



## *Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church*

*Worship service—9:00 am  
Sunday School—10:20 am*

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### **From The Pastor's Desk**

It has been an interesting summer and a good summer—for the Kingdom. VBS was great and we reached young lives. As school approaches, I began to recruit people to help with wwjd and with the Middle School Youth Group. I have been amazed at how many people have a heart for the LORD Jesus, a heart for the church, a heart for ministry to the youth. God has been gracious in moving in the hearts of people, calling them to volunteer, to pray, to make a difference.

The ministry that has drawn my most attention, prayers and commitment this summer has been a confirmation class. The boards of both churches had decided that we would not have a confirmation class this year—but parents began to express their desire for something for their teens through the summer. I put together a “Confirmation Book”/study guide and we met every two weeks throughout the summer on Wednesday evening, 5:30-7pm. During that time we sought to ask and answer:

Is there a God and how do we know?

What is He like?

What does He want of us? How can we enjoy a relationship with Him?

What is our relationship with other believers?

Along the way of answering those questions, we also sought to teach habits that will help these young adults to grow in their relationship with Him, walk with Him and serve Him. We added several things into the confirmation experience that we hadn't done before. First, we had adults come in and share their personal testimony—so that the teens would know that God is more than just someone or something we talk about, but He is real, He hears and answers prayer, He gives hope, peace, direction. Second, we asked each student to write down

a question about the Bible, about God, about life for which they would like to have an answer. I was able to answer their personal questions and also, toward the end of our time together, able to meet with each one personally, talking about their relationship with the LORD.

Someone has said, “We can do more than pray, but we can't do anything until we have prayed.” As we pray, God moves and directs—both in the heart of the teacher and in the students. Consequently, I recruited 12 senior saints to pray specifically for the teens and for myself. God answered those prayers, but the work of walking with the LORD Jesus is just beginning in these young lives. They need your continued prayers, day by day and throughout the year.

### **Memory Verses for October**

Someone asked why I encourage memorizing verses from the Bible, after all, can't we just look it up if we need it? A couple of thoughts. When you memorize something it becomes a part of you and is with you all the time. The Holy Spirit can bring it to mind if you have memorized it. In Matthew 13, Jesus talks about the Word of God being ‘like seed’ planted in your heart and mind. Memorization plants the Word of God in our hearts and minds.

Be working on this important verse from Mark 10:45

***For even the Son of Man did not come  
to be served, but to serve and to give  
His life a ransom for many.”***

Be working on these verses as a family. Blessings.

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# Prayer Requests

David Wittenberger  
Laura Buckley  
Kenny Burlingame  
Wanda Lachner  
The Family of Shirley Baer  
Russell Gerlach  
Charles & Shirley Frieling  
Chris Schoenthal  
Family of Steven Tracy, Jr.  
Charles Eschenbrenner  
Mary Haldiman  
Terri Paxton  
The Youth Groups  
Our country and leaders



Our Sunday School adults and kids will be helping a local food pantry pack food for distribution time on October 22, at the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Pantry, 509 Waters Street in Boonville.

Distribution will be from 9:00-10:30 a.m., but volunteers need to arrive 15 minutes early for instruction. The food pantry prefers a group of about 10 to volunteer. There is a sign-up sheet in the church basement. If you have questions, please touch base with Sarah Traub.



Wanda Lachner asked to relay a big "THANK YOU" to all the families that came to visit her recently in her home. She couldn't believe how many came to see her -- she was worried everyone wouldn't fit in her house! She enjoyed the singing and all the hugs she got that day. It really boosted her spirits and she appreciated it.

Wanda has recently moved and her new address is Valley Park West, 678 Country Meadow St., Room 203, California, MO 65018; phone 573-464-4604.

## Sermon Series

We will be going through the Gospel of Mark beginning in October. It is a huge undertaking, but I hope that you will have the opportunity to walk with the disciples and watch the LORD Jesus as He lives, teaches and heals. I would encourage you to read through the Gospel in coordination with the sermons. The key verse for the Gospel, and our memory verse for October is, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give His life a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45)

## WWJD

We began WWJD for the Fall of 2022 on September 7<sup>th</sup>. This Fall we will be focusing on the Ten Commandments, memorizing them and applying them. These young people are the future of the church. They need your prayers. We also need helpers. With health issues, we may or may not have some of the helpers we have grown to rely upon. Pray that the LORD would raise up helpers for this ministry.

## Youth Groups

The youth groups began August 24<sup>th</sup> with a cookout and time when both Senior High and Middle School came together. This fall, the Middle School will be exploring relationships/ friendships.

How to be a Friend of God,  
How to be a Good friend  
How to choose your friends

Also, this fall, the youth groups will be involved in packing boxes for the Samaritan Purse Ministry on Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>. Michelle Hall, our mission speaker will be coming to help with packing.

## WOODCUTTING DAY

The church will be cutting wood for Steve Tracy's family on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, at Russell and Kathy Gerlach's, starting at 9:00 a.m. Steve was fatally injured in an accident in August. His family expressed a need for having wood for the winter so we are going to try and get their wood supply stocked for them.

