



Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church

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

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From Pastor Steve's Desk

November is a month for Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving should not be just one day a year. Rather it ought to be a way of life. We ought to have the good manners to stop, recognize what God and others have done for us (and daily do for us) and make an effort to say, "Thank you!" It is interesting that thanksgiving is a lost (to some) art. There is a story of the LORD Jesus healing 10 lepers (giving them their lives back) but only one took time to seek Him out and say, "Thank you, LORD." (The story is recorded in Luke 7:11-19.) But before we are too critical of those that did not return to thank the LORD, look at your own life. I know that often I have prayed for something, for myself, for a loved one, for a friend and when God grants the request I may have already forgotten that I had asked. The one leper, sought Jesus out, threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked Him. (Luke 17:16). The example is: Thanksgiving recognizes something that God has done, seeking Him out (not in a cursory way), a falling at His feet in humility, and a verbal 'Thank You, LORD.' The truth is that, too often, we take God's gifts and goodness for granted. Those things that God does, which are to draw us in love to Him, are quickly forgotten.

My son, Seth, and his family started a tradition. They bought a basket and a bunch of river stones. Whenever God did something special, when He answered prayer or provided or protected, when the family came home, they took a stone, wrote on it what God had done and the date and put in the basket. As the basket filled with 'written on' stones, it became a testament of God's faithfulness. For me, I journal my prayers, so that I have a record of what I have asked (and keep asking until God answers). Sometimes, He answers right away. Sometimes, He gives something better than I had hoped or asked for. Sometimes I have to learn to wait. But I am told to ask and then to see how God answers and then give thanks.

In the story in Luke 17, all the lepers that asked were healed of leprosy, but the one that came back to give thanks received more than the others. Jesus said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well." He had already been healed of his leprosy, but his faith (displayed in Thanksgiving) made him 'well'. I take to mean more than just the physical healing, but spiritual wellness, emotional wellness. In every way, he was made well. But he would not have experienced that total 'wellness' if he had not taken time to say, "Thank You, LORD."

Memory Verses for November

Be working on this important verse from Psalm 107:1

*"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!"*

Be working on this verse as a family. Blessings.

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

Faith Story of Mary Kay

I have been writing about experiences and thoughts I have had in raising our children, especially through their teen years over the course of this year. I have been, at some of our children's request, keeping myself restricted with contact outside of immediate family in order to be able to be present in their homes to help with the addition of our two beautiful 2020 granddaughters. This has been my joy and it has also been a learning experience for me. God has demonstrated clearly to me that what I have to offer our kids and our grandchildren is "my picture of Jesus"; There is nothing better or greater that I can give them than continuous glimpses of who Jesus is to me in my every day, my every moment. There is nothing more helpful for me to offer than my lifetime experience and anchor-solid confidence that He created them FOR His own pleasure, to belong to Him, and He DOES NOT make mistakes nor does He ever lose sovereign control over all things. I have had joy seeing Him at work in the lives of our adult children and in the lives of our grandchildren as I have observed the help, the peace, the strength and the perspective that He alone gives as I ask him for wisdom, strength, grace, empowering of the Holy Spirit for myself and on behalf of children and grandchildren. It is a common thing that as people grow older and lose the strength, agility and even purpose they had when younger they also have the opportunity to re-evaluate their "work" and purpose to take on something new. Steve's joy in life is ministry as a pastor to the Church God has placed him with...and our two beautiful churches and the community of and around Jamestown are such a delight to and perfect "fit" for him in these years of his life. I have known, really my whole life, that my heart lay in what "family" God would give me. I loved nursing for a time, and God used it to do great things in me and for our family. I have lost all desire to continue professionally as a nurse, but my desire to "pass on" the faith in and love for Jesus He has given me grows continually. It is my passion. There are things about being "the pastor's wife" and "the pastor's kids" that are fairly unique to wives and kids of men called to pastor churches. I have lived this "role" long enough to realize I am uniquely positioned to care for our children in a way that "speaks to" their-also unique-situations. As we all move forward into the Holiday Season and beyond that into next year, in the uncertainty and change COVID-19 has brought to our world, I find it a privilege and challenge to be "mom" and "grandma" to our family as they need, and to find my place among you all in Jamestown. I hope to continue to connect with our church families through writing in the Newsletter. I hope to be able to participate with you in

worship and fellowship in person more often than I've been able to in 2020. However, know that ALL of you- church family, Watson-family, are continuously in my thoughts (and Steve's), in my prayers (and Steve's). You-all of you- are our heart and joy!

