



# Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church

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

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## From The Pastor's Desk

God often gives opportunities to available people. That happened to me today. My battery had died and needed to be replaced and as I was removing the old and installing the new, my neighbor parked and came by—her husband had to replace a battery a few days earlier (so there was that connection of events). She shared they were looking to move and praying about a house they had found. I said simply, "I'll be praying for you." That opened up a conversation on prayer.

"I feel guilty praying for myself," she said.

"It is natural to pray for yourself, but if that is all you do, it might be indicative of your spiritual maturity," I replied. "It is natural for a child to ask primarily for himself, for his needs, for his desires; but, as a child matures, he begins to see and care about the needs of others and begins to pray for those things. When a person is mature, I suppose he prays more for others than for himself. It's okay to be at that point of praying for yourself, but it is not good to stay there." She seemed to take that in and agree and then switched to sharing her difficulty in consistent reading or even thinking about God.

"It is hard to do things alone. It is possible to teach yourself to read. It is possible to study and understand the Bible by yourself—but it doesn't work for most people. When the pioneers stopped at St. Louis, before they continued west they joined a wagon train and they hired a guide who knew the way. They knew that they couldn't make the journey on their own—that they would need the help, support, encouragement of others on the road. They would also need the guidance of someone who had been there before. It is hard to learn to walk with Jesus by yourself. We need the encouragement, the support, the guidance of others. That is what the church is all about."

She nodded, as if these were new thoughts, helpful thoughts, encouraging thoughts. She knows that she would be welcome to come and worship with us anytime, and maybe in the future she will. But what struck me was that it was a conversation that was not

planned or prayed for or anticipated. I simply encountered another person on life's journey. I had no idea what she was thinking or if she was interested in spiritual things. But I was available and willing to take the time to talk to her and let the conversation go whatever direction that she and the Lord would take it. It didn't seem awkward or forced and yet, I could sense God's leading and blessing. I could sense that something far more eternal and significant was happening than I could have planned. I wonder if that is how God wants to work in our lives from day to day—just to be available, to allow Him to take a conversation in a way and direction that might change a life for eternity.

## Memory Verse for October

Be working on this important verse from 2 Peter 3:18:

***But grow in grace and knowledge  
of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.***

Be working on this verse as a family. Blessings.

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Monday morning at St. Paul's

Tuesday afternoon at St. Paul's

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

## Sermon Series

Continuing our series on 2 Peter. There will be a community Thanksgiving service hosted by the Assembly Church, Nov. 23. Pastor Almond will be our speaker.

## Prayer Requests

Anna May Martin  
Emily Fennewald  
Kenny Burlingame  
Heather Sullard  
Shirley Frieling  
Paul & Shirley Baer  
Chris Schoenthal  
Gary Schoenthal (*Katy Manor, Room 208,  
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Our country and our leaders

## Simple Ways to Share the Gospel

In a few weeks, we will be giving to our WWJD students a colored bracelet—dark (black), red, white, green and gold. Each color stands for a part of the Gospel. The black stands for the sin in our lives. The Bible says that “all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” The red stands for Jesus’ blood, shed on the cross to cover our sins. The white stands for God’s offer to cleanse us through the blood of Jesus (1 John 1). The green stands for growth (“But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our LORD and Savior Jesus.”) and the gold stands for heaven. If you would like a bracelet and would wear it so that you can tell the story, please let Pastor Steve know.

## Update on the Jesus Storybook Bible

Recently, there was a mom with her three small children in the parking lot—her oldest son was riding a bike and she was strolling the infant. I was leaving the church and encountered her. I introduced myself, asked her name and asked if she lived in Jamestown (she did). I asked her to wait a minute, went into my office and grabbed one of the Jesus Storybook Bibles (by the printer in my office) and gave it to her. She was appreciative and I look forward to following her

up—she did say she was looking for a church home and she had heard that this was a good church. If you have someone with small children, feel free to give them a Jesus Storybook Bible from my office and invite them to come and worship with you Sunday.

**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 “ParentLife 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, whether you desire the book to be returned to you, and how it helped you in your spiritual life.

## Update from our Missionaries

Nick Dettman writes: “Thanks for reaching out! We really appreciate all your prayers for us and our ministry. We are finishing up our sabbatical, which was planned for the months of August and September. We’ll be heading back to North Africa mid-October. We’d love your prayers as we transition back to work, that we would be refreshed, re-energized, and ready to jump back into our work. Also that we would be clearly hearing from God as we process things we want to improve and build on moving forward, and for smooth travels on our trip back overseas. Thanks again; give everyone there our best! Blessings, Nick”

These are the things Heather at Healing House has asked us to pray for

- ▶ A piece of land for Jochebeds Promise
- ▶ Leaders to rise up
- ▶ Healing and restoration of families
- ▶ Ample provision to meet every need
- ▶ Hearts of servitude

## **Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church Board Report – August 2021**

Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church Board met on August 23, 2021 Present were Pastor Steve Watson, Andrew Rohrbach, Kathy Gerlach, Kevin Coffelt, Mark Baeppler and Dale Taggart. Pastor Steve gave the opening prayer.

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

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

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

Treasurer's Report for July was presented for review. Income for the month was \$3,190.06; expenses were \$3,202.60; total assets \$94,385.80. Kevin made a motion to approve; Mark seconded. All in favor. A detailed copy of the July report will be posted on the church bulletin board.

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

Pastor Steve presented his monthly report to the board. Has been involved with the planning for the Labor Day service and he will do the sermon that day. Still looking for a young couple to help with Middle School Youth Group. Plans are to start WWJD sometime in September.

