



Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church

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

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Pastor's Pen

We began a series on the church last month saying that "A church is a group of people, who in response to the Holy Spirit, have entered into a living, loving, transforming relationship with both the Lord Jesus and with one another for the glory of God." Pew research did a survey on why people go to church—and why they don't—people were allowed to give more than one reason.

1. To become closer to God. (81%)
2. So their children will have a moral foundation. (69%)
3. To become a better person. (68%)
4. For comfort in times of trouble or sorrow. (66%)
5. They find the sermons valuable. (59%)
6. To be part of a faith community. (57%)
7. To continue their family's religious traditions. (37%)
8. They feel obligated to go. (31%)
9. To meet new people or socialize. (19%)
10. To please their family, spouse or partner. (16%)

Reasons why they skip regular religious services.

1. They practice their faith in "other ways." (37%)
2. They are not believers. (28%)
3. No reason is "very important." (26%)
4. They haven't found a house of worship they like. (23%)
5. They don't like the sermons. (18%)
6. They don't feel welcome. (14%)
7. They don't have the time. (12%)
8. Poor health or mobility. (9%)
9. No house of worship in their area. (7%)

I am surprised that one of the answers for why people skip religious services is not, "Other things just seem more important or urgent." Each of us has reasons to attend or not, but the Scripture is clear that the best way to grow as a believer is to be an active part of a church family that loves Jesus, loves one another and clearly teaches His Word. Pray that we will become that. Read Hebrews 10:23-25.

ANNUAL FISH FRY

Join us for our annual fish fry on Sunday, June 2, starting approximately 11:30-11:45. Fish, paper products and the drinks will be provided. Join us and bring a side dish.

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

News From Our Missionaries

He is risen! We hope you had a blessed Easter celebrating the resurrection of our Lord with family and friends. We enjoyed getting together with other expat families here for an extended time of worship and fellowship, including an egg hunt for the kids. While we had much to celebrate on Easter, it was a sobering to remember that for the vast majority of the people in our country, it was just another Sunday. Please continue to pray that more and more people here would find joy in celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ! This month, we have much to praise God for. During our “push week,” we were able to share the Gospel with 57 people. Then, the following week, we saw another girl, *Rachel, decide to follow Jesus! Our team had been meeting with her for a few months, sharing and reading the Bible with her. Eventually she got to the point where she wanted to believe, but had some questions she wanted to ask a local believer. We asked some of our national staff in the capital if they would be willing to talk to her, and they came down to our city for the day to meet with her. During their meeting, *Rachel said she wanted to give her life to Jesus! Since then she has come up with a daily reading plan, and already wants to talk to others about the decision she has made. Join us in praising God for the work He has done in Rachel’s heart, and pray that God would continue to grow her and give her boldness in sharing about Him! This upcoming month, from May 5-June 4, most of the people here will be celebrating Ramadan. During the month of Ramadan, people fast from food, drinks, and smoking from sunrise to sunset. This helps the people sympathize with the poor and draw closer to God. There is an increased emphasis on doing good and giving to the poor. Ramadan is an easy time to get into conversations about God, and see what people believe about how to please God. As we listen to people share about all the things they believe God requires of them and how unsure they are of their standing before Him, it burdens our heart knowing that Jesus came to perfectly fulfill all the God requires, and that all who simply trust in Him can have perfect assurance of our standing before Him. A common prayer for people here during Ramadan is that God would show them the “straight path.” Please join us in praying this along with them, knowing that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life!

Together for His glory,

Nick & Erica

Confirmation

Four of our youth were confirmed during services on May 12th. Congratulations to Emma Baepler, Luke Baepler, Marie Baepler and Dillon Wood. A reception was held prior to Sunday School that morning recognizing them.

Sit & Spit

The boys had “Sit & Spit” on May 5th. We learned the correct use of the different types of screwdrivers, and worked on several uncompleted projects.

Oscar Rohrbach joined the boys for the first time, and was welcome into the group by the other boys. We are planning an overnight camping trip, for the boys and their dads, to take place in the walnut grove where we have camped before, for Friday evening and Saturday, June 14th and 15th.

Becoming and High School Youth Groups

On May 8th we had an amazing end of year celebration for Middle School and High School teens in the youth group along with their parents. The seniors were away on their class trip, but we had 81 in attendance. Ben Marshal provided the pulled pork and potatoes and others brought desserts and sides. It was an amazing evening. We are looking forward to a break over the summer (although there will be opportunity to get together, to do work projects in the community and go to movies together). We look forward to planning and preparation for the fall of 2019. Please pray for the youth of the community and for leaders going forward.

A special thanks to those that helped with Middle School—Sandy Gerlach and Sharon Flippin (food); Kathy Reimler, Regina Baepler, Pastor Steve (teaching); and Trisha Meisenheimer (activities). A special thanks to those that lead the High School Youth—Seth Rohrbach, Ben Marshall and Kelly Cobb.

Think about how you can get involved in changing the lives of teens—helping and praying.

Who & What We've Been Praying For

Heather Sullard
Darrell Schnack's Family
Norma Porter
Dettman Family
Norma Wood

Our confirmation class
Jamestown Community Youth Group
WWJD
Our overseas missionaries

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



Our church has one Kindergarten graduate and three 8th grade graduates that were recognized on May 19th after church. Congratulations to Josie Taylor, Emma Baepler, Avery Coffelt and Riley Begley.



Our community has several opportunities for kids to attend VBS this year!

Dates for Jamestown's VBS are July 15-18, sponsored by Moniteau Church, St. Paul's and Grace United Methodist. This will run from 6:30-8:50 each evening. If you will help, please contact Susan Borts at 573-338-1747.

