Requests

- Prayer for our nation during a time of racial tension and for our elected officials during this unprecedented time.
- Radtke family, as they prepare
- Pete Belford, home dealing with health concerns
- Jerry Austin, for physical needs
- Debby Russ, diagnosed with breast cancer, started chemo
- Tiffany, Noah's cousin, prayer for upcoming plans for cancer treatments
- Church leadership as they make decisions moving forward
- Gerri Beehler's sisters, Nancy and Belva, both dealing with health concerns
- Jamie Scott, tumor on her pituitary gland. Appointment May 28 with her surgeon
- Ron & Carolyn Sackett, both battling cancer
- All those recovering from COVID
- 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)



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## Dire Need in India

As many of you know, there is a dire need in India having to do with the COVID-19 breakout. The Indian medical establishment is lacking in so many ways! Although India is one of the top producers of pharmaceuticals, including the COVID vaccine, its people are not able to get it. Most of it is sold overseas.

As a result, the COVID outbreak has reached a crisis point. Tim & Sandy Hewitt's son, Tim Jr., reports that there is a severe lack of Oxygen Concentrators available. People are waiting in line for up to 10 hours to have access to one, and some are paying a month's wages to use one for just an hour!

What can we do to help? Tim Jr. has found a supplier of Concentrators in Thailand. Working in conjunction with a former team mate in India, Dr. Ravi Barigala, Tim has been able to ship these concentrators to different hot spots in India. The cost of each concentrator is \$1,100.00 including shipping.

Your church leadership would like for our church to participate as a partner in this life saving endeavor and collect a love offering over two Sundays, June 6, and 13, to purchase as many of the oxygen concentrators as we can to help. Please prayerfully consider what the Lord would have you do. Matthew 25:40 ESV says, "...Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."

## Promotion Sunday

Next Sunday, June 6, is promotion Sunday! We are asking ALL ABF and Sunday School classes to meet in the MAC for the first half of Sunday School to celebrate our children and youth moving up. We will break into our classes following the ceremony for a shortened ABF hour.

Congratulate our class of 2021!

- Dylan Beck**
- Savannah Bonder**
- Dana Brooks**
- Kaleb Jaarda**
- Duane Michaels**

## Library

We encourage you to visit our church library and take advantage of all of the amazing resources we have to offer! The Library is open on Sundays between Sunday School and Morning Worship and is also open immediately following the Worship Service.

**May's Book of the Month: "Slaying the Giants in your Life" by David Jeremiah**

## Nominations

The Annual Business Meeting is coming up next month. In preparation, we are taking nominations for the 2022 Nominating Committee from today through May 23. To make a nomination, please contact Jaime McDonald at church, by text, by phone at (734) 755-4702, by email at [mcdonald.jaime@gmail.com](mailto:mcdonald.jaime@gmail.com), or Facebook Messenger. Jaime will verify that the member meets the qualifications for nomination and contact the member to prayerfully consider accepting the nomination. If the nomination is accepted, the member will be added to the ballot. **Absentee Ballots will be available May 30 through June 13.**

Through the Bible in a Year Daily Bible Reading Assignment		
Date	Old Testament	New Testament
May 30	2 Chronicles 10-12	John 11:30-57
May 31	2 Chronicles 13-14	John 12:1-26
June 1	2 Chronicles 15-16	John 12:27-50
June 2	2 Chronicles 17-18	John 13:1-20
June 3	2 Chronicles 19-20	John 13:21-38
June 4	2 Chronicles 21-22	John 14
June 5	2 Chronicles 23-24	John 15
June 6	2 Chronicles 25-27	John 16

Birthdays	Anniversaries
June 2 – Vic Michaels Jr	June 4 – Noah & Erica Radtke; Dan & Freda Baughey
June 3 – Jeff Scott	
June 6 – Kathy Van Buren & Jim Adams	

## New Members Class

If you are interested in becoming a member we invite you to attend our next set of New Membership Classes! Join us at 10a.m. on June 13 & 27 for a two-part course. Both classes will take place in the Church Library.

## 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 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.

**Weekly Goal: \$8,562**  
**Giving This Week: \$4,953**