



Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church

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

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

It is interesting how God works in lives. Moniteau Advent, for Christmas, prayerfully selects families to care for during the Christmas season. These are families that are going through hard times and are recommended, some by the schools, some by concerned neighbors, some by agencies. This year, they cared for 9 families. We have tried to follow up with these families.

A few days ago, I received a call from one of the families, wondering if there would be a possibility that they could get some help with a utility bill. There was some money in the Ministerial Alliance fund and after consulting with another pastor it was agreed to help meet part of the need. They had made a partial payment but didn't have enough. We made the additional payment needs and let him know. He was very thankful and appreciative—but then God gave an opportunity. "In the same way that they church paid the debt that you could not, even so, the Lord Jesus paid for the debt we could not pay (remember when we pray the Lord's Prayer we say, 'Forgive us our debts . . .') Sin is a debt that we cannot pay, but Jesus did. When I began to talk about Jesus, Josh became interested in the church. I wonder if that is why it is important to give 'a cup of cold water in the name of the Lord Jesus.' (Mt. 10:42, 5:14-16). We are to be gracious to others because God has been gracious to us. What a great investment—to reach a family for Jesus, simply by being kind, taking time, sharing of the abundance that God has given us.

Every day we have the opportunity to plant seeds of kindness and truth in the hearts of those around. Some seed will never germinate, but some will. And, we never know which act of kindness, which word of encouragement, which

prayer will change a life. The apostle Paul says, "Do not grow weary in well doing for in due season we will reap if we do not faint."

I had some friends in Kansas (which is often very dry—so dry that it is sometimes impossible to 'get the wheat up.'

The farmers would 'dust it in.' Normally they would try to put the seed on moisture, but when it is so dry for so long, there is no moisture. I would ask if it would grow—and they would respond, "No, not without moisture." "Then why plant if you can't put it on moisture?" It is really very simple—it will never grow if it is not planted and God will send moisture in His time.

So, be looking for opportunities and always point them to Jesus, giving Him the credit for any acts of kindness you do—and He will cause it to grow.

Pastor Steve

CAMP AURORA 2018 DATES

Camp Aurora has posted these 2018 dates for church camps on their Facebook page. Get the dates on your calendars now if you have someone interested in attending:

Senior High: July 8-14
Junior High: July 15-20
Junior: July 22-27
Primary: July 22-25
Family Camp: Aug 10-12

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Pastor Steve's office hours:

Monday Morning at St. Paul's

Tuesday afternoon at St. Paul's

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

WHAT DO WE BELIEVE

In our confirmation class, we are working with the young people about what we believe and they are in the process of writing what they believe about:

1. The Bible
2. God
3. Salvation
4. The Christian life

Think about that for a moment and ask yourself, "If someone asked me my view/understanding of the Bible, what would I say?"

Perhaps your answer ought to include where the Bible came from (2 Timothy 3:16-17), how we know it has authority, how we ought to read it (prayerfully, thoughtfully, consistently, obediently and in faith), what the Bible is about (God restoring a broken world to Himself through the Lord Jesus).

Take some time to think about what you believe about the Bible. Do you treat it with the reverence it deserves? Do you seek out the wisdom that God has written like you ought to seek? What does your life say about what you believe about the Bible?

Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of God. 2 Tim. 2:15

WHERE WE ARE GOING

Moving into a new year, we want to regain our bearings. For next few weeks, we will be looking at the attributes of God, that is, "What is God like?" The Scriptures teach us that God is infinite with respect to time (eternal, without beginning or ending), infinite with respect to space (omnipresent), infinite with respect to power (omnipotent) and infinite with respect to knowledge (omniscient). Further, God has revealed that He is perfect in moral character—perfect in truth, justice, righteousness, holiness, graciousness, mercy, love, and goodness.

Jan. 7	The Goodness of God, Ps. 136
Jan. 14	The Holiness of God, Isa 6
Jan. 21	The Wisdom of God, Rom. 11:33-36
Jan. 28	The Sovereignty of God, Isa. 46
Feb. 4	The Justice of God, Gen. 18
Feb. 11	The Love of God
Feb. 18	The Faithfulness of God

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING

The offering collected at our Christmas Eve Program totaled \$653.37, which will be given to ECH, Every Child's Hope.

