



Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church

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

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From the Pastor's Desk

It's that time of year. I drove down the highway and saw 2 turtles, walking in their 'turtle' way down the road. I was tempted to stop and pick them up and set them by the side of the road, knowing that it was just a matter of time until a car hit them. As I thought about those two turtles, I thought 'Why would a turtle walk on the pavement?' He was safe in the grass. There was lots of food to eat in the grass—none in road. The grass is cooler. So, why would a turtle venture out on the road. The answer is simple—it's easier to walk on the road than having to contend with the grass, the uneven terrain, the sticks and rocks. It's easier!

We look at that and want to say to that turtle, "The easy path is not always (or rarely) the safest path. Stay in the grass—there is nothing for you on the road. And the turtle looks up and says simply, "But it is easier—I'll take my chances."

We can see how foolish that course is for the turtle, and yet, how often do we take the easy way? How often do we say, "If it's hard, it can't be the best path." Or if we are Christians, "If it is hard, I must be doing something wrong—God would surely make it easy." Jesus said, "¹³Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. ¹⁴For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few." Mt. 7

Why is the Christian life hard? Can't God just make it easy to be a Christian, easy to follow Jesus, easy to live for Him?

There are several reasons the Christian life is hard. First, we are in a spiritual battle: "¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against

the schemes of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day." Eph. 6

Second, we are fighting our 'sin nature': "²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?" Romans 7

Remember always that water takes the easiest path, but God is calling you to be a man or woman that will stand for Him in world—and that is not easy.

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What We Believe

Notes from Mary Kay

How are we to study the Bible?

We are to study it prayerfully, knowing and trusting that the Holy Spirit desires to guide us into all truth. We are to study it thoughtfully, meditating upon the text and utilizing the ability of reason and research to understand the text. We are to study it consistently, realizing that as we expose ourselves to the teaching of the Bible we will gain greater and greater insight. We are to study it applicationally, so that we become 'doers of the Word and not hearers only.' Above all, we are to study it in faith.

How are we to understand the Bible?

We are to understand the Bible literally (recognizing the nature of different types of literature—we understand figures of speech), grammatically (realizing that language has boundaries of interpretation and meaning), historically (realizing that God is unfolding His plan and purpose in the world), contextually (realizing that we are obligated to understand both the train of thought of the author and the times of the author).

Where We Are Going

We will be finishing our series on the three essentials: Character, Ability and Faith on Father's Day (June 17).

June 24—My God is So Big, Isa. 40:28

July 1—Steve will be gone, Pastor Russell will be here

July 8—Find Rest in the Lord, Matt. 11:28-30

July 15—Unanswered Prayer? Time to listen, 2Cor. 12:9

July 22—What delights your heart? Ps. 37:4-5

July 29—Being the best you can be, Gal. 5:22-23

Aug 5—Jesus, shine through me, Acts 1:8

Aug. 12—Change is ourselves is hard, Rom 12:12-2

Aug. 19—Final exams are coming, Ps. 19:14

Aug. 26—Honesty before God, Js. 5:16

Summer is a time when people are coming and going, but each sermon is important and helpful to your spiritual growth. If you miss a Sunday, log into the website, stpauljamestown.org and listen to the sermon you missed. Even if you didn't miss the sermon, often hearing it a second time is even more powerful than the first.

On Mother's Day my take-away from the sermon (James 1:1-8) was this thought: "GOD doesn't want to just forgive our sins, He wants to forge our souls (and uses trials to do this) with unbreakable strength and wisdom." I left to travel to Nebraska and Iowa to visit two of our five children who happen to have five of our (newly) seven granddaughters that Sunday afternoon. As I traveled and throughout my visits I was also in contact by phone with both our daughters; because, I found, all are undergoing intense trials. Conversations were emotional and very tender, and I felt God's sovereign hand in the timing of each moment we spent. I was overcome with, and able to express to our kids, a truth which utterly anchors our faith: though GOD never promises "heads-up" knowledge of what He is doing and how things will unfold, He commits Himself fully to being and doing Good for us throughout every trial. He is on our side. He is for us. In the midst of hard situations, He is With us and gives us all we need to make it through the circumstances and come out looking more like Jesus! When I was a child learning to play the piano, one of the difficult things for me to understand was when the music had notes so close together that they sounded discordant. I would stop and check, and check again thinking I was playing the wrong note because the notes clashed. My mother would hear this and come to me at the piano and say: "You are playing the right notes, Mary Kay...it's just not a good stopping place!" Trials and testing times in our lives are meant by the LORD to "forge our souls with unbreakable strength and wisdom", as we move through life. They are not meant to be a good stopping place!

