



# Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church

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

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## From The Pastor's Desk

The Apostle Paul prays for the Colossian believers that they might be “filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,<sup>10</sup> so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please *Him* in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;<sup>11</sup> strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all perseverance and patience; joyously<sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father.” It is a great prayer for you to pray for me and for yourself. Paul indicates that when we are filled with the knowledge of His will (which requires spiritual wisdom and understand) so that we do His will, there will be four results: (1) we will bear fruit (in our lives and others); (2) we will be increasingly know Him; (3) we will be strengthened for the work He gives; and, (4) we will be overflowing with thankfulness.

This kind of Christian life is not ease, but it is worthwhile. This kind of Christian life doesn't just happen—it is in response to prayer and study and obedience. Jesus knows we cannot live this kind of life in our own strength and so, in John 16 He promised to send us a “Helper” whom He identified as the Holy Spirit. In other words, we cannot live a spiritual life without the power, guidance, provision of the Holy Spirit of God.

The Bible indicates that when a person trusts in the LORD Jesus, the Holy Spirit is sent to indwell that person. Paul says in Romans 8 that if a person does not have the Holy Spirit, that person doesn't really belong to Jesus (Rom. 8:9).

In other words, the Holy Spirit is given to help us know, serve and walk with Him.

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1 Cor. 12

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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 January

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

***16 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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Tuesday afternoon at St. Paul's

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

# Prayer Requests

Kenny Burlingame  
Heather Sullard  
Shirley Frieling  
Chris Schoenthal  
Russell Gerlach  
Our country and our leaders



A son was born to Tim and Alissa Fletcher on November 1, 2021. Evan Zane Fletcher arrived weighing 8 pounds 14 ounces and joins 2 sisters and 3 brothers. Proud grandma is Rosemary Fletcher. Our church family extends their congratulations on this addition to their family!

## **UPDATED ADDRESS/PHONE**

We've been notified that Paul and Shirley Baer have a new address/phone number now:

3850 Cartwright Dr.  
Apt. 603  
Columbia, MO 65201  
Phone: 573-203-6331

Their updated information will appear in our new church directory.

## **Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church Board Report - November 2021**

Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church Board met on November 22, 2021. Meeting was called to order by President Andrew Rohrbach. Also present were Pastor Steve Watson, Kathy Gerlach, Mark Baepler and Dale Taggart. Pastor Steve gave the opening prayer.

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

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

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

Treasurer's Report for October was presented for review. Income for the month was \$4,191.65; expenses were \$2,466.10; total assets \$102,289.83. Mark made a motion to approve; Kathy seconded. All in favor. A detailed copy of the October report will be posted on the church bulletin board. Dale reported that the total donated to Families in Need was \$6,453.75 and a \$300 anonymous donation had just been received.

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

Pastor Steve presented his monthly report to the board. He will be at Moniteau this year for the Christmas Eve service. He has been trying to put confirmation materials together but has not been able to get a time set with Ben Marshall to do so yet.

### **Old Business:**

Andrew provided a directory update and hoped to have a hard copy soon to share with the board to help proof.

Andrew has reached out to Church Mutual about their new policy and is waiting on a call back.

Discussion on possibly using seminary students as fill-in's for Pastor Steve at times.

Discussion on a place to store documents to keep for purposes of church records, and noted we already have a Google account if we want to continue using it. Will discuss further after the first of the year.

Reviewed and discussed a formal list of Custodian Duties in light of the open position we have coming up soon.

### **New Business:**

Recently received a donation from Wanda Lachner for the church and the cemetery, which was very much appreciated.

Discussed preparation for the Annual Meeting on December 5. Andrew will prepare the ballots and is getting all the annual reports together to hand out. The two new board candidates (Diana Watson and Paul Fennwald) were previously announced at church.

The Oldham Little Church Foundation has left the door open for us to pursue their grant at a later date.

Reviewed the 2022 annual calendar for purposes of updating it. Special offerings for next year and the months were discussed. Bonuses for the custodian and pianist were discussed. Kathy will prepare the cards for these so Dale can get those distributed soon.

