



Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church

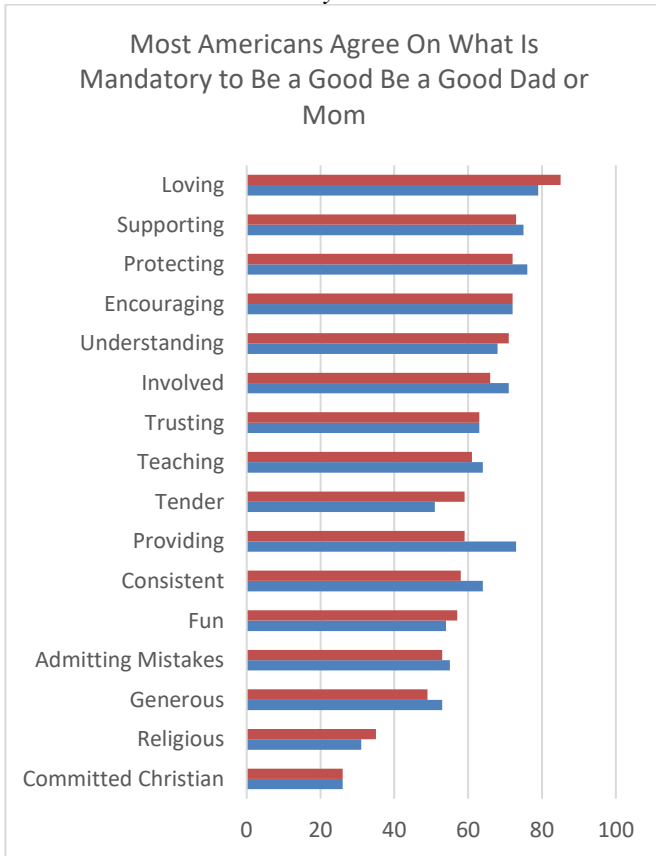
Worship service—9:00 am
Sunday School—10:15 am

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From Pastor Steve's Desk

From a recent study published in *Parent Life*,
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The top bar is the response of the moms, the bottom of the dads.

It is interesting that for most Americans, religious and personal commitment to the Lord Jesus are of less importance in evaluating whether one is a 'good parent' or not. It indicates that most American parents do not value a relationship with Jesus in a significant way. These are frightening statistics if true. It looks like our work for Jesus is not getting easier.

Memory Verse for February

Matthew 22:37

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”



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

Notes from Mary Kay

I have decided to entertain you with a few stories in my "Notes from Mary Kay" for our Newsletters related to "Child-Rearing". Steve and I are hardly experts. We were, however, given 5 lovely children into our care to "bring up." Today, they are all adults...and we REALLY like them!! They, of course, have no say in what their mother writes...but my aim is not to embarrass them nor brag about them. My aim is to share with you how Jesus worked in a very real way in the Watson household as imperfect sinners did their best to raise imperfect sinners. My "great desire" throughout my lifetime had always been to be a mother. My folks teased Steve when they first met him, that they knew this had always been my goal in life, and that I really didn't talk much about having a husband to be a father to my many children...which was...pretty much true as well...although I had never entertained the thought that I would have children out-of-wedlock! Very fortunately for me, God blessed us with our first-born a little over a year after we married. To my delight, children kept coming...a little more spaced out between each one...until, finally, we had 5 over the course of 12 years. I am a reader...so I avidly read everything I could find about child development and child raising. Two things stood out in my mind as very helpful. The first was a quote from Chuck Swindoll who said: "Say yes to everything you possibly can to your children", and the second was a book by Kevin Lehman called "Making Children Mind Without Loosing Yours." Besides gleaning everything we both could from others about raising children, we together understood that the "goal" of parenting was to raise independent, responsible human beings to be launched into society. Our personal desire for each of our children was that they would know and love the Lord Jesus. Chuck Swindoll also said about child-rearing that the Proverb which says "train up a child in the way he should go, and in the end he will not depart from it" means: God has created each child with his or her own "bent", "personality", "strengths",

"weaknesses", "gifts", and "abilities"...it is the parent's job to study and understand these and then to translate them effectively to each child so they understand themselves and how they "work". That is a big job...and takes a great deal of wisdom (fortunately God promises wisdom if we ask for it...so that's a sure thing...whether we fully recognize it or not). Using those ideas as a broad guide, and an attitude of constant "Help, Lord!" prayerfulness...we managed to corral, prod, teach, discipline, enjoy, love and launch them.

