



Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church

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

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From The Pastor's Desk

A Tennessee Tale—I shared this a number of years ago and ran onto it. A Seminary professor was vacationing with his wife in Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

One morning, they were eating breakfast in a little restaurant, hoping to enjoy a quiet, family meal. While they were waiting for their food, they noticed a distinguished looking, white haired man moving from table to table, visiting with the guests. The professor leaned over and whispered to his wife, "I hope he doesn't come over here." But sure enough, the man did come over to their table.

"Where are you folks from?" he asked in a friendly voice." Oklahoma," they answered.

"Great to have you here in Tennessee," the stranger said." What do you do for a living?"

"I teach at a seminary," he replied.

"Oh, so you teach preachers how to preach, do you? Well, I've got a really good story for you."

And with that, the gentleman pulled up a chair and sat down at the table with the couple. The professor groaned and thought to himself," Great, just what I need--another preacher story!

The man started, "See that mountain over there?"(pointing out a restaurant window)." Not far from the base of that mountain, there was a boy born to an unwed mother. He had a hard time growing up, because every place he went, he was always asked the same question. "Hey boy, who's your daddy?" Whether he was at school, in the grocery store or drug store, people would ask the same question." Who's your daddy?"

He would hide at recess and lunchtime from other students. He would avoid going into stores because that question hurt him so much.

When he was about 12 years old, a new preacher came to his church. He would always go in late and slip out early to avoid hearing the question," Who's your daddy?"

But one day, the new preacher said the benediction so fast, he got caught and had to walk out with the crowd. Just about the time he got to the back door, the new preacher, not knowing anything about him put his hand on his shoulder and asked him, "Son, who's your daddy?"

The whole church got deathly quiet. He could feel every eye in the church looking at him. Now everyone would finally know the answer to the question," Who's your daddy?"

The new preacher, though, sensed the situation around him and using discernment that only the Holy Spirit could give, said the following to the scared little boy. "Wait a minute!" he said. "I know who you are. I see the family resemblance now. You are a child of God."

With that, He patted the boy on his shoulder and said. "Boy, you've got a great inheritance. Go and claim it."

With that, the boy smiled for the first time in a long time and walked out the door a changed person. He was never the same again. Whenever anybody asked him," Who's your Daddy?" he'd just tell them, I'm a child of God."

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The distinguished gentleman got up from the table and said, "Isn't that a great story?"

The professor responded that it really was a great story!

As the man turned to leave, he said, "You know, if that new preacher hadn't told me that I was one of God's children, I probably would never have amounted to anything!" And he walked away.

The seminary professor and his wife were stunned. He called the waitress over and asked her, "Do you know that man who just left that was sitting at our table?"

The waitress grinned and said, "Of course. Everybody here knows him. That's Ben Hooper. He's the former governor of Tennessee!"

Someone in your life today needs a reminder that they are one of God's children.

"The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the Word of God stands forever." Isaiah 40:8

Memory Verse for March

Be working on this important verse from Luke 19:10:

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

Be working on this verse as a family. Blessings

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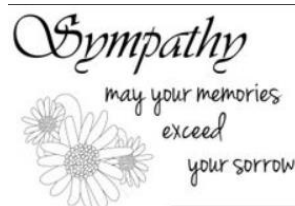
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Monday morning at St. Paul's
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Please call to share a need, set up an appointment or request a visit.

Prayer Requests

Heather Graff-Sullard's Family
Ryan & Becky Oerly & Family
Jim & Cyndi Puyear & Family
Paul & Shirley Baer
Kenny Burlingame
Russell Gerlach
Shirley Frieling
Chris Schoenthal
Our country and our leaders



Our church family was greatly saddened to hear of the passing of Heather Graff-Sullard on February 19th. She fought a long and hard battle and will be greatly missed.

Please keep her kids Kendra, Ty and Avery and their families close in your prayers, as well as Heather's parents and siblings in your thoughts and prayers as they maneuver the days ahead without her.

Sermon Series

After the series on the Holy Spirit, we will be looking at the prayer of Jesus in John 17 for the a few weeks leading up to Easter.

