

Milford  
Christian Church

## The Milford Messenger

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January  
2018

*It's Back.....*



*Join us for the All-church birthday party on Sunday, January 28th at 6:00 pm. This is for anyone who will be celebrating a birthday in 2018. Come for cake, ice cream, games and a great time of fellowship.*

## Faith Promise –2018

We are praising God for His faithfulness and the faith of His church as we look forward to missions for 2018. Our total promised for 2018 is \$38,890.00. Thank you to all who support our Mission ministry!

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## Blood Pressure Checks

Blood pressure checks will be available on

Sunday, January 7th during

the Sunday School hour. These will take place in the last classroom on the right side...next to men's restroom.

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## New Addresses

Here is Gary & Jo Milton's new address:

Gary & Jo Milton  
413 McKibben Street  
Rossville, IL 60963

PVT Bryce Kinnard  
22 nd CBRN BN  
20100 Eagle Way  
Fort Bliss, TX 79916

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## Essential Oils Class

Essential oils are a natural plant based way to promote and maintain health. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, January 9th and plan to come and learn more.

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## Prairie States Men's Meeting

Milford Christian Church will host the January Men's meeting on Monday, January 22 starting at 7:00 pm. All men are encouraged to attend and bring a friend. This meeting is always a time of encouragement, inspiration and fun fellowship. The evening starts with a light meal followed by a time of worship. Prairie States Camp Manager, Gary Milton will be the speaker.

## THANKS!

*We would like to thank everyone for the generous gift at Christmas! Our church is a very generous and loving church and we are so blessed to be a part of it. We pray that you will have a great New Year.*

*Love, Darla Carlson & Julie Fischer*

*Thank you to everyone for the special blessing for Christmas. It is an honor to serve at Milford Christian Church with so many generous and thoughtful people.*

*Thank you!*

*Cassandra*

*My goal for the new year is to match your love and kindness shown to me, and you've just made that goal exponentially more difficult. Thank you. -Kyle*

*Well another year has come and gone. As I reflect back on the past year there are things that make me laugh and things that make me cry and I am sure each one of you can say the same. With the start of each day we are unsure of how it will end. There are so few things that we can be sure of in our lives.*

*We can be sure of how it will end. We can be sure He will never leave us. I, personally, can be sure of the love of this congregation and I can also be sure of the love and support I get from my fellow staff. Thank you to each member of this church family and thank you for your support and blessings. May this New Year bring you blessing too numerous to count.*

*Yours in Christ,*

*Ed*

*Kathie and I are thankful beyond words for the wonderful gift and love shared with us by the church family here. What a blessing it is for us to live in Milford and serve you all.*

*May your New Year be filled with God's greatest blessings and may He use our service together to win more and more into His Kingdom!*

*Love, Brent & Kathie*

## Notes from Gary

This is the last newsletter article I will be sharing with you as a staff member of the Milford Christian Church. It has been a joy to write about the many life adventures through which God has blessed me. I hope they have brought you as much joy as they have me. I

have always thought about the ones who read these articles, and my desire was that they might lighten your day, make you smile as you remember your own experiences, and ultimately encourage you. Today as you read this last article, I do not know all that you are facing, but I do know that the God I love and serve is the same God that loves and cares for you, and as the Good Shepherd, He will faithfully watch over you.

Change is the great constant of life! Mostly we don't like change, but at times it is exactly what we need.

Once there was a happy old rooster who lived in a wonderful chicken house. It was warm and dry with plenty of fresh food and water. Early every morning the rooster would crow as he looked out the window to see the morning sun. Oh the sun was beautiful as it rose above the horizon so he couldn't help but tell everyone about it. After the rooster had seen the sun, he strutted over to the screen door where he breathed in fresh morning air. Ah! Life was grand. How could it be any better?

One day the farmer came to the chicken house and picked up the rooster and told him he was sending him to a farm down the road.

The rooster was horrified and frightened as he thought about the sun and the breeze and how much he would miss them, or if he would ever see them again. Immediately the rooster thought the worst, and that life was over for him.

As the farmer drove the truck down the road the old rooster just wanted to die. Finally the truck came to a stop and the farmer and someone the rooster had never seen before exchanged pleasant greetings.

The farmer handed the rooster to his friend and hollered as he left the driveway, "hope he does as good for you as he did for me." The stranger spoke kindly to the rooster as he carried him to the chicken yard. As the stranger opened the gate to the rooster's new home he gently set him on the ground.

