



Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church

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

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From Pastor Steve's Desk

We are living in turbulent times. We are seeing our country in many ways being torn apart by Republican vs. Democrat, Rich vs. Poor, Black vs. White. It seems that there is no 'common ground' for discussion. It seems nearly impossible to see things from another's point of view, to listen to others, to build understanding and make progress. When I was a young pastor, I came to the realization that I needed to be able to minister to old and young, to rich and poor, to Republicans and Democrats. The only way I could do that was to make Jesus and the Gospel central. There are a few things that we, as Christians, are called to do.

First, realize that no one is right in everything or wrong in everything, except the Lord Jesus and the Word of God. Paul reminded us, as believers, that our ultimate unity is found only in the Lord Jesus when he said, "For in Christ Jesus you are all sons [and daughters] of God, through faith." ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise." (Galatians 3). As Christians we find unity and relationship not in our political views but in our relationship to Jesus.

Second, we need to be honest, and what I mean by that is call out both sides for those things that are wrong and to be willing to commend both sides for those things that are right.

Third, we need to be "quick to hear and slow to speak and slow to wrath." (James 1:19) Don't assume but invite openness and conversation. I remember a conversation that I had at B&Ts some time ago. We were talking about baseball over coffee and a gentleman came in and informed me that I was a Republican and that he disagreed with what I thought.

No one had been talking politics and I had not expressed any opinions other than about the Cardinal's game. When that man assumed he knew what I believed (and then proceeded to argue with it), there was nothing to do except walk away.

Finally, we are commanded to love even our "enemies." Love means that we wish them well, that we listen to them, that we hear their hearts (and not just their tone or their words). Love desires the best for them and the best is not found in either Republican or Democrat policies, but in the grace, the hope, the strength we can each have in Jesus through faith.

Memory Verses for October

Be working on this important verse from 2 Timothy:

God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. 2 Tim. 1:7

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.

Mission Fest, Sept. 20



The **Voice**
of the **Martyrs**

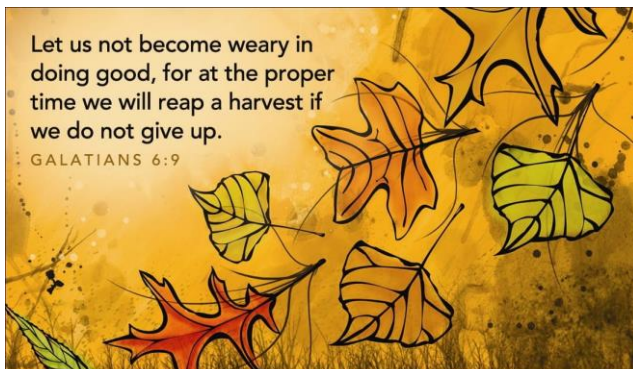
On September 20th, we had a combined service for MissionFest at

the Jamestown Community Center. Kendall Ponder shared how brothers and sisters in Christ are suffering and some dying for their faith in the Lord Jesus. He shared that we can help and support them with our prayers first and then with our giving. In the coming few months we will be including inserts in the Sunday bulletins with stories that will inspire you to live for Jesus and to pray for our brothers and sisters around the world.

Kendall sent an email, “Brother Steve, Thank you again for having me. Let your membership know they are by far the most generous group I have spoken to. They were also a joy to fellowship with. . . . I think VOM will send a receipt for the money the churches gave. It came to \$3567.” For more about the ministry of Voice of the Martyrs go to their website <https://www.persecution.com/>. You can sign up for a free magazine on the website to help you know how to pray.

Who & What We’ve Been Praying For

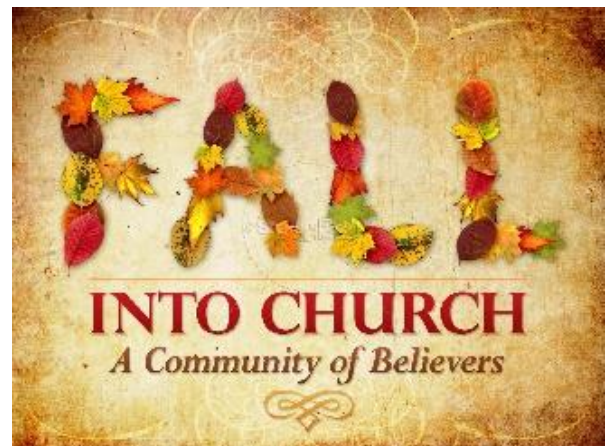
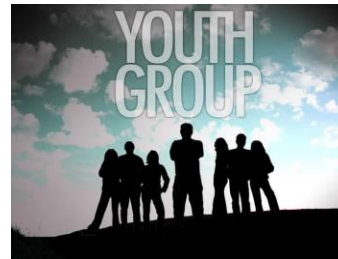
Moore & Ernst Family
Paul Fennewald (recovering from Covid-19)
Heather Sullard
Laura Buckley (health issues)
Paul & Shirley Baer
Treye Coffelt
Dale Taggart
Chris Schoenthal
Anna May Martin’s sister, Elaine (husband passed)
Anna May Martin’s 5-yr-old great grandson (health issues following a tick bite)
Our country and our leaders