Who & What We've Been Praying For

Moore & Ernst Families
Karen Wood (recovering from COVID)
Kevin Coffelt's co-worker with Covid
Heather Sullard
Laura Buckley (health issues)
Paul & Shirley Baer
Caroline Fennewald (recovering from acute pancreatitis)
Dale Taggart (knee surgery coming up)
Chris Schoenthal
Lanny Porter (Covid)
Justin Trimble's family
Laura Baepler's friend's newborn child
Adults & children working on our Christmas program
Our country and our leaders



Don't forget to change your clock before going to bed on Saturday, October 31!

Mission Fest, Sept. 20



We desire to broaden our view and understanding of what God is doing in the world. The Apostle's Creed says, "I believe in the one, holy, universal church . . ." As we continue to have bulletin inserts each week, we are reminded of brothers and sisters around the world, throughout the ages who have been faithful to Jesus despite persecution. These stories that have meaning to us—these are members of our 'family' and we rejoice and pray for them. As you read of the lives of people just like you, entrust yourself to His care and be willing to do what He asks you to do for Him.

Healing House

"The Lord is the Boss" Evangelist and Musical Minister, Dillon Loving, shared his testimony at the Friday night, August 21, Celebrate Recovery and ministered through his original Christian hip-hop music on Saturday evening, August 22 at Riverside Park. Dillon shared his remarkable testimony of redemption, from growing up in crack houses and foster care, to losing three family members to addiction and being sent to the penitentiary. Dillon surrendered his life to Jesus in 2014 in a jail cell and was delivered from everything that once had him bound. He began preaching and producing God glorifying hip-hop music. His video "The Lord is the Boss" became popular in 2017 and helped open opportunities for him to share the Gospel of Jesus. See www.lovingmusic.com and Dillon Loving Facebook page to learn more and enjoy his music.

Redemption Inside The Walls (RITW) Faith over Fear - September 19, 2020 Michael W. Smith Feature Artist

A crisp, fall night welcomed the worshipers Saturday, September 19, at the Cole County Fairgrounds for a wonderful evening of praise, worship and sharing in support of the community. According to the RITW web site, www.redemptioninsidethewalls.com, the event's purpose is to reach out and unify the Christian community and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those that do not know Him. The crowd enjoyed two opening musical artists beginning at 5:00 p.m. before multiple Grammy and Dove award-winning Michael W. Smith performed current and past favorite songs of praise and worship. Several attending dedicated their

lives or renewed their hearts to the Lord at the end of the evening.

The Healing House and New Beginnings had the privilege of offering support by volunteering at this and previous events. Men from the Koinonia House started early in the day working on the set-up. Others helped with taking tickets, working in the merchandise booths and serving on the pray-er team. Everyone stayed to help tear down and clean up afterwards. This year, organizers chose to donate the event proceeds to The Healing House efforts to expand offerings for mothers with children. It was a beautiful time of united prayer and praise to the Lord our God

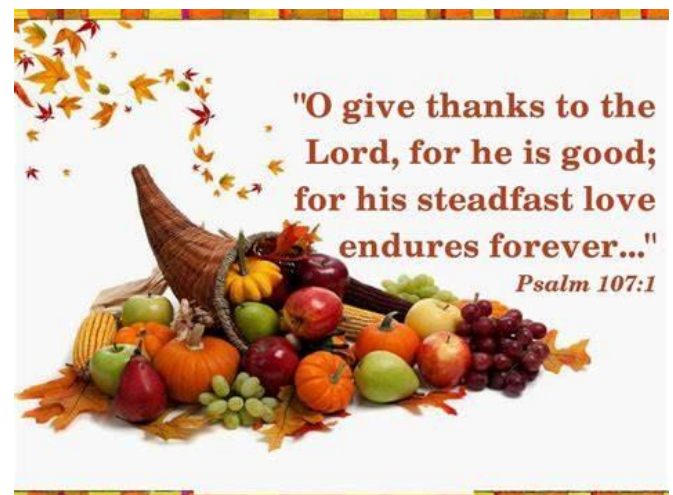
News from the Dettmans

Hello family and friends,

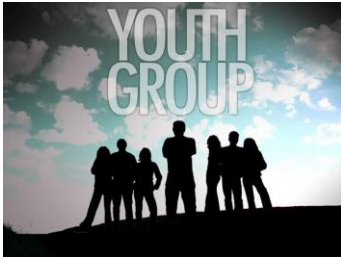
We hope you are enjoying the changing of the seasons as we get deeper into Fall. Here in Southwinds the seasonal change is marked by the rains which brings the temperature down. We've had quite a few days with heavy rain so far this Fall, which has led to flash flooding because of the poor drainage. Oftentimes when there's a forecast of heavy rain things shut down and people don't want to go outside because it's difficult to navigate the streets.

