



# MILAN BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

December 12, 2021

## A Word from Our Pastor 12/12/21

The books of Matthew and Luke name the town of Bethlehem as the birthplace of Jesus. Matthew 2:1-6 describes the



birth of Jesus as the fulfillment of Micah's prophecy. Seven hundred years before the birth of Christ, the prophet Micah wrote, *"But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days."* (Micah 5:2 ESV)

One of my favorite Christmas carols in our hymnbook is the classic carol, "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," one of more than 6,500 hymns written by Charles Wesley. It is thought to have been written approximately one year after his dramatic conversion to Christ at a meeting house on Aldersgate Street, in London, in 1738. The text, along with "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," is generally considered some of Wesley's finest. The music to this carol was written by Felix Mendelssohn, one of the master composers of the early 19<sup>th</sup> century.

If you were to look up the word "carol," you would find that originally it is derived from the French word "carole," which means a circle dance accompanied by singers, also known as a ring dance. Carol's, then, have long been thought of as an early form of sacred folk music, dating back to the early Middle Ages. The dictionary says a "carol" is a song, especially of joy, a Christmas song or hymn." Like many of Wesley's hymns, we can observe a condensed course in biblical doctrine in poetic form. This is true as well in "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing," where he re-tells the account of the angelic visit to the shepherds in verse one, then in the verses that follow several other important biblical truths: the virgin birth, the deity of Christ, the immortality of the soul, the new birth, and the concern for us, as believers, to live a Christ honoring life. It was Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, the longtime senior pastor of Christ Church, in New York City that wrote, "The hinge of history is on the door of a Bethlehem stable." "Hark the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King; peace on earth, and mercy mild – God and sinners reconciled!"...Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"

## Prayer Requests

- Continued prayer for our nation.
- Prayer for our Associate Pastoral Search team
- Howard Family, following the passing of Todd Howard
- Jane Anthony, son has a severely burned foot
- Jerry Austin, praise he is home!
- Carole Glaser, recovery from procedure from bleeding ulcer
- Arthur Avery, at Senior Solutions for rehab
- 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, 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)

## 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. – Deeper (Grades 7-12)

### Tuesday, December 14

6:30 p.m. – Deacon Meeting

### Wednesday, December 15

6:30 p.m. Awana

### Thursday, December 16

7:00 p.m. Call 2 Prayer, Facebook LIVE

### Friday, December 17

7:00 p.m. RealLife

### Saturday, December 18

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

### Sunday, December 19

9:30a.m. – Prayer Gathering, Room 201

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: "Becoming Elizabeth Elliott" by Ellen Vaughn

Teen: "Red Rock Mystery Series" by Jerry Jenkins

Children: "Silent Night: A Mouse Tale"

## 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](http://www.milanbaptist.org). Contact the church if you have any questions.

**Weekly Goal: \$8,562**

**Giving This Week: \$15,236**

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

**MBC Info:** [MilanBaptistInfo@gmail.com](mailto:MilanBaptistInfo@gmail.com)

**Erica Caballero:**

[MilanBaptistErica@gmail.com](mailto:MilanBaptistErica@gmail.com)

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

Through the Bible in a Year Daily Bible Reading Assignment		
Date	Old Testament	New Testament
Dec 12	Hosea 9-11	Revelation 3
Dec 13	Hosea 12-14	Revelation 4
Dec 14	Joel 1-3	Revelation 5
Dec 15	Amos 1-3	Revelation 6
Dec 16	Amos 4-6	Revelation 7
Dec 17	Amos 7-9	Revelation 8
Dec 18	Obadiah	Revelation 9
Dec 19	Jonah 1-4	Revelation 10

Birthdays	Anniversaries
Dec 14 – Dan Brooks	
Dec 17 – Grace Stuckman	
Dec 19 – Andrew Paschall	
Dec 21 – Dan Stange, David Stuckman, & Shirley Dunbar	
Dec 24 – Geneva DuBois & Jim Brasfield	
Dec 25 – Dee Kassuba	

## Blessings Box Donation Suggestions

Check the information table for a list of suggestions!

## Real Life

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



Join us for the **Camp**

**Barakel College & Career Retreat**

January 1 - 3. Cost: Only \$50 reg fee, MBC covers the rest!

- **Get away & build friendships** with other Real Lifers
- **Dynamic speaker** from God's Word to start the New Year
- Tons of **indoor & outdoor activities** including Tubing, Ice Fishing, Hockey, Broomball, Cross-country skiing, 'human bowling' & more.

\*Register now at [www.CampBarakel.org](http://www.CampBarakel.org), pay \$50 fee, and let Real Life know so we cover the rest.

Young Adults  
Milan Baptist Church

**We have DVD copies of our 2021 Ladies' Christmas Banquet coming! If you missed it, or would like a copy, please let the church office know!**



## New Members

The Deacons are recommending Sue Paschall

and Clark Barton V 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, December 19.