



Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church

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

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From Pastor Steve's Desk

I have heard, “No justice, no peace”—but justice by itself will never bring peace. Justice is about determining right and wrong, assigning blame, pronouncing a penalty. Peace is about a quality of relationship. Many things that have happened to people are unjust, to those created in the image of God who are black, even as it is unjust to assign 'group guilt' or to label a group by the name 'racist.' If justice by itself brought peace (in an absolute way), then the courthouse would be the most peaceful place in the world.

Peace, however, comes through reconciliation, peace is about restoring a relationship or initiating a relationship of mutual respect, grace and love. Reconciliation requires removing the barriers to a relationship. Reconciliation requires something from both sides--for the offender it requires a true and heartfelt sorrow for the pain and injury caused to another individual created in the image of God and if possible restitution. For those that are injured it requires truly offering forgiveness without conditions. Bishop Tutu, dealing with a far worse condition of injustice against the black population in South Africa wrote a book, "No Future Without Forgiveness"—that was right then, it is right now.

I am not sure people are truly wanting peace-- I fear some want revenge or to inflict punishment. Reconciliation brings peace. This is what we see in the Gospel message. There is a barrier to our relationship with God—our sin and disobedience. Neither God nor we can ignore it or deny it. God knew that we could not remove the barrier—because that would require ‘payment’ for the offense, for the sin. Only One, who had no sin of His

own, could offer to take our place on the cross. Because He is both God and man, His death has infinite value, able to remove the barriers of sin for all who will believe. If we cried for justice—it is unjust that Jesus would die for us. In and through Jesus the Father is just—declaring that our sin is wrong and worthy of death--and He is also gracious in paying that debt through Jesus. Justice alone does not bring peace, but because Jesus died in our place we can experience peace with God (Romans 5:1) and peace with one another, as we believe that Jesus paid for the debt of sin for others and we offer them forgiveness based upon His sacrifice, (Romans 12:18). Don't be seeking justice—be seeking something more—reconciliation, the restoration of broken relationships

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

Notes from Mary Kay —continued from last month

I was looking through the local newspaper of this week which had some pictures taken at Jamestown's 2020 graduation. It featured several pictures one of which was of Sarah and youngest son Clark hugging. It brought instant thoughts and memories to my mind of "oohhhh...that's her baby!! I remember those feelings!!" This got me thinking along the line of "raising and launching" our own teens...and since "stories of raising children and teens in the Watson home" has been the theme of my writings this year, I went in search of journals and letters recording some of what God was doing within me, the mother, during these events. What I found was so exciting to me...because we moms (and dads) are never going to get it all RIGHT. But if our kids can see God making a difference in our lives through the stress, the emotional upheaval, just LIFE itself...and they can see and hear us asking God for HELP...He has a way of letting them "catch" the best of a sincere relationship with Him. My plan here is to divide this into two Newsletters with two separate pieces from the very same time in my life. The first I wrote of in July of 2002.

Stephanie returned home Sunday evening from her three-week violin camp in Steamboat Springs (that will explain the t-shirts the family is wearing!) It is wonderful to have her home again and hear the many things she learned and experienced. She is inspired and enthusiastic about the plans God has for her. Marissa began school Monday, and will be on the year-round, quarterly schedule the school system is piloting at Grant Elementary School. Steve flew to a family wedding in Indiana today. I'll be taking a carload to a reception for a family "elopement" reception in Kansas City Saturday. Seth celebrates his 20th birthday Monday at Maranatha Bible Camp. I imagine, if you stop and think, your family schedule is much the same. People going in and out in various directions for differing lengths of time...yet always gravitating back to that central hub they call "home" ...a stable core that gives a little security and balance.

Hebrews 11:1 says "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." The rest of the chapter goes on to explain specifically how faith was demonstrated by men and women of old. Verse 13 says: "...all these people were still living by faith when they died..."—they never had to see to believe; they lived a lifetime without ever seeing—yet believed God to the end of that life. So, verse 16 says: "...God is not ashamed to be called their God..."

Faith, as defined by God in the Bible has an "other-worldly perspective" that transposed what God says about the way life works onto what we see...helping us begin to "see" life the way God sees it. Faith sees beyond what's only visible, sees further than what's happening now, understands with broader insight than the present reality. Believing and trusting a God who always was, always is, never changes, and promises to always be, IS a security base that surpasses even a "home hub." Our homes need to be ordered in a way that gives security and balance in our lives, yet we cannot secure life. The core needs to be something secure. Security must come from an unbreakable tie to something that does not move, does not change, CAN anchor. Colossians 2:6-7 "so then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness." I would urge you, as wives, mothers, grandmothers, daughters...nurture what faith God has given you: water it with regular input from God's word, help it grow with use of the gifts He has given you in order to build up and encourage faith in those around you. As you nurture your relationship with God, you build for your family that stability and security that is "other-worldly", that surpasses this life, that they can always come "home" to.

Who & What We've Been Praying For

Chris Schoenthal
John & Bev Ernst
Charles Frieling – recovering from pneumonia
Joe Zey's Family
Doris Wittenberger's Family
Heather Sullard
Paul Baer – surgery recovery
Our country and our leaders

From Healing House

As believers, we are part of Christ's Body—the Church (Eph. 5). We are a part of all that He is doing in and through the church as we pray, give, support. I especially appreciate ministries that have a very clear understanding of the job Jesus has given them to do for the Kingdom. Read through Healing House' core values and then pray that they will be able to live those out day by day.