We have much to praise God for in the midst of everything going on. Our intern team arrived safely and everyone is now settled into their places, and they've been going out and meeting with students. Personally, we've had a lot going on, from welcoming and orienting the new team to renewing our residency to looking for a new place to live. Please pray for us that God would sustain us and provide for us, and let us know how you're doing so we can be praying for you as well!

Together for His glory,
the Dettmans



Youth Groups



The High School youth group has been meeting for several weeks and is studying various topics in the book of Proverbs. They can always use your prayers and quantities of Mountain Dew.

The Middle School youth group will begin Nov. 11, 6:30-8:15pm. We invite all Middle School teens to come and join us—we are going to be looking at heroes or the Bible. We can use some help with food for the Middle Schoolers. Often they come from school and don't have time to eat. If you would be willing to help once a month (or more), please let Pastor Steve know. Text him at 319-640-7009. We also need your prayers, support and encouragement.

Good Books

You might encounter a good book, buy it, read it and then it sits on your shelf. It is too good to throw away and it collects dust. If you have a good book that has especially helped you in your walk with the Lord Jesus and would like to make it available for your brothers and/or sisters in the church, please bring it into the pastor's office with a brief note including your name, how it helped you in your spiritual life and whether you desire the book to be returned to you. When you find a book that helps you, be assured that it will also help others.

Sharing your story

It is encouraging to hear how God has worked in your life. If you would like to write a short article about how God has provided or protected, or led, or strengthened, please take the time and write it down. Send that part of your story to pastor Steve at ecmc.Steve@gmail.com to be included in the coming newsletters. The Gospel of Mark tells the story of a man that was delivered from demons. *"As Jesus was*

getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him.¹⁹ And he did not permit him but said to him, "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you."²⁰ And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled." (Mark 5)

When we tell others what He has done for us, it glories Him, it encourages others ("What He's done for others, He'll do for you" principle) and He uses it in their lives. If you don't know how to start that conversation try this: "I am just so excited, I have to tell somebody. You will never believe what the Lord did for me . . ."

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP MEAL

We will have our next Family Fellowship meal following Sunday School on November 8. This will be hosted by Beth Fennwald and games are being planned for all ages.

Meat will be provided by the church, so bring your favorite side dish/dessert and join in the fellowship!



We will be decorating the church for Christmas after church on November 22.

All hands are needed for getting both the sanctuary and basement ready!

CHURCH COMMITTEE REPORTS

In preparation for our annual congregational meeting in December, it's time for each of our church committees to start putting together their annual reports.

The reports need to be printed (just one copy) and given to Andrew Rohrbach by **November 22**. He will see that copies are printed to hand out to the congregation on November 29, for review prior to the annual meeting in December.

If you have questions, please contact Andrew.

Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church Board Report **September 2020**

The Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church board met on September 28th, 2020. Present were: Pastor Steve Watson, Kevin Coffelt, Beth Fennewald, Dale Taggart, Mark Baepler, and Andrew Rohrbach. Pastor Steve gave the opening prayer.

Secretary's Report:

The August 2020 meeting minutes were taken by Pastor Steve and submitted by Mark. Kevin made a motion to approve the minutes and Beth seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

The August treasurers report was submitted by Dale. August income was \$5307.32, expenditures were \$2279.10, total assets were \$89,715.58. Mark made a motion to approve the report and Beth seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business:

- Broom closet for the kitchen.
- Get an estimate to replace basement windows
- Discuss church maintenance projects
- Elevator inspection (The yearly inspection has been completed)
- Carpet cleaning Beth shared quotes for cleaning all church carpets and pew covers. Mark made a motion to accept the bid from Brian Carpet Care for \$800, Dale Seconded. Motion passed. (The work was completed on 10/19/20.)
- Mission Fest (\$3567 was donated to the Voice of the Martyrs)

New Business:

- Family Fellowship scheduled for November 8th, the Taggart's will host.
- Our Daily Bread reordered
- In response to the building improvements survey taken by the congregation in June, explore the feasibility and potential cost of;
 - *Improving access at the entrance of the church
 - *Adding additional Sunday School space
 - *Updating the basement
 - *Updating the restrooms

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dale and seconded by Beth. The meeting was concluded with all joining in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark Baepler, Secretary