



Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church

Worship service—9:00 am
Sunday School—10:20 am

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From The Pastor's Desk

Confirmation Class is causing me to review things that I have known and learned in the past, but I haven't thought deeply about for a while. I don't know if that happens to you, but it is good to review the things you have learned about God (and perhaps even shared with others), but have drifted into the back places of your mind. The doctrine of the Bible is one of those.

We can know certain things about the Creator from the creation. Looking at its vastness, its power, its complexity, its beauty, we can learn that the Creator is powerful and wise. He is not only an Engineer (with a capital E), but He is an artist. Creation tells us a great deal about God, but it cannot tell us if He is good or kind or just or merciful. For you or me to know what is in the heart of another person, that person has to communicate with us—helping us see what is important to Him, what He values, how He thinks, what makes him angry, what brings him joy. The Bible is God's revelation to us which reveals what His heart is like. That is why it is so important to read the Bible---and that is why the world and the devil want to discredit the Bible.

I was sent a copy of a book that seeks to address the attacks that the world makes on the Bible. By and large, they will say that the Bible is full of errors and really is just a myth (so we can't trust it or really believe it), that what the Bible says in Genesis really did not happen (so man did not become corrupted by sin), that there was no flood (and so the thought that God might one day judge the world because of sin is only a myth). If the Bible is full of errors then who is to decide what we ought to believe—each one can believe what they want.

There are good reasons to trust the Bible—from history and archeology. But the greatest reason is because Jesus vouched for the authority and accuracy of the Bible. He said, "*For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.*" Because Jesus rose from the dead, He proved He is the eternal Son of God, (Romans 1:4), and because He vouched for it, I know it is trustworthy, authoritative, inerrant. More than that, I have discovered that as I read it, His Word (the Bible) has the power to transform my life (and your life) just like His Word had the power to shape and mold creation in the beginning.

Memory Verse

Be working on this important verse from Psalm 37:4:

***Delight yourself in the LORD
And He will give you the desires of your heart.***

Be working on this verse as a family. Blessings

Sermon Series

Through the summer, we will be looking at individual psalms. There are 37 praise psalms, 56 lament psalms, 6 trust psalms, 9 wisdom psalms, 8 thanksgiving psalms and 17 that are classified as hymns. The psalms are a rich source of worship and praise. Join us. If you are not able to attend on a Sunday, be sure to check out the sermons on the websites home page: Stpaulsjamestown.org or moniteachurch.org.

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

Prayer Requests

David Wittenberger (shoulder replacement)
Joyce Zimmerman
Laura Buckley (lung surgery)
Kenny Burlingame
Paul & Shirley Baer
Charles Eschenbrenner (diagnosed with lymphoma)
Russell Gerlach
Shirley Frieling
Tagen Higgins
Chris Schoenthal
Kids Attending Camp Aurora
Confirmation Class & Pastor Steve
Our country and leaders

Confirmation

This summer we have 16 teens involved in confirmation. We will be learning:

- 1) The story of the Bible
- 2) Basic habits of the Christian life
- 3) Memorize select passages of Scripture including the 10 commandments and the Roman Road (a Gospel presentation)
- 4) The doctrine of the Bible—that it is trustworthy
- 5) The doctrine of God—what He is like
- 6) The doctrine of Salvation—how is a person saved
- 7) The doctrine of the Church—what is the church and what is your part in the church.

Each teen will be writing their own statement of faith (what they believe). Please be praying for these teens. Confirmation can be a transforming time or just another thing that is 'checked off.'

Good Books

There is a frightening statistic that 60% of kids raised in the church will leave the church when they leave home. No Christian parent wants that to happen to their child. Because Jesus has changed our lives, we want our children to walk with the God for their lifetime. For that reason, I am recommending "Talking with Your Kids about Jesus—30 Conversations Every Christian Parent Must Have" If you are interested and willing to put in the time to read it (and it is the kind of book that you read a chapter, about 10 minutes, and then chew on it for a while), talk to Pastor Steve. He has a book deal.