**Dates to Remember:**

November 28 – First Sunday of Advent  
December 5 – Annual Congregational Meeting  
December 13 – Men’s Fellowship  
December 24 – Christmas Eve Service at 6:00 p.m.; offering to the Food Bank  
December 27 – 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**

*I am having so much FUN focusing on God’s purpose for women. Beautiful things keep jumping out and smacking me in the face as I read scripture. I’m not reading in any different order or way other than my usual personal Bible intake, but God sure is emphasizing to my spirit His about women through the stories and examples He has deliberately recorded and kept for us for these many centuries. The last I wrote, I encouraged you to pursue getting to know God in an ever more personal way. Because He made us, knowing Him more leads us to understanding who and what He created us to be. We do this best through knowing and understanding His written word-the Bible. We also get to know Him better through knowing His Word became Flesh-the Lord Jesus Christ. God doesn’t have a list of things He wants us to do or not to do. He doesn’t have a bunch of rules He wants us to follow. The Bible says repeatedly that the Law was never meant to save us. The Law (lists of rules/does and don’ts) is meant to merely show us our sin which is demonstrates to us our great need of a savior from that sin. THIS is your great purpose. THIS is what God created women for...primarily for intimate relationship with Himself...and from that, if He has given you a husband, He will show you (as you ask) exactly how you have been made to be a “companion corresponding to” your particular man. You see, I believe that for a woman to actually be the “help” to her husband that God wants her to be, she must have a very solid confidence in God’s sovereignty. God never asks us in scripture to trust*

*another. He doesn’t ask a woman to trust her man. He only, and every time, asks us to trust Himself. As we trust the sovereignty of God...that He knows all (omniscience), that He is everywhere (omnipresent), that He is all powerful (omnipotent) ...we learn to trust that He is trustworthy with absolutely everything in our lives. Our husbands included for those of us who have one. God did not accidentally make you the way you are! He did so purposefully! You ARE who the creator God made you as the imperfectly perfect companion corresponding to the imperfectly perfect husband He has gifted you with! Our media today has it so wrong. It is vital that we women get exactly right and that we get this from scripture what God commends as desirable characteristics in a woman! As you read the Bible (I hope at least a little every day) write down those things God says are “good” in reference to women. Let these be things you pray that He helps you become. When you begin to feel overwhelmed or overshadowed by “others” or the expectations of others...use the truths you’ve learned from God about who He wants you to be to shut out clamoring untruths that threaten to knock you off course.*

*My Bible reading for some months has been in the Old Testament Genesis-now I’m in I Samuel and the stories and examples of women God has chosen to record is just so exciting to me because He isn’t following any rules but His own. Either in who He chooses to use and record, nor how He chooses to work in their lives. God uses the most unexpected women and He works to accomplish eternity altering great things through them. They are broken, sinful, and lack confidence; He changes the lives of the men in their relationships and He moves the course of history through them. I don’t believe God’s methods have changed that much. He still is at work in women. He continues to change the lives of men and moves the course of history through women who put their trust in Him.*

**No matter how far  
you've walked away  
from God, the  
return trip is only  
one step.**

## Our Missionaries—

### Faith Maternity

2021 In Review During this time of year many people pause and take the time to consider their blessings. Faith Maternity Care has been blessed many times over this year. We had the most successful Baby Bottle Drive in our history, were gifted a large passenger van, bought a car, installed a keyless security system, received many needed items, and so much more. Most importantly we were able to help 48 women and 45 babies were born into our program. Next year we will celebrate 20 years of service and we have big plans. We are excited to share that our goal is to serve 1,000 women and children over the next 10 years. To reach more women, we are working on new ways of marketing and reaching out. One key item in our marketing plan is the development of a new website designed to attract the attention of vulnerable women. We hope to have it up and running by the end of February. Thank you if you have prayed for us. Thank you if you have ever talked about us to spread the word. Thank you if you have donated supplies. Thank you if you have made a financial gift. You have made it all possible. You have saved lives! Get ready 2022, God is on the move

