



# Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church

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

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## From The Pastor's Desk

I have a neighbor that is building a house for his family—not contracting, but planning, procuring, building with his own hands. I have never attempted such a task. I have done some remodeling but not building a home from a pile of wood and raw materials. I have purchased houses which others have designed and built, but that is different. It is different to look at a finished product and decide whether I like it or not (or rather whether my wife likes it or not) and having a piece of ground, lumber, a hope and a dream in mind and going to work, day after day, to make the dream come true. Houses don't just happen. A person doesn't simply begin to throw lumber together and expect it to be a house/home.

If a house requires planning, procuring, putting in the time to build, if it is impossible to have a house that we enjoy and can be proud of without planning and work, if houses don't just happen by chance, is it reasonable that a life that is worth living just happens by chance? A life well lived, satisfying and significant requires planning, prioritizing, preparation and day to day 'building.' Just like with a house, where the house is drawn ('This is what we want it to look like and the lay out we would like.') and then the blueprints need to be drawn up ('This is how we need to build a house that will look like that.');

even so, we have to have an end view of life and then plan on how to get there, what we need to do and to build into our lives for us it turn out the way we would like.

Some people simply want to enjoy life—they define what brings them enjoyment and pursue those activities. You may or may not have done much thinking about the end of your life, maybe you just let life happen and you respond day by day. But, we are told that one day we will all stand before the LORD Jesus and give account. On that day, I want to hear Him say to me, "Well done thou good and faithful servant enter into the joy of your LORD." To reach that goal, day by day, I need to think about how I spend

my time, money, energy, opportunities. Someone said,

Sow a thought and you reap an act.

Sow an act and you reap a habit.

Sow a habit and you reap a character.

Sow a character and you reap a destiny.

Our lives become a series of actions that are gradually solidified into habits and character—often without us knowing it. What thoughts are you filling your mind with? How are those thoughts being translated into actions, habits, character and destinies. What do you desire Jesus to say to you on that day? What changes do you need to make now?

## Memory Verse for September

Be working on this important verse from 2 Peter 1:2:

***Grace and peace be multiplied to you  
in the knowledge of God and of  
Jesus our Lord.***

Be working on this verse as a family. Blessings.

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Tuesday afternoon at St. Paul's

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

## Sermon Series

As I look forward to the fall, I suspect it will be a time of uncertainty. The book of 2 Peter is a book written to tell Christians how to live in uncertain times. After Labor Day, we will begin to walk through the book of 2 Peter.

## Prayer Requests

Anna May Martin (shoulder replacement)  
Emily Fennewald  
Kenny & Sue Burlingame  
Heather Sullard  
Shirley Frieling  
Dennis Gerlach family  
Russell Gerlach  
Dwayne Wood  
Paul & Shirley Baer  
Chris Schoenthal  
Gary Schoenthal (*Katy Manor, Room 208,  
205 Prospect Ave., Pilot Grove, MO 65276*)  
Our country and our leaders

## NO SERVICES ON SEPTEMBER 5

There will be no church services at Moniteau on September 5 (Labor Day weekend). You are welcome to attend the Jamestown Community Church service at the Jamestown City Park which begins at 9:30 a.m.

The Jamestown FFA will be serving breakfast at the community building that morning from 8:00-9:30.

## Simple Ways to Make a Difference

As the Fall begins, we encourage you to become a prayer warrior for the community, the school (administration, teachers and students) and the youth groups. We are looking to begin the Senior and Middle School Youth groups. We are actively recruiting a prayer team and laborers for WWJD. We ask you to pray—the Bible says, “You have not because you ask not. You ask and receive not because you ask amiss, to consume it on your own desires.” James 4. There are few prayers that God would like to answer more than changing the lives of parents, teachers, students for Jesus.

## BAPTISM

On August 15, following Sunday School, there was a gathering at Howard’s Creek below the church to witness and celebrate the baptism of Riley Buckley.



We rejoice and congratulate Riley for this decision he made.

**“So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.”**

**Galatians 3:26-27**

## **Mission Fest-September 19, 2021**

This year we will be hosting a representative from FaithMaternityCare (out of Fulton) to come and share what God is doing to care for moms that are struggling. Moniteau Advent will be joining for the morning service and the carry-in dinner afterwards. In order to prepare our congregations for FaithMaternity we are sharing a little information. Read through and be praying for this MissionFest.

Faith Maternity Care is a non-profit with two sources of funding - donations and a federal grant called the Alternatives to Abortion Grant. We serve pregnant women throughout the state of Missouri who are 18 or older with little to no income. We believe every life is a precious gift from God.