Notes from Mary Kay

Our son Seth and Pastor Steve have agreed to preach and are working together on a sermon series of God's character. This past week, Seth preached on the topic of God's Holiness. He practices his sermons in front of a camera, so he is able to watch and learn from this before he delivers the final sermon to his church congregation. It is my good fortune to be able to get in on these practice sessions via YouTube. Seth defined God's holiness in this way: God is different-set apart from and completely different from His created mankind as it is possible for Him to be, yet still having made us in His own image. This caught my attention and stuck with me. Because, in part, throughout my lifetime, I have felt I am greatly different and often don't "fit". Yet, the older I get, the more comfortable I am that it is "OK", even "right" that I do not "fit-in". I am also reading the book of Matthew (the Message). Jesus' teachings in chapter 5 speak to this very thing. The Beatitudes tell us we are blessed in every circumstance we find ourselves in, which the world would tell us is bad. Matthew 5:13 tells us we are exactly where we live to be salt-seasoning...an enhancement that brings out "God-flavors" of the earth. 5:14-16 tells us we are on this earth to be light in darkness, to bring out the "God-colors" in our world. God calls His people to be a sharp contrast to their world...to live every day counter-culturally, so that we may show "our world" (who ever is in your world)...Jesus...GOD with us.

The closer we walk with God, the more we know Him—through His Word, through His Son, through His Spirit working in us—the greater our resemblance to Him will be, and the less we will look like or "fit" into the world and it's mold.

DAVE RAMSEY FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

This class continues on Sunday afternoons during the month of February, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. It covers how to become good stewards that honor God and how to be entrusted by God with greater wealth. If you have questions, contact Paul Fennewald at 573-680-5230 or email: pfennewald@gmail.com.

GET YOUR TALENTS READY!

Don't forget that March means our annual "No Talent Talent Show" is just around the corner! Start thinking of how you can participate and share a talent unique to yourself. The talent show follows our meal at our March family night, and the date for this will be announced later.

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

Our church was deeply saddened by the sudden passing of Clay Fletcher on January 5. Clay was a kind man to everyone and he will be greatly missed here. We will continue to keep Rosemary, their kids, Sue Burlingame and Jerry Fletcher in our thoughts and prayers during this time of loss.

Thanks to the church families for your support of the Fletcher family by preparing food for the funeral meal and to those who offered to help serve and clean-up that day.

MISSIONARY UPDATE

Happy new year! It's been exciting for us to see how God's been providing for us while we finish putting together our ministry team to move overseas. After bouncing around staying with different friends and traveling, God provided missions housing in November for us to be in our own place! It's been such a blessing, and allowed us and our girls to get into a more normal rhythm of life. We're getting close to completing our ministry team; we're currently at 92%, and are praying to be finished by February 1 so that we can move in early March. Please pray with us that God would complete our team and go before us in all of the moving arrangements. It has been a bit of a struggle emotionally being so close, and hearing about the amazing things God is doing, yet having to wait. We know that Lord's timing is perfect, and He is growing us in patience and trust in Him. We so appreciate all of you and your prayers, and pray that God would guide your church and your hearts in 2018!

Blessings,
Nick & Erica

REORGANIZED CHURCH BOARD

The church board was reorganized at the December board meeting. Russell Gerlach's term ended and Beth Fennewald is the new board member. The following board officers were installed during services on January 14:

President: Cindy Wieberg
Vice-President: Beth Fennewald
Secretary: Jason Wood
Treasurer: Nancy Baker
Communion: Justin Traub

**LAST DAY TO SUBMIT ITEMS
FOR MARCH NEWSLETTER:
Monday, Feb. 19**

JANUARY BOARD REPORT

The Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church board met January 7th, 2018 Present were: Pastor Watson, Jason Wood, Nancy Baker, Justin Traub, Russell Gerlach, Beth Fennewald and Cindy Wieberg.

Meeting was opened with a prayer.

Secretary's Report:

December Secretary's reviewed Cindy made a motion to approve and was seconded by Nancy motion approved.

Treasurer's report:

Income \$4476.80 Expenses \$7795.74. Total Assets \$94,243.84. Report was reviewed Jason moved to have report accepted Justin seconded, motion approved.

