



Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church

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

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From The Pastor's Desk

November is the month we set apart for a time of thanksgiving. Typically, the harvest is in, preparations have been made for the winter months. It is a time of looking back over the year and taking note of God's faithfulness to creation and to His children.

The psalms say, "Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise." (PS. 100). We are to come having done some serious thought and preparation. We are to have thought about His care, provision and protection. That is not to say that we haven't faced hard things over the past year—we have, there have been disappointments and death, discouraging times and uncertain times. But the eyes of faith see events differently—they recognize the sadnesses, but reach out in faith for the Father's strength; they experience the weariness of life and yet reach out in faith for the Father's strength; they struggle with the confusion of life but reach out in faith for the Father's wisdom; they see the brokenness that sin has caused in our world but reach out in faith and anticipation that Jesus will come one day, perhaps soon, to set all things right. The believer profits from the hardships of life because it leads him into a closer relationship and trust of the Father and Son and Spirit.

As you look back over the last year, take time to prayerfully and thankfully look at each of the major events. Pick each one up, like you might pick up a pebble or stone. Hold it in your hand. Feel it and then look through the eyes of faith asking, "What did my Father do in me or for me when I faced . . . ?" "What did He want to teach me or to produce in me when I faced . . . ?"

James reminds us, "Count it all joy, my brethren, when you experience various trials of your faith, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance/perseverance." James 1:2-3. It is not the easy times or the comfortable times that transform us and make us better, more loving, more godly individuals—it is the challenging times that for us, that cause us to evaluate our priorities, that grow our faith, that make us more sensitive to those around us, that makes us more caring and generous. When you can give thanks, not only for the fun things, the comfortable things, the pleasant things but also for the challenging things, the hard things, the things that stretch you, then you truly have developed an attitude of thanksgiving.

*"Be thankful for what you have; you'll
end up having more. If you concentrate
on what you don't have, you will
never have enough."*

Memory Verse for November

Be working on these important verses from Psalm
100:4-5:

***Enter His gates with thanksgiving
And His courts with praise
Give thanks to Him and bless His name
For, the LORD is good
His lovingkindness is everlasting
His faithfulness to all generations,***

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.

Prayer Requests

Emily Fennewald
Kenny Burlingame
Heather Sullard
Russell Gerlach (surgery this month)
Dorothy Schoenthal's Family
Shirley Frieling
Chris Schoenthal
Our country and our leaders

Simple Ways to Share the Gospel

Our middle school youth group has been looking at self-image (we all struggle with our self-image). The Bible has a solution to a poor self-image that leads to sharing the Gospel.

We said, because each individual is a unique creation of God, each person is incredibly valuable to God—and so that is why He sent His Son to die on the cross, to redeem us.

We often struggle with our self-image because we compare ourselves with others—but Jesus never compares us to one another, He invites each one to come as he/she is to trust in Him. We all come the same way to God the Father. All must come through the LORD Jesus, His death and resurrection.

We often struggle with our self-image because of sin in our life—we feel guilt and shame. Jesus died on the cross and rose again, He took our guilt and He experienced our shame. We can be forgiven, cleanse and put back together when we trust in Him alone for salvation.

The Japanese have an art form called Kintsugi. When a bowl or piece of pottery is broken, rather than throwing it away, the pieces are put back together with gold creating a piece of art. Sin breaks us in a number of ways, but Jesus is able to put our lives back together, not with gold, but with His blood and He makes us a work of art, a testimony to His grace.



Update on the Jesus Storybook Bible

One of our board members was giving a woman a tour of the church recently and she had a young girl with her. After being introduced to the young girl, Pastor Steve went into his office and picked up a copy of the Jesus Storybook Bible and presented it to the young girl, explaining to the mother that we love children and we love Jesus and our prayer is that young people might hear His stories and learn to love Him as well. If you know of a young person that perhaps doesn't know the stories of Jesus, you are welcome to go into Pastor Steve's office (or in the sanctuary in back) pick up a copy and give it away. Please let pastor Steve know and rejoice in your gift.

Also, there are copies in back of "Parent Life Magazine" to give to a friend. On the first page it has a very good and simple Gospel presentation



Don't forget to set your clocks back 1 hour the first weekend of November!

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 to the pastor's office with a brief note including your name, whether you desire the book to be returned to you, and how it helped you in your spiritual life. When you find a book that helps you, be assured that it will also help others.

Sermon Series--Advent

After we finish our series in 2 Peter, we will be focusing upon Thanksgiving, looking at several passages about how a thankful heart changes us. With December just around the corner, we will be needing readers for Advent (one for each week of December). If you would like to be a part of Advent, please let the pastor know.

