



Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church

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

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From The Pastor's Desk

May 9th is Mother's Day—a day we set aside to honor our moms. There is so much that could be said. Mothers carried us for nine months, nurturing us as God formed our bodies. Ps. 139 says,

*"For You (O God) formed my inward parts;
You knitted me together in my mother's womb.
I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully
made.*

*Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very
well.*

*My frame was not hidden from You,
when I was being made in secret"*

God knit us together as a craftsman makes a work of art (and we are a work of art). Recently, I met my newest grandson, Caleb Mathis Watson. I know that science tells us that a sperm from the father and an egg from the mother combined and the process of cell division and differentiation took place over the next few weeks and then the organs, bones, muscles, nerves, eyes began to mature and develop. It is an amazing thing, that the cells differentiate at the right time, in the right place, in the right way so that what is born is a complex body with a multitude of different cells with different functions.

It is a marvelous thing for the Lord to use a woman's body to form a new life and then entrust that new, eternal life to the care of a mom (along with a dad)—to feed, to teach, to protect, to prepare for life. One of the great joys and responsibilities of a parent is to help the child come to know and love the One that formed him/her.

In Proverbs 31 we are told of all the things that a mother does from caring for the house, making and caring for clothes, providing food for the family, doing business, caring for those that are less fortunate, helping her husband become respected, being wise, but the author of Prov. 31 concludes:

³⁰Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

³¹Honor her for all that her hands have done,
and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

The one characteristic above others which affects everything else she does is being, "a woman that fears the LORD." That is more than being religious, it is having a deep understanding of who and what God is, of loving Him and having a growing relationship with Him, of putting all of life in the proper perspective under His authority.

Memory Verse for May

Be working on this important verse:

***When Christ, who is our life, is revealed,
then you also will be revealed with Him in
glory. Col. 3:4***

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.

Who & What We've Been Praying For

Heather Sullard (cancer)
Chris Schoenthal (cancer)
Cyndi Puyear
Norma & Dwayne Wood
Sandi Moore
Shirley Frieling
Paul & Shirley Baer
David Wittenberger
Gary Schoenthal
Our country and our leaders

Notes from Healing House Ministry

Friends and loved ones of Kiara Lynn Hantz (Kiara) gathered on February 6 at House of Prayer Family Church to celebrate her commencement from The Healing House and New Beginnings one-year program. Executive Director Heather Gieck shared in her opening remarks, "We use the term commencement instead of graduation because it's not a completion but a humble, yet beautiful, beginning. A time of going forward and stepping into the beautiful life that God has purposed for Kiara." She described Kiara and the heartwarming story of her arrival. "She is our baby. Kiara was 18 years old when she came – she's 19 now." A friend brought Kiara to the Healing House with her application in hand one night when the women of the house were watching a movie about Gracie, a young girl with a painful family life. Everyone there connected Kiara with the girl in the movie and before the night was over, Kiara became the newest and youngest resident. Heather continued to share, "Kiara is a beautiful young woman of God, growing in the grace and favor of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. She has a heart for the Lord. She has a heart for recovery and she has a heart for serving. It's one of the most beautiful things that I've ever seen in my life. It's a true miracle that somebody her age can come out of the life that she came out of and desire to live a different way of life. Because a lot of us at that age, we're thinking 'We're not done – not yet.' Kiara has made it out. God truly did call you out of darkness and into the light. He has a marvelous plan for you.

News from the Dettman's

Hello family and friends,
He is risen! I pray you're enjoying your Spring and are able to find a way to celebrate the resurrection with family and friends this year. Later this month, Ramadan will begin, and Muslims around the world will be striving to be good enough to earn their way into Heaven. They will be praying that God will show them the "straight path" and hoping that their good deeds will outweigh their bad deeds. With Ramadan moving up to start just after Easter, the juxtaposition is striking: we will celebrate the hope that we have, which was guaranteed when Jesus rose from the dead, when so many around the world are lost, looking for hope in all the wrong places. Please join us in praying for the people of Southwinds (a name Nick uses of the muslim country where he serves to protect the ministry) , that during this Ramadan season God would powerfully reveal the "straight path" to them! Please let us know how you're doing; we'd love to know how we can be praying for you! together for His glory, the Dettmans

Sermon Series

In the summer, with people coming and going, it is always hard to build a sermon series. Each sermon almost needs to 'stand alone.' Are there some topics you would like to have explored in the summer sermons? If you have some thoughts, please let me know. Texting is the best way, I have a record of your suggestions. Text me at 319-640-7009.