Maranatha! Come Quickly Jesus! -Mary Kay

**LAST DAY TO SUBMIT ITEMS
FOR JULY NEWSLETTER:
Tuesday, June 19**

MAY BOARD REPORT

The Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church board met April 8th, 2018 Present were: Pastor Watson, Jason Wood, Justin Traub, Beth Fennwald and Cindy Wieberg. Meeting was opened with a prayer.

Secretary's Report:

April Secretary's report reviewed. Cindy made a motion to approve and was seconded by Justin; motion approved.

Treasurer's report:

Income \$3033.84 expenses \$2033.02. Total Assets \$80,638.18 (Railroad Stock not included as it was not available at the time). Report was reviewed Jason made a motion to approve; Beth seconded; motion approved.

Old Business:

Russell presented bids for the replacement of the roof and will have a congregational vote on May 20th.

In a special meeting it was suggested that the church pay up to half of camp fees for the children going. Not exceeding the amount needed for camp. Jason made a motion; Beth seconded with no objections.

New Business:

Mowing cost was discussed and Cindy made a motion to continue paying our share of the cost with the cemetery board; Jason seconded and none opposed.

May 20th the congregation voted on the roof repair. Sue Burlingame made a motion to have Nolt's Construction replace the roof with standing seam metal with snow guards and to remove the chimney to below the roof line. Dale Taggart seconded and the vote was unanimous. Color samples will be presented and voted on later.

May 19th Blazing Needles

June 3rd board meeting at 1pm.

June 3rd Fish Fry (Cindy to Host)

Vacation Bible School is July 16-19

Meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jason D. Wood, Secretary

SOCIAL SUNDAY – June 3 FISH FRY CARRY-IN LUNCH AT NOON

Following church service, Cindy invites everyone to stay and fellowship together with Church Bingo, take a quick photo for church directory and a fire safety demonstration. It is NOT too late to RSVP letting her know.

The church will provide the fish (breaded in gluten free batter and fried in peanut oil), sliced turkey, fried potatoes, tea and lemonade. Bring a side dish/dessert to add to the meal.

In appreciation of each family's participation, each household will receive a specifically selected item. Looking forward to kicking off the summer together.



Norma Wood	Ben Harbor
Mary Kay Watson	Dettman Family
David Wittenberger	Grayden Gatlin
Wetzig Family	Joel Gorman
Kevin Coffelt's sister, Zoe	Lynn Stewart
Jim Harms (Karen Wood's dad)	

Vacation Bible School
Jamestown Community Youth Group
WWJD

Our military serving our homeland, our country, our friends and neighbors that are shut-in's or in nursing homes and hospitals.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – MAY 20

It was approved on May 20 to begin the roof process. Approved was Nolts Construction's bid for \$15,800, with the snow rail for an additional \$350. Galvanized painted snap-lock metal over top of existing roof. Will have 40-year manufacturer warranty. Concealed fasteners on roof on metal and trim. Tower will be flashed underneath existing siding. All edges of roof will be properly trimmed with same color as roof after decision made. Metal samples will be provided for viewing to help in the color selection at a later date.



We have a praise to share. After a long wait and many prayers, Wanda Lachner's daughter-in-law, Kay Odneal, received a kidney in April. Recovery is a slow process but she is feeling better and doing well. Our continued prayers to her as she recovers.



Vacation Bible School hosted by Moniteau, St. Paul's and Grace Methodist Church in Jamestown will be held July 16-19, from 6:30-8:50 p.m., for children age 4 through 6th grade. .

Dates for other VBS in the area:

Lupus Baptist Church – June 13-15
New Hope Baptist Church – June 10-15

CHURCH CAMP FUNDRAISER

The bake sale fundraiser on Mother's Day was a great success! They raised \$585 and exceeded the amount needed to pay for everyone's camp fees. Thank you for supporting the youth in our church!



Read: Psalm 100:3

Whenever anyone asks me how I can be so certain about who and what God really is, I am reminded of the story of the little boy who was out flying a kite.

It was a fine day to go kite-flying, the wind was brisk, and large billowy clouds were blowing across the sky. The kite went up and up until it was entirely hidden by the clouds. "What are you doing?" a man asked the little boy. "I'm flying a kite," he replied. "Flying a kite, are you?" the man said, "How can you be sure? You can't see your kite." "No," said the little boy, "I can't see it, but every little while I feel a tug, so I know for sure that it's there!"

Don't take anyone else's word for God. Find Him for yourself, and then you too will know by the wonderful, warm tug on your heartstring, that He is there, for sure.

The board asked Pastor Steve to create a church group email to share information received about extended family members of church members. The calling tree will only be used for church cancellations, death of immediate church member or emergencies.

If you have not been able to share your email, please write it down for him or contact him directly by email.

A Father's Day Prayer

God,
Bless all the fathers in the world. Father, we ask that You guide them to be good role models and loving to their children. We also ask that You help them to be a father like You are. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way.
Amen