From Mary Kay

Going on with my thoughts about God's purpose for women, I want to touch on sin's general effects on God's perfect creation. In short: sin kills everything it touches. If we keep that in mind, I believe it helps us sort through the chaos that life often presents. I am speaking of sin in its general sense, the sense that Adam and Eve disobeyed God's one command to them that they were not to eat of the Tree of the knowledge of good and evil and they ate its fruit. This act on their part released upon all mankind sin—the propensity to refuse to obey One who had the right to mandate obedience. This is why I could look at my own new-born babies and now my new-born grand babies and know they each desperately need a Savior to cleanse them from this propensity to sin and its resultant death, and to empower them to live free from sin's bondage. And Praise be to God that He had in mind His solution, His Help even before He created mankind. With this in mind, I want to look back at Genesis and see how sin, and its curse, was specifically applied to women. Genesis 3:16 says: To the woman He (God) said: I will greatly increase your labor pains... Imagine ... in the original creation birth was not going to be painful...painful birth for woman was one of the ways sin broke things. I mean, this isn't exactly something I've ever heard spoken of, I've never heard Steve or any other preacher even mention this, but having "birthed" five children I kind of like to dwell on this thought a little bit...what would that even look like??? The second part of the curse to women says this: You will want to control your husband, but he will dominate you. (ESV) Besides a fear of the pain of childbirth, I think one of the biggest struggles most women have is giving up their independence and intentionally sublimating their own will potentially to a husband who may feel he has the right to "rule over her." I want you to remember here that God's curse upon the man has to do with how hard he will toil to make a living and ultimately will return to become part of the dirt he worked (hopelessness). God's curse upon man because of his sin was not about man's relationship with woman. Man is sinful...he messes up his relationship with women naturally by his own sinful self. There is MUCH in the scripture that we can each look to to help us understand how God desires each of us to pursue His best for our lives...and mutual, purposeful submission to one another is part of that regardless of whether we are male or female. But SIN's direct impact upon womankind is that she will WANT to control his husband...but he will dominate her (also hopelessness). Let's quickly look back on God's purpose for woman in order to see how God's purpose in creating woman might be affected by

the curse sin brought. God's purpose was two-fold: 1. Woman was to be a companion who corresponds to man and 2. Woman was God's creation intended to make good the one thing He saw of all His creation which was "not good." This tells me that what God sees as my responsibility as a woman has purpose both in answering this question: How did God make me specifically to be a companion who corresponds to the man God gave me? And how did God make me specifically to enable me to make "good" the "not good" of His creation of man? I have done considerable thinking, reading, and asking questions of woman I know on his subject, and am coming to some beautiful conclusions. Over the next few months I hope to write in more depth about these. I will leave you with this one thought for now: The Sovereign God created each one of you to fulfill His purpose. He created you specifically and just exactly as He wants you to be (given His Savior for us has redeemed you from the sin problem) to be a corresponding companion and to play your part in making good what was not good in His original creation.

FAMILIES IN NEED UPDATE

On October 10, Susan Powell and Claudia Taylor provided the congregation an update on some of the families we will be helping this year and the report for 2020. They had information on 7 families at that time, that included 18 children for this year. Our offering total as of 10-25-21, for this project is \$2,133.25. The last offering for our Families in Need will be on November 14.

There are copies of their handouts from October 10 on the back table at church. If you need a copy or have any questions, please contact them.

Update from the committee: We now have a total of 10 families and 29 children for this year. One example of a family we're helping is a single mom with one child. The mom got Covid, was in the hospital on a respirator for over 4 weeks. She is out of hospital now and faces a lot of physical therapy because she lost a lot of her muscles while in a coma. This will be a life-long recovery.



Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church Board Report – Sept. 2021

Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church Board met on September 27, 2021. Present were Pastor Steve Watson, Andrew Rohrbach, Kathy Gerlach, Kevin Coffelt, Mark Baepler and Dale Taggart. Pastor Steve gave the opening prayer.

Secretary's Report:

The August meeting minutes were submitted for review. Dale made a motion to approve; Mark seconded. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's Report for August was presented for review. Income for the month was \$3,773.07; expenses were \$4,234.46; total assets \$98,274.86. Mark made a motion to approve; Kathy seconded. All in favor. A detailed copy of the August report will be posted on the church bulletin board.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Steve presented his monthly report to the board. The community Thanksgiving service will be held at the Assembly of God Church this year. Mission fest offering totaled \$5,584.00.

Old Business:

First family in need offering totaled \$1,062.00.

Andrew gave an update on the church directory. The photographer has reduced his original estimate for taking photos from \$3,000 to \$1,400. He and Kathy are in the process of gathering some candid photos for it, also.

Dale noted the elevator inspection has been completed and everything checked out.

Kathy provided the recommendation from Longfellow's on the shrubs at the church.

Mark got the front of the church power washed.

New Business:

Confirmation plans are still in the works. It will be at St. Paul's this year for 6th-8th grades.