Our church family was deeply saddened by the passing of John Ernst, Jr. on September 14. John was a long-time member at our church and will be greatly missed here. Our hearts and prayers continue for this family on their losses the last few weeks.

Youth Groups

The school has asked us to work with them at the beginning of the year. They are trying to begin school with as much control as possible—and have asked that we postpone beginning our Youth Groups until school is underway and they see how things are going. They have asked us to stagger beginning the groups—Senior High to begin Sept. 30. The Middle School Youth Group later October and then WWJD after that. Pray for the school, for teachers and for the youth groups. Check the facebook page and webpages for updates.



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Church Board Report

August 2020

Moniteau Church Board meeting minutes, August 24, 2020

In attendance: Andrew Rohrbach, Kevin Coffelt, Beth Fennwald and Pastor Steve. Dale is recovering from surgery; Mark had an accident at work and was in the ER—we prayed for them.

Andrew Called the meeting to order and Pastor Steve opened in prayer.

1. Treasurer's Report was examined for June and July. July income was \$12,476.34 (which included a \$3,400 donation to cover Moniteau Kids Camp) expenses were \$7,318.02 (which included kids camp expenses). The total balance as of July 31st was \$84,546.41. There was a discussion about camp finances, Andrew has not finalized the expenses but thought the expenses were covered with some left over. Each month was approved.

Old Business:

1. Kevin in working on the Broom closet, will discuss with Diane and build it with the help of Mark Baepler.
2. Pricing for new windows in the basement was carried over—no new information.
3. Kid's camp was a success—pictures will be mailed out. The camp shirts were donated saving expense.
4. Printer was discussed and will be put in basement—needs to be picked up in Jeff City
5. There was a discussion of the piano and a suggestion that there be a hymn sing on a regular schedule to reach out and for fellowship. Beth will contact Steve Wittenburger about the piano and a decision to move the organ to the balcony.

New Business:

1. There was an update on the improvement projects. Mark and Andrew redid the floors in the sanctuary. Andrew will be contacting someone about repairing cracks in sanctuary and painting. Beth will be checking on carpet cleaning and cleaning the pew pads. Kevin is doing some research on additions and the possibility of a ramp.
2. Elevator will be inspected and the bill paid—approved by the board
3. There was a question about the thermostat—but the electric bill has not been exceptionally high so will keep an eye on it.

4. Discussion of Mission Fest. Andrew updated the board on the combined Mission Fest Sunday. It was suggested, because of Covid that perhaps reserving the Community Center and Shelter in Jamestown would permit more to come with social distancing. Andrew will be checking on reserving the Center and Shelter. Based upon the ability to reserve those facilities, people will be recruited for different tasks—decorations, clean up, drinks. It will be a carry in with Moniteau hosting. It was suggested that there be a hymn sing from 10-10:30 followed by the Service and then the meal.

5. There was a discussion of the way the offering is collected and it was agreed to leave it as it is for the time being.

6. The Needy Family collections will be the second Sunday of every month. Pastor Steve will contact Sue about the program and put together some guidelines with Sue.

7. Began discussion for future Board member—Beth will be off the Board in December.

Upcoming dates:

- Sept. 6 Community Labor Day Service, 9:30 am
- Sept. 13 First offering for needy families
- Sept. 14 Men's Fellowship, 7pm
- Sept. 20 Mission Fest
- Oct. 4 Worldwide Communion
- Oct. 11—2nd offering for needy families

These minutes were taken by Pastor Stephen Watson and submitted by Mark Baepler, secretary.

MISSION FEST UPDATE:

Our joint Mission Fest Service on September 20 was well-attended and everything went well. The offering collected was a little over \$3500.