WWJD

The summer time is a time when some of our programs take a break—WWJD is one of those. But it is also a time when the Holy Spirit calls people to think about 'stepping out' in faith and becoming a part. Will you join with us in praying that the Lord of the harvest will send forth laborers into His harvest field (Mt. 9:37-38). We give thanks for those that have helped in the past but we also have a need for others to step forward.

Our Missionaries—Dettmans

As I (Nick) sat in the mostly empty coffee shop listening to Harry's* story, I was struck by the stark contrast between us and those around us. It was Ramadan, and we were at one of the only coffee shops open during the day. A few other patrons sat by themselves, back away from the windows, enjoying a coffee and a smoke. While they were undoubtedly there seeking freedom from the religiosity that surrounded them, Harry was telling me about how he found true freedom in Christ. Harry is an engineering student in our city, and heard the Gospel from his classmate, a student leader with our movement. He was intrigued by what he heard, and he accepted an invitation to a Valentine's day event put on by our staff in the capital. There he heard many people talk about how only God loves us perfectly, and how he showed that love through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. God captured Harry's heart that day, and shortly afterward he made a decision to follow Jesus! Since then, he has been eager to read and learn the word and has been faithfully meeting for discipleship and attending the weekly student meeting. He recently started going out to share his faith, and has been asking about the best way to tell his family about his decision. Please praise God along with us for Harry, and pray that God would continue to cause growth in his life! May marked the beginning of preparations for the end of the school year. We started off the month with an evaluation and debrief time with our interns, as they prepare to close the door on their two years as interns and look ahead to joining as full-time staff with the goal of returning to Southwinds. Shortly after we finished, staff from around the country joined us in Southwinds for 2 days of outreach followed by a teaching time. It was a great time to minister alongside our local staff, and we had a great turnout at the teaching time! Then at the end of the month, after more than 24-hours in flight delays, a summer group, a short-term team, arrived! It has been a great encouragement having them here, and they have eagerly jumped into the work of learning the culture, meeting students, and sharing the Gospel. Please pray for their time here, that God would lead them to students whose hearts are prepared to hear and receive the seed of God's Word!

(We are anticipating a visit to our churches from Nick Dettman on August 21st.)



Vacation Bible School, July 11-14, 6:30-8:55pm at St. Paul's Evangelical Church (hosted by St. Paul's, Moniteau and Grace Methodist).

For registration: <http://stpauls.mycokesburyvbs.com>

GOSPEL BLUEGRASS CONCERT AT MONITEAU

Be sure to mark this on your calendars -- our church will be hosting Alan Sibley and the Magnolia Ramblers, a bluegrass gospel group from Mississippi, on Sunday, July 17, starting at 6:00 p.m. A free will offering for the group will be taken that evening. After their performance, we will be serving ice cream in the church fellowship hall. Plan to join us!



Congratulations are extended to Sandi Moore and Mark Coley who were married on June 22 in Prairie Home. We wish them much happiness as they begin their new life together. After a honeymoon to the Badlands, Mark and Sandi Ernst Coley will be residing at 967 Duckhead Road, Lake Ozark, MO 65049. Sandi's phone number and email will remain the same.

MONITEAU EVANGELICAL ADVENT CHURCH BOARD MINUTES – MAY 2022

Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church Board met on May 23, 2022. Meeting was called to order by Mark Baepler. Also present were Pastor Steve Watson, Kathy Gerlach and Paul Fennewald. Pastor Steve gave the opening prayer.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Steve presented his monthly report to the board. WWJD ended May 4th. Looking for help when they start again in September. Confirmation Class began May 4th with 16 kids; 4 of them from Moniteau. Organized the Baccalaureate Service for Jamestown School. Had reached out to 3 families but had not heard back from one yet.

Secretary's Report:

The April meeting minutes were submitted for review. Paul made a motion to approve the minutes; Mark seconded. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's Report for April was presented for review. Income for the month was \$3,078.80; expenses were \$2,211.30; total assets \$106,512.89. Mark made a motion to approve; Kathy seconded. All in favor.