Old Business:

Co-Mo is to be installed in the next week.

Dave Ramsey has had 13 couples attend and money for the class has been fully collected.

New Business:

* New officers President Cindy, V. President Beth, Treasurer Nancy, Secretary Jason, and Communion Host Justin.

* A motion was made to not leave a key hidden outside the church by Nancy and seconded by Jason with none opposed. Anyone needing in the church are welcome to contact Paul or Russell to unlock the church when locked.

* Renewal for our insurance was \$2789 not \$2864 as previously stated.

* The railroad stock was not correctly distributed between the Cemetery fund and the Church when it was given to us. Jason made a motion to be redistributed to the Baer's wishes. Justin seconded the motion and was approved.

* There was a \$1000 donation to the memorial fund.

* There was a short discussion on having a benevolence fund.

* There was a discussion on continued funding for the Dettmans.

* There was a motion made by Cindy and seconded by Justin to have annual budget set at \$200 for Sit & Spit and Sit & Sew each. Motion approved.

Meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jason D. Wood, Secretary

Living Proof Live, July 13-14th at the Mizzou Arena in Columbia, MO

Ladies -- experience the powerful biblical teaching of best-selling author Beth Moore at a Living Proof Live!

- Experience a unique message - no two are the same.
- Invest in a weekend that will encourage, challenge, and change you.
- Hear a unique message specifically prepared for your city.
- Worship with Dove Award-winning worship leader Travis Cottrell.
- Laugh, pray, and study scripture with thousands of women from all walks of life.
- Leave with a renewed sense of calling, purpose, and love for Christ.

To check it out go to <https://vimeo.com/228060993>

We want to order tickets at the best price (by the group and early). Please contact Mary Kay (319-640-7500) or Lisa Porter (573-619-5949) if you would like more information or would like to reserve your place.

To the Members of Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church and St. Paul's Evangelical Church:

Thank you so much for your support of our Shoes to Share Fundraiser to benefit CPI's California Mural Project. With your help, we were able to collect 150 bags of shoes (3,750 pairs!). CPI expects to receive about \$1500 from the shoes, and that should pay for all of the paint needed for the first mural to be painted in 2018. At the same time, the shoes will be used by men and women in developing countries to build micro-businesses that help to support their families. Working together, we can accomplish much to benefit the community and others.

Gratefully, California Progress, Inc.

CHURCH GREETERS

Our older Sunday school children are going to be our greeters at church on Sunday mornings. They are going to ask an adult to do this service with them. They have been requested to not ask their parents but to ask another adult in our congregation. This will enable our youth to get to know our adult members and the adults members to get to know our youth. If you have already helped be a greeter and a child asks you again, please tell them you've done it and to give another adult an opportunity. They are looking forward to serving our church in this manner. In advance, we would like to thank you for helping make this possible.

BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Cindy Wieberg will serve as board president this year. Her family connection to the church is being the oldest granddaughter of Dorothy and Bill Zimmerman and the only child to Joyce and Wayne Zimmerman. She grew up in California living 7 miles from each of her grandparents. Cindy is married to Arnold. He serves in the military. Arnold is Active Duty National Guard at Fort Leonard Wood. In his spare time, he enjoys nature at Wayne's farm near Cedron. They have one daughter and enjoy two grandsons. Cindy has been a fourth grade teacher at Russellville since 1996. Cindy's hobbies include locally shopping for bargains with her mother, attending Stain Glass and Arrow Rock performances, and watching her grandsons for the weekend. In the summer when she is not doing school preparation or walking the park, Cindy and Joyce visit Branson for a few days. Cindy looks forward to working with the other board members and sharing her faith with the community.

CHILDREN'S FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, January 20th was filled with fun, "snow-themed" activities but lucky for us the temperature outside was warm. Those attending made snow man hats. It was a hit because each child got to be creative and design a centerpiece to take home. Another activity was the game of snow man drawing and "snowball" blowing. The kids had fun playing together. The last activity will be enjoyed by all over the next few months as the children shared their artistic talents by designing bulletin covers. On the wall, the children added their names to the "Jesus Loves" display. We hope the parents enjoyed their time because the children and volunteers did. The night ended with a classic movie "Grizzly Adams" and a bowl of ice cream. Special thanks to those donating money, supplies food and their time to make the night entertaining.





