



MILAN BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

November 14, 2021

A Word from Our Pastor 11/21/21



This week we again have the privilege, in this country, to celebrate Thanksgiving. The apostle Paul admonished the Ephesians that they should be, "Giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Ephesians 5:20 ESV)

Through the years I've learned that there are four categories of people... First, there are those who are constantly complaining and grumbling. Have you met any of these folks? I mean, they can brighten up a room just by leaving it. That's the lowest level. Secondly, there are others who live lives of ingratitude. They don't complain, but they never thank God for His obvious blessings. That's a little better, but not much better. Thirdly, there are people who thank God for obvious blessings. When something good happens, they're grateful. That's a better level. And finally, there is the highest level and that are those who are grateful for all things at all times. That is the secret of a happy and productive life.

Which category do you find yourself in this Thanksgiving? Paul admonished these 1st century believers (and us) to have a heart of gratitude in everything. On the basis of our Scripture today, go before the Lord and begin to think about difficult circumstances you're facing. Now, thank Him for each one.

With a heart of gratitude to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and for the people of Milan Baptist, Lisa and I would like to wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving!

Philippians 1:3-6 ESV

³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

There has been a change to two of our church email addresses:

MBC Info: MilanBaptistInfo@gmail.com

Erica Caballero: MilanBaptistErica@gmail.com

Please begin using these new emails as the older ones will be unavailable in the near future!

Prayer Requests

- Continued prayer for our nation.
- Prayer for our Associate Pastoral Search team
- Jane Anthony, son has a severely burned foot
- Joan Hendee, as she recovers from surgery
- Jerry Austin, praise he is home!
- Carole Glaser, praise she is home and doing better!
- Arthur Avery, in the hospital recovering from a fall
- 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.
- 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)

Baptism

We will be having a baptism service on November 28. If anyone is interested in Believer's Baptism, please contact Pastor Strader.

A Week at MBC:

TODAY:

9:30a.m. – Prayer Gathering, Room 201

10:00 a.m. – ABF/Sunday School

11:00 a.m. – Morning Worship

5:00 p.m. – Bible Adventurers (K-6th), Room 102
Deeper (7th-12th), the MAC

Wednesday, November 24

Office closes at 12:00 p.m.

NO ACTIVITIES

Thursday, November 25

Happy Thanksgiving!

Sunday, November 28

9:30a.m. – Prayer Gathering, Room 201

10:00 a.m. – ABF/Sunday School

11:00 a.m. – Morning Worship

NO EVENING ACTIVITIES



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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.

November's Book of the Month: "The Insanity of God" by Nik Ripkin.

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: \$5,930

Ladies' Christmas Banquet

Tuesday, December 7th

6:30 p.m.

Milan Baptist Church
Ministry Activity Center

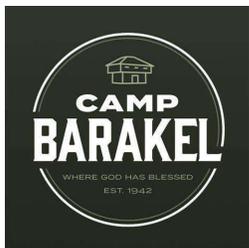
Tickets - \$10.00 adults

\$5.00 – young ladies
under 12 yrs.



Camp Barakel Christmas

For those wanting to participate in our annual Camp Barakel Christmas, please see Jan Hasselbring to adopt your individual or family today!



Through the Bible in a Year Daily Bible Reading Assignment		
Date	Old Testament	New Testament
Nov 21	Ezekiel 16-17	James 3
Nov 22	Ezekiel 18-19	James 4
Nov 23	Ezekiel 20-21	James 5
Nov 24	Ezekiel 22-23	1 Peter 1
Nov 25	Ezekiel 24-26	1 Peter 2
Nov 26	Ezekiel 27-29	1 Peter 3
Nov 27	Ezekiel 30-32	1 Peter 4
Nov 28	Ezekiel 33-34	1 Peter 5

Birthdays	Anniversaries
Nov 21 – Brian Kuehn	Nov 24 – Charles & Mendy Jackson
Nov 24 – Jamie Scott & Doris Branch	Nov 26 – Larry & Lois Jedele
Nov 25 – Larry Van Buren	Nov 28 – Gene & Adah Bushart
Nov 28 – Mary Gable	Dec 2 – Tim & Sandy Hewitt
Nov 29 – Chuck Gates & Cami Ratliff	
Nov 30 – Dorsey Conley	
Dec 2 – Alicia Baker	
Dec 4 – Dave Lovelace	
Dec 5 – Marti Scott & Grace Swaney	

Blessings Box Donation Suggestions

NO Perishable food items, refrigerated or frozen items, no used or expired items!

Suggestions: Canned goods, canned meats (tuna, spaghetti), macaroni and cheese, toilet paper, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, laundry detergent, dish detergent, diapers, boxes of pasta, peanut butter, jams and jellies, crackers, cereal, oatmeal, and powdered milk. **Printed list of suggestions on information table!**

Real Life

Young adults 18-29 join us Friday nights in the MAC at 7pm to connect with others and grow in walking with Jesus. Post-high school brings a lot of changes and life decisions, and is a such a crucial time to solidify that walk with God and grow to know Him better, letting Him guide you! We have an activity and Bible discussion most weeks (right now going through the powerful "Gospel-Centered Community" guide) with prayer and worship, but also lots of special events, too. Pizza provided each week. Christmas Party Dec. 10. Camp Barakel College & Career Retreat Jan. 1-3 -- Sign up now! More info, to sign up, or questions see www.MilanBaptist.org.

