



# Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church

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

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## From The Pastor's Desk

I find that there are two elements of the Christian life—know what to do that is pleasing to the LORD and having the strength to do that which is pleasing to the LORD. The first comes through prayer and the Word. Paul prays in Coloissians 1, “*we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,<sup>10</sup> so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;<sup>11</sup> being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy;<sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father.” We can pray that God would fill us with a knowledge of His will for each and every situation we find ourselves in. Interestingly, Paul says, that this will in turn result in fruitfulness. . . increasing knowledge of God . . . being strengthened and giving thanks. Jesus prayed, in the Garden, “. . . not my will but Thy will be done.” To be filled with the knowledge of God's will for you in every situation brings a peace.*

We not only need to know what God would have us do and be but we need power, strength to do it. I do not find strength in myself. The Bible says, “Not by might nor by power but by My Spirit.” And Jesus said, “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and it will enable you to live the life that will bear witness to Me.” Acts 1:8 The things that God has for me and you to do, require power that is beyond ourselves.

A few weeks ago, during a snow storm, the power went out at our home. Although we had lights, they would not shine. Though we had a furnace, it would not warm the home. Although we had a stove, we could not cook. The appliances with power are worthless—just as the Christian without God's power is unable to do and to be what we are called to do and be.

We are in the middle of a series on the Holy Spirit, the One that empowers us, equips us, encourages us. Join us as we look at the ministry of the Holy Spirit to us.

January 9—The Promise of the Holy Spirit, John 16  
January 16—The Purpose of the Holy Spirit, Acts 1  
January 23—The Transforming Power of the Holy Spirit, Eph. 3

January 30—The Product of the Holy Spirit, Gal. 5  
February 6—The Presents (Gifts) of the Holy Spirit, 1 Cor. 12

February 13—The Prayers of the Holy Spirit, Romans 8, Eph. 6, Jude

I hope you will come and begin to pray that God will give you new insight into this gift He has given to believers to help us to walk with Him and serve Him.

## Memory Verse for February

Be working on this important verse from Gal. 5:16

***<sup>16</sup> But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.***

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

Ryan & Becky Oerly & Family  
Jim & Cyndi Puyear & Family  
Heather Graff-Sullard  
Paul & Shirley Baer  
Kenny Burlingame  
Russell Gerlach  
Shirley Frieling  
Chris Schoenthal  
Our country and our leaders

*Our deepest sympathies*

Our church family extends sympathy to the families of Ryan and Becky Oerly and Jim and Cyndi Puyear.

Becky's father, Ed Smith, passed away on January 18. Jim Puyear's father, Bill Puyear, passed away January 19.

Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers in the days ahead.



Our next Family Fellowship will be held on Sunday, February 27, following Sunday School. This will be a spaghetti dinner hosted by the Fennewald Family. Bring a side dish/salad and/or dessert and join us.

## Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church Board Report - December 2021

Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church Board met on December 27, 2021. Meeting was called to order by Vice-President Kevin Coffelt. Also present were Pastor Steve Watson, Kathy Gerlach and Dale Taggart. Mark Baepler joined by phone, and new board members Diana Watson and Paul Fennewald were also present. Pastor Steve gave the opening prayer.

### Secretary's Report:

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

### Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's Report for November was presented for review. Income for the month was \$18,512.97; expenses were \$5,617.86; total assets \$106,163.79. Kathy made a motion to approve; Mark seconded. All in favor. A detailed copy of the November report will be posted on the church bulletin board. Andrew had previously noted there was no donation made to CRU (missionaries) during the year. Dale said a notice was usually sent each year but it had not been received yet this year. He will look for their contact info and find out where to send this.

### Pastor's Report:

Pastor Steve presented his monthly report to the board. There is a need for workers again with the Middle School Youth Group.

Discussed some new families that have been at church recently and will be touching base with them as he locates contact info for some of them.

He will be gone January 3-7, and has David Griffith on stand-by if there is a need during his absence. David's contact info will be provided in the church bulletin.

### Old Business:

Kathy stated she and Andrew had done a final proof of the church directory after having the other board members' input. She had sent out an email to get the number of additional directories people wanted to purchase and notified Andrew. It was their hope that Nancy Haldiman would be able to send off the total number needed by both churches later this week.

