



MILAN BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

August 15, 2021

A Word from Our Pastor 08/15/21

The writer of the Book of Hebrews wrote, "Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted." (Hebrews 12:3 ESV)

As we all know...life can grow wearisome and hard at times, BUT with Christ Himself as our example, the Lord admonishes us not to give up, but always to press-on. For example...if our prayers seem to go unanswered, He reminds us that we *"...ought always to pray and not lose heart."* (Luke 18:1 ESV) When we grow tired and are tempted to quit, the Scriptures assure us that *"in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."* (Galatians 6:9 ESV)

God has entrusted us all with certain life responsibilities, we need to learn to say, as the apostle Paul did, *"Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart."* (2 Corinthians 4:1 ESV) As we see mercy and blessing begin to flow, we then can say, as he did, *"So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day."* (2 Corinthians 4:16 ESV) We can even encourage others not to lose heart, as He did: *"So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory."* (Ephesians 3:13 ESV) Interestingly enough, the same Greek word is translated *"weary"* (grow tired) is in 2 Thessalonians 3:13 ESV *"...do not grow weary in doing good."* (BTW...our new series in Paul's second letter to the church at Thessalonica will start later this month)

Finally, even when God has to discipline us, we've got to learn to receive it patiently, *"...do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him."* (Hebrews 12:5; Proverbs 3:11-12 it's sign of God's love). But with all these strong exhortations to not give up, we also need to know just HOW we can obtain the needed strength to keep-on keeping-on. The answer is in God's amazing counsel to the prophet Isaiah: *"...they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."* (Isaiah 40:31 ESV)

Prayer Requests

- Prayer for affected by the storms this past week.
Prayer for the town of Milan as they clean up and begin to put things back to normal.
- 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
- Church leadership as they make decisions moving forward
- Gerri Beehler's sisters, Nancy and Belva, both dealing with health concerns
- 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 Dwing. (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: \$16,222

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 15	Psalms 91-93	Romans 15:1-13
August 16	Psalms 94-96	Romans 15:14-33
August 17	Psalms 97-99	Romans 16
August 18	Psalms 100-102	1 Corinthians 1
August 19	Psalms 103-104	1 Corinthians 2
August 20	Psalms 105-106	1 Corinthians 3
August 21	Psalms 107-109	1 Corinthians 4
August 22	Psalms 110-112	1 Corinthians 5

Birthdays	Anniversaries
August 15 – Adam Caballero & Dave Winters	
August 16 – Kelley Kuehn	
August 18 – Izzy McCune	
August 20 – Neal Kesterson	

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**