

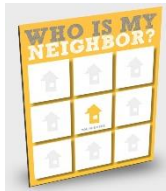


Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church Newsletter

Worship service—9:00 am
Sunday School—10:20 am

February 2023

From The Pastor's Desk



For the next few months, we are going to try to harness that tool by the 'Who Is My Neighbor' magnet. We want each family to have one, to prayerfully identify your neighbors and then pray for them consistently, believing that your prayers can change their lives.

There are nine squares to fill in—so designate four of them your 'church neighbors'. People generally sit in the same place each Sunday. There are people to the right and left, in front and behind you. They are your 'church neighbors' and they need your prayers. The house you live has people that are your neighbors. They are your 'outside church neighbors.' But, what should you pray?

We pray for health—but we need to pray for spiritual health as well as physical health. Notice the prayers that Paul prayed (Eph. 1:18-19 or Eph. 3:16-19), the prayers that Jesus prayed and taught us to pray, John 17, Matt. 6:5-15.

Sometimes, when we pray, there are 'immediate' answers. Sometimes the answers are delayed. When that happens, I remember Elijah in 1 Kings 18:

Elijah climbed to the top of Mount Carmel and bowed low to the ground and prayed with his face between his knees.⁴³ Then he said to his servant, "Go and look out toward the sea." The servant went and looked, then returned to Elijah and said, "I didn't see anything." Seven times Elijah told him to go and look.⁴⁴ Finally the seventh time, his servant told him, "I saw a little cloud about the size of a man's hand rising from the sea." Then Elijah shouted, "Hurry to Ahab and tell him, 'Climb into your chariot and go back home. If you don't hurry, the rain will stop you!'"⁴⁵ And soon the sky was black with clouds. A heavy wind brought a terrific rainstorm.

Elijah prayed and watched what God was doing. He didn't stop praying until he saw that God was

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answering his prayer. Elijah was praying, not for himself or for people's convenience or comfort, but for God's glory. The issue before the people was, "Who is truly God?" Jehovah (the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob) or Baal (the god of the Canaanites). The challenge was laid out that the God who controlled the heavens, the rain, was truly God. Elijah's prayer was for God's glory.

Often our prayers are not truly for God's glory, but for our good (as we understand it). The example of Elijah is to pray for that which will bring God glory and then watch and pray until He answers. He is a god that answers prayer. **Only God can change lives and that is why we pray.**



Memory Verse for February

Memorization plants the Word of God in our hearts and minds. Galatians 5:22-23

***But the fruit of the Spirit is
love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness, self-control;
against such things there is no law.***

If you look at it as three groups of three, it will help you memorize it.

Prayer Requests

Charles & Shirley Frieling
Paul Baer's Family
Laura Buckley
Chris Schoenthal
Wanda Lachner
Connor Ernst's Family
Terri Paxton (Becky Oerly's step-sister)
Jeanne Smith (Becky Oerly's mom)
Kenny Burlingame
Steve Tracy's Family
The Youth Groups
Our country and leaders



With
Deepest
Sympathy...

Our deepest sympathies are extended to the family of Paul Baer, who passed away January 13, 2023, at the age of 96. Paul had been a long-time member of our church. Join us as we keep Bonita, Terry, Jon, Adam and their families close in our prayers during their time of loss.

The family was very appreciative of the church providing a meal following the service. Many thanks to those of you that donated food and your time so we could do this for the Baer family.

JAMESTOWN YOUTH GROUP
MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

TALENT EXTRAVAGANZA

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4
JAMESTOWN SCHOOL GYMNASIUM.
7:00 PM

THE EVENING WILL BEGIN AT 5 PM WITH A
FREE WILL DONATION SPAGHETTI DINNER
FOLLOWED BY AN EVENING OF
SPECTACULAR ENTERTAINMENT BY OUR
LOCAL AREA'S FINEST TALENTS!

This is our youth group's major
fundraiser for our West Virginia Mission
Trip in June.
Our goal is \$14,000

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

WWJD

Last Fall we focused on the Ten Commandments, memorizing them and applying them. Moving forward we will be looking at 'The Fruit of the Spirit'

We want to thank those that help make wwjd possible. Pray with thanksgiving for our cooks: Sara and Natoma, Lisa and Mary Jane (Snyder), Sharon and Beryl, Judy and Geraldine, Liz and Tyler, Kim.