Prayer Requests

Norma Wood
Mary Kay Watson
Larry Potter
Clay Fletcher's Family
David Wittenberger
Grayden Gatlin

Joleeta Shepherd
Elaine Ernst
Florene Rowles
Charles Frieling
Wetzig Family
Dettman Family

Financial Peace University Classes
Jamestown Community Youth Group
WWJD

Our military serving our homeland, our country, our friends and neighbors that are shut-in's or in nursing homes and hospitals.



Read: [Genesis 6:13-22](#)

Noah was given a huge task and did exactly what the Lord told him to do. He built a boat that would take many, many years to complete.

What thoughts would have gone through your mind if God told you to build an ark? Would you think it was unfair you had to do such hard work because others were so sinful? Wasn't there an easier way to get rid of the sin and wickedness?

God made the universe with certain physical laws – for example, the Law of Gravity. Everything on earth gets pulled towards the center of the earth and that's how we keep from falling off.

Although God has the power to work outside of the natural laws He put in place, He often shows His power by using natural laws in a supernatural way. God does not rush into decisions or take shortcuts to carry out His will. He often chooses to show His power through people, and patiently waits for His perfect will to take place.

SHARING ANOTHER FAMILIES IN NEED EXPERIENCE

We were given the names at church for our family in need to shop for. Janet and Kevin Coffelt were sitting in front of me and I heard Janet say she was hoping to shop for a younger child. We received a 4-year-old so we traded and I took the older child to shop for. I happened to know the 4-year-old so throughout the shopping process I got several calls from Janet to see if this item was appropriate for his challenging behaviors! The 4-year-old has muscular dystrophy. An estimated life expectancy is around age 12

to 16. Janet did a great job shopping for him! His mother has some challenges of her own so she was very meticulous on her list she turned in. I am pretty sure Janet got every item! I shopped for an 8-year-old. It was on a trip to Walmart where I ran into Heather Sullard who was also shopping for the child she received to shop for. I thought that was cool! After all the shopping was done, I got my daughter-in-law to wrap for me (because she wraps prettier than I do) as it included another person to help with the families in need and makes people feel needed, and then they feel good because they got to help others! It just works for me!

So Christmas Eve comes and this is where my husband, Mike, comes in! This is his favorite part of our Christmas ! Last year he took off work to be a part of the delivery! This year it was on a Sunday so he was off work. We went to church and had the plan in place to deliver right after the morning service. We had made plans with Janet and Kevin's family, Mike and I, and Kenny Ernst to go together. I had seen the volume of gifts and food downstairs and was not sure it would all fit in three vehicles. I asked Heather if we needed more space if she would want to help us. She said she would if we needed her but if not, she had cows to feed. As it turned out, we did need more space so Heather joined our convoy!

We had one family at senior housing in Prairie Home so we delivered there first. I was so excited Janet got to meet the child she shopped for! He is usually stand-off-ish when he meets strangers! I got my usual "Susie hug" and Janet got a hug also! He is such a cute boy! My heart goes out to him and I cry when I think about his future. Everyone helped carry in things and we made several trips.

From there we did not have to go far for our next delivery. This family has 5 children and the arrangements had been made the children would be gone so the parents could use these as gifts from Santa! Again, several trips were made to get everything inside, while we drug in snow and some dirt each time, I'm sure. But the mom stood there and did not say a word while tears ran down her face. She said we overwhelmed them so much with all the food and gifts we brought in. Before I left I got a hug – you know, the one that makes you where you can't hardly take a breath. Tears still flowing! This family also received a bike so Kenny had that in his truck (I'm so glad he has a truck!!) that went in the house also. This is when Heather left us to feed her animals. We had one more family to deliver to it about 5 miles outside of Prairie Home. No children were visible at this home with 6 children. We again made several trips in and out dragging in snow and dirt. This mom stood and watched, overwhelmed, and told us thank you when we left. Now it was lunch time and thank goodness Prairie Home Diner was open! We all went in and had lunch and the fellowship was really nice, and just seemed to complete the perfect day.

---- Susan Powell

Please let Kathy Gerlach know if you'd like to write up your experience to include in our March newsletter.