Old Business:

Paul had been asked to research and put together a Records Retention Policy document for the church for the board to review. Since only 3 board members were present, the discussion will wait until the June board meeting. Mark indicated he would provide a copy of this

to Diana and Kevin so they have time to review it before the next meeting.

The church's application for an account with Capital Quarries was sent in but we've not heard if the account got set up or not. Mark will follow up with them to see, so we can proceed with the work on the driveway.

The discussion on the Families in Need Program is also tabled until the June meeting since only 3 board members were present.

Paul indicated he would check on when we need to look into and/or submit propane contracts for this winter. He will also check on a cabinet for the kitchen.

Discussion on potentially burying some electrical lines and estimated cost.

New Business:

Discussion on the insurance policy; confirming what outbuildings were insured for. Kathy has posted an electronic copy of the insurance policy on the Google Cloud.

There are still items on the list from our Work Day in April that need to be completed.

We had some kids help with clean-up and painting at Camp Aurora at the end of April.

Dates to Remember:

May 29 – Cemetery Fund Offering
June 12 – Sit & Spit / Sugar & Spice
June 13 – Men's Fellowship
June 19 – Father's Day
June 26 – Family Fellowship
June 27 – Church Board Meeting
July 10 – Communion
July 10 – Sit & Spit / Sugar & Spice
July 11 – Men's Fellowship
July 25 – Church Board Meeting
July 31 – Special Offering for Salvation Army

Adjournment:

Paul made a motion to adjourn; Kathy seconded; all in favor. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Gerlach, Secretary

SPECIAL MEETING CALLED ON MAY 29, 2022

Mark Baepler, Paul Fennewald, Diana Watson, Kevin Coffelt and Kathy Gerlach met immediately following church on 5/29/22. A church member had been contacted by a community member asking if our church would consider some financial assistance to help send 2 of their kids to Camp Aurora. This was directed to the church board for discussion. The family indicated they could pay half the cost for the 2 kids. It was noted if we

applied the credit we received for the kids who participated in a work day at Camp Aurora, the actual cost to the church would be \$111; with the family paying the remaining balance of \$236 for their portion. After a brief discussion, the majority agreed we would help with funding. Paul indicated he would contact Camp Aurora on Tuesday morning (since Monday was a holiday) since registrations/money were due that day and see that the church's part was done.

Simple Ways to Share the Gospel

Someone asked, "Can a follower of Christ accept Christ's offer of salvation for himself and refuse to pass it on? Sharing the Gospel is no more complicated than to simply tell others of your experience of Christ's love, so that they might share it. From time to time you will encounter stories of someone being rescued (saved) from a car wreck, from a burning building, from some deranged gunman, from a catastrophe at sea. Each one of those provides a picture of what Jesus' death on the cross meant for us. Tell that story, and then add, "It reminds me of what Jesus did for me"

From Mary Kay

I have split the responses I received into three parts due to length and have edited some, but also want to share as much as I can because we often learn best from others who are walking with Jesus maybe a step or two ahead of us. From my friend who is working up close to 50 years of marriage, continuing from last month:

COMPROMISE IS ESSENTIAL
Because you are two very different people you must learn how to compromise. There are often many solutions to whatever you are facing. Dwell in the commonality. For example, when we need to have something painted, I will bring home samples of colors that meet both criteria: what I like AND what I think he'll like. He chooses from those samples and we're both happy. If either of us has a preference that the other one can't stand, that choice is automatically discarded. Simple. We've compromised and both are happy. The most creative marital compromise I've ever witnessed was between my beloved paternal great-aunt and her husband. Aunt Zela was like a grandmother to me, and I spent two weeks every summer in her Wichita home, thoroughly pampered and loving every minute of it. Even though she had no children of her own, she invested that energy in her many nieces and nephews. Throughout her life, she had been married and divorced, independently single for many years before marrying again, and then widowed: finding herself independent and frugally single again. She reconnected later in life with an old flame and her true love, Dixon Allison. They married and moved to Tampa, Florida in the mid-1960's. The first week after they were settling in, the lawn needed mowed. My Aunt Zela dressed in her typical gardening clothes of pedal pushers, white cotton blouse, white socks, black shoes

