



# Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church

Worship service—9:00 am  
Sunday School—10:15 am

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## From The Pastor's Desk

The Apostle Peter admonishes every believer to “grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3:18). A teacher once reminded me that growing is the purpose of life and when we stop growing, we begin the process of dying. Although none of us can (or should) continue growing physically, we should all continue to grow in grace (recognizing our need of His power and provision and experiencing more of it continually) and knowledge of the Lord Jesus (who He is, what He is like, what He is doing). Our relationship with Him ought to continually deepen and develop. As that happens, our lives are increasingly focused on Him and His work and our lives take on an eternal significance.

The Psalmist said it this was in Ps. 92,

”The righteous flourish like the palm tree  
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

13 *They are planted in the house of the LORD;  
they flourish in the courts of our God.*

14 *They still bear fruit in old age;  
they are ever full of sap and green,*

15 to declare that the LORD is upright;

He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

I recently took a class from Dallas Seminary—**Aging and the Spiritual Life**, in part because I wanted to know how to live for Jesus and enjoy Jesus increasingly as I grew older; and I wanted to know how to encourage those that God has entrusted to my care. I ran across a statement by a nineteenth century Scottish preacher, Thomas Chalmers, “A person needs three things, never out of date, for essential happiness: someone to love, something to do and something to look forward to.” As Christians, we are given grace to love others (even our enemies), but in the Lord Jesus and the Father, we have someone to love eternally, deeply who has loved us with an eternal love. As Christians, we have something to do of eternal value, share the good news of the Gospel and encourage others to walk with Him. As Christians, we have something to look forward to, beyond the grave, seeing Him face to face and enjoying Him for all eternity. This kind of growth doesn't just happen—it requires a consistent time with Him in prayer and the Word. Let us, young and old, purpose to grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

## Memory Verse for August

Be working on this important verse from 2 Peter 3:18:

***But grow in grace and in the knowledge  
of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.***

Be working on this verse as a family. Blessings.

## Sermon Series

We will be finishing up the series on the Names of God in August. In September we will be looking at 2 Peter—Living in Troubled Times.

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Monday morning at St. Paul's

Tuesday afternoon at St. Paul's

Please call to share a need, set up an appointment or request a visit.

# Prayer Requests

Emily Fennewald (recovering from ATV accident)  
Kenny Burlingame  
Heather Sullard  
Shirley Frieling  
Dennis Gerlach (recovering from 4-bypass surgery)  
Russell Gerlach  
Dwayne Wood  
Paul & Shirley Baer  
Chris Schoenthal  
Gary Schoenthal (*Katy Manor, Room 208,  
205 Prospect Ave., Pilot Grove, MO 65276*)  
Our country and our leaders

## From Healing House

Our program offers: Recovery –  
--A 12 Step Program of Action Codependency  
Seeking Safety (Trauma/Substance Use);  
--Mentoring Spiritual Growth Bible-based classes  
Local Church involvement;  
Housing and Life Skills, affordable housing Help with  
securing employment Life skills classes Physical  
Growth Importance of healthy diet and exercise.

Family and friends came to House of Prayer Family Church May 1st to celebrate Amanda Smith and Ashley Wright commencing The Healing House and New Beginnings one-year program. In her opening remarks, Executive Director, Heather Gieck, explained the purpose of the ministry to provide a safe place to heal, develop and receive a foundation for life that is rooted and grounded in the Living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord. She noted that the commencement marks a “humble, yet beautiful, beginning, a time of going forward and stepping into the beautiful life that God has purposed” for each woman. After Heather spoke from Proverbs 3:1-10, several attending conveyed their support and encouragement, commenting on the change and growth noticed in both women. It was touching to hear Ashley’s two young sons speak of their feelings for their mother. Amanda gave her acceptance remarks first, expressing her gratitude for the opportunities the program offered and for the inspiring people she has met. Amanda shared, “The program makes you feel more comfortable because, guess what? I’m not the only one with a problem.” She explained that years ago when she was going on the wrong road, she became calloused and hard. Since she made the decision to use the resources offered her, she feels this enormous inner

transformation. “I’m not that hard anymore. I want to be able to experience things... just normal stuff that I didn’t care about back then. I don’t feel all that negativity in me anymore and it is such a relief!” Later adding, “I have accomplished way more than what I had thought I would – ever!” Amanda concluded her remarks with a heartfelt expression of love for her daughter and gratitude to have her back in her life. Ashley spoke next stating that before she came, she had ruined her life multiple times. “I was done... I had no faith, no hope, no nothing and I was sitting in a jail cell and I was like ‘Send me to prison!’” She assumed it was her mother’s prayers that drew her to reading the Gospels which eventually brought The Healing House to mind. She admits about her arrival, “I was definitely still shut off but still welcoming a change of life... Eventually I saw I needed a change; my children needed a change. I wasn’t being a good mom or daughter or granddaughter or niece or girlfriend. I was lacking in all departments. I was self-defeated and Heather Gieck came in and started chiseling away at my hardness. And I’m grateful for that.” She continued in gratitude, “God has restored everything to me graciously.” Ashley concluded by encouraging the women in the program to take hold of what is offered them, that what matters is their own relationship with God and advised the new women to take direction from leadership. She added, followed by some laughter, “It’s a lot easier if you be submissive. I’m just gonna’ tell ya’. I’m just grateful for you, Heather, and Tricia and really every single woman in this program.” Congratulations and best wishes, Amanda and Ashley!

## Update on the Jesus Storybook Bible

We have given out over 60 Jesus Storybook Bibles in the last few months.

