



Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church

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

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From Pastor Steve's Desk

Recently, because of a doctor's recommendation, I joined a gym. He said that it would do me good. I became a member, doing the paperwork and paying the fee. I am a member for the next 12 months whether I use the gym or not. If I use the gym, I will benefit physically, make some new friends and be able to encourage others as they seek to become healthier. If I do not use the gym, I am still a member, but I don't benefit and neither does anyone else.

Church membership is in some ways similar and in significant ways different. Jesus' dying on the cross paid the price for anyone to join, but we each must by faith make a decision whether to trust Jesus alone for salvation to become a member. We demonstrate our membership in the universal Church (remember the Apostle's Creed) by becoming members in a local branch of the universal Church. Having become a member, we can be active members and benefit from the spiritual encouragement, the fellowship and friendships we develop worshipping, praying and serving together; or, we can be inactive and not experience those benefits of membership. As we actively participate we are a part of what Jesus is doing in our community and world and we experience a sense of joy and of blessing together.

Some become inactive because of personality problems (conflicts with others—but we are called to forgive others because we want Jesus to forgive us). Some become inactive because their lives fill up with things, good things hopefully, but things that squeeze out time with Jesus and with other Jesus followers. Perhaps they need to evaluate the importance of what they are doing in light of eternity. Some become inactive because they no longer are committed to the mission of Jesus and the church—that is, to help people find forgiveness for their sins through Jesus' death and resurrection and experience God's blessed

presence daily. These probably would benefit from letting the church know they no longer have a heart for Jesus and His saving purpose in the world.

Whether a person is an active member or an inactive (or occasionally active member), the church has both a privilege and responsibility to care for his/her spirit and soul.

Sermon Series on the Holy Spirit

The night before Jesus died, He called His disciples and said, "And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it sees Him not, neither knows Him: but you know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you." (John 14). This Fall we will be exploring and learning about this One that Jesus prayed that we would have. Come and join us.

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

A Faith Story from Mary Kay

In reading 2 Kings 17:7-20, I found a brief encapsulation of the deterioration of God and Israel's relationship. Verse 7 says: "All this took place because the Israelites had sinned against the LORD their God..." Verse 20 says: "Therefore the LORD rejected them and gave them into the hands of plunderers until he thrust them from his presence." The New Testament brings this closer to home and more personal in Romans 1 where God is not "speaking specifically about Israel, but about mankind in general (Gentiles)." In Romans 1:19-26 God says: "since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. . . . His eternal power and divine nature have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. For although they knew God, they neither glorified Him as God nor gave thanks to Him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. ... Therefore God gave them over to the sinful desires of their hearts...They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, worshipping and serving created things rather than the Creator...because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts... since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, He gave them over to a depraved mind..." These passages tell me that God has made "truth" clear. People have rejected "truth" and embraced lies, and the mess our world is in is the living out of these lies. Our tolerant, self-as-God, liberal thinking society is not so much the result of progressive upward thinking as it is a picture of a society which has rejected God, and thus, should expect to be "thrust from his presence" and "given over" by the God it has rejected. This is, actually, a great comfort to me, because it lets me know that what I generally see happening in the world today, is happening not because God has rejected man but because man has rejected God. The enemy of God is embraced and the masses are following him. And the Bible lets us know that GOD is the ONE with the real plan to save and redeem. When you follow Jesus and find yourself to be walking so completely counter culturally that you are the misfit, know that this is what happens when Christ transforms us. And He hasn't left us alone nor dis-empowered. He is ALWAYS with us (Omnipresent), and He has sent His Spirit to live within us to lead us and help us. Let us all be quick to Run to Jesus for help, comfort, wisdom, guidance...as we live as His followers in our seriously sick-with-sin society!

Update on Missions--MissionFest

Our church is committed to taking the message of Jesus forgiveness and grace to those next-door and around the world. We support a number of missions CRU (the Dettmans), Festival of Sharing (caring for the physical needs of those that are close, Healing House in Jefferson City (helping men and women recover from brokenness). We are also a part of The Evangelical Association (a group of churches that stretches across our country that has a history of faith and desires to be faithful to the LORD Jesus and the Word of God. God has been blessing our Association as churches and individuals join us each month. The Evangelical Association, in reaching the world through churches and church planting, is a mission organization as well as others. On Sept. 29th, we will have the privilege of having Rev. Jim Barnes come to share with us from God's Word and share what God is doing through the EA. Plan to come and join us for MissionFest 2019.

Becoming—

A Middle School Spiritual Journey

Using a resource, "The One Minute Bible for Students" we are developing a habit of daily Bible reading. The weekly devotional studies come from the reading of the week. On Sept. 11, Heather Geick from Healing House shared with both the High School and the Middle School. We are looking to add a musical segment to the meetings, learning to listen and evaluate the songs that we hear. We can always use help—if you would like to be part of the prayer team, food team, activity team or the teaching team, contact Pastor Steve (319-640-7009, ecmc.steve@gmail.com) or Kathy Reimler (573-424-1086). Going to be a great year.

Youth Rally in California,

The California Ministerial Alliance hosted a youth rally Sept. 15th. A worship group and a speaker from Central Christian College shared with the youth. We met, enjoyed pizza, pop, prizes and praise. After the rally, the teens from around the county stayed to build relationships with the college praise band. We are looking forward to doing more of these in the future.