Good Books

We want to encourage people to read the book Ragged: Disciplines for the Spiritually Exhausted, by Gretchen Ronnevik. If you have a Kindle, you can download the book from Amazon for \$5.99

Also, I have discovered a site, Biblio.com where you can purchase good books for a fraction of the price. I had a teacher that used to say to us, "Readers are Leaders!" Never stop growing. If you discover a book that is meaningful to you, it probably would be helpful to others in the church. Please let us know so we can highlight the book.

Our Missionaries—the Healing House

Praise Report “Hey it’s Travis. On December 3rd, Ashley and I got Jr. back full time and on the 7th I celebrated my 1 year sober. I just wanted to tell you thank you for giving me and Ashley the opportunity to get our lives and family back.” Executive Director, Heather Gieck, received the above text from The Healing House and New Beginnings former residents, Travis and Ashley, sharing joyful news of being fully reunited with their son, Junior, and reaching a recovery milestone. Praises to God!

Please pray for our residents and Sr. Residents
Healing House:

Jessica * Amanda, Brenda Danica, Kami,

Jochebed House:

Becky * and her children Natalie, Raynon, Kiara,
Crystal.

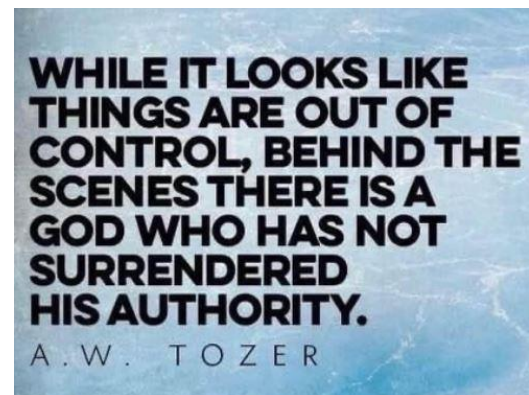
Bethel House:

Katie Lisa * Susan, Mercedes Chastity, Tammy
(* denotes Sr. Resident)

Our Missionaries—the Dettmans

DEAR PARTNERS FOR THE GOSPEL, “This is the best thing I’ve ever done!” Adam* excitedly told me. It was the last day of the student conference, and Adam was one of many new students engaged with our movement who attended the conference. Even though Adam was first introduced to other students in our movement a month before, you would have thought he was old friends with everyone based on the way he joined in during the sessions and joked around with the other students. It was so encouraging to see him so engaged so quickly, and his involvement with our movement had obviously made a huge impact on his life. During the three-day conference, the students heard talks about the Christian life and how to grow in their faith, and Erica gave a talk on Christmas. Please continue to pray for Adam and the rest of the students that they would jump back into regularly meeting and connecting with our movement after the holiday break and exams which span the month of January. In December, we enjoyed celebrating Christmas as a family and spending time with friends. January, however, was a difficult month for us as we dealt with a series of hard events and losses, from Erica getting robbed at the park to getting rear-ended in our new car to both of us (Nick and Erica) testing positive for Covid, which prevented Erica from attending a conference in Spain. The short-term trip that was planned for January was canceled, and Eva was home sick for over a week. I (Nick) was left wrestling with a lot of questions, but I was comforted by reading Psalm 22, which Jesus

quoted while he was on the cross. The Psalm starts with “My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? Why are you so far away when I groan for help?” (22:1). God reminded me that He is near to us in our suffering because His Son came to earth and experienced tremendous suffering. Jesus was “a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief” (Isaiah 53:3). And his suffering is Good News for us, since by it we can be reconciled to God! While Psalm 22 starts with questions of abandonment, it ends with resolute trust in the nearness and goodness of God: “Praise the Lord, all you who fear him!... For he has not ignored or belittled the suffering of the needy. He has not turned his back on them, but has listened to their cries for help” (22:23-24). What a tremendous, glorious God we serve! In preparation for the start of the new semester, our team spent a few days away evaluating and processing last semester and casting vision and planning. It was so encouraging to reflect on all the Lord did last semester, not only in Southwinds but also in the increased partnership and work with our teams in other cities in our country. We are excited to continue to build those partnerships and explore new areas of the country in pursuit of our 10-10-10 vision to see 10 spiritual movements growing and meeting regularly in 10 houses, multiplying across 10 states. Looking ahead to next year, we’re trusting God to provide another short-term team to come labor alongside us here in Southwinds, As we’ve seen so far this year, “the harvest is great”. Would you join us in praying “to the Lord of the harvest” for laborers as the application deadline for interns for next year, March 1, approaches? Thank you for praying along with us for all that God is doing!



