



Milan Christian Church

Where Faith, Friends, and Family Meet

NEWSLETTER
September 2026

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*** WELCOME HOME ***

Our Vision: *The Vision of Milan Christian Church is to strive every day to take the Gospel of Christ to those who need to hear it, to bring them into relationship with Christ through the waters of Christian Baptism, to teach them to become disciples of Christ, and equip and encourage all Christians to live their lives as Christ would live.*



ERIC & CAMILLE WOOSLEY – 7/17/26 (By Jay Oliver, Scott Powell & Danny [friend])

LESSONS IN CHRISTIAN LIVING FROM A BUILDING PROJECT

By Brian Denner, from wearefaith.org



The church that I pastor is in the midst of a building project as I write this post.

This has been an exciting season, as we are essentially doubling the size of our building. It has also been a challenging size as the design has also involved renovating some of our existing space and thus adapting to losing some rooms (including my office!) as we await the completion of new ones.

This has been an illuminating experience for me as well and not just because I have learned more about construction in the past few months than in all my previous years of life. Similar to how I drew spiritual insights from watching the Olympics or driving by fields as farmers planted their crops, I have found this building project to offer lessons about the Christian life.

God Does New Things in Our Lives – The construction work at our church has included something new as a building has gone up where there was previously just a bunch of grass. The presence of something new is a reminder of the way God works in our lives to do new things; God is not a God who just keeps the status quo or desires for things to stay the same but one who does new things in our world and in our lives. In fact, a common phrase that we find in Scripture is that of God making things...and making us...new.

The Apostle Paul says that when someone is in Christ, they are a “new creation” (**2 Corinthians 5:17**; also see **Galatian 5:17**) and that those who are in Christ have put on a “new self” (**Ephesians 4:24**; **Colossians 3:10**) and are to walk in the “newness of life” (**Romans 6:4**). This idea of “new” is not just an individual concept but a corporate one, as Paul notes in his discussion of how God brings together Jews and Gentiles as creating “one new man from the two” (**Ephesians 2:15**); the church thus stands as something “new.” Jesus also uses “new” imagery in discussing his ministry and its impact on practices like fasting, referencing the need to put “new wine” into “new wineskins” (**Matthew 9:17**). God says in **Isaiah 43:19**, “Look, I am making everything new,” and our hope is ultimately found in the promise of a “new heavens and a new earth” (**Isaiah 65:17**; **2 Peter 3:13**; **Revelation 21:2**).

Therefore, we should not be surprised when God does new things in our lives but rather should expect Him to be at work doing these new things. When we start to follow Jesus, there are new activities and practices that we adopt, things that we would never do if we did not follow Him.

Our goal in life should not just be to keep things the same. Instead, we should be on the lookout for new things that God is doing in our lives and also venture into new territory so that we see God at work in doing new things.

God Re-News Things in Our Lives – Just as our building project has included remodeling, renovating and retrofitting our existing space so that our building will flow and function as a singular whole, so God's work in our lives also involves getting rid of old things or replacing these old things with the new. Thus, one could say that God not only is in the business of making new things but also of renewing things in terms of taking what is there and transforming it so that it is now different.

This sort of work might involve replacing something that is broken or bad and putting in something good. For example, when the Apostle Paul speaks about the new self that a Christian is to put on, he talks about replacing old, sinful behaviors with new, holy ones: speaking the truth instead of lying (**Ephesians 4:25**), giving to others instead of stealing (**Ephesians 4:28**), and saying helpful things instead of using foul language (**Ephesians 4:29**). This is a great reminder that the best strategy for change is replacing something with something different (and better!).

Another way that God might renew us does not involve changing the activity but rather changing how we approach it. This is a reminder that most of what we do in life as Christians is the same as those who are not Christians; we spend the bulk of our day at work and do the same basic things like eat, take out the trash, etc. How we do these things, though, is different, as we see these not as simply activities of life but things that we should do "in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving things to God the Father through him" (**Colossians 3:17**). God brings renewal not only in the new things we do but the new way we do the things that we do.

What's New and Being Renewed in Your Life? – I've come to realize that it is not just the final product of this building project that can help people to become more like Jesus...the process in which this product is formed can also point us to Jesus when we consider how God is similarly at work in our lives.

Is there something new that God might be calling you to do in life? Perhaps it is stepping into a new habit, like reading your Bible, praying, or giving financially to Him. Perhaps it is stepping out to serve others in a way you never have before, volunteering with kids or teenagers or those with special needs. Maybe it is reaching out to someone you don't know well to ask how you can help them or encourage them. God does new things and we see new things in our lives happen when we step out into new things.

Is there something in your life that needs to be renovated or remodeled? Is there a choice or a pattern in your life that needs to be knocked down, like a wall that will allow you to connect with God and/or His people? Is there a bad habit that needs to be replaced with something that is new? Is there a bad attitude that needs to be reframed to reflect the perspective that God wants in us?