Discussion on potential candidates for two board spots that will be open for the upcoming year. Will discuss further next month.

Pastor Steve will be gone October 24, and has a replacement already set up. He will alert the board

prior to that date if any assistance during the service will be needed.

The Families in Need Committee will present last year's information to the congregation on October 10th. Discussion on whether to put together a list of expectations for them. Motion was made to put together specific expectations as follows:

- Information provided on each family we will be helping prior to the offerings starting;
- A detailed report to be provided at the Annual Meeting which shows what was given to each family; and
- A board member should be added to the committee to assist; that person being the current Vice President.

No second to the motion; motion failed.

Worldwide Communion will be the first Sunday in October. Pastor Steeve will provide some background on that for us that day during the service.

Evangelical Council meets on November 7th at Moniteau. Mark is the President of that and will put the agenda and annual calendar together for that evening.

Kathy asked to use the church basement for Blazing Needles on October 16th.

Kathy will host the October 24th Family Fellowship.

Dates to Remember:

October 3 – Worldwide Communion
October 10 – 2nd Families in Need Offering
October 10 – Sit & Spit / Sugar & Spice
October 11 – Men's Fellowship
October 16 – Blazing Needles at Moniteau
October 24 – Family Fellowship (noon meal)
October 25 – Board Meeting
November 7th – Evangelical Council at Moniteau

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Gerlach, Secretary

Our Missionaries—Healing House

What we're learning... On September 5, The Healing House and New Beginnings residents began a 10-week course from Central Missouri Community Action (CMCA) called, "Getting Ahead in a Just-Getting' By World". This program encourages participants to build resources and create a plan for getting out of poverty and "getting ahead". Through group activities and discussions, participants investigate:

- Causes of poverty
- Hidden rules of class
- Resources to improve life situations
- Strategies for writing our own futures

"Getting Ahead" participants receive:

- Workbook and meeting materials
- Cash stipend to cover transportation and childcare needs
- Snacks during class
- Support through the entire 10 weeks from the CMCS Resource Coordinator
- A graduation upon completion of the class, including certificate.

New Mentoring Program for Healing House Women Please pray for our residents and House Captains Healing House Jochebed House Jessica (Captain) Becky (Captain) Amanda, Brenda and her children Danica, Chastity Natalie, Raynon Heather B., Kami Kiara, Crystal Michele, Arminda Michelle Heather Bethel House Laurie (Captain) Lisa, Susan Melanie, Mercedes The Healing House and New Beginnings kicked off a mentoring program in July that pairs each Healing House woman with a mentor who can walk alongside her in her journey. Board member, Mary Browning, is coordinating the program and explained, "We currently have 20 women participating, some of whom have previously commenced the Healing House program. Psalm 139 is our guiding scripture. We have 13 participating mentors who come from a variety of churches and may mentor more than one woman." Mary and another board member are among those serving as mentors. Women meet with their mentors regularly and The Ark church hosts and facilitates a monthly Praise and Painting event for the women and their mentors.

ANNUAL MEETING PREPARATION

Our Annual Meeting will be on December 5, 2021, following morning worship services.

In following with our practice, each committee will need to provide a copy of their annual report to Board President Andrew Rohrbach no later than November 21. He will make copies of those to hand out to the congregation at the Annual Meeting.



Save the date -- We will be decorating the church on November 21.

In appreciation for everyone's helping getting this done, the board will provide lunch that day (hot dogs and hamburgers), so plan to stay and enjoy some decorating AND lunch.

I know you'll agree that our church is one of the most beautiful around, and becomes even more beautiful after we decorate it for the season of our Lord's birth.

A Prayer for Thanksgiving

All across our nation, Thanksgiving is a day that we set aside in order to do one thing. Be thankful.

And usually what goes along with it is lots of food, family and friends, laughter and fun, times of giving to others in need, maybe some football, or traditions that you've recognized through long years. And sometimes too, there is also loneliness. And struggle. Or deep loss. Feelings of hurt and painful circumstances that you're still trying to hurdle over.

Whatever you're facing this Thanksgiving Day, in the midst of all of it, may we remember again that God gives us the opportunity each and every day, to give worship and thanks to Him. Every morning He gives us breath is His invitation to come joyfully into His presence. He reminds us that He alone is God and we belong to Him. He assures us that His plans in our lives are for good, that His love covers us securely, and His faithfulness extends from generation to generation.

No matter what, He's given us so many reasons to choose thankfulness and joy this day. Let's do what the Psalmist of Chapter 100:1-5 says:

- Shout for joy.
- Worship the Lord with gladness.
- Come before Him with joyful songs.
- Know that He is God.
- Enter His gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.
- Give thanks to Him and praise His name.
- Recognize His goodness, love and faithfulness through all the generations of our family.