Simple ways to share the Gospel

14 How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? 15 And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" Romans 10:14-15

Our children began to be taught a simple gospel presentation through LifeWay's VBS curriculum, the **ABC's of Salvation**.

ADMIT to God that you are a sinner.
BELIEVE that Jesus Christ as God's Son died on the cross for your sins and rose again from the dead.
CONFESS your faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

Youth Groups

Due to COVID, we did the best we could to work around school closures and other events. It continues to amaze Ben, Kim, and I the numbers that come each and every week. The only thing I know is the participation has nothing to do with the leaders and everything to do with God's hand blessing our community. Each week the youth are well behaved (well...for the most part), courteous, and attentive. We even had a guest speaker go out of their way to mention how well behaved and respectful they were. For me, because we have such great participation it's kind of convicting for I feel like there is always more I could do to foster spiritual growth.

It's hard to remember back but we actually didn't start meeting until October by request of the school. We started in Proverbs talking about how wise men and women conduct themselves. Each week we covered a different topic ranging from anger to diligence to handling money. I had a lot of fun studying for each week as Proverbs has a lot of great practical advice.

Right before winter break, we asked the youth to write down a question they had about their faith, the Bible, or really just anything relating to God. These questions fueled our discussions for the entire spring semester. For us leaders, this was much more difficult to prepare for as many of the questions required us to do research and others required careful well thought out answers. Luckily, the Smith family agreed to help with several of the history /creation/dinosaur related questions. This was invaluable to us leaders and I learned as much as the youth during those discussions!

Overall, we have had a great year. It is always sad to see a good group of seniors graduate but I know we have several freshmen coming up that will be great members!

Lastly, we are very excited about going on a mission trip this summer to Westfield, IN. We are working through an organization called Group Workcamps. We will stay in a school, sleep on air mattresses in the classrooms, eat in the cafeteria, and have nightly worship services in the gym. During the day, we will go out into the community and work on houses of low income and elderly people. The combination of service, powerful nightly sessions, and simply being away from home and the daily grind of life puts everyone's heart in a vulnerable position for the Holy Spirit to work.

Please pray for Ben, Kim, and myself. There are times during the year when youth group can be frustrating, discouraging, and overwhelming. These seasons come and go but we need people praying for us. We also need people praying for the upcoming mission trip. Pray for safety and spiritual growth for the youth and adults alike. Thank you all for your continued prayers and for the incredible support we get from our church family.

Update on the Jesus Storybook Bible

We have given out nearly 60 Jesus Storybook Bibles out 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 including 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.

FROM MARY KAY

Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church – March 2021 Board Report

Mary Kay has been writing things for our children, experiences, thoughts. She wrote in response to the question: What things do you think you cannot live without?

“As we are nearing the end of 2020, I am able to say that the things which have happened in our lives throughout this year have shown me without a doubt that what I cannot live without is the God breathed and initiated relationship I have with Him. I have found throughout this past year that what I have that I am able to “pass on” to the next generations is the very solid bedrock of trusting completely in the God of the Bible-who He reveals Himself to be. Washing over and over my mind with His Word so that I recognize His voice whenever and wherever I “hear”it.”

With that in mind, take a moment or two and think prayerfully about what you ‘cannot live without.’

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Gerlach, Secretary

SIT & SPIT and SUGAR & SPICE MEETING DATE FOR MAY

Due to Mother’s Day being the second Sunday in May, these groups will meet on the third Sunday, May 16.

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