



# MILAN BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

June 6, 2021

## A Word from Our Pastor 06/06/21

It isn't easy to live in this world and maintain a "holy walk." The anti-God atmosphere around us that the Bible calls "the world" is always pressing against us trying to force us to conform. The apostle Paul outlines the commitment needed when he wrote, *"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship."* <sup>2</sup>*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."* (Rom. 12:1-2 ESV) The apostle Peter gives us the incentive when he said, *"Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ."* (1 Peter 1:13 ESV).

Peter is admonishing these believers to live in the FUTURE tense...that is, their PRESENT actions and decisions should be governed by their FUTURE HOPE. Just as an engaged couple makes all their plans in the light of that future wedding day; so Christians today should live with the expectation of seeing Christ. Believers do not need to be holy in order to be saved, but we are called to a holy lifestyle in order to portray God's grace to the unbelieving world. The price our Lord paid for our redemption ought to result in our faithful obedience to Him. Peter gives us three incentives: First, we need to have a disciplined MIND, *"Therefore, preparing your minds for action."* We have to realize that it is a conscious act of the will, literally to "roll up your sleeves." Here's the spiritual principle: When you center your thoughts on the return of Christ and live accordingly, you escape the many worldly things that would encumber your mind and hinder your spiritual progress (Heb. 12:1-2). Secondly, we need to be SELF-CONTROLLED, *"being sober-minded."* It means "to be calm, steady, controlled", "to weigh matters." Literally, "to be free from every form of mental and spiritual excess." In other words...we are not to be controlled by any outside forces... any outside circumstances... as believers should be directed from within (Titus 2:12-13; Eph. 5:18). Peter wanted these believers to remember that as they live in the world they needed to be self-controlled, so as not to be enticed away from God and lose the "preparedness" they needed in order to stand for Christ. And finally, we need to have an optimistic OUTLOOK, *"...set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ."* Peter is telling us that we should "hope to the end", literally meaning that we should set our hope fully on Christ's return (Eph. 2:12-13).

For our lives to be directed by our future hope, we've got to make three important commitments: First, live a disciplined life focused on Christ at all times (Phil. 1:27), two, be self-controlled, in every relationship of our lives, and three, we need to maintain an optimistic outlook, focused on the secure hope of Christ's return.

Philippians 1:6 ESV

*"And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."*

## A Nugget from Noah (for Parents) 6/6/21

This is rather surreal to be writing my final bulletin blurb for MBC...We have been 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 **KEEP MOVING FORWARD.** I've heard it said too many times to count that our lives are like a roller coaster; full of ups and downs, twists and turns. Even in this period of God moving my family, the roller coaster has taken its full affect—but here's the catch: No matter how wonderful or difficult it gets, the ride keeps moving forward, and so should we! There are so many things that happen in our life—both good and tough—and we need to make sure that we keep moving forward....but what is our aim?

I love the book of Philippians, but one of the passages that has meant the world to me is **Philippians 3:12-14.** Coming off of a passionate rant on why he is casting aside all earthly good for the sake of the glorious riches found in Jesus, Paul says, **"Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect (v.12)..."** If we stopped there, it would be a sad story, and yet he continues: **"but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me His own (v. 12)."** He reiterates even more beautifully this heart in vv. 13-14, but the principle is simple: Our aim is Jesus Christ alone, strive for Him! Don't worry about what is coming that you do not know (**Mat. 6:34**); instead, focus on the One Who has promised that He is coming that you DO know (**John 14:1-6**)! Milan Baptist, my brothers and sisters in Christ, keep moving forward toward Him! He is worth it. I love you all so much.

**Love God. Love Others. Keep Moving Forward.....Noah**

## Prayer Requests

- Prayer for our nation during a time of racial tension and for our elected officials during this unprecedented time.
- Verne Smith family, in the loss of Jeannie
- 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

Congratulations to all our kids moving up today! A special congratulations to our graduating seniors!

Congratulate our class of 2021!

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

## 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.**

## 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**

Through the Bible in a Year Daily Bible Reading Assignment		
Date	Old Testament	New Testament
June 6	2 Chronicles 25-27	John 16
June 7	2 Chronicles 28-29	John 17
June 8	2 Chronicles 30-31	John 18:1-18
June 9	2 Chronicles 32-33	John 18:19-40
June 10	2 Chronicles 34-36	John 19:1-22
June 11	Ezra 1-2	John 19:23-42
June 12	Ezra 3-5	John 20
June 13	Ezra 6-8	John 21

Birthdays	Anniversaries
June 6 – Kathy Van Buren & Jim Adams	June 8 – Gary & Dee Kassuba
June 8 – Rod Dietrich	June 9 – Dave & Grace Lovelace
June 9 – Clark Barton	June 12 – Kanna & Juliana Vladaj
June 10 – Cindy Hasselbring	
June 11 – Riley Ratliff & Kurt Dietrich	

## 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: \$7,111**