People look for things in our world that are new and improved. May they see that in us, as God does a building project in our lives.

MCC CIY PARTICIPANTS, July 2026



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



- 1 – Randy Lawver
- 3 – Carrie Bushman
- 4 – Scott Powell & Chris Uribe
- 5 – Jaxson Oeth
- 9 – Phyllis Boley
- 10 – Heather Kisner
- 12 – Dave Anderson
- 14 – Paul Slavish
- 15 – Isabella Oeth
- 19 – Dominic Oeth
- 22 – Torrie Hofer
- 23 – Quentin Waterman
- 26 – George Kisner
- 27 – Helen Howell
- 29 – Andy Werner

Milan Christian Church Presents
Come As You Are!
THURSDAY NIGHT
WORSHIP SERVICE

WELCOME HOME!

5:30pm: Let us cook for you. Join us for a hot home cooked meal.

6:00pm: Relax with God. Come to a laid back, comfortable worship service.

EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT

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3 WAYS TO GIVE

1



Mail your gift

Milan Christian Church,
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2



Give online

Please see Andy Werner

3



Give in person

At Worship Service



Prayer Requests

Phyllis Boley – Health issue
Rusty & Linda Hocker Family (Passing of Rusty's mother Mary) - Comfort
Sue Huber – Cancer
Rebecca Kline – Health issue
Paul & Barb Lane – Health issues
David & Diana Lee – Health issues
Norma Leone – Comfort (post-surgery)
Dennis & Phyllis Martens – Health issues
Kathie McAdams – Job issue
Amy Mitchell – Comfort (back pain)
Scott Powell – Health issue
Britton Rexroat – Health issue
Gretchen Rexroat – Job issue
Linda Thomas – Health issue
Linda Tipton – Health issue
Chris Uribe – Cancer
Sue Wriedt – (Recovery from surgery)
Julie (Johnny Oeth's mother) – Cancer
Di (Linda Tipton's sister) – Health issue
Kim (Linda Tipton's brother-in-law who cares for her handicapped sister) – Cancer
Heather (Sherry Powell's granddaughter/Scott Powell's daughter) - Cancer
Lacey (Sherry Powell's granddaughter) – Health issue
Alyse (Don & Cathy Jo Merritt's daughter-in-law) – Cancer
Francis (Kathie McAdams' sister) – Spiritual issue
Donald (Kathie McAdams' brother-in-law) – Recovery from surgery
Nicolette (Kathie McAdams' niece) – Health issue
Wendy (Pete & Norma Leone's niece) – Health issue
Sue (Angela Northcutt's sister) – Cancer
Gary (George Smith's son) – Continued recovery from numerous surgeries
Michelle (Kirsten Litton's sister) – Continued recovery from serious injury
Mike (Brad Webster's brother) – Personal issue
Angie & Shawn (David & Diana Lee's daughters) – Health issue & Personal issue
Curtis (David & Diana Lee's daughter Patty's husband) - Cancer
John (David Lee's friend) – Health issue
Karen (Phyllis Boley's friend) – Health issue
Bonnie (Phyllis Boley's friend) – Injuries from a fall
Nate (Grandson of Jan Pugh's friend) – Cancer
Ryan & family (Jan Pugh's friend) – Comfort (dealing with his Mom's terminal illness)
Killian (Linda Hocker's son) – Recovery from hand surgery
Kathy (Dennis & Phyllis Martens' daughter) – Foster child concerns
Brian (Kristy Johnson's brother's father-in-law) – Health issue
Penny (Phyllis Martens' caregiver) – Health issue

All our children dealing w/school or personal issues.

All who don't know Jesus or need to come back to Him.

When We Pray Together, We're Working Together



WE ARE THANKFUL FOR:

Our Worship Team!



Our Youth Praise Team!





BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY!

Come For The Service & Stay For The Food, Fun & Fellowship!!

September 13th, 9:30 AM

Grill Out After Service

📍 Milan Christian Church, 709 Hillcrest Rd., Milan, IL, 309-787-6879



Following Our 9:30 AM

BACK TO CHURCH

Sunday Service, Please Join Us in

Prayer As We

BREAK GROUND

For Our

MCC BUILDING

EXPANSION PROJECT!

September 13th

Food - Fun - Fellowship

Milan Christian Church, 709 Hillcrest Rd., Milan, IL



WANT MORE JESUS?

WELCOME TO OUR

SMALL GROUPS!



ANNE BOSOLD

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Tuesdays @ 10am
In the church basement
Anne: 309-749-9776

JAY & MARY JO OLIVER'S HOME

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Wednesdays @ 5:30pm
Jay: 309-738-0890
Mary Jo : 309-738-1237
Starting Sept 9th

BRITTON & GRETCHEN REXROAT'S HOME

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Wednesdays Dinner @ 5:30pm
Bible Study at 6:00pm
Britton: 309-912-8767
Starting Aug 26th

Small Groups are where we *grow* together in faith, encourage one another, and experience God's *love*. ❤️

NEED HELP FINDING A GROUP? WE'D LOVE TO HELP! 309-787-6879

A vibrant poster for an Elderberries Luncheon. It features a background of green grass, sunflowers, and baskets of potatoes. A logo with a cross and the letter 'M' is in the top left. The text is colorful and festive, with confetti scattered around.

