



MILAN BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

September 5, 2021

A Word from Our Pastor 09/05/21

This weekend, as we celebrate Labor Day with our family and friends, I would like you to consider thinking through a couple of thoughts: First, remember the reason for the national holiday called Labor Day, second, it may be a good time to assess our priorities.

Wikipedia states that the holiday “honors the American labor movement and the contributions that workers have made to the strength, prosperity, laws and well-being of the country.” Labor Day was instituted as a national holiday on June 28, 1894, through the efforts of the Central Labor Union, and other trade unions throughout the states, the labor movement successfully established regulations that governed the working world, such as eight-hour days, two-day weekends, minimum wage and the abolishment of child labor. This movement eventually introduced an annual 'day off' for the working man, a day to pay tribute to those who contributed to the social and economic success of the nation.

For the Christian, it might be a good time to stop the treadmill of life and take stock of where we are in our walk with Christ...is our walk, as the apostle Paul sates, worthy of the calling that we have received. (Ephesians 4:1). The concept of a day of rest is a biblical one, six days you shall labor (Exodus 20:8-11). The concept of assessing where we are in our walk with Christ is something that I have practiced throughout my nearly 60 years of being a Christ-follower. Take time this weekend to assess your personal life, your marriage, your family, and your vocational life...making sure that each of these areas are in line the truth of God's Word. After looking at each of these areas in your life, determine if there are any changes that need to take place. While some changes can be made immediately, others may take time to transition.

While Christians set aside a weekly day of rest to relax and rejuvenate, they can also determine to take an additional day, as not only a worker but as an authentic follower of Christ, to do the kind of life assessment suggested above. Just as the secular world sets aside a day every year to honor the accomplishments of the workers of America, as believers we can set aside a day to honor the accomplishments that God has done in and through our lives. Blessings to you and your family this Labor Day!

Prayer Requests

- Prayer for our nation during a time of racial tension and for our elected officials during this unprecedented time.
- Jamie Scott's friend, Leslie, has possible skin cancer and awaiting on scan results this week.
- Jerry Austin, for physical needs
- Karen Johnson, healing from her surgery following fall
- Gary Kassuba, hip replacement on September 8
- Church leadership as they make decisions moving forward
- Gerri Beehler's sister, Belva, dealing with health concerns
- Ron & Carolyn Sackett, both battling cancer
- Debby Russ, has breast cancer, awaiting upcoming surgery on September 8
- 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)

Jack Rendel

Join us next Sunday at 10am for a special combined ABF with Jack Rendel in the Church Auditorium!

Church Picnic

Sign up TODAY at the information table for the Church Picnic on September 19. We need the number of people in your family attending so we can order food accordingly. We hope to see your families there!



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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.

September's Book of the Month: "Victory In Spiritual Warfare" by Tony Evans.

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: \$7,360

Bible Adventurers

Kickoff
September 12, 2021
6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Join us on Sunday, September 12th from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. as we launch into the fall semester of Bible Adventurers, which is the Sunday night discipleship ministry for children in first through sixth grades. Through Bible lessons, interactive games and innovative crafts, children will learn key Bible stories and principles, the books of the Bible and how to share Christ's love with others. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall in the lower level of the church. We know that God has something incredible for your children this fall!

Through the Bible in a Year Daily Bible Reading Assignment		
Date	Old Testament	New Testament
Sept 5	Psalms 146-147	1 Corinthians 15:1-28
Sept 6	Psalms 148-150	1 Corinthians 15:29-58
Sept 7	Proverbs 1-2	1 Corinthians 16
Sept 8	Proverbs 3-5	2 Corinthians 1
Sept 9	Proverbs 6-7	2 Corinthians 2
Sept 10	Proverbs 8-9	2 Corinthians 3
Sept 11	Proverbs 10-12	2 Corinthians 4
Sept 12	Proverbs 13-15	2 Corinthians 5

Birthdays	Anniversaries
Sept 5 – Dick Glaser, Karen Johnson, & Alpha Ott	Sept 6 – Dick & Carole Glaser
Sept 9 – Melody Morris	Sept 13 – Dave & Grace Stuckman
Sept 10 – Lois Jedele & Joan Cromer	
Sept 12 – Carla Bushart & Suzy Shunk	
Sept 13 – Linda McDonald & Marcia Hurst	
Sept 14 – Doug McDowell	
Sept 17 – Colleen Lopez	

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 you if need help registering.