In my thinking there are two critical times in a child's life when the fact that he (we had two girls...so just using the masculine for ease) is human with a sin nature come to the forefront and demands a great deal of prayer for wisdom to help the child maneuver with proper perspective through those ages. The first is generally referred to as "the terrible two's" (I've always disliked that term, and generally love a sassy, personality-filled two-year-old). Steve defines this time of life for the child as: a baby, until this time, IS the center of his universe...at around two years of age, the child needs to come to understand that he IS NOT the center of THE universe...and this is generally infuriating to him! To me, this is just exactly what a "terrible two" looks like! If parents are successful in letting their child live past the age of 2-3, and the child learns that he must share the spotlight, the next really critical time for the child is as he enters the teen years. About a teenager, I would first like to say: "these years are harder on the teen than they are the parent!". Secondly: "never forget your job as a parent is to launch this kid...he needs to grow independent and he needs to be responsible for his own independence." Again...this is not a job for mere human beings to try to manage alone. A continuous attitude of prayer for wisdom, insight and understanding from the Lord is required. And, again, He has already promised all of this to us if we ask...so keep asking! And, for fun, I'm going to include (over the next few months) some stories from the Watson-teen-years.



CAMP AURORA DATES FOR 2020

Senior High: July 12-18
Junior High: July 19-24
Junior: July 26-31
Primary: August 2-5
Family Camp: August 7-9

Who & What We've Been Praying For

Heather Sullard – finishes chemo this week & having
PET scan-last scan was clear
Norma & Dwayne Wood
John & Bev Ernst
Dettman Family
Paul & Shirley Baer – moved to assisted living
Jamestown Community Youth Groups
Chris Schoenthal – cancer treatments
Mike Powell - eyesight
Russell Gerlach – stroke recovery
Kenny Ernst – heart procedure recovery
Mose & Rachel Herschberger Family
Bentley Heiland – continues gaining weight and is
over 3 pounds 7 oz. now.

Becoming—

A Middle School Spiritual Journey

Using a resource, "The One Minute Bible for Students" we are developing a habit of daily Bible reading. After a break for Christmas, we started back on January 15. Since it was the beginning of a new year and our reading began with the Genesis and John accounts of creation, we looked at our world and the competing 'world views': 1) God created the world (which, when you think about how big the world and universe are, then you understand how 'big' God must be) and the second world view that leaves God out, that the universe came into being on its own. We talked about how, if the universe came into being on its own, then there is no real purpose or design---but if God created the world, then there is purpose and design. We asked the middle schoolers to look around and understand that wherever they see purpose and design, that demands a creator; whether the purpose and design have to do with a painting or a watch or (on a grander scale) the universe. We ask you to continue to pray for the middle school youth group teens.



Read: Colossians 3:22-25

This is something we all need to remember. If we see our chores at home, or the school projects we don't particularly like as something done for the Lord, then that will change our whole outlook on it.

Whatever we do, do it heartily, as to the Lord (v:23). That means doing it without grumbling and complaining – as if what we are doing is done for Jesus. And this doesn't just mean when it's expected of us, or when the teacher is "watching" us, and it also doesn't mean we do it to be "men-pleases" as in pleasing others and gaining approval in their eyes, but whatever we do, we do out of our love for Jesus. We need to be wholehearted and sincere in everything we do no matter how boring it may seem to us.



Dear Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church and the members of,

I can't even begin to explain how much you all helped my family this year for Christmas. It meant so much to receive the food and needed daily essential items, and the relief of less worry about what we are going to eat or how were going to get it, and how were going to wash our clothes, etc. Your all's kindness provided my daughter with happiness and cheer this Christmas morning. She lit up the entire room with the smile on her face. She even went through the cabinets smiling at all the food in them now. We are truly blessed to have each of you take the time out of your busy schedules to help us. There are no words to truly explain how grateful I am, as a struggling mother, to receive the gifts you all provided to my family this year, to allow us to have a wonderful Christmas.

Previously, I was the type to always help others. After my accident, and multiple surgeries, I found myself on the other end. I am amazed at the help we received from all of you.

I want to thank each and every one of you for your generosity, prayers, time, and thought. I was honored to meet some of you at delivery. All of you are such wonderful people. Our prayers were answered this Christmas, thanks to Our Lord, and your congregation.

Thank you again for making it possible for me and my child to have a blessed and happy Christmas! And give thanks to God!

Jenna Goff

Mission Update from the Healing House

RESIDENT PROFILE ~ Jess G. Meet Jessica or Jess G. as she's frequently called. Jess came into The Healing House and New Beginnings program in September of 2018 and though she qualified to commence the program this past September, she decided to stay and participate another year.

Describing her life before coming to the program, Jess had one word... "Miserable." Originally from Ozark, MO, Jess began using drugs at an early age, getting her first drug charge at 18. After going through Drug Court for a year and a half, alcohol became her primary problem and it affected every area of her life. She lost jobs, wrecked vehicles and could become violent during alcohol related black outs. Jess went to Church Army faith-based recovery program while Executive Director Heather Gieck was a house manager there. Jess explains, "But I didn't get close to God. I went through a year and a half of Drug Court, was kicked out of Church Army twice, would lose everything I ever had. Before coming to The Healing House, I was looking at going to prison for my second DWI with a 2nd Degree Assault conviction." A passenger had been thrown from the vehicle and injured in an accident while Jess was driving.

