



MILAN BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

July 4, 2021

A Word from Our Pastor 07/04/21

Today, we again have the privilege to celebrate *Independence Day* and we can take comfort in the knowledge that it is not unlike any in history. As more and more people have been vaccinated, more and more businesses are reopening across the country, and the pandemic seems to have run its course. We can take great comfort in the fact that God has seen this great nation through times like this before...

- The Civil War 1861-1865.
- The 1918 Pandemic.
- The Great Depression 1929-1933.
- The civil and political unrest of 1968.
- The terrorist attack on September 11, 2001.

Each time, our nation turned to God, and each time He has brought us to the other side, often granting us times of tremendous blessing after times of tremendous strife. Let's be reminded of what our Founders pledged and sacrificed to ensure the freedoms we enjoy today. They pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor as they acknowledged the blessings of God. As we take time to reflect on our freedom, and on all those who have sacrificed for us to hold it in what seems like a tenuous manner today, I am reminded of the words of President Ronald Reagan:

"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."

The America that declared its independence from external rule 245 years ago sees that freedom at risk, not from external forces but from within. The freedom that was so hard-earned now requires our vigilance. Let's take a moment to pray for our Country and its elected officials...our President, our Governor, and our Mayor...that they would seek Godly wisdom to deal with all the challenges our country is facing today.

2 Chronicles 7:14 ESV

"If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

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
- 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. Contact the church if you have any questions.

Weekly Goal: \$8,562

Giving This Week: \$4,779

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.

Through the Bible in a Year Daily Bible Reading Assignment		
Date	Old Testament	New Testament
July 4	Job 28-29	Acts 13:1-25
July 5	Job 30-31	Acts 13:26-52
July 6	Job 32-33	Acts 14
July 7	Job 34-35	Acts 15:1-21
July 8	Job 36-37	Acts 15:22-41
July 9	Job 38-40	Acts 16:1-21
July 10	Job 41-42	Acts 16:22-40
July 11	Psalms 1-3	Acts 17:1-15

Birthdays	Anniversaries
July 8 – Courtney Barton	July 10 – Adam & Erica Caballero
July 9 – Marlon Hall & Judith Dunn	
July 10 – Martha Hall & Mitchell Blake	
July 11 – Joyce Criswell	

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.

Alice Ackerman

Alice will be 99 on July 12! If anyone would like to brighten her day with a card, you can mail one to her daughter:

Alice Ackerman
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