In 2020 we provided services to 34 women - 11 who lived in the residence and 23 who were non-residential clients. The average residential stay was five months. The women were between the ages of 20 and 38. Just imagine...in the last year an entire classroom of babies will grow and live because their moms had another choice instead of abortion. We work to help them after they make their choice. Our grant allows us to serve these women and their babies until their babies reach their first birthday.

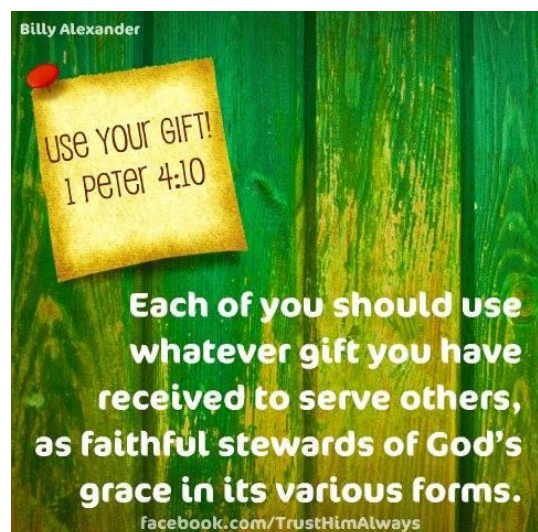
We provide case management services and work to build a village of support around these women and their babies. That includes connecting them with social services to meet their needs, such as employment and childcare resources, narcotics/alcohol recovery groups, and mother/children programs. We provide advocacy when they are working on reunification with older children in state custody. We make sure clients have transportation to appointments.

Our daily life looks much like yours at home. Every resident receives a Bible of their own. We pray for each other during our morning meetings, and we read and discuss devotionals during dinner every night. We hold Bible Studies and encourage fellowship through the church of their choice. We take turns making dinner and completing a household chore (staff included). Every resident receives in-home trauma therapy. Every month we determine goals to work towards safety and independence, and every day we take steps towards those goals. We inspire each other by sharing our successes and comfort each other when things seem overwhelming...and we see God at work every single day.

A non-negotiable stipulation of residency is that every client must complete our parenting classes curriculum. Fathers are encouraged to participate. For every class completed a client earns five "Baby Bucks" and saves them to spend in our on-site Baby Boutique. We organize our donations in this store and moms shop for the supplies they need for their babies (diapers, wipes, furniture, clothes, bath items).

Some women need our services but do not need a place to live. These women become our non-residential clients. We have five rooms, fully furnished, for our homeless moms. One room is a family room where a homeless mom can stay with up to two of her older children. We provide food, shelter, and utilities for our residents. We provide rent and utility assistance for our non-residential clients. These women often come from abusive situations. Some are escaping harmful families. Others are recovering from being victims of human trafficking. Most come with nothing but the babies in their bodies and a prayer that they can find a way to build a good life for them. Serving them is a privilege and the most joy-filled work I can imagine, even on the difficult days.

While these courageous women worry about their futures I worry about the here and now. Most of our moms do not have transportation, and we are trying to save money to buy a new van to replace our decrepit one. The residence needs new windows, but replacing them will destroy our fragile siding, so the siding will also need to be replaced. We have moldy insulation in our Baby Boutique and storage area that needs to be replaced. Any help from St. Paul's Evangelical Church to keep our home safe and running would be very appreciated. The need is great - we are currently at capacity. I am happy to answer any questions. God bless you, and may you always find joy in His work.



## Update on the Jesus Storybook Bible

We have given out nearly 60 Jesus Storybook Bibles in the last few months.

There is a second book that Mary Kay and I would like to make available to families of children, elementary and young teens: **I Am, 40 Reasons to Trust God**. It explores the various names and descriptions of God in the Bible: **Creator. Comforter. Healer. Friend. God's names tell us who He is, what He is like, and what He does. I Am, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, including Jehovah Jireh, The Lord My Shepherd, Immanuel, Rabbi, and I Am.** *If you would like a copy, please let Pastor Steve know. It is a great way to share the Gospel and also to begin helping parents teach their children about Jesus.*

*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*

## 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. I am reading two books on the 'gender' issues of today---"Irreversible Damage" (not written by a Christian, but by an insightful, concerned individual about gender dysphoria) and "Lord Thy Body" (written by a wonderful Christian lady about the importance of our bodies, how we view them, how that affects abortion, euthanasia, gender identity).