New Hope Baptist will have theirs the evenings of June 9-14.

Lupus Baptist is planning theirs for July 26-28.

Mary Kay remembers

from June 2000

Six months ago I sat at this table in our sun room, admiring the view of our wintry back yard. Today, the expected and anticipated summer 'glory' is on display before me: a garden full of soon-to-be flowering flowers; roses, carnations, lilies, impatiens, pansies, ferns, and hostas edging the various parts of the backyard. When I wrote six months ago telling you how I enjoy this view and the peaceful place to read, study and write, I had no idea what this year would hold, but I did have some thoughts on my heart I felt were from God, some goals I thought He gave me to fulfill. As I look out on our beautiful backyard and remember how it was just potential and all unseen only six months ago, it is a picture to me of what God at work in our lives is like. Often there are periods that look stark, ugly, unproductive, cold, even harsh...but God remains constant, working yet unseen, never gone, never uninterested, never NOT sovereign, never deaf...and in His time, the work of His Spirit, the effect of His Presence will display growth where there seemed to be none and beautiful bearing of fruit where there seemed to be no life. I believe reading His Word over and over, hearing it, listening to it, memorizing it, teaching it, interacting with it often is like preparing and tending a garden for and through its latent season. Much goes into the ground, but we don't see anything happening. As laying fallow and resting is necessary for ground to produce in it's season, it is necessary in our lives for periods as well and is no indication that God is not at work doing what is necessary within. We need to be willing to embrace the seasons of life He gives where we cannot see the fruit, the beauty of blooming flowers for the knowledge that His promise to us is His Word will not be unfruitful or ineffective in transforming us and our lives into the eternal thing of beauty He has in mind.



Read: Proverbs 4:1-13

There is nothing in all the world of more value than godly wisdom. It is more precious to have than all the riches in the world. Godly wisdom has eternal value – the riches of the world are soon gone.

It is good, and needful, to have an education. But of more value and benefit is to pursue godly wisdom for your life. You will never go wrong if you have God's wisdom guiding your every step. Once you have God's wisdom – never let it go!

Just ask God each day to fill you with His wisdom. Especially when you are faced with things that you are unsure of what to do. He will give you His wisdom. He longs for us to pursue Him and His qualities rather than what the world has to offer. God will lead and guide you in His ways – as you daily seek after Him.



It's almost time for summer Bible camp! The dates for Camp Aurora this year are:

- Senior High: July 7-13
- Junior High: July 14-19
- Junior: July 21-26
- Primary: July 28-31

Hopefully our kids have submitted their registrations, but if not, you can register online at: www.campaurora.org

Thank You

The homeschool families of Moniteau Co-Op had their end-of-year celebration on May 15 at the church. Many presentations and achievements were presented that evening. The families expressed their appreciation and thanks to our church for the use of our church facilities a few times a month.



We reached our goal!! Thank you to everyone who donated to the Youth Church Camp Fundraiser Breakfast. The kids raised over \$2400 dollars which is enough to send 13 kids to camp this summer. The blessings of this church and its support of our youth is seen in the generosity towards them both financially and in caring for them spiritually as they grow in the Lord.

Please pray for them that God will touch their lives as they spend time focusing on God and enjoying his blessings of fellowship with other young believers.

Our youth will be attending Camp Aurora Junior High, Junior, and Primary Camps July 14 through the 31st.



April Board Report

The Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church board met on April 22nd, 2019. Present were: Pastor Steve, Cindy Wieberg, Beth Fennewald, Justin Traub, Dale Taggart, and Andrew Rohrbach. Meeting was opened with a prayer.

Secretary's Report:

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

Treasurer's Report:

Income for March 2019 was \$3,770.29, expenses were \$3,581.98. Total assets were \$63,631.92 (minus Union Pacific Stock). Union Pacific Stock statements are received quarterly and their value will be included in the total assets figure on April's Statement. Dale made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Justin. Vote taken and passed.

Old Business:

Daily Bread donation was sent per previous report. The quantity was lowered to 40.

Russell Gerlach presented an update in regards to the shelving units in the basement of the church. He worked with John Lage to propose the following shelving solutions:

- Open shelving unit with adjustable heights and suitable depth to hold plastic totes along the primary classroom wall.
- 28 inch pantry cabinet
- Adjustable shelving unit between the windows on the intermediate classroom wall above the existing cabinet
- U-shaped shelving unit for the corner of the nursery room

This proposal came with a summer timeframe and zero cost if the installation was handled by the church. Russell will coordinate pickup and organizing volunteers to assist in the installation process. Andy made a motion to approve this proposal and Dale seconded. The vote passed.

New Business:

Russell requested that a review of the HVAC system be discussed. Currently the system consists of two external units, two aging furnaces, and two thermostats. Both systems work independently from one another but feed into the same ductwork. There is no way to heat/cool the sanctuary separate from the basement without shutting the vents in one of the areas to direct the flow of air to the other. Moreover, the use of two thermostats causes confusion and inefficient use of electric and/or propane as

they are not always working together. Bids will be collected on the price of options/solutions to these problems. Previous repairs to the furnaces were completed but their age and a lack of parts availability was noted. The board will wait for more information before continuing the discussion.

Earlier in the month there was a visitor who fell at the front of the church. This incident was documented and was reported to the insurance company for documentation purposes.

May 26th will be the Cemetery Offering. A motion was made by Justin to donate \$400. Andy seconded and the vote passed. This is the same amount as previous donations.

The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, May 28th at 7:00pm.

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Justin Traub, Secretary