A Place to Call Home A large part of our ministry is to provide a safe and welcoming home for women who have no place to go. Many of our residents tell us that they have never lived in an actual home before. We want them to feel safe, loved, and comfortable. FMC has been blessed with our current home and we have put a lot of work into it over the last few years. Something on our wish list for a long time has been replacing windows. Like many older houses, they are drafty and many have mechanical issues. It is time that this particular wish becomes a reality. `All money received in November and December will go towards paying for our new windows. Half of what we need has already been raised. We only need 10 more people to sponsor a window at \$1,000 each. That being said, many hands make light work, and a donation of any amount is greatly appreciated! Please see the enclosed flyer for information on how you can get 50% of your gift back on your Missouri taxes.

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### Dettmans

“When you’re in the right place at the right time doing the right thing, that’s when you see God move.” We were sitting around after a day of ministry, discussing how the day had gone. Many of our team in Southwinds had traveled to the capital for three days of focused ministry in order to find interested students that the local staff could follow up with. We saw God do so much just by being in the right place at the right time doing the right thing! On the first day, after two of our teammates finished sharing the Gospel with a student, Isaiah\* approached them and asked if they were Christians. He went on to say how he was a Christian after researching Christianity on his own, but he didn’t have any community. On the third day, I (Nick) and my teammate started a conversation with a group of students when another of their friends joined. This friend, Adam\*, was wearing a cross necklace. When asked about it, he explained that he had read some of the Bible but didn’t know anything about having a relationship with God. Upon hearing the full Gospel message, Adam decided to follow Jesus! Our local staff in the capital have followed up with both Isaiah and Adam multiple times, and Adam has introduced our staff to over 20 of his friends that are all interested in the Gospel as well! During those three days in the capital, 49 students heard the Gospel and another 28 students engaged in spiritual conversations! In addition to Isaiah and Adam, there were a few other students who were really impacted by the Gospel but not quite ready to make a decision yet. These students are great reminders that God is working so much behind the scenes, and there are many students here who are ready to hear the Gospel and be connected to His body! With our teams spreading out to multiple cities over the past few years, there have been more opportunities for joining the work God is doing in other parts of the country. In addition to the trip to the capital, our teams have come together to do short trips in Southwinds and another city further south. It has been so encouraging to hear story after story of how God is moving!

### Sermon Series

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Eph. 6, Jude

## Share the Gospel

If you are feeling worried or unsure  
of what's to come in 2022..

Remember that Jesus is outside of  
time.

He has already done this year.  
He already knows what happens,  
knows how to prepare you and get  
you through.

He goes before you.

Rest assured, He's got you



## Good Books

I have been looking at resource books for impacting our youth. I ran across a gem, that is out of print, but still available: Helping Parents Make Disciples: by Everett L. Worthington Jr. (Author). We are commanded by Jesus, “Go and make disciples of all nations . . . “ Mt. 28:18. That, logically, should begin at home. Often the spiritual formation of children is delegated to pastors, Sunday School teachers or youth workers. But the individuals that have the greatest influence on the children is not the pastor or Sunday School teacher who might spend an hour or two every week with the child, but the parents have the greatest influence, if they will harness it for the LORD Jesus and for their children. You could begin by asking pastor Steve for a copy of the Jesus Storybook Bible (for the younger) or “I AM”—40 reasons to trust God.

## **ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER OR WEEKLY BULLETIN**

Items for the monthly newsletter or weekly bulletin are always welcome from our church families.

For the bulletin, contact Mark Baepler by email at [baeplerm@missouri.edu](mailto:baeplerm@missouri.edu).

For the newsletter, call or email Kathy Gerlach at 573-291-5973, or [kjgee33@outlook.com](mailto:kjgee33@outlook.com)

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.

## **RE-SCHEDULED CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

The children's Christmas Program has been rescheduled for Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m., in place of normal worship services. We hope everyone plans to be there to enjoy what they have worked hard on putting together for us.

We will also be leaving the Christmas decorations up at the church until the following Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>.

We want to thank the Rohrbach family for putting together something “last minute” for our Christmas Eve program and for everyone who participated with reading a part that evening. Everyone pitching in worked out great!