Who & What We've Been Praying For

Heather Sullard – cancer treatments
Dettman Family
Kenny Burlingame – brother passed away
Norma & Dwayne Wood
John & Bev Ernst
Jason Wood
Jamestown Community Youth Groups
Frank Reimler Family
Chris Schoenthal – cancer
J.R. George

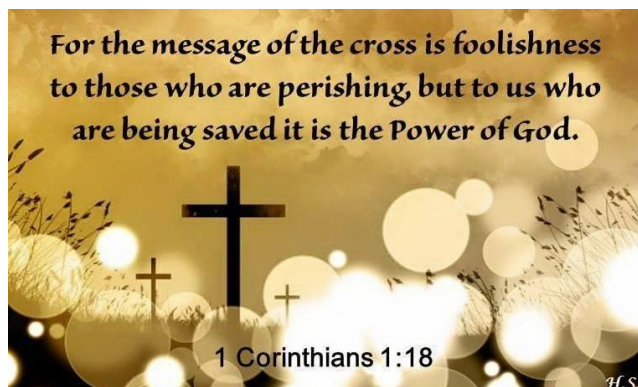


Read: Proverbs 4:1-13

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!

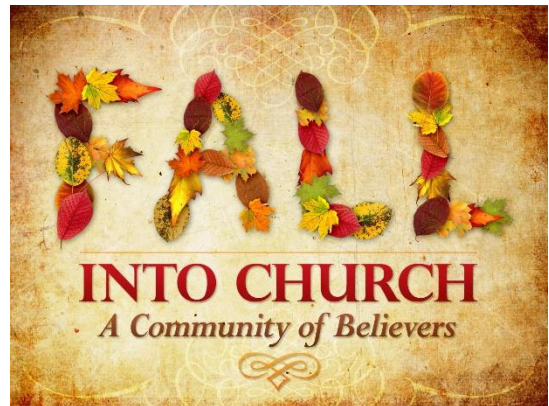
Just ask God each day to fill you with His wisdom. Especially when you are faced with things that you are unsure of what to do. He will give you His wisdom. He longs for us to pursue Him and His qualities rather than what the world has to offer. God will lead and guide you in His ways – as you daily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



FAMILIES IN NEED OFFERING

Starting in September for the next three months, the second Sunday of each month the offering will go towards the Christmas blessings for these families, unless noted in the memo of a check. Susan Powell has agreed to be our contact person again this year, 573-291-9153. If you have a family that would benefit, please complete the survey of sizes and items in the coming months.

What a blessing for both those who receive and those that generously give. Jesus is the reason for the season. The offering collected in September came to \$945.



FAMILY NIGHT

Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 26, at 6:00 p.m. for our next FAMILY NIGHT. Hot dogs and chili are on the menu, and you know we have several families with great chili recipes they share with us. Costumes are also welcome. Further details will be announced at church closer to the 26th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC

The annual Sunday School Picnic will be October 6, immediately following church services, at Shirley Park. Everyone is welcome to join us for breakfast fixed over an open campfire and a great time of fellowship with friends. Bring lawn chairs. See Beth Fennewald if you need to see the sign-up sheet for food.

VERSE OF THE MONTH

Pastor Steve has challenged the adults to memorize scripture along with the youth. Each month he selects a verse for everyone to memorize. We will share the verse of the month in the newsletter so anyone reading this can participate with us.

October's verse is:

**Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and lean not on your own
understanding. In all your ways
acknowledge Him, and He shall direct
your paths.**

Proverbs 3:5-6

AUGUST BOARD REPORT

The Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church board met on August 26th, 2019. Present were: Pastor Steve, Cindy Wieberg, Beth Fennewald, Justin Traub, and Andrew Rohrbach. Meeting was opened with a prayer.

Secretary's Report:

July 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 July 2019 was \$2,819.70, expenses were \$2,798.08. Total assets were \$70,098.89 (minus Union Pacific Stock). Andy made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Justin. Vote taken and passed.

Old Business:

After the unanimous approval by the congregation for the separate downstairs HVAC system, ½ of bid total is required. Payment method and coordination of the delivery was discussed.

New Business:

Margaret Fennewald was present and discussed with the board the need to have a location to conduct this year's home school program. The number of students will be approximately 5 this year. Planned school year timeframe will be September 2019 through May 2020. Like the previous year, the basement will be used once a week from 8 AM to approximately 3:30 PM. The day of the week had not yet been decided on.

Andy made a motion for the home school program to use the church again with Maggie being the main contact/responsible party. Justin seconded the motion and the vote passed.

This year's Fall Work Day will be scheduled around the arrival of the shelving for the basement. Once this date is nailed down we will set an official date for the Fall Work Day.

Family in Need Collections will be the 2nd Sunday of the month during September, October, and November. Susan Powell is the primary contact with Melisa and Janet providing additional support.

It was brought to the attention of the board that the Visitor Guides have wording that slightly differs from what the congregation usually recites on Sunday mornings. This is being reviewed and will be corrected accordingly.

The definition of a member and procedures to become a member were discussed. Current wording in the constitution was reviewed as well as the membership list.

The next board meeting will be on Monday, September 23rd at 7:00pm.

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Justin Traub, Secretary