We would appreciate all available help, even if it's just for a couple hours or so. Lunch will be provided.

Any questions, please see Susan Powell or Claudia Taylor.

## Confirmation Class of 2022

Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>, we presented the Confirmation Class of 2022. From St. Paul's there were eleven: Hadley, Hayden and Hudson Clay, Owen Gentzsch, Abraham Heimericks, Keely Klund, Addison Marshall, Olivia Meisenheimer, Katherine Rohrbach, Audrina and Tristan Schoenthal.



From Moniteau there were four: Clara Baepler, Lizzie Traub, Halle Van Steenburgh and Jordan Wood.

Each church has a book of the students and their statements of faith. Confirmation is not a final step in the spiritual life, but a milestone along the journey of faith. As these go forward in life, they will face trials and temptations, struggles, doubts and fears. They must learn how to 'walk humbly with their God, Micah 6:8' as they journey. Please continue to pray for these teens. Confirmation can be a transforming time or just another thing that is 'checked off.'



Our church is hosting a Hymn Sing on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 4:30 p.m. Invite your family and friends to attend and join in sharing and singing your favorite hymns.

If I rise on the *Wings*  
of the dawn,  
If I settle on the  
far side of the sea,  
Even there your  
*hand* will guide me,  
Your right hand will hold me fast.

- Psalm 139:9-10

## FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

Our next Family Fellowship is Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, following Sunday School.

We are going to have the Annual Moniteau Soup Contest so "bring your best" for the meal and we will vote on this year's winner. If you don't like making soup, you can bring something that goes with it or a dessert.

There will be games for the kids and face painting. If there is interest in having a Pitch tournament again, let Kathy Gerlach know.

We'll keep you updated as we get closer to the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Hope to see you there!

*With  
Deepest  
Sympathy*

Our church family was saddened by the loss of Shirley Baer on September 17, at the age of 91. She is survived by her husband, Paul, and their children, Bonita, Terry, Jon and Adam. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Bonita asked us to relay a big "thank you" to everyone that supported them during this time, including those who provided something and/or helped with the meal following the funeral. She, as well as several family members, expressed over and over how much it meant to them that we did this and how good everything was.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL AT SHIRLEY PARK**

The Sunday School is having its annual brunch on Sunday, October 9, at Shirley Park following morning worship services. If you're new and unsure where Shirley Park is, it's just a mile or so down the road and we can easily direct you there.

We do need help with food for the brunch, so there is a sign-up sheet in the basement for what items are needed. Be sure to look it over before the 9<sup>th</sup>.

## From Mary Kay

*The past months I've had a lot of thoughts—from scripture and from personal experiences—related to conflict...especially conflict causing divisions between believers. As much as it would seem that followers of Jesus should be able to get along best with other who follow Him, the hard truth is that we often don't... and this is not something new. Probably the reason my thoughts have centered so much around conflicts relates to a sharp and unexpected conflict I experienced directly after Mother's Day this year. It threw me completely "off" emotionally, and my spirit within me floundered to find footing. In the upheaval I could not form words to express my feelings, I could barely think through a complete thought. I tried, all I knew, to understand and find resolution to the conflict...all of which failed to illicit anything but a further breakdown in the relationship. Within a month of the initial "break" with this "other", I was left having to accept there was nothing I could do or say to heal nor build something new from what had been. A relationship I thought had grown into something beautiful over decades, was lost to me.*

*I have shared with you all my struggle with depression. I haven't been as open, generally, to discuss the childhood abuses I experienced growing up. I will suffice it to say that I experienced sexual, physical and mental abuses repeatedly throughout my childhood from quite a young age—most within the family I grew up with, but some from outside as well. The amazing thing for me throughout my life, though, has been that even in the times of hurt and pain I had a deep, inward knowledge that God was actively saving me in the moment and giving me His lifeline in each "bad" experience. Jesus had "called me" to belong to Him when I was seven years old, and my soul knew I was His! The "big conflict" of this year and the loss of the relationship I had cherished has settled into the same place within my soul as the hurtful abuses I experienced as a child. It's the place that during my initial acknowledgement of depression I felt I was lost. It's the place where "the world" asks: "Where is God in failure, hurt, pain, loss?" But I know the world is asking the wrong question; the world denies God, yet wants to hold Him responsible for allowing bad things to happen. My soul, my heart, my life belong to GOD. I have no doubt of His existence nor of His sovereignty in my life. I have no doubt of His power nor His love. No doubt of His presence. So, though my unexpected (by me) conflict with the loss of someone and the relationship I cherished has left my soul in a place of darkness and silence, my GOD has let me know that He is WITH me in this place. He is waiting WITH me in the darkness, and His presence WITH me speaks comfort in what otherwise would be silence. He is at work within me, and I am confident in the "other", and though He is not speaking "solution" to me, He is giving comfort and healing in His companionship with me in the silence.*

Charles Spurgeon, a great preacher of a bygone age, suffered from depression and wrote, "I am the subject of depression so fearful that I hope none of you ever get to such extremes of wretchedness as I go to. But I always get back again by this—I know that I trust Christ. I have no reliance but in Him, and if He falls, I shall fall with Him. But if He does not, I shall not." The book, "**Depression, a Stubborn Darkness**," is a classic by Edward Welch on the number one mental health issue that faces America. It can be purchased for \$9.99 from Kindle. I recently had the opportunity to refresh and recommend this book. If you or someone you know battles depression this is a gold mine for you.

