



MILAN BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

October 3, 2021

A Word from our Pastor 10/03/21

Several of our families, including my own, have walked through what the Psalmist says is *"the valley of the shadow of death"* (Psalm 23:4). Throughout my life I've had to walk in some difficult seasons. But I always know that whatever season it is would eventually come to an end. Psalm 121 asks the question, "from where does my help come from?" It comes from the Lord. You may have learned of passages of scripture to turn to, to receive encouragement to keep going. In difficult times in my life I've learned to turn to the Book of Psalms for it seems to put words to the hardest seasons of life when it's hard to find words to pray. Here's a few examples of what I mean...

A Psalm for the fearful heart...

"¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?...¹⁴ Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!" (Psalm 27:1, 14 ESV)

A Psalm for the waiting heart...

"I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry. ²He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. ³He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD." (Psalm 40:1-3 ESV)

A Psalm for the discouraged heart...

"Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God." (Psalm 43:5 ESV)

A Psalm for the grieving heart...

"⁶I am weary with my moaning; every night I flood my bed with tears; I drench my couch with my weeping. ⁷My eye wastes away because of grief; it grows weak because of all my foes. ⁸Depart from me, all you workers of evil, for the LORD has heard the sound of my weeping. ⁹The LORD has heard my plea; the LORD accepts my prayer." (Psalm 6:6-9 ESV)

A Psalm for the overwhelmed heart...

"⁴God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. ²Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, ³though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. Selah... ¹⁰"Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" (Psalm 46:1-3, 10 ESV)

Let me encourage you, to continue to seek the Lord daily, pray for each other, and reach out to someone if you need help.

Take a few moments to meditate on these passages and let God's Word wash over you and re-new your soul.

Psalm 118:5-9 ESV

"⁵Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the LORD answered me and set me free. ⁶The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me? ⁷The LORD is on my side as my helper; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me. ⁸It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man. ⁹It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes."

Prayer Requests

- Sackett Family, Carolyn went home to be with the Lord September 18.
- Hewitt Family, in the sudden loss of Tim and Sandy's sister-in-law, Anita.
- Grotbeck Family, in the home going of Lu's father, Bill.
- Marti Scott's sister, Nancy, in ICU with Covid.
- Larry Jedele, knee replacement surgery on October 6
- Continued prayer for our nation.
- Jerry Austin, for physical needs
- Judy DuCharme, recovering from health issues at home in CO.
- Kathy Curtis, Barakel missionary, is dealing with some health concerns and a pending surgery. Please pray for her health and insurance needs.
- Gary Kassuba, recovering from hip replacement in rehab at St. Joe.
- Church leadership as they make decisions moving forward
- Gerri Beehler's sister, Belva, dealing with health concerns
- Dorsey Conley, home with home care
- Ron Sackett, battling cancer awaiting scans.
- Debby Russ, recovering from surgery and PRAISE CANCER FREE!
- 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)

Mark your calendars! We are moving Morning Worship back into the Church Auditorium on October 17!



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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 before and after Sunday School and immediately following the Worship Service.

October's Book of the Month: "Loving Christ" by Joseph Stowell.

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: \$16,321

Through the Bible in a Year Daily Bible Reading Assignment		
Date	Old Testament	New Testament
Oct 3	Isaiah 17-19	Ephesians 5:17-33
Oct 4	Isaiah 20-22	Ephesians 6
Oct 5	Isaiah 23-25	Philippians 1
Oct 6	Isaiah 26-27	Philippians 2
Oct 7	Isaiah 28-29	Philippians 3
Oct 8	Isaiah 30-31	Philippians 4
Oct 9	Isaiah 32-33	Colossians 1
Oct 10	Isaiah 34-36	Colossians 2

Birthdays	Anniversaries
Oct 4 – Adah Bushart	Oct 13 – Dennis & Judith Dunn
Oct 8 – Arlene Russ	
Oct 11 – Brent Paschall	
Oct 12 – Dennis Miller	
Oct 17 – Les Brooks	

Movie Night

Join us for a free family movie night on October 10 at 6:00 p.m. We will be showing "I Still Believe" based on the life of Christian music artist, Jeremy Camp. We hope to see everyone there!

