



MILAN BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

October 24, 2021

A Word from Our Pastor 10/24/21

The Psalmist said, *"Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! ²Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble ³and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south."* (Psalm 107:1-3 ESV)

The WHY, WHO, and WHEN of this Psalm are all unknown. Psalm 107, teaches not only that God's providence WATCHES over us but also that His ear is always open to HEAR our prayer. The Psalmists theme here is the unfailing faithfulness of God.

The Psalmist gives us an exhortation in vv.1-3, to... *"^{1a}give thanks to the LORD."* Unfortunately, gratitude is a forgotten attitude in our day. I've hear it said, "Giving thanks to the Lord is the MOST we can give Him and the LEAST we should give Him." Praise and thanks to God should be given, both with our LIPS and with our LIVES." In the second half of v.1 we see two reasons for thanking God... *"^{1b} for He is good, for his steadfast love (mercy) endures forever!"*

As believers, we are the recipients of God's *goodness* and *mercy*. It was Charles H. Spurgeon who said it best, "Whatever others may think or say, as believers, we have overwhelming reasons for declaring the *goodness* and the *mercy* of God from the depths of our soul." Think about folks, the LORD has liberated us from the *bondage* and *penalty* of sin. The apostle Paul wrote, *"But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code."* (Romans 7:6 ESV; also, Hebrews 2:14-15)

As believers, we have every reason to sing and proclaim the gospel to our world! So, why are we not doing it? Let me encourage you today to fill your heart with gratitude for what the Lord has done for us and is doing in us and then share it with everyone you meet!

Psalms 40:3 ESV

"He 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."

Prayer Requests

- Scott Family following the loss of Marti's sister, Nancy.
- Continued prayer for our nation.
- Emma Jane Hall, in the hospital with pneumonia and congestive heart failure
- Jerry Austin, for physical needs
- Arthur Avery, in Senior Solutions with health concerns
- Rose Budd, in the home with health issues
- 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, home doing rehab for hip replacement
- Emma Jane Hall, at Senior Solutions recovering from pneumonia.
- 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)

New Member

The Deacons are recommending Lily Luurtsema for church membership. As per our Constitution, if any member would like to forward comments to the Deacons regarding the above name, please do so by Sunday, October 31.



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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: \$4,732

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child boxes will be available to take and fill starting Sunday, October 10th. The boxes will be due on Sunday, November 14th. For questions, contact Ann Marie Harpst at (734) 587-3112 or Marti Scott at (734) 637-7414.

Through the Bible in a Year Daily Bible Reading Assignment		
Date	Old Testament	New Testament
Oct 24	Jeremiah 3-5	1 Timothy 4
Oct 25	Jeremiah 6-8	1 Timothy 5
Oct 26	Jeremiah 9-11	1 Timothy 6
Oct 27	Jeremiah 12-14	2 Timothy 1
Oct 28	Jeremiah 15-17	2 Timothy 2
Oct 29	Jeremiah 18-19	2 Timothy 3
Oct 30	Jeremiah 20-21	2 Timothy 4
Oct 31	Jeremiah 22-23	Titus 1

Birthdays	Anniversaries
Oct 25 – Dan Baughey	Nov 6 – Les & Lynn Brooks
Oct 29 – Roman Caballero	
Nov 6 – Kurt Heinold	

C4M (Christmas 4 Missions)

There is still time to give! If you would like to give to our C4M fund for this year you can still do so for a few more weeks! All money collected will be given to our missionaries this Christmas.

New Collection Box

A new box has been installed at the top of the stairs leading up to the narthex for tithing envelopes. Feel free to slip your tithe in this box instead of the one outside of the MAC kitchen.

