



MILAN BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

January 2, 2022

A Word from Our Pastor 01/02/22

God's Word brings us a comforting promise, along with an insightful command as we face a new year: " ⁵Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." ⁶So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?" (Hebrews 13:5-6 ESV).

We can live this coming year without fear if we apply these four incredibly truths to our lives and root them deep into our hearts. **First, the CONTENTMENT of His provision.** I've heard it said, "Contentment is not the fulfillment of what you want but the realization of how much you already have." (Anonymous) The apostle Paul wrote his young protégé Timothy, " ⁶But godliness with contentment is great gain, ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content." (1 Timothy 6:6-8 ESV) If you know Jesus Christ, you have contentment. If you've got clothes on your back, something to eat, and Jesus Christ in your heart, you're rich! Remember this, the deepest need of your heart can only be met in the Lord Jesus Christ. **Secondly, the COMPANIONSHIP of His presence.** I don't know what I'm going to face this year, none of us do, but there's one thing I know, He will never leave or forsake me. When God's Word promises that God will never forsake you, it literally means that He will never abandon you (Deuteronomy 31:6). He will not give up on you. We need to practice the presence of the Lord this coming year. **Thirdly, the CONFIDENCE of His promise.** We're going to zero in on a little phrase from our initial text in the Book of Hebrews, "He has said." It's been said many times, a promise is no better than the one who makes it (Ecclesiastes 5:5). God says, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee"? Remember this, it's the omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent God speaking and we can have confidence in His promise. And finally, **The COMFORT of His Protection.** Hebrews 13:6 promises, " ⁶So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?" Now, put that with v.5, which says, "He has said." I don't know what you're going to go through this coming year. But I know you can boldly say, "The Lord is my helper, so I will not fear what man can do to me?" When you find your contentment, companionship, confidence, and comfort in Jesus, then you'll find the ability to embrace the New Year with boldness.

Even though the life chapters of 2022 have not been written yet, I'm excited to see what the Lord will do in my life, your life, and the life of His church! Let's make sure that we are basing our lives on the truths of God's Word and that we allow them to take root deep in our hearts.

Jeremiah 29:11 ESV

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."

Prayer Requests

- Continued prayer for our nation.
- Prayer for our Associate Pastoral Search team
- Jane Anthony, son has a severely burned foot
- Jerry Austin, praise he is home!
- 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 January 19. Please pray for her health and insurance needs.
- Debby Russ, continued treatments
- 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) & Arthur Avery

A Week at MBC:

TODAY:

NO Prayer Gathering or ABF
11:00 a.m. – Morning Worship
5:00 p.m. – Deeper (Grades 7-12)

Monday, January 3

Church is Closed

Wednesday, January 5

11:00 a.m. SeniorLife Singspiration & Lunch
6:30 p.m. Awana (Age 2-Grade 6)
8:00 p.m. Praise Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, January 6

7:00 p.m. Call2Prayer (Facebook LIVE)

Friday, January 7

7:00 p.m. Real Life (Young Adults)

Saturday, January 8

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

Sunday, January 2

9:30 a.m. – Prayer Gathering
10:00 a.m. – ABF/Sunday School
11:00 a.m. – Morning Worship
5:00 p.m. – Deeper (Grades 7-12)



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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.

December's Books of the Month:

Adult: "We Will Not Be Silenced" by Erwin W. Lutzer

Teen: "Starlight Animal Rescue" by Dandi Daley Mackall

Children: "Theres a Party in Heaven" by Gary Barnes

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: \$11,846

Human Sanctity of Life

January 16 we celebrate Human Sanctity of Life Sunday! Like years past, we will be accepting donations for Family Service Services in Ypsilanti, MI for the next three Sundays. They are requesting diapers, wipes, and monetary donations.



Through the Bible in a Year Daily Bible Reading Assignment		
Date	Old Testament	New Testament
Jan 2	Genesis 4-6	Matthew 2
Jan 3	Genesis 7-9	Matthew 3
Jan 4	Genesis 10-12	Matthew 4
Jan 5	Genesis 13-15	Matthew 5:1-26
Jan 6	Genesis 16-17	Matthew 5:27-48
Jan 7	Genesis 18-19	Matthew 6:1-18
Jan 8	Genesis 20-22	Matthew 6:19-34
Jan 9	Genesis 23-24	Matthew 7

Birthdays	Anniversaries
Jan 6 – Freda Baughey	Jan 2 – Steve & Jacqueline Luurtsema; Josh & Lily Luurtsema
Jan 7 – Carole Glaser	Jan 13 – Doug & Grace Swaney
Jan 12 – Chuck Bushart & Mark McDonald	
Jan 15 – Clark Barton V	

Blessings Box Donation Suggestions

Check the information table for a list of suggestions!



Young Adults
Milan Baptist Church

Real Life

18-29 yr-olds: Join us Fridays at 7pm in the MAC

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

MBC Info: MilanBaptistInfo@gmail.com

Erica Caballero:

MilanBaptistErica@gmail.com