



# MILAN BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

August 22, 2021

A Word from Our Pastor 08/22/21

This past Thursday we featured our Awana Ministry at Milan Main Street's 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in downtown Milan. Awana is a world-wide nonprofit ministry focused on providing Bible-based evangelism and discipleship solutions for children. Awana gives children the opportunity to know, love, and serve Christ no matter what the background.

In 1941, the children's program at the North Side Gospel Center, in Chicago, laid the foundation for the framework of discipleship principles used in the Awana program. Lance Latham, North Side's lead pastor collaborated with the church's youth director, Art Roheim, to develop weekly clubs that they believed would appeal to all children. Other churches became interested in the program and inquired about its availability. In 1950, Latham and Roheim founded Awana as a parachurch organization. The name is derived from the first letters of "Approved Workman Are Not Ashamed" as taken from 2 Timothy 2:15. In 2020, Awana claims to work with 63,000 churches in 126 countries. Our church has considered it a privilege to support the Awana Missionary for our area for many years, Brian Jenks. Each fall, for the past 45 years, faithful volunteers in our church have been running the Awana Ministry...what a blessing!

As you set your fall calendar, as a family, please consider enrolling your children (grandchildren) in our Awana Ministry that runs each Wednesday night from 6:30-8:00pm September-May (see our website for registration instructions, [milanbaptist.org](http://milanbaptist.org)).

Awana Ministry at Milan Baptist...

Puggle's, for 2-3 year olds

Cubbies, 4-5 years olds

Sparks, for Grades Kindergarten – 2

T & T (Truth & Training), for Grades 3 – 6

For more information about our Awana ministry and other ministry opportunities for your children contact our Children's Ministry Coordinator, Kathy Winters, email: [kathy.winters@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.winters@gmail.com), our Awana Ministry Director, Victor Michaels, [vic.michaels@gmail.com](mailto:vic.michaels@gmail.com), or our church office 734-439-8180.

Awana begins Wednesday, September 15...don't delay, registrar your children today!

## 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 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](http://www.milanbaptist.org). Contact the church if you have any questions.

**Weekly Goal: \$8,562**

**Giving This Week: \$2,085 (online giving)**

## 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.

| Through the Bible in a Year<br>Daily Bible Reading Assignment |                   |                        |
|---|-------------------|------------------------|
| Date  | Old Testament     | New Testament          |
| August 22   | Psalms 110-112    | 1 Corinthians 5        |
| August 23   | Psalms 113-115    | 1 Corinthians 6        |
| August 24   | Psalms 116-118    | 1 Corinthians 7:1-19   |
| August 25   | Psalms 119:1-88   | 1 Corinthians 7:20-40  |
| August 26   | Psalms 119:89-176 | 1 Corinthians 8        |
| August 27   | Psalms 120-122    | 1 Corinthians 9        |
| August 28   | Psalms 123-125    | 1 Corinthians 10:1-18  |
| August 29   | Psalms 126-128    | 1 Corinthians 10:19-33 |

| Birthdays                  | Anniversaries                       |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| August 24 – Ian Kuehn      | August 25 – Chuck & Donna Gates     |
| August 27 – Beth Heath     | August 28 – Mitchell & Jackie Blake |
| August 29 – Mike Phillips  |                                     |
| 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](http://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 you if need help registering.