"This is awesome", thought the rooster as he felt for the first time the earth beneath his feet. He was filled with euphoria as he felt the breeze filter through his feathers, and realized he had never felt the breeze before. Suddenly he noticed the blinding light from the sky and recognized that it was the same sun he saw rise every morning. Why the rooster had no idea of its warmth or the beauty of a sunset, and he marveled at its brilliance. The rooster was lost in the amazement of his new environment when he heard the contented clucking of a dozen gorgeous Rhode Island Red hens as they emerged from the hen house. WOW! Could it be possible that the change he thought was the end of all happiness was simply a door to a life he never imagined in his wildest dreams? Yes it was, and the rooster lived out the rest of his days happier than ever imagined possible.

As I say so-long, always remember, God is the Lord of change, and He can and does amazing things for those who love and trust Him. Look for God in everything and you will find Him there.

It has been my joy and privilege to share a bit of life with you, and may God bless you; now and forever!

In Christ,  
Gary



The Staff of Milford Christian Church wishes each of you a very Happy, Healthy, Blessed New Year!

January Birthdays

- 1. Earl Hansen
- 4. Preston Clingenpeel
- 5. Sandie McCalla
- 6. Nicholas Allen
- 7. Amanda Lambert
- Cheryl Beebe
- 9. Amanda Tatro
- 11. Tricia Huff
- 12. Gilbert Rutledge
- Nick Henning
- 13. Luke Rosenberger
- Sherry Klemme
- 15. Brandon Mullen
- 17. Cathy Shide
- Hunter Mowrey
- 19. Karen Reinhart
- 20. Macy Ward
- Halee Cross
- 24. Evelyn Piggush
- Darrell Niswander
- Jane Conley
- 25. Grant Kaper
- Clarence Hawthorne
- 26. Carol Highfill
- Chris Simpson
- 27. Robert Jacob Mann
- 28. Teresa Hancock
- 29. Donna Mann
- 30. Emma Gonzalas
- 31. Gared Thrush

# January 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Happy New Year!!	2	3	4 Mission Committee Meeting 7:00 pm	5	6 Men's Breakfast 6:30 am
7 Outreach Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Youth Group 5:00 - 6:30 pm	8	9 Essential Oils Class 6:30 pm	10 Board Meeting 7:00 pm	11 Alliance 7:00 - 9:00	12	13
14 Youth Group Pool Party 3:30 - 7:00 pm	15	16	17	18 Alliance 7:00 - 9:00	19	20
21 Youth Group 5:00 - 6:30 pm	22 Men's Meeting Here 7:00 pm	23	24	25 Alliance 7:00 - 9:00	26	27
28 All Church Birthday Party 6:00 pm	29	30	31			



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WHERE YOU SERVE IN JANUARY

**COMMUNION PREPARATION:** Cindy Arseneau

**WEE WORSHIP TEACHER:** Sarah Rosenberger

**JUNIOR WORSHIP:** Ed Highfill

- **SERVERS: 1<sup>st</sup> Service** – Ben Smith, Dan Worthey,  
Matt Morgeson, Steve Kissack
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Service** – Tom Beall, David Fox,  
Sean McCalla, Clayton Alexander