and gloves. As she headed out the door to mow as she had done for decades, Uncle Dick inquired about her intentions and totally disagreed with what she was about to do because "Southern women do not mow lawns." She sternly replied, "Dixon M. Allison, I have ALWAYS mowed my own lawn and I see no reason to waste money paying somebody else to do what I can do." Uncle Dick was a retired career Colonel in the U.S. Air Force, flew combat missions in World War II, and had commanded thousands of men who obeyed immediately. So, this disagreement had all the warning signs of a looming Epic Battle between two very strong, independent individuals. The compromise was just so awesome: She mowed the back yard which was surrounded by a dense 12' high hedge that was invisible to prying eyes, and they hired the street-side front yard mowed.

FAIRNESS

Fairness in marriage is definitely not a numbers game of 50/50...it's more like 90/10 for both of you, and you don't keep score. Everyone always feels like THEY got the short end of the stick, but the reality is that there is a cycle in a long-time relationship and needs and meeting needs will be like the tide ebbing and flowing. Sometimes you have the need, and other times you are the one meeting the need, and it is never fair. In fact, "fair" should be banned from words describing a relationship. I once witnessed my son handle a common parenting problem of sibling rivalry. I really admired the way he quickly lassoed the outcry of "That's not fair!" and choked it with a heavy dose of reality backed by scriptural knowledge. He reminded them both that fair would mean that they would have the average of what all the other kids in the world have and then hammered home the lesson with several specific examples of what all they would have to give up in order to be "fair". That logic applies to marriages also. Quite often I see spouses keeping score, as if the relationship is a Profit/Loss Statement. There should be no losers in a good relationship. If it is good for you, it should also be good for your spouse and good for the relationship. My life has been so much happier when I don't try to balance the relationship books after every transaction.

ROMANCE

Romance is definitely a need in a marriage, but Hallmark and Giant Jumbotron antics have created a commercialized illusion that is a skewed cop-out for real romance. Real romance comes from intimate knowledge of your mate and creatively touching their heart as nobody else can. My man told me up front that I would never receive a card from him on Valentine's Day or anything that "commanded" him to be romantic in a certain way. Shocking, you say! But it is true that he is a closet romantic and surprises me when I least expect it with fresh red juicy strawberries in the winter (who finds those?), a package of hard-to-find cactus seeds or my very own bag of fish sticks. I'm sure you are thinking these things cannot possibly signify "romance", and they don't in the traditional sense. But if you know the backstory as he does, then you know he thoughtfully provided something that is very personal. I absolutely love the taste of strawberries, and in winter the diminished supply of quality berries is a problem. Somehow, he always

manages to find that one magic perfect fruit shipment that is a limited supply anomaly. As for the cactus seeds, he knows that I have a passion for growing the unusual. But the really romantic one is the fish sticks. As a child, we did not have very much and when fish sticks were on the menu, one box of 10 sticks provided the meal for two adults and two teenagers. Even though I really like them, I never did have my fill of them. My heart swells every time I open the grocery bag and see an unexpected bag of fish sticks. Who knew that Gorton's really means: I love you. I will provide for you. I will not let you go hungry. I will fill your needs. I will reach back in time and heal a hurt. I'm perfectly content without a Valentine's Day card.

**FOR YOU HAVE BEEN CALLED
TO LIVE IN FREEDOM,**

MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS. BUT DON'T USE
YOUR FREEDOM TO SATISFY YOUR
SINFUL NATURE. INSTEAD,
USE YOUR FREEDOM TO

*serve one
another
in love.*

GALATIANS 5:13 NLT

KLOVE