Dale stated he had paid the insurance for 2022, and noted the premium increase. Discussed looking into comparable policies to see if the cost was in line. Kathy will get the policy from Andrew and meet with Jerrod Leathers to see what he can find available, and she will report back to the board.

Pastor Steve talked with Central Christian College in Moberly after our last board meeting to see about using their seminary students off and on to provide sermons. They were very interested in the idea so we may pursue that option in the future.

Discussion on storage of documents. May consider using the church lock box for some things.

**New Business:**

Discussion on reorganization of new officers. It was noted that no vote would occur this evening and would wait until the January board meeting, after the two new board members have been installed.

Review done of the 2022 church calendar. Andrew will have it updated and sent out to board members.

Discussion on the custodian position. Kathy had heard from 2 people initially; one is no longer interested and the other has never responded to her since the duties were forwarded to them. Pastor Steve had someone in mind to check with to see if they were interested. He will do that and report to the board.

Disposal of trash was also discussed at this time and Kathy shared info on the local service in the area. Mark made a motion to go ahead with using the trash service; Kathy seconded; all in favor. Kathy will make contact with them about getting started in 2022. Mark and Kevin will be purchasing new trash cans; one for inside and one for the outside. The Baepler family and Paul indicated they would assist with the weekly cleaning for a little while.

The Children's Christmas Program has been rescheduled for January 30<sup>th</sup>, and will be at 9:00 a.m. in place of the morning worship service. Christmas decorations will be left up for that program and be taken down on February 6.

Snow removal came up. Mark will be checking with Andrew to see if Ryan Heimericks is still planning to do this for us.

Mark said our propane tank has been filled.

Suggestion was made by Mark that we get a calendar placed on the refrigerator to write in when anyone needs to use the church.

**Dates to Remember:**

January 2 – Installation of New Board Members

January 9 – Communion

January 9 – Sit & Spit / Sugar & Spice

January 10 – Men's Fellowship

January 15 – Blazing Needles @ Moniteau

January 24 – Board Meeting

**Adjournment:**

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Gerlach, Secretary

## ***FROM MARY KAY***

We recently visited our youngest daughter and husband (in the Air Force) in San Angelo, TX. Steve loves to read and picked up a book that Riss had left out—he is convinced that she left it out for him on purpose (or perhaps the Lord had it left out). He began to read the forward and it described much of our spiritual lives—we want to be good Christians, our days get filled with activity. Instead of our relationship with Jesus refreshing us, we are exhausted. This is a portion of that forward from the book Ragged by Gretchen Ronnevik:

I was a wife and mother of three. I taught daily in the little Christian school our church sponsored. Along with all the above, every time the doors of the church were opened, Sunday morning, Sunday night, Wednesday night and numerous days of “revival,” when we attended special meetings, our family was there. Our lives were heavily invested in the church, in fellowship and in mutual encouragement. And, I was exhausted. Actually, we were exhausted.

I was demanding of my husband and children, and I was angry whenever anyone didn't live up to my expectations. I feared what would happen if I didn't control everything around me and if I didn't do “all the things.” In fact, I remember one Saturday afternoon when I didn't have any work to do and could have just relaxed. Instead, I decided to sew an outfit for my daughter. About halfway through the project, I looked at Phil and said, “What's wrong with me? I must be trying to work off some guilt.” ....

I was utterly enslaved to the voice of the inner slave driver. Every night when I finally collapsed into bed, I needed to be assured that I had done everything that was required of me or I would make resolutions to “do better tomorrow.” Before my conversation, I had lived a riotous life of shame, and I was determined never to go back, and never to let anyone I loved go there either . . .

About now you might be expecting me to say that from then on, I put away the disciplines and just lived the way I wanted. But if you assume that, you would be missing the point. And that brings me to my friend, Gretchen's lovely book. What you're about to discover is that the life of the free Christian woman or man, is not a life that's freed from all the spiritual disciplines. Rather, it's a life that's free to do the disciplines—from the position of being loved, forgiven, and assured of eternal life. It's

because we know that we don't have to do these things to be loved and welcomed by the Lord that we're able to do them with the right heart and the right motives—and they will bear the right fruit.

Elyse Fitzpatrick, Author of Worthy: Celebrating the Value of Women

Steve and I are reading through Ragged and enjoying learning to depend upon Jesus rather than to perform to somehow earn His acceptance, approval and love.