Jess was familiar with The Healing House. After her friend Heather first returned to Jefferson City from her time at Church Army, Jess visited and was with her when they stood across from 1418 W. Main Street, praying for it to become The Healing House. Though Jess remained on her own for a while yet, when she was at this low place, she contacted Heather about coming to the program. Jess says that during her first several months in the program, she learned to do basic routines she had not established - getting up in the morning, going to work, classes, homework, chores. Through the first year, she had some reservations about being away from family. Jess was raised by her grandparents after her parents divorced when she was 8 and is especially close to her 91-year-old grandmother. Jess explains she was taking everything in that she was experiencing in the program and as her commencement drew near, she knew that for her, a year was not enough time and she wanted to stay.

Thankful for her sobriety, Jess explains aspects of life at The Healing House that help her in her recovery. "I realized I couldn't do it without God. Being with people who are doing the same thing helps." When asked why she's been able to stay with the year-long program when not everyone makes it, Jess shared, "I realized if I'd go back out, I'd have to start over. I'd think, 'I'm 30 years old - I need to get it together.' People are depending on me for things.

I'm tired of hurting people. Heather would remind me of what will happen if I drink again." Then Jess recites the chain of events she wants to avoid.

Skilled at wood working, Jess has been employed with Toby's cabinet shop since the beginning of 2019. The Lord had a hand in her getting that position and her personal growth has helped her keep it. Jess is on the House of Prayer Family Church worship team, playing guitar since July. About her healing journey she says, "I've known everything about the bad of who I am. Now I'm learning about who I can be." ~~~ God bless you, Jess, as you continue becoming all God plans for you! Phil 1:6

Sermon series beginning in February

"I Am",
A poem by Helen Mallicoat

*I was regretting the past,
and fearing the future.
Suddenly my Lord was speaking:
"My name is I Am".*

*He paused. I waited.
He continued...
"When you live in the past,
with its mistakes and regrets,
it is hard. I am not there.
My name is not I WAS.*

*When you live in the future,
with its problems and fears,
it is hard. I am not there.
My name is not I WILL BE.*

*When you live in this moment
it is not hard. I am here.
My name is I AM."*

We will be looking at the 7 'I AMs' of John beginning in February and moving into March.

Jesus said,
"I am the Bread of Life" Jn. 6
"I am the Light of the World" Jn. 8
"I am the Door" Jn. 10
"I am the Good Shepherd" Jn. 10
"I am the Resurrection and the Life" Jn. 11
"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life" Jn. 14
"I am the True Vine" Jn. 15

We will explore what Jesus said about Himself.

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November 2019 Board Report

The Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church board met on November 25th, 2019. Present were: Pastor Steve, Beth Fennewald, Cindy Wieberg, Dale Taggart, Justin Traub, and Andrew Rohrbach. Meeting was opened with a prayer.

Secretary's Report:

October report was reviewed and Andy made a motion to approve the minutes. Cindy seconded the motion. Vote taken and passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Income for October 2019 was \$4,654.85, expenses were \$2,165.90. Total assets were \$68,764.90 (minus Union Pacific Stock as a new statement was not yet available). Andy made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Dale. Vote taken and passed.

Old Business:

Correction to Families in Need - currently at 8 families and not 9 as previously stated.

HVAC system upgrades are close to completion. Twinning of Thermostats has been completed. The furnace has been installed and is operational. Ductwork and A/C final hookup/testing still needs to be completed.

Committee Reports for Congregational meeting are due December 1st.

Pastor Steve will be alternating between Moniteau and St. Paul's for Christmas Eve Services. This year he will be at Moniteau. Alternating years allows the pastor to take part in the additional time spent in the basement after the program for the meal and fellowship.

Additional microphone purchases were discussed. With the sound board in its current state (50% of the inputs were fried by lightning) and the minimal use they would receive were factors in the decision to table the subject for now.

New Business:

Sue Burlingame has been recruited as the new Historian.

Pest Control - Jason Wood is taking care of spraying for ladybugs and Andy is checking into other services. This will be tabled until the December meeting.

The End of Year Bonus was discussed and a motion was made by Justin for a \$200 bonus for Diana for cleaning services. This was seconded by Cindy. Vote taken and passed.

The next board meeting will be on Monday, December 30th at 7:00pm.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Andy and seconded by Justin. The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Justin Traub, Secretary



Sugar and Spice is the name of a new activity for the girls, moms and special ladies in our church. We have plenty of girls to go around, but need adults so that we are working one on one. A planning meeting will be held Sunday, February 9, following Sunday School. Anyone wishing to be involved with ideas and planning are welcome to join the group. Sue Burlingame will be instructing the group on making bows, and lunch will be provided. All the women of the church are invited – no age limit!



The **Sit & Spit** group also plans to meet on February 9th after Sunday School for their planned activity, as well as having lunch that day.