



MILAN BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

June 27, 2021

A Word from Our Pastor 06/27/21

The apostle Paul wrote, *“do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”* (Philippians 4:6 ESV) In his letter to the Ephesians he wrote, *“praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication....”* (Ephesians 6:18 ESV) In Psalm 91, the psalmist expressed his great confidence in the fact that whoever trusts in the “Most High” finds security and protection... *“He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. ²I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”* (Psalm 91:1-2 ESV)

Notice the first two of four names for God in v.1...¹ *Whoever dwells in the shelter of the ¹Most High (ELYON) will rest in the shadow of the ²Almighty (SHADDAI).* 1) *Most High* – ELYON, it suggests a Supreme monarch, one who is elevated above all things. The name signifies God's majesty, sovereignty, and pre-eminence. 2) *Almighty* – SHADDAI, mighty, powerful God who is strong beyond our imagination and is more than capable to supply our every need. These titles are significant, for they stress His power as the sovereign Ruler of the world. The images of the “*shelter*” is seen as a hiding place, a place of refuge. The “*shadow*”, perhaps the “*shadow*” of a bird's wing, also pictures for us, shelter and protection as well as comfort.

Notice the last two of four of the names for God in v.2...² *I will say of the ³LORD (YAHWEH), “He is my refuge and my fortress, my ⁴God (ELOHIM), in whom I trust.”* 1) *LORD* – YAHWEH, is the personal name for God, revealed to Moses at the burning bush (Exodus 6:2), considered so sacred in Judaism, that the original pronunciation is uncertain, only that it contained the letters YHWH. It has been translated as Yahweh, Jehovah, and more often as the LORD (in all caps). The significance of this name is that it represents a relatable God who seeks for us to know Him on a deep, personal level. 2) *God* – ELOHIM, This name first appears at the very beginning of the Bible in Genesis 1:1, *“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”* When Elohim occurs in Scripture, it is typically translated as “God.” In Greek, it is translated as *Theos*, which is where we get our word *theology*. It means the one who is first, or the creator, and is technically a plural word.

So it is fitting that this is how God is referenced in Genesis 1:1; as a creator who is one, yet plural (Father, Son, Spirit). The Psalmist is proclaiming that the God in whom he trusts is the same God who created all things, the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, and the God who is forever faithful to His creation. As believer's, He's our “*Refuge*”...that is, He's our “*shelter from danger*” and “*fortress*”...He's our “*strong protection*.” Psalm 91:1-2 admirably expresses the fact that safety is in the LORD...in conclusion, let's read the Psalmist' words again and be encouraged: *“He who dwells in the shelter*

of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. ²I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.” (Psalm 91:1-2 ESV)

Prayer Requests

- Prayer for our nation during a time of racial tension and for our elected officials during this unprecedented time.
- Upcoming Vacation Bible School, for our children and the children of our community
- 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. Recovering from surgery
- Ron & Carolyn Sackett, both battling cancer
- 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)

Christmas 4 Missions (C4M)

Our annual Christmas for Missions (C4M) project is starting soon! From July 11th to July 25th, we will be collecting money to divide between our 16 missionaries as an early Christmas gift. Envelopes will be located on a table in the MAC. Children and teens will be given banks on Sunday, July 11th to take home to fill with change and return to the church on Sunday, July 25th. We hope you will consider blessing our missionaries in this way! The MBC Missions Committee.



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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.

June's Book of the Month: "So You Want To Be Like Christ" by Charles Swindoll

Women of Grace

Our next gathering will be TODAY, July 27 following the church service. We will be having a potluck lunch at the home of Carol Armstrong: 238 Spink St, Milan. We look forward to a great time of fellowship!

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.

Weekly Goal: \$8,562

Giving This Week: \$9,300

Vacation Bible School

Save the date! Vacation Bible School is back and ready to go for children ages 3-Grade 6! Kickoff is Sunday, July 11 from 10:00a.m.-12:00p.m. and will continue July 11-14 from 6:30-8:00p.m. Invite your friends and feel free to grab a flyer off the parents table! Volunteer sign-up can be found at our Information Table in the back.

2021-2022 Nominating Committee

Our voted 2021-2022 Nominating Committee is: Clark Barton, Chuck Gates, Dave Gable, Barb Collins, Jan Hasselbring, & Bonnie Tew. Please be praying for this group as they will begin meeting early next year!

Through the Bible in a Year Daily Bible Reading Assignment		
Date	Old Testament	New Testament
June 27	Job 8-10	Acts 8:26-40
June 28	Job 11-13	Acts 9:1-21
June 29	Job 14-16	Acts 9:22-43
June 30	Job 17-19	Acts 10:1-23
July 1	Job 20-21	Acts 10:24-48
July 2	Job 22-24	Acts 11
July 3	Job 25-27	Acts 12
July 4	Job 28-29	Acts 13:1-25

Birthdays	Anniversaries
July 27 – Bert Heath & Merle Jaarda	June 27 – Roger & Jane Anthony
June 30 – Tracey Brooks	June 29 – Chuck & Carla Bushart
July 2 – Tim Hewitt	June 30 – Neal & Sue Kesterson

Adopt a Senior

MBC Youth are starting a new program this year! "Adopt a Senior" will allow church members to adopt a graduated high school senior to pray for and send some fun little items to during their first year following high school. If you are interested, please contact Mendy Jackson: 734-657-3456.