## **Our Missionaries—**

### **Healing House Ministries**

Friends and family of Amanda Sims celebrated her commencement from The Healing House and New Beginnings 12-month recovery program on Saturday, November 6, at House of Prayer Family Church. Following prayer and opening comments, Executive Director, Heather Gieck, released this scripture over Amanda's life, "When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take care of me. Teach me Your way, O LORD, and lead me in a smooth path, because of my enemies." Ps 27:10-11 She added, "There is an enemy of our soul. When we start coming out of that life and into the real life that God has for us, then there are enemies of our soul that will try to drag us back into the life we are actually exiting." She encouraged Amanda to look to God, not man, to meet her emotional needs and shared practical advice for staying on the spiritual recovery path. Several of Amanda's fellow program participants and family shared their sentiments about her transformation. Many described Amanda's beginning months as having a lot of rough patches. But they each also emphasized that she had come so far, specifically in the last few months, where it was said she had made a complete turn-around. Amanda's sister spoke, "You have come a long way and we are very proud of you. This House has done amazing things for you. Because 8 years ago you went down a totally different path and we were no longer on the same page. I'm very glad to see you back and living your best life and being the person you need to be for your nieces and nephew. They are so grateful to have you. We love you." When Amanda addressed the group, she began, "I started out rough because I made it rough on myself, not because anybody in the House did. The first 6 months at The Healing House went by so slow and a lot of things started to work through me. I started to realize that I

wasn't going to make it if I kept rebelling against the true understanding of why I was there." The scripture Amanda has clung to through every step of her journey is Isaiah 41:13 CEV "I am the Lord your God and I am holding your hand so don't be afraid. I am here to help you." This made clear to Amanda that she needed to rely more on the Lord than she had her entire life. Amanda shared the miracle of having her sisters, nieces and nephew back in her life. After reciting the Serenity Prayer in memory of her mother, Amanda thanked everyone, especially The Healing House leaders. "Even though we've been through struggles and I didn't want to listen and I wanted to rebel, I had to realize and understand that my life was unmanageable without my Greater Power, the Lord, being there. And I wouldn't.

Connecting with Broken & Beautiful Ministry in 2022 In the coming year, The Healing House and New Beginnings will begin working with Broken & Beautiful, a Christian discipleship ministry for incarcerated women that shares God's grace, love and healing power through a program using the book, "God's Healing Path". The ministry helps women find safe housing and build a Christian support community for when they are released. Broken & Beautiful has been serving the Women's Eastern Reception, Diagnostic Correctional Center (WERDCC) in Vandalia since 2014. The ministry conducts weekly services and biannual seminars. In 2019, the ministry started a pen pal program called Pen2Pen where each enrolled woman is paired with a Christian woman pen pal for support and encouragement. Please visit their web site, [www.brokennbeautiful.org](http://www.brokennbeautiful.org) for information about this ministry with whom we share common goals. The Healing House and New Beginnings Executive Director, Heather Gieck, has been ministering to women at WERDCC as a Volunteer in Corrections for several years. She and Program coordinator, Tricia Roberts, look to participate in the Broken & Beautiful ministry services at the prison and invite other Christian women to consider becoming a pen pal with the Pen2Pen program. Recovery housing offered by The Healing House and New Beginnings will provide another connection for success that Broken & Beautiful seeks for the women they support. We ask for your prayers that the Lord guide and draw many close to Him through these efforts.

Jesus didn't come to  
start a religion,  
He came to show us  
how to get home.



**Share the Gospel—**  
**We ran this last month and want to add a few thoughts**

Someone has observed, “No one will talk to men about the LORD if they have not first talked to the LORD about men.” The beginning of sharing with those around us is to realize two things:

1) Everyone will spend eternity either in heaven with the Lord Jesus or in hell, eternally separated from Jesus.

2) There is limited time and opportunity. Just like a farmer knows that if he doesn't get the soil prepared and the seed in the ground within a certain window of time, he will not have a harvest; even so, we understand that by our prayers, lives and care of others we are preparing the soil for the transforming Word of God. But there is a window of opportunity for each person.

That is why, all ministry, especially the ministry of sharing the Word of Salvation must be begun on our knees, praying to the Father about the men, women and children around us who need to hear the Gospel message. You will, most likely, never share the Gospel with anyone you have not prayed for—so, begin to pray for the souls of men.