## Update from the Dettmans

"We have to talk about Jesus .. cause I had a dream after reading the Holy Bible." A few days after arriving, some members of the short-term summer group went out to meet students and encountered Frank\*. They shared the gospel with him, and he asked each of them how Jesus and the gospel message had changed their lives. He had already begun to read the Old Testament and said he wanted to know if Jesus was the only way. He said he wanted to see a miracle, so they encouraged him to pray that God would

reveal Himself. About two weeks later, Frank messaged about seeing Jesus in a dream! Praise God that He reveals Himself in powerful ways, and pray with us for Frank, that God would continue to reveal Himself and that we would be able to reconnect with Frank in the Fall! In June, we hosted our first ever summer group in Southwinds. It was well worth all the preparations and arrangements it took to get them there. It was such a blessing to get to know them, share our love of Southwinds with them, and work with them. They all had a huge heart for the Lord and a genuine love for meeting students and sharing the gospel with them. At the end of their trip, in answer to the question "what would you tell someone who was considering coming on a [trip] next year," every person wrote: "do it." In just over a month, they were able to have spiritual conversations with 113 students and share the gospel with 46 people. Many of them grew in their knowledge of God as they saw Him answer specific prayers, such as "send us someone to talk to" (and immediately a student approaches THEM and starts a conversation) or "help me get into a spiritual conversation" (and immediately a student asks what religion they are). Praise God for paving the way for them to come and for the way He worked in and through them during their time in Southwinds!



Church directory photos will be taken at Moniteau on Tuesday evening, September 7. If you're unsure of your appointment time, please check with Andrew Rohrbach or Kathy Gerlach.

If you are purchasing photos, you will need to pay for those at the time of your appointment, by cash or check only. Pricing for photos:

Package A: 1-8x10, 1-5x7 ----- \$15.00  
Package B: 1-8x10, 2-5x7, 2-4x6 --- \$30.00  
Package C: 2-8x10, 2-5x7, 4-4x6 --- \$55.00

### Individual Print Pricing:

1 - 4x6 -----\$10.00  
1 - 5x7 -----\$10.00  
1 - 8x10 -----\$12.00

## **Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church Board Report – July 2021**

Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church Board met on July 26, 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:**

Kathy submitted the June meeting minutes for review. Dale made a motion to approve; Mark seconded. All in favor.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer's Report for June was presented for review. Income for the month was \$2,813.39; expenses were \$2,181.90; total assets \$99,023.63. Andrew made a motion to approve; Kathy seconded. All in favor. A detailed copy of the June report will be posted on the church bulletin board.

### **Pastor's Report:**

Pastor Steve presented his monthly report to the board. He is currently working with St. Paul's on confirmation since this is their year to have it. There is a need for help with the Middle School youth group. David Griffith will be filling in for Pastor Steve on August 8<sup>th</sup>. He's written a paper on the class he recently took (Spirituality and Aging), if anyone wants to read it. VBS in Jamestown went well, with a total of 68 enrolled this year.

### **Old Business:**

The county has filled in gravel where the mud hole was in the parking lot, but they did not gravel to the wall. Hoping to possibly get a little more gravel in there sometime.

Dale has contacted local propane companies about propane and a contract but they don't send those out until August. He will let the board know when they receive contracts/pricing for review.

St. Paul's has invited us to their family night on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Kids' ballgame start at 5:00; meal at 6:00; adult ballgame follows.

Mission Fest at St. Paul's has been set for September 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **New Business:**

We will be doing Pastor Steve's annual evaluation at the August board meeting.

Andrew provided an update on the church directory. Photos will be taken at Moniteau on September 7, from 3:00-9:00 p.m. August 8 and 15 will be the sign-up dates at Moniteau to select appointment times for here. More info will be provided in the August newsletter. Kathy was asked to do the check-in on September 7, and to help take some photos if someone could not get to the church for photos.

Reminder on the card shower for Gary Schoenthal this week.

Discussion on communion and will be going to just 2 ushers starting in August.

Families in Need offerings will be the second Sundays in September-October-November.

The Moniteau County Fair's opening church service will be August 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

It will be time to check the elevators in September. Pastor Steve got some info from Debi Baumert and forwarded to Andrew for review. Not necessary for a mechanic to inspect it since we have a lift versus an elevator. The cost should be substantially lower without the mechanic involved.

### **Dates to Remember:**

August 9 – Men's Fellowship

August 13 – Sit & Spit / Sugar & Spice meet at Boonville Aquatic Center at 5:00 p.m.

August 15 – Communion

August 15 – Riley Buckley's Baptism at Howard's Creek around noon, followed by creek party

August 21 – Blazing Needles meets at Moniteau

August 23 – Church Board Meeting

September 5 – Regular church services cancelled for Jamestown's Labor Day service at the park

September 19 – Mission Fest – potluck dinner at St. Paul's

### **Adjournment:**

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Gerlach, Secretary