These young people are the future of the church. They need you prayers. We purchased 'club' shirts for the kids to wear on Wednesdays with wwjd/fish logo. Be looking for kids wearing these shirts and pray for them. We have 25-30 kids every week.

CAMP AURORA 2023 DATES

Mark your calendars!

Senior High Camp: July 2-8
Junior High Camp: July 9-14
Junior Camp: July 16-21
Primary Camp: July 23-26
Family Camp: July 28-30

LOVE

LOVE is patient

LOVE is kind

LOVE does not envy

LOVE does not boast

LOVE is not conceited

1 Corinthians 13:4

From Mary Kay

I would like you to think together with me about a connection between Biblical ideas of conflict and the World's ideas about patience. To begin with I'll give you my working definition of what the Bible is speaking of when it talks about "patience." First, remember "patience" is part of the fruit of the Spirit: something the Spirit of God dwelling within you allows you to manifest. Patience, played out in my life means the ability to wait, without a building anxiety/frustration/anger, on another. I believe it comes in growing supply as I learn to trust GOD's sovereignty over my life in every big and little thing.

One fairly accurate definition of conflict is that conflict occurs when one's hopes, desires or goals are blocked...and blocked, almost always, by another. The conflict erupts when either one or the other pushes back.

In previous writings, I have proposed the thought that GOD has used conflict to drive people apart to 1. Spread them out when in their unity they thought to reach GOD by their own efforts (Tower of Babel), 2. Move them apart in order to further the spread of the Gospel to every part of the world (conflict between disciples/apostles in the New Testament), and 3. Put those who belong to Him in a position in which they must depend upon Him alone...to build faith/confidence/trust in Him (my own personal experience and one I have observed in the lives of others).

The practical application of patience, then, is at least twofold. One must think, when a hope, desire or goal is blocked that this is occurring because the Sovereign GOD is allowing or placing it in one's life for a purpose-it is not a random happenstance. Also, when this is happening, one must listen to and HEAR what the Holy Spirit within is saying, and hear Him over and above one's emotional, human feelings at having his/her own will blocked. When this happens, I propose that by allowing the Spirit to have His way within diffuses the anxiety/frustration/anger and enables us to wait on GOD. I readily admit I am far from perfectly/always demonstrating this in my life. But, I also must give credit to the Holy Spirit for producing His fruit in my life more often and more consistently the longer I walk in step with Him.

I have often heard people say that "you better watch out if you pray for patience, because you might not like the process of getting what you ask for." I don't think asking GOD for more of any fruit of the Spirit dwelling within results in something hurtful or negative in my life. Rather, when I ask (and receive) from GOD more of what comes from my "dwelling" in Him and He "dwelling" in me, He works within me to draw my heart closer to His, to help me begin to look more like Jesus, to give me perspective more and more like His own in this world we live in for now.

Middle School Youth Group

The Middle Schoolers received their tee shirts with the IXΘΥΣ logo. IXΘΥΣ is the Greek word for 'fish', hence the fish outside. But IXΘΥΣ is an acrostic, each letter standing for a word:



- I the first letter of Jesus in Greek
- X the first letter of Christos in Greek
- Θ the first letter of God in Greek
- Υ the first letter of Son in Greek
- Σ the first letter of Savior in Greek

Together, the Greek Word IXΘΥΣ means, "Jesus Christ, God's Son, Savior"

We have had a lot of conflicts with school the calendar in January and hope that going forward Wednesdays will be clear for a gathering of prayer and fellowship and Bible Study. If any of the Middle Schoolers have not received their shirts, please contact Pastor Steve. Be sure to wear them on Wednesdays and invite your friends. We will be looking at God making us great people—the fruit of the Spirit.





