



MILAN BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

May 9, 2021

A Word from Our Pastor 05/09/21 Happy Mother's Day!

As we remember our mothers this weekend...we are participating in something that has been done for over 100 years here in America...it all started back in the early 1900's. There was a woman named *Anna Jarvis* who loved her mother greatly and requested of her pastor that they have a special service on Sunday to honor all of the mothers in the congregation. So, on May 10, 1908 they had a special service and presented a carnation to all the mothers who were present in that service which was Mrs. Jarvis' mother's favorite flower. Somehow that tradition seemed to catch on and on May 9, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday in May every year as **Mother's Day**. He said it would be a time of public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country. Little known fact, according to a *New York Times* article from 1925, Anna Jarvis resented that the day she intended to devote to mothers became "*a means of profiteering.*" Though she initially worked with the floral industry to help raise the holiday's profile, she denounced its commercialization, urging people to not buy flowers, cards, and candy. Long story, made short, Jarvis fought for full credit for founding Mother's Day, a battle that consumed her time and money and eventually left her poor, blind, and living in a sanitarium at the end of her life...she died in 1948 at the age of 84. Today, over 130 million Mother's Day cards are exchanged each year (more than any holiday besides Christmas and Valentine's Day) and the day generates more than 20 billion in consumer spending in the US alone, according to an annual survey by the *National Retail Federation*.

I'm aware of the fact that for some of you... Mother's Day is a complicated and yet beautiful day. BEAUTIFUL if you only had perfect, unbroken memories and stories. COMPLICATED because all of us are touched by motherhood in different ways. Even if we had the most wonderful, loving relationship with our mothers, all of us cannot bypass the intimate journey of motherhood. For some, it's a very PAINFUL TIME without many good memories only memories of mistreatment, mental and emotional stress, and even abuse. Because we all were created as Eve, givers of life, we must each take the journey to find our voice as a mother.

Scripture Passages for Mom's...

Proverbs 31:25-31 ESV: *"²⁵Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. ²⁶She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. ²⁷She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. ²⁸Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: ²⁹'Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all. ³⁰Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. ³¹Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.'*"

1 Peter 3:4 ESV *"but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious."*

Deuteronomy 4:9 ESV *"Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children."*

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 ESV *"⁶And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise."*

A Nugget from Noah (for Parents) 5/9/21

When I think about my Momma, when I think about Erica's mom, when I think about Erica, there is one character quality that strikes my heart and appears most brilliantly among the rest: LOVE. Love is behind all of those moments of discipline, play-time, sacrifice, first-aid (my mom knew this well because of me), and so many things! Even in those moments that I roll my eyes and have to reassure my Momma that a decision I am making (I think) is right, I know that her questions, challenges, and motherly concern flow out of a heart of love. While I went through cancer, I saw my Momma pour out her heart in so many ways to selflessly love me. And now I watch my wife, my best friend, my Daisy, doing the exact same things with the three little crazies we call our own; and I am floored.

Parents, instead of discussing a book with you, I want spend the next weeks giving you some nuggets of wisdom to better minister to your children. Today's emphasis, in honor of the amazing women in my life, is LOVE. If you can do one simple thing for your children, it is to live out a Great Commandment Life. What do I mean by that? I pull this from **Matthew 22:34-40** where Jesus is asked what the greatest of the commandments is, to which He answers: **"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."** Everything hinges upon love for God, and love for others. That's it! Parents, anytime you fail or hurt your children—anytime you sin in general—you are choosing not to love God, not to love others, or maybe even both! When our kids see our lives, do they see parents fully committed to loving God, or just "loving" God on Sundays? When they watch what we do and hear what we say, do they see and hear our love for others. We can do all of the right things, but still miss the mark if we're lacking love (1 Cor. 13). Discipline without love is just behaviorism. Service without love is just duty. Raising a family without love is just perpetuating the human race. WE. NEED. LOVE! But it's not just any kind of love; we need gospel-centered love realized in our lives and actualized in our interactions with our children. Parents, love your children.

"...but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."—Romans 5:8

"In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins."—1 John 4:10

"But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus."—Ephesians 2:4-7



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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.
- Pete Belford, home dealing with health concerns
- Marlon Hall, home dealing with health concerns
- Kathy Winters, recovering from hip surgery
- Carolyn Sackett, started chemo
- 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
- Pete Belford, dealing with health concerns
- Jamie Scott, tumor on her pituitary gland. Another MRI in Fall to determine if surgery is needed.
- 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)

Weekly Goal: \$8,562

Giving This Week: \$5,043

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. Contact the church if you have any questions.

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 Dr. David Jeremiah

Through the Bible in a Year Daily Bible Reading Assignment		
Date	Old Testament	New Testament
May 9	2 Kings 7-9	John 1:1-28
May 10	2 Kings 10-12	John 1:29-51
May 11	2 Kings 13-14	John 2
May 12	2 Kings 15-16	John 3:1-18
May 13	2 Kings 17-18	John 3:19-36
May 14	2 Kings 19-21	John 4:1-30
May 15	2 Kings 22-23	John 4:31-54
May 16	2 Kings 24-25	John 5:1-24

Birthdays	Anniversaries
May 10 – Kevin Stange	
May 12 – Donna Gates & Josh Johnson	
May 13 – Jorene Dietrich	
May 16 – Jacqueline Luurtsema	

Kitchen Help

Our Kitchen committee is looking for new members! If you are interested in helping with this ministry please contact Gerri Beehler: 734-945-2992 and/or gerbeehler@hotmail.com.