Memory Verses for July

In July we will focus on a key verse from Proverbs, since we are doing a sermon series in Proverbs.

*“Trust in the LORD with all your heart
And lean not on your own understanding
In all your ways acknowledge Him
And He will direct your path,” Prov. 3:5-6*

Be working on this verse as a family. Blessings.

From Our Missionaries—Dettmans

Hello family and friends,

We pray you are doing well, and are able to start getting out a little more. Summer is in full-swing here, and we're rejoicing that things are starting to open up here in Southwinds*. Restaurants and coffee shops re-opened for dine in, universities are open this month, and we've been able to meet with fellow believers on Sunday morning for in-person worship! However, this time is bittersweet, as we prepare to say goodbye to the rest of our team, as they will be heading back to the States at the beginning of July.

This week (June 15-June 19) we're having a digital "launch week", where we forego other activities to spend extra time reaching out and meeting students. We're posting lots of ads to different social media platforms in order to engage with as many university students as possible. Please pray along with us for God's Word to move powerfully this week. Our goals are to share the Gospel with 87 students and see 10 students decide to follow Jesus.

We'd love to hear how you're doing and how we can be praying for you as well!

Together for His glory,

the Dettmans

*Nick uses the designation 'Southwinds' for the country he is ministering in because it is Moslem.



Mark your calendars for July 13-16. St. Paul's, Moniteau and Jamestown United Methodist will have VBS!

They would like to have the kids pre-registered online on St. Paul's website prior to the start of VBS.



The University of Missouri School of Medicine sponsors the First Impact program. On July 28, 2020, at 6:30 p.m., First Impact will have its first ZOOM presentation! Please consider sharing this invitation with parents of teen drivers as well as agencies and safety partners who serve parents and their teens. First Impact is a 90 – minute evidence-based traffic safety program that educates parents and new & soon to be teen drivers about Missouri's GRADUATED DRIVER LICENSE law.

Watch a brief video to learn more about First Impact

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GPK1JJlhtwA>

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REGISTER: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/first-impact-new-driver-parent-teen-education-program-on-zoom-tickets-106153447820>

CORE VALUES

We are a **Christian based Ministry**.

Prayer is a integral part of who we are.

We value the **Living Word**, it is the **foundation** upon which we build our lives.

We value an **uncompromising message of recovery** leading to **salvation**.

We follow Christ's example of valuing the **poor and needy**.

We value **unity** of the body of Christ.

We value **transformation** in lives of people and the communities.

We value building Christ-like **relationships**.

We value continually **maturing** in our capacity to meet people's needs.

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Pray for Heather and the 'nameless' (to us) others that are day in and out making a difference as men and women seek to turn their lives around.

If you would like to give to the Healing House, you can put your offering in the plate and we will be sure it gets to them.

Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church May 2020 Board Report

The Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church board met on May 26th, 2020. Present were: Pastor Steve Watson, Beth Fennewald, Kevin Coffelt, Mark Baepler, Dale Taggart, and Andrew Rohrbach. Pastor Steve gave the opening prayer.

Secretary's Report:

The April 2020 secretary report was submitted by Mark and was reviewed by the board. Dale made a motion to approve the minutes and Beth seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

April's treasurers report was submitted to the board by Dale Taggart. The report listed income as \$1,672.64, expenditures were \$2,082.40, and total assets were \$74,950.34. Mark made a motion to accept the report and Kevin seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Old Business:

- Get a broom closet for the kitchen.
- Get an estimate to replace basement windows
- Shelving in the basement. (The shelving has been completed)
- Dispose of old florescent light bulbs stored in the basement. (The bulbs have been removed)
- Pay Ryan Heimrichs for snow removal. (Ryan has been paid)
- Assess the ministry and outreach of the organizations that the church regularly supports. (This was tabled at the April meeting)

New Business:

- Discussed church maintenance projects that should be addressed. (Will ask the congregation for input and review at the June meeting)
- A safe way to have communion. (Beth made a motion to buy 100 premade communion packs, Kevin seconded)
- Prioritize our financial outreach. (Board members to rank organizations in regards to their ministry and effectiveness and submit at the next meeting)
- Camp Aurora. Mark made a motion and Kevin seconded, that the board pay the camp registration fee that is due this week. This would allow up to \$1500 to be used for the registration of our churches youth who wish to attend camp since they have not had a chance to hold a fundraiser yet due to Covid-19 restrictions. There is the expectation that the youth will hold fundraisers to try to cover the cost of camp when it is considered safe and appropriate to do so. (Camp Aurora has since been canceled. The board has agreed to sponsor a church camp at the Camp Aurora camp ground. Thanks to Andrew and Melissa Rohrbach who will organize and lead the activities.)

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

CHURCH CAMP

Moniteau Kids Camp will be held at Camp Aurora from July 29-31. This year all camp fees will be paid for by a donation. Registration forms still need to be filled out for each child and submitted by July 15.

Camp Aurora will have Family Camp from July 31-August 2. If you're interested in this or have questions, talk with Andrew or Melisa Rohrbach.