From our Missionaries

Nick writes,

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.'" Matthew 9:37-38

One of the things we have been praying for is more laborers in Southwinds. We have seen over and over again how spiritually open students are here and how much they're searching for Truth. God is providing! We are preparing to welcome short-term teams to two different cities in January who will stay for a week, as well as multiple teams who will come in May for six weeks. Last month, we hosted a group of leaders from different universities and churches in order to cast vision for establishing longterm partnerships. Those leaders will be sending students on the short-term trips coming up, and are excited to send stint teams who will stay for nine months in the future. Please pray for the teams and logistics for our short-term trips coming up, and that God would raise up stint teams from these campuses for the next school year

PRAISE GOD:

- for John* and others who heard the Gospel during the training and outreach time
- for the chance to learn about new materials and strategies for reaching students with the Gospel
- for new partnerships with US campuses

PRAY WITH US:

- that God's Word would sink into John's heart
- for the short-term trips coming to our country in January
- for new stint teams for next school year

MONITEAU EVANGELICAL ADVENT BOARD MINUTES – DEC 2022

Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church Board met on December 26, 2022. Meeting was called to order by Mark Baepler. Also present were Kathy Gerlach, Diana Watson, Kevin Coffelt and Paul Fennewald. Mark led the group in an opening prayer. .

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Steve's had prepared his report and copies were provided to review in his absence.

More shirts had to be ordered for the WWJD groups. Still looking for adults to help with supervision on Wednesday mornings.

He will be starting a video class on Childhood Spirituality through Dallas Seminary, from Jan 2-6. Still working some with St. John Evangelical Church of Florence.

In the mileage reported, there were visits to a California Nursing Home (one was Wanda Lachner) and charged mileage to St. Paul's for both. Board agreed this should be split between the church and will make the correction.

There was also a charge to St. Paul's for webpage and we need to verify if that included both webpages for each church.

Secretary's Report:

The November meeting minutes were submitted for review. Paul made a motion to accept the minutes; Kevin seconded. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's Report for November was presented for review. Income for the month was \$4,189.70; expenses were \$10,950.96; and total assets were \$94,470.02. Since we had some larger expenses in December (2nd siding installment, church insurance, bonuses, Sit & Spit/Sugar & Spice expense, buried the fiber-optic line), he also provided an update of total assets as of 12/26/22, of \$62,075.00, plus railroad stocks of \$20,991.00. Kathy made a motion to accept the report; Diana seconded. All in favor. Paul noted there was \$500.10 left from Families in Need donations. The offering collected on Christmas Eve for the Food Bank was \$508.00. An updated Treasurer's Report has been posted on the bulletin board. Our 5 CD's have been consolidated into two 18-month Cd's; with the interest rate increased from .3 percent to 3 percent. The savings account (Memorial fund) was also rolled over into the checking account.

Old Business:

Discussion on the additional work we will ask Kilmer's to provide a bid for while they are here (basement windows, door behind sanctuary).

Paul will take care of picking up 3 additional tables with chairs for the church basement.

Mark noted his family agreed to continue as custodians for the church for the upcoming year.

New Business:

Mark presented a tentative church calendar for 2023 for board to review prior to the January meeting.

Christmas decorations will be taken down on January 8.

New Board Members will be installed on January 8.

Dates to Remember:

January 8 – Installation of new board members

January 8 – Communion

January 8 – Sit & Spit/Sugar & Spice

January 9 – Men's Fellowship

January 23 – Board Meeting

Adjournment:

Kevin made a motion to adjourn; Paul seconded; all in favor. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Gerlach, Secretary

Senior High Youth Group

The Senior High has been working around the school schedule and also working through a study by Francis Chan (video) on the Gospel of Mark. As they work through the Gospel, they experience the events and lessons that shaped the Apostles.

There is a fund raiser for the Senior High Mission trip Feb. 4. Please put that on your calendar. Meal is at 5pm, show at 7pm. Come and be praying for these youth.

Sermons moving to Easter

Easter is April 9th this year. Ash Wednesday is Feb. 22nd at Moniteau 7pm. We will be continuing our 'walk' thru Mark seeing Jesus preparing His disciples and aiming for the cross and resurrection. Make this Easter season a time when you and your family draw near to Jesus.

Plans for the Community Sunrise Service are being made in the next few weeks and we will let you know as soon as they are definite.



Our first Family Fellowship of 2023 will be held following Sunday School on Sunday, February 26. The Fennewald family will be hosts this time.

More details should follow in the next few weeks during the announcements at church and Sunday School. We hope you will plan to attend!



Ash Wednesday Service will be held at Moniteau Church on February 22 at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join us that evening. Bring a friend with you.