**SECTION GREETERS: 1<sup>st</sup> Service-**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Service-**

**VISITOR TABLE GREETERS: 1<sup>st</sup> Service-**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Service-**

**January 7- SHUT-IN COMMUNION:** Tom Beall

**COMMUNION MEDITATION:** Van Haas

**SCRIPTURE & PRAYER: 8:25-** Ed Copher

**10:35** – Teresa Hancock

**GREETERS: 8:25** – John & Kay Carlson

**10:35** – Sean & Becky McCalla

**NURSERY: 8:25-** Sandy McCann

**10:35** – Mitzi Fox & Nickole Carson

**January 14- SHUT-IN COMMUNION:** Bill Huff

**COMMUNION MEDITATION:** Ryan Sattler

**SCRIPTURE & PRAYER: 8:25-** Harlan Ziebart

**10:35** – Gayleen Callahan

**GREETERS: 8:25** – Ava Johnson

**10:35** – Mike Siemers

**NURSERY: 8:25-** Libby Hawthorne

**10:35** – Jessica & Emma Mann

**January 21- SHUT-IN COMMUNION:** Marvin Andris

**COMMUNION MEDITATION:** Bruce Suchy

**SCRIPTURE & PRAYER: 8:25-** Marvin Andris

**10:35** – Mike Siemers

**GREETERS: 8:25** – Harlan & Vivian Ziebart

**10:35** – Susan Grizzle

**NURSERY: 8:25-** Opal Tatro

**10:35** – Lindsey & Schuyler Boyden

**January 28- SHUT-IN COMMUNION:** Dan Worthey

**COMMUNION MEDITATION:** Youth

**SCRIPTURE & PRAYER: 8:25-** Youth

**10:35** – Youth

**GREETERS: 8:25** – Youth

**10:35** – Youth

**NURSERY: 8:25-** Tami Harwood

**10:35** – Tammy Alexander & Kathie Zastrow



## Please Pray

Steve Kissack, Carlyle Alexander, Ed Highfill, Darlene Larimore, Carol Livingston, Jim Rich, Colton Styck, Dick Lesage, JR Clifton, Melanie Cross, Bob & Cindy White, Betty Meier, Joann Decker, Ann Marie Harris, Lois Howe, Jackie Morefield, Eve Lazarov, Kay & Norman Norder, Michelle Atwood, Caleb Siemers, Don Jording, Adam Gordon, Kay Harper, Kathy Riley, Ken Hanford, Connie & Larry Hart, Barbara Wood, Bob Ponder, Dan Schroeder, Larry Hattabaugh, Phyllis Garfield, Crystal Stumpe, Steve Cross, Neil Larimore, Jim Crouch, Dave King, Jack Hancock, Betty Dawson, Tom Craighead, Lyle Warren, Lucy Green, Marvin Tincher, Betty Huntington, Sharon Sutton, Richard Queen, Brad Damery, Jack Mann, Bates Brown, Jeanie Jones, Bev Foster, Terry Clark, Terry Cordes, Howard Sheffield, Nicole Bennett, Wes Crouch, Julie Burd, Susan Rambo, Ronnda Allen, Rich Crawford, Karen Kulp-Anderson, Bob Crawford, Chuck Mann, Naoma Ahlden, Pearl Stinebring, Jerrie Craighead, Jim Rogers, Ken Leonard, Timothy Talley, Pat Shide, David Spahn, Bianca Martinez, Cindy Lafond, Billy Morris, Janice Strawser, Terry Strawser, Chuck Torbet, Billy Wayne Huff, Robert Danner, Debbie Snyder, Deloris Newman, Donna Mibbs, Jackie Shrimplin, Loretta Noe, Jim Kruse, Darrell Niswander, Ruthann Kusman, Cindy Arseneau, Donna Price, Colin Calhoun, Anita Holaday, Jean Price, Wendy Salm, Lavera Bowen, Maggie Griswold, Freddy Yorsch, Doug Boudreau, Jane Warren, Gina Worthey, James Roberts, Paul Beall, Jeanie Johnson, Christine McTaggart, Rick Highfill, Keisha, Isaiah, Shauna, Maliki, Wanetta Waltz, Anna McEwen, Mykale Coffman

### Military Personnel

LTJG Jacob Crouch, Logan Romine, Charles Mann Jr., Steven Peralta, LTC. Colonel Mike Bruens, Brian Brown, Caleb Skipper, Roy Espinoza Jr., Chris Bickers, Jordan Bishopp, Jacob Huckleby, Adam Frye, David Johnson, Josh Newman (Iraq), Heather Romine, Shane Carter, Sgt. Erik Sheppard, Alec (AC) McClellan U.S. Navy, Richard Kelenhofer, Shawn Bowden, Tyler Allison, John Gretencord, Benjamin Little, Nash Arseneau, Rori Sorensen, Chelsie Davenport, Parry Jones, Jeff Ward, Caleb Mann, Anthony Kiefer, Matt Cole, Ryley Ward, William Ailey, Alec Stocking, Timothy Talley, Jacob Crouch, Anthony Stebbins, Sam Crouch, Ian Little, Molly Smith, Kyle Evans, Bryce Kinnard, Rob Smith, Nick Grant and all military personnel.

### Shut-ins

Lucy Green, Jeannie Johnson and Lavera Bowen

### Nursing Home

Evelyn Piggush, Patricia Balanoff, Wilma Cooley and Harold Smock

### Deaths

Please pray for the family and friends of:

*Georgia Brasel, Sid Anderson, Bruce Lehman, Joe Harris,  
Charles Mann and Melvin Alcorn*