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Our local church groups have re-scheduled the World Day of Prayer event for Friday, April 1st. This year it will be held at the Prairie Home Methodist Church, hosted by Jamestown Methodist. Further details to be announced closer to the time.

Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church Board Report – January 2022

Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church Board met on January 24, 2022. Meeting was called to order by Mark Baepler. Also present were Pastor Steve Watson, Kathy Gerlach, Paul Fennewald, Kevin Coffelt and Diana Watson. Pastor Steve gave the opening prayer.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Steve presented his monthly report to the board. He confirmed work on the confirmation course was in the works now and there would be a class at St. Paul's. Working on making contact with the new families recently attending. Provided updates on WWJD and community youth groups.

Secretary's Report:

The December meeting minutes were submitted for review. Kevin made a motion to approve; Paul seconded. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's Report for December was presented for review. Income for the month was \$3,546.87; expenses were \$9,849.30; total assets \$100,843.11. Diana made a motion to approve; Kathy seconded. All in favor. A detailed copy of the December report will be posted on the church bulletin board. It was noted that the pasture rent had been paid to the church. EA membership is due and the board agreed to pay the same amount as last year. We have CD's coming due soon and Paul will take care of those at the bank this week. It was noted our checking account had been set up to require two signatures on checks but the bank had not been enforcing that policy. We have changed it now to require only one signature needed. Paul noted the bank also needed new signature cards from this year's officers and he distributed the paperwork for board members to sign and note their new offices, which are: President, Mark Baepler; Vice-President, Kevin Coffelt; Secretary, Kathy Gerlach; Treasurer, Paul Fennewald; and Communion Steward, Diana Watson.

Old Business:

New church directories are in the process of being distributed.

Kathy had touched base with Jerrod Leathers regarding quotes on insurance for the church. He advised he is still waiting on some information from a couple carriers.

Mark indicated his kids will be cleaning the church through the end of the year, if the board was okay with this. All agreed.

New Business:

The postponed Christmas program will be January 30th at 9:00 a.m. Mark will be coordinating details of the service with Pastor Steve as soon as Laura has them worked out.

Everyone is asked to bring snacks for fellowship time afterwards.

Mark noted we are still searching for Sunday School curriculum and he would like each board member to assist with suggestions and bring those to the February board meeting.

Discussion on the special offerings for the year which, at this time, will be held in March, one in May (Cemetery Fund), July, September (Mission Fest) and Christmas Eve. Discussed the possibility of one of these being for church camp.

Kathy confirmed she has the church lock box key.

Our next Family Fellowship will be February 27th and hosted by the Fennewalds. They are planning a spaghetti lunch with everyone bringing a side to go along with that.

The updated phone tree was distributed, and board members were asked to communicate together and respond to texts/emails sent out.

Ryan Heimericks will continue doing our snow removal. Paul will contact him to verify if we are up-to-date with what we owe him or pay anything still due.

The board hopes to develop a policy this year for retention of records. It was noted some info could be shared with the county Historical Society, also. Paul has access to a Google account set up for the church's use and he will work with Kathy on accessing this.

Families in Need Project was brought up. Some felt changes were in order. Members were asked to come up with improvements/suggestions to discuss further at February meeting.

Steve noted he purchased rechargeable lights for the church sign along the highway.

Dates to Remember:

January 30 – Christmas Program during regular church service

February 13 – Communion

February 13 – Sit & Spit / Sugar & Spice

February 14 – Men's Fellowship

February 27 – Family Fellowship

February 28 – Board Meeting

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Gerlach, Secretary