How do you pray for people when you want to share the Good News of Salvation through Jesus. We must pray for ourselves and for them. The place to begin is to pray for yourself. Prayers like:

“Lord give me a heart for those that do not know You . . . Lord, open my eyes to see those that need to come to saving faith . . . Lord, fill me with spiritual knowledge and wisdom so that I might know how to minister to those that do not know You . . . Lord, give me opportunity to tell someone what You have done for me and what You can do for them . . . Lord, give me courage to speak, knowing that the enemy will do everything possible to keep me quiet.”

Take these prayers and begin to pray on a consistent basis to be sensitive to the spiritual needs of those around you, to have wisdom to know how to speak to them so they desire to come to know Jesus, to have courage to speak when God gives the opportunity.

**THANK YOU'S from FAMILIES IN NEED**

Dear Moniteau Evangelical Advent & Congregation,

I wanted to take a few minutes and say THANK YOU to the Church, Congregation, and all who helped in any way with the Christmas this year that was brought to and given to families in need. I can't tell you how much this helps, and means to me and my daughter. Each and every bit is so very appreciated from the bottom of our hearts. I don't know what we would have done without your help this year, and some years in the past. You have truly blessed us in so many ways, and I cannot thank you enough.

Thank you for being so kind to us, and helping us in times of need. I will never forget how you all blessed us. Thank you so much, again, and God bless each and every one of you. A special thanks too to the people who took the time to deliver to us on Christmas Eve. They endured the cold and carried in everything. That was very appreciated as well. Thank you everyone again, and we hope to join you at Service soon.

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Dear Moniteau Evangelical Advent,

Thank you so much for the gifts that were so generously given to our family at Christmas! The kids and I were pleasantly surprised by the amount of things that we were given. Everyone really gave generously to the Christmas project and I know it was a blessing to everyone involved. It is great to see the church helping the families in the community and making their Christmas a little brighter and less stressful. We appreciate all the effort and time that was lovingly put forth to lighten our load this season.

Love, Family #5

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**CHURCH DIRECTORIES**

Most of our new church directories have been distributed. If you had your picture taken or one submitted to go in it and have not received yours yet, please contact Kathy Gerlach on the best way to get it to you.

The cost of the directories was less than anticipated earlier, thanks to Harry Oerly's Memorial Fund at St. Paul's. His family designated funds go to help cover as much cost as possible for both churches. We appreciate their kindness and generosity for doing that. We also need to acknowledge Nancy Haldiman's and Kelly Cobb's work and time they put into this process by organizing things and putting the book together for us. It turned out great!

# NEEDY FAMILY PROJECT

## 2021 - FINAL REPORT

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This year, the Needy Family Project collected \$8,753.75. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!**

The committee got together and discussed the families, the needs, and the collected monies. By internet searches, the clothing was costing more for the 6 year old and up versus the 5 year old and younger. This year we have 20 children in the 6 years and older and 8 children in the 5 year and younger groups. The committee decided to allow for each child at 5 years and younger to be allotted \$125 each and the 6 years and older to be allotted \$150 each. With the monies collected, that allowed a total of \$4000 for the children. Envelopes with the wants and needs were made for each child and distributed to the caring church members that shopped for these children. This left \$210 for each family for bills, food, or any other needs for the families. Christmas cards were custom made, to give God the credit and a note from the Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church. 2 members of the church elected to shop for 2 of the children. This left a surplus of \$653.75, from the donations to buy the turkeys and hams for the families.

There was a special donation for one family's request for an item that the whole family could use. This donation was \$300 and was spent on that item. This was donated directly to the committee, in cash, and was not included in the above total, and they wished to remain anonymous.

There was another special donation for all families. That gift was \$2000. The stipulations were that each family was to receive a \$200 Wal-Mart Gift card for needs of the families. This special donation was spent, as requested, and

included in the cards with the \$210 of the original donations.

There were other special donations in December. This totaled \$300.00. These were distributed as requested per the donor.

There was \$186.25 left over after all the turkeys and hams were purchased. This was donated to the family that had the fire in Prairie Home. The cash donations from 12/19/21 were added to this remaining money, and delivered 12/20/21.

**GOD is GREAT!**

Respectfully submitted from the Needy Family Committee:

Susan Powell

Claudia Burlingame

Dale Taggart

**THANK YOU for your time, help, and delivering the gifts and food! Many hands made the work joyful, and the great time getting the deliveries ready were really a blessing!**