



# MILAN BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

July 11, 2021

## A Word from Our Pastor 07/11/21

The Bible is a Book about Jesus Christ from start to finish. The Old Testament records the preparation for His coming. The gospels present Him as God in human flesh, who came into the world to save sinners (John 1:1, 14; Romans 5:8; 1 Timothy 1:15). In the Book of Acts, the message of salvation in Christ begins to spread throughout the world. The epistles detail the Theology of Christ's work and the personification of Christ in His Body, the church. The Bible closes with the Book of Revelation, which presents Christ on His eternal throne, reigning as King of kings and Lord of lords.

Today, we once again have the opportunity to remember what Christ did for us as we remember His death, burial, and resurrection in the celebration the Lord's Supper. I would like us to reflect on the meaning of the Lord's Supper. Seeing that it is rooted in history, it's all about God's gift, celebrating the New Covenant, and proclaiming the Lord's death until He comes. It's also a time to examine ourselves (1 Corinthians 11:28) ...the word "examine literally means, "putting ourselves to the test."

Here are a few closing thoughts to help you prepare your heart to partake of the Lord's Supper: The Lord's Supper is a continual reminder that there is FORGIVENESS for the sinner and STRENGTH for the weary. If we truly enter into the spirit of the Lord's Supper we will have a heightened sense of our own UNWORTHINESS and of God's GRACE. Paul wrote to the Ephesians and said, *"<sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup>not a result of works, so that no one may boast."* (Ephesians 2:8-9 ESV) This AWARENESS of God's love for us ought to make it EASIER for us to love one another. Again in Paul's words, *"For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another."* (Galatians 5:13 ESV) Take time now to prepare for your participation...reflect on the words of the Psalmist, *"<sup>23</sup>Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! <sup>24</sup>And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!"* (Psalm 139:23-24 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.

July's Book of the Month: "Delights and Disciplines of Bible Study" by Warren Wiersbe

## 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.

## Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is back and ready to go for children ages 3-Grade 6! Kickoff is TODAY 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.

Through the Bible in a Year Daily Bible Reading Assignment		
Date	Old Testament	New Testament
July 11	Psalms 1-3	Acts 17:1-15
July 12	Psalms 4-6	Acts 17:16-34
July 13	Psalms 7-9	Acts 18
July 14	Psalms 10-12	Acts 19:1-20
July 15	Psalms 13-15	Acts 19:21-41
July 16	Psalms 16-17	Acts 20:1-16
July 17	Psalms 18-19	Acts 20:17-38
July 18	Psalms 20-22	Acts 21:1-17

Birthdays	Anniversaries
July 11 – Joyce Criswell	July 14 – Dave & Kathy Winters
July 12 – Paul Lovelace	
July 17 – Alayna Oswalt	
July 18 – Jeanne Mortensen	

## 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.