### **Old Business:**

Have not gotten a propane contract set up yet. Andrew will get with AA Propane and Farm & Home about this.

Church Directory plans are moving forward for September 7<sup>th</sup>. Still need to organize the group photos we want in and when the photos will be taken.

Received our portion of expenses for VBS and will get that paid to St. Paul's.

Next Family Fellowship was set for October 24, following Sunday School. Kathy will host this one.

Elevator/lift inspection is due in September. Dale will get that set up.

No progress yet on speaking with Longfellow's about the church bushes and their recommendation. Kathy will get with Russell to make contact in the near future.

### **New Business:**

Payment will be sent to David Griffith for filling in for Pastor Steve earlier this month. Discussion on what specific things we would like the supply preacher to oversee in the church service. Would like to have this all determined and clarified ahead of time in the future.

Someone made the suggestion they would like to see the church powerwashed. Mark indicated he would try to get to this in the future.

The proposed Pastor Evaluation forms were handed out to review. A few changes were suggested and Andrew will share those with Debi Baumert.

Kathy was asked to be the church contact to speak with John Lage when the church would like to use the creek on his property for baptisms, cookouts, etc.

Reminder the Families in Need project has their first offering the second Sunday in September. Kevin will contact Susan and invite her to the next board meeting to see if she'd like to share plans for the project this year.

### **Dates to Remember:**

September 5 – Church services cancelled at Moniteau. Jamestown Community Church service at 9:30.  
September 12 -First Families in Need Offering  
September 12 – Sit & Spit / Sugar & Spice  
September 13 – Men's Fellowship  
September 19 – Mission Fest at St. Paul's; Sunday School at 9:30; Church at 10:30.  
September 27 – Board meeting  
October 3 – Worldwide Communion

### **Adjournment:**

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

## **Mission Fest update**

We enjoyed Melissa Willefore coming and sharing the ministry of FaithMaternity. She writes, "Thank you for allowing Sarah and me to speak with you about Faith Maternity Care and the work they are doing to help women choose life for their child. I enjoyed talking to each and everyone of you and appreciate your hospitality towards Sarah, my family, and me. We are extremely grateful for the love offering you have blessed us with. The money collected will go towards making major home repairs that will continue to bless women for years to come. If you wish to continue to bless Faith Maternity, I left behind some baby bottles to be used to collect pocket change. Take home a bottle and return it when you have it full. Every penny counts just like every baby counts!"

God Bless,

Melissa Williford"

## FROM MARY KAY

*The last I wrote about my thoughts of God's purpose in creating women was several months ago, so I will continue writing here with a bit of a recap of what I introduced at that time. Of most significance, I believe, is that the Bible clearly states in Genesis that God (and the scripture says in several places that God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit did this in unity) created the woman to make the one thing He created which He deemed "not good", good. Woman was created because upon Adam completing his task of naming the animals which all had complementary partners, Adam saw there was "no companion who corresponded to him." Woman was formed purposefully by the Creator and significantly different from man. Genesis tells us that Adam felt the lack of partner for himself and he recognized the woman Eve as a "bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh." God could have done creation differently had He wanted to. He intentionally created man and woman in exactly the way He did for His purpose, to fulfill His purpose for them. We know what when sin entered the picture both the man and the woman were very broken by it's effects, but God's purpose for creating them was not. Specific consequences of sin were outlined by God for both the man and the woman ... and we live with those to this day. I don't want to go into the "curse" God rendered to Satan (Genesis 3:14-15) nor what He said to man (Genesis 3:17-19), but will look at what God said to the woman (Genesis 3:16): To the woman He said: 'I will greatly increase your labor pains; with pain you will give birth to children. You will want to control your husband but he will dominate you. (ESV)'*

*Exactly what this "curse" details has been debated for centuries, and today it is common to hear these words mocked. But in the simplest form what it tells us is that for women, the result of sin entering the picture is that the woman will go from a life of perfect, sinless bliss in relationship with God and the man to a life of conflict and struggle ... especially in her relationship with man. Because of sin, finding and following that purpose God created her for (to be a companion who corresponds to man, to be the antidote for the one thing God saw in His earthly creation that was NOT good) would become a struggle; conflict between man and woman would be the norm. This is what sin does: it turns what is meant to be upside down and backwards, bends and twists it into unrecognizable shape. Yet we see God's plan of redemption outlined in this same passage when He curses the serpent. One could believe thus that in God Himself lies not only the key to living out His purpose for us, but also the power*

*to do so. That purpose: to be a companion who corresponds to man and to be the antidote for what God saw as "not good".*

## CONFIRMATION CLASSES

If any parent is interested in having their child go to confirmation classes this year, please let Pastor Steve know as soon as possible. Details are still in the works for classes at St. Paul's this year for kids in 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades.



## FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

Save the date! Our next family fellowship will be Sunday, October 24, following Sunday School. Kathy Gerlach will be hosting it this month with a Fall theme. She thinks this is a good time to revive the "SOUP CONTEST" we had a few years ago. Bring a favorite soup/chili with you that day and you'll be entered in the contest! We'll let the majority decide the winner and take home the prize of "Champion Soup for 2021". You can also bring sandwiches, desserts, or whatever you feel goes good with soup. Drinks will be provided.

There will also be games for kids of all ages. You may want to slip them into some old clothes after Sunday School, depending on the weather.

If there is enough interest, we can also have a pitch tournament. Let Kathy know if you would like to participate in that and who your teammate will be.

Updates or changes will be announced at church in the next week or so, and via email.