## **MONITEAU EVANGELICAL ADVENT CHURCH BOARD MINUTES – AUGUST 2022**

Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church Board met on August 22, 2022. Meeting was called to order by Mark Baepler. Also present were Pastor Steve, Kathy Gerlach, Kevin Coffelt, Diana Watson and Paul Fennewald. Pastor Steven opened with a prayer.

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

Pastor Steve's report was presented for review. Working with Confirmation Class; presentation Sunday will be September 25. Putting books together for both churches regarding these confirmands. Plans to meet with each of them individually soon. Working on Community Labor Day Service; Jamestown Baptist's minister will do that sermon. Meeting scheduled Friday with the Fosnows. Noted a list of people he had made contact with over the last month. Followed up with a family interested in church membership. Still organizing workers for WWJD and Middle School Youth Group. Name was submitted to him to check on possible church membership.

### **Secretary's Report:**

The July meeting minutes were submitted for review. One change was made. Paul made a motion to accept the minutes with the change; Kevin seconded. All in favor.

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

Treasurer's Report for July was presented for review. Income for the month was \$3,804.16; expenses were \$2,849.95; total assets \$117,218.72. It was noted there was a duplicate entry in the report. Diana made a motion to accept the report with the correction noted; Kevin seconded. All in favor. Paul said we've made the down-payment to Kilmer Siding. Pastor Steve noted the

Oldham Grant will give us some help towards this expense, also. The Salvation Army offering in July came to \$459. He has set up online banking for us now. Paul has left messages for some electrical contractors but none have responded. He will try contacting once more. If we hear nothing, we'll go with Alden's estimate.

### **Old Business:**

While discussing the services and plans for Mission Fest, a call was received from St. Paul's Board noting that they cancelled church that day and would be attending our service here. Paul made a motion we change our service time from 9:00 to 10:00 for that day; Kevin seconded. All in favor. For the meal we will order Burgher Haus chicken and fill in with sides from the congregations. Steve will be speaking with Michelle Hale (from Samaritan's Purse) about the best way to handle the offering and what their needs are for the presentation. Mark will coordinate some details with St. Paul's, including extra tables and chairs and get an estimate on the number of people coming from their church to help with meal planning.

### **New Business:**

Question was asked about who to include on our prayer list when it's someone outside the church (friends and co-workers) and how long we should have them on it. Suggestion made was to ask the person asking for the prayers what they recommend.

Current mileage for Pastor Steve is 58.5 cents/mile. St. Paul's has proposed an increase to 60 cents/mile. Paul made a motion to raise it to 60 cents/mile; Kevin seconded. All in favor.

Our first Hymn Sing is coming up on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30. Pastor Steve made a suggestion to have different people play for us that day (Dillon Wood, Diana Watson, Alden Rohrbach, Mary Lou Bieri, Ted Rohrbach, Mary Kay Watson), and will visit with them about this. Kathy suggested we have the Rohrbach's sing a couple songs during the hymn sing. Steve said he would contact them regarding this.

Pastor Steve received an email from a Joe Weise with All Rise. He requested to bid on maintenance for the elevator sometime in the future. Paul noted the maintenance was already done and we were waiting on the bill.

Our Sunday School families plan to visit Wanda Lachner immediately following Sunday School on August 28.

Details have been worked out with the Families in Need Committee regarding our policy and guidelines. This will be shared with the congregation at the Annual Meeting in December.

Kathy requested use of the church for the Blazing Needles group to include a second day of the month, which will be a week-day. All agreed it was fine as long as no conflict with church activities.

Wood-cutting day for Steve Tracy's family will be Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, at the Gerlach's.

Mark noted he called both AA Propane and Boonville Coop for propane prices and they were the same at \$2.29/gallon, so we will stay with AA for now.

Diana asked if we still pay the cemetery board once a year for mowing. Paul will follow-up with Kenny Ernst to verify what we owe and find out when we should be paying this each year.

### **Dates to Remember:**

September 4 – Labor Day Service at Jamestown City Park (no services at Moniteau)

September 11 – First Families in Need Offering

September 11 – Sit & Spit / Sugar & Spice

September 12 – Men's Fellowship

September 18 – Mission Fest at Moniteau

October 1 – Wood Cutting for Tracy Family

October 2 – World Wide Communion

October 2 – Hymn Sing

October 9 – Sit & Spit / Sugar & Spice

October 10 – Men's Fellowship

October 23 – Family Fellowship

October 24 – Board Meeting

### **Adjournment:**

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Gerlach, Secretary



Abbie Rohrbach has volunteered to oversee and coordinate our Mission Project this year, which is Operation Christmas Child. She's familiar with participating in this project so she will be a great asset in helping us complete this year's mission work.

She has some great ideas and suggestions, and they will be shared with us very soon so we can get started.

Stayed turned!