Welcome To Our

ELDERBERRIES LUNCHEON

Pulled Pork & Potato Bar!!

September 8th

Bring Your Favorite Salad or Dessert To Share

EVERYONE WELCOME!

See Anne Bosold or Sherry Powell

A poster for a camping event at Anseeuw's. It features a warm, autumnal scene with two tents in a field of tall grass, surrounded by trees with orange and yellow leaves. String lights are visible at the top. A logo with a cross and the letter 'M' is in the top left. The text is bold and stylized, with a red banner for the dates.

YOU'RE INVITED!

CAMPING AT ANSEEUW'S!!

September 18-19

See Britton Rexroat

A poster for a Men's Breakfast event. It features a group of five men sitting around a table outdoors, smiling and talking. The table is set with coffee, fruit, and bread. A wooden cross is mounted on the wall behind them. The text is bold and clear, with a blue banner for the frequency of the event. A logo with a cross and the letter 'M' is in the top left.

JOIN US FOR

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Every 3rd Saturday

At Adventure Christian Community in Davenport, IA

BUILD BROTHERHOOD **GROW IN FAITH** **SHARE & ENCOURAGE**

MORE INFORMATION OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND CONTACT
Britton Rexroat 309-912-8767



Welcome to
LADIES' BRUNCH!

Fostering spiritual growth, providing opportunities for personal development, encouraging meaningful connections, and equipping our sisters in Christ to positively impact Milan Christian Church, their families and community.

September 19th
10:00-11:30 AM

Food Provided

See Amy Mitchell | ♥



JOIN US FOR A
FUN FALL KAYAKING TRIP!

September 26th

See Jim or Amy Mitchell



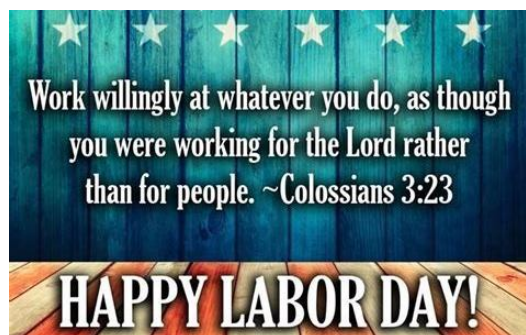
ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS OF OUR MCC FAMILY!

Sign up to be included in the MCC DIRECTORY!!

- Receive direct invitations or MCC info from our leadership.
- Receive personal event acknowledgements from our Caring Hearts Ministry.
- Have your birthday acknowledged in our monthly newsletter.

Contact: Jan Pugh, transamram@msn.com

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WEEKLY CALENDAR:

TUESDAY (Not on Elderberries Tues.)—**Small Group**,
MCC basement, 10 AM

WEDNESDAY—**Small Group**, **Oliver home** — Starting
Sep. 9th, 5:30 PM
—**Small Group**, **Rexroat home** — Dinner —
5:30 PM, Bible Study — 6 PM
—**Worship Rehearsal**, MCC, 6 PM

THURSDAY NIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE—Dinner 5:30 PM, Service 6:00 PM (Downstairs)

SUNDAY—**In-Building Worship**: 9:30 to 10:30 AM (Gluten Free Communion is available in the Coffee/Coat Room or ask a server, for assistance. Also, if anyone is in need of prayer & would like to pray w/someone, there will be individuals available at the front of the sanctuary after service.)
Church services are available to view on our website at www.MilanChristianChurch.com.

—**Nursery**: 9:30 AM (Main floor)

—**Kids Church (Preschool-5th Grade)**: 9:30 AM (Downstairs)

—**Student Ministry (6th-12th Grade)**: 9:30 AM, In the BOB (Building Out Back)

SEPTEMBER

- 7 – **LABOR DAY**
- 8 – **ELDERBERRIES LUNCHEON**, MCC basement,
11:30 AM; See Anne Bosold or Sherry Powell
- 8 – **ELDER'S MEETING** (closed), 5:30 PM
- 13 – **BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY**, followed by **MCC
CHURCH EXPANSION GROUND BREAKING
CEREMONY**, plus Grill out, See Britton Rexroat
- 18-19 – **CAMPING AT ANSEEUW'S**, See Britton Rexroat
- 19 – **MEN'S BREAKFAST**, Adventure Christian Church,
Davenport, 7:30-9:30 AM
- 19 – **LADIES' BRUNCH**, MCC basement, 10 – 11:30 AM
- 26 – **KAYAKING TRIP**, See Jim or Amy Mitchell