



MILAN BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

August 8, 2021

A Word from Our Pastor 08/08/21

When we think of success in our walk with Christ... I have found that it is due to a proper perspective. Colossians 3, has helped me, from time to time, refocus on the right things: *"If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory."*(Colossians 3:1-4 ESV). It is here that the apostle Paul lays out for us the certainties in the Christian life. He points them out in three realities... Reality #1, WE ARE IN CHRIST vv. 1-2, if so, first, we will "keep on" seeking heavenly things (Romans 6:11-19), second, we will "keep on" setting our minds on heavenly things (Romans 12:1-2; Philippians 4:8), and third, realize Christ is the source of our wisdom and knowledge (1 Corinthians 1:20). Reality #2, WE ARE HIDDEN IN CHRIST v.3. Being hidden in Christ implies both to concealment, safety, and security (Romans 8:31-39; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Romans 8:1). It is important to remember, as Christians we have died to the penalty of sin, but realize that sin's presence and power still affect us...but no longer condemn us. Reality #3, WE WILL ULTIMATELY BE WITH CHRIST, *"When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory."* v.4.

I love what Dr. John MacArthur wrote about this passage, "Christ does not merely give life, He is life." Here's the bottom line: The key to living the right way is to have a life totally centered on Christ. In vv.5-17 in this passage, Paul's lays out for his readers, how to do that...spend some time this week meditating on these 17 verses. ...Paul pictures for us the kind of character needed to have success in our walk with Christ... by "putting off" the old self and "put on" the new and separate ourselves from the world and all its pleasures. For us to be successful in our spiritual walk with the Lord, we've got to maintain a proper biblical perspective on this world.

Galatians 2:20 ESV

"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

Prayer Requests

- Prayer for our nation during a time of racial tension and for our elected officials during this unprecedented time.
- Jerry Austin, for physical needs
- Debby Russ, diagnosed with breast cancer, going through chemo
- Karen Johnson, healing from her surgery following fall
- Sandy Hewitt, recovering from fall
- 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)



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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.

August's Book of the Month: "The Ground Kisser" by Thanh D Wong. (A true story from the Vietnam War era)

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: \$5,743

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.

Family Life Services "Walk for Life 2021"

Walk for Life 2021: Heroes for Babies Join us for our 2021 Walk for Life!

We walk in support and celebration of the courageous women who choose life for their babies despite many different obstacles. FLS exists to support these women, offering them **free ultrasounds, pregnancy tests, and options counseling**. Once they choose life and walk with us further, we support them with parenting classes and with baby items for children up to 6 years of age. **The only reason everything we offer is FREE is due to YOUR generosity.** Help us to reach more women in need, and to meet the needs of each woman who walks through our doors.

Through the Bible in a Year Daily Bible Reading Assignment		
Date	Old Testament	New Testament
August 8	Psalms 74-76	Roman 9:16-33
August 9	Psalms 77-78	Romans 10
August 10	Psalms 79-80	Roman 11:1-18
August 11	Psalms 81-83	Romans 11:19-36
August 12	Psalms 84-86	Romans 12
August 13	Psalms 87-88	Romans 13
August 14	Psalms 89-90	Romans 14
August 15	Psalms 91-93	Romans 15:1-13

Birthdays	Anniversaries
August 9 – Elizabeth Bennett	August 11 – Dan & Tracey Brooks
August 10 – Jerry DuBois	August 12 – Mark & Linda McDonald
August 15 – Adam Caballero & Dave Winters	

Men's and Ladies' Barakel Retreats

The Men's and Ladies' Fall Retreats are for high school seniors or older. We are excited to be offering two weeks to give our congregation the chance to attend one of these amazing retreats together.

- Ladies' Retreat: October 1-3
- Men's Retreat: October 15-17

You can register online or via surface mail.

- To register via surface mail: Registration forms are available on the back information table.
- To register online: You can do this straight from www.campbarakel.org or you can go to the church website and register from the "Adult Ministries" page.

Feel free to contact the church office if you need help registering.

****CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR A REGISTRATION LINK**