A few days ago, an SUV stopped in our parking lot. I stopped to see what they needed—they were changing diapers. I offered them the use of our restrooms and picked up one of the Jesus Storybook Bibles that we give out (there is a stack of them in the pastor’s office). I put my card in it and gave it to them, not knowing if I would ever see them again, but knowing that if they read the stories of Jesus to their children, perhaps, God would work in their lives and families. Be looking for opportunities to share.

## **Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church Board Report – June 2021**

Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church Board met on June 28, 2021 Present were Pastor Steve Watson, Andrew Rohrbach, Kathy Gerlach, Mark Baepler and Dale Taggart. Pastor Steve gave the opening prayer.

### **Secretary's Report:**

Kathy submitted the May meeting minutes for review. After a correction on a date listed in the minutes, Mark made a motion to approve; Dale seconded. All in favor.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer's Report for May was presented for review. Income for the month of May was \$2,834.56; expenses were \$3,029.81; total assets \$94,369.09. Andrew made a motion to approve; Kathy seconded. All in favor. A detailed copy of the May report will be posted on the church bulletin board.

### **Pastor's Report:**

Pastor Steve presented his monthly report to the board. More information was provided regarding Faith Maternity Care from Fulton, as a group to speak on Mission Fest Sunday in September.

Someone has come forward asking to be baptized.

The work on the pews has not been forgotten.

He has a granddaughter that will be baptized in early August and asked for that day off so he could attend.

Asked for prayers for his son and daughter-in-law, Joshua and LeAnn.

Prairie Home Fair was so rainy he was not able to be there any evenings, and only a short time during some of the days.

### **Old Business:**

Building committee has reviewed the surveys the board gave them. Their recommendation to the board is that they will contact Alice Longfellow and have her come out or look at photos of them. They will ask for her opinion on what she would do; whether to remove or if they can be helped and how. Board will be notified what her recommendation is. Congregation will be updated regarding the survey results.

Nothing new on the building project was presented.

The new projector screen and music stand are here.

Roofer came and could not find any leak. When it rains next he said to let him know if any moisture is found and he would check again.

Andrew will check on getting some gravel for the parking area.

### **New Business:**

Appreciation was expressed for Tony Barry coming and frying the fish for us at our Family Fellowship on June 27. There were over 50 people that attended and it was another successful fellowship time.

Our next family fellowship was tentatively set for August 22, with Kathy hosting. Our usual meal for this one has been hot dogs and homemade ice cream.

Plans are starting for the next Evangelical Council meeting on November 7 at Moniteau. Our pastor evaluations should be completed before that meeting so we will plan to do ours at our October board meeting. Mark will prepare the proposed 2022 joint calendar for that meeting. Pastor Steve noted a few things to consider including in the evaluations that would help him, also.

Andrew provided a church directory update as of 6-21-21, from St. Paul's. Photos will be taken in September over 3 days (dates not decided yet); 2 days at St. Paul's and 1 day at Moniteau. Sign-ups for appointments will start later this summer. Andrew and Kathy will work on a committee to help with sign-ups from Moniteau and a list of groups/individuals we want included.

Kathy asked for Blazing Needles to use the church basement on August 21 and September 18. Board okayed at this time.

Mark noted some of the kids are wanting to have something at the creek again this summer. He plans to bring this up at Sunday School and discuss a date with the families to do this.

### **Dates to Remember:**

July 11 – Communion

July 11 – Special Offering for Healing House/Salvation Army

July 12 – Men's Fellowship, 7:00 p.m.

July 26 – Church Board, 7:00 p.m.

No Sit and Spit or Sugar and Spice meeting for July

### **Adjournment:**

Mark made a motion to adjourn; Andrew seconded. All in favor. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Gerlach, Secretary

**Faith makes a Christian. Life proves a  
Christian. Trial confirms a Christian.  
Death crowns a Christian.**

**Unknown**



The Sit & Spit / Sugar & Spice group will meet on Friday, Aug.13, at the Boonville Aquatic Center at 5:00 p.m. for a pool party and some food afterwards.

## Baptism & Creek Party

Riley Buckley will be baptized on Sunday, May 15, around noon at Howard Creek below the church. Everyone is welcome to attend and celebrate Riley's decision.

Following the baptism, there will be a swimming party at the creek. Hot dogs and drinks will be provided.

### **INVITATION TO ST. PAUL'S FAMILY FELLOWSHIP**

We have been invited to join St. Paul's for their family fellowship night on Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be a kids' softball game starting around 5:00 p.m., followed by the meal at 6:00 p.m. An adult game will follow the meal. Meat will be provided so just bring a side dish with you. Come out and enjoy some good food and fellowship, and expect to see a couple entertaining ballgames.



### Good Books

This month, someone brought in a book to share with the church, "Why I Still Believe" by Mary Jo Sharp. Mary Jo is a former atheist who came to trust the Lord Jesus for salvation and now teaches apologetics. The sub-title of the book is: "A former atheist's reckoning with the bad reputation Christians give a good God." Let me know if you are interested in reading.



There will be no church services at Moniteau on September 5 (Labor Day weekend). You are welcome to attend services at the Jamestown City Park which will begin at 9:30 a.m. It's a great time to fellowship with fellow Christians in and around the community.

August 1 and 8 are the days you need to sign up for appointment times for our church directory photos. Andrew Rohrbach will have the schedule at church both days. If you cannot be at church either day, please contact him between August 1-8, to get on the schedule. The 8<sup>th</sup> will be the final day for us to schedule appointments.

You are always welcome to submit items to the church newsletter that you would like to share. Dates to submit by for the following month are usually noted on the church calendar. Send any newsletter information to Kathy Gerlach, 573-291-5973 or email her at: [kjgee33@outlook.com](mailto:kjgee33@outlook.com).

Items are also welcome for the weekly church bulletin and those should be directed to Mark Baepler at 573-864-0517 or email him at: [baeplerm@missouri.edu](mailto:baeplerm@missouri.edu).