



Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church

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

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From the Pastor's Desk

Someone asked me a significant question, “How do we know the Bible is true and that it is God’s Word and is authoritative?”

There are a lot of ‘religious books’ but we claim that the Bible is uniquely the Word of God. What makes the Bible unique? In answer, first, the Bible is the only book that accurately predicts and interprets history. The book of Daniel (written about 550BC) accurately predicts the rise of empires, in particular the Grecian Empire under Alexander the Great (Daniel 8) and its subsequent division into four parts 300 hundred years before the event. Similarly, there are over 300 prophecies that have to do with Jesus from where He was born to how He would die. The first line of proof is that the Bible alone predicts historically verifiable events accurately.

The second major proof is the testimony of Jesus. Jesus died and rose from the dead. Jesus spoke of the Bible as being God’s Word. If Jesus is who He said He is and who the resurrection proved that He is, then He is uniquely qualified to declare that the Bible is God’s Word. Consider what Jesus said of the Bible, “For truly, I say you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.” Mt. 5:18. The Bible is given to us, according to 2 Tim. 3:16 to help us know what to believe, to help us see things we do wrong, to help us to know how to get on the right path again and how to live a consistent godly life. Further, they help us get to know Jesus (Jn. 5:39, Jesus said, “*Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of Me.*”)

Since it is God’s Word, we are to prayerfully read it, meditate upon it and memorize it. The psalmist says, “*I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.* Ps. 119:11. We have over a dozen people now memorizing Scripture and I want to share what they say: One person writes: “I have 28 passages in my brain. Some of the numbers swirl around in there a while before I put them together with the correct verse. Of these only 3 had I previously memorized once upon a time. I have linked some Old and New Testament verses in my

mind like Deut 6:4-5 and Matt 22:34-40. Another trick is similar subject matter such as Matt 28:19-20 with Acts 1:8”. Another person writes, “I failed to respond to the first call to memorize some Bible verses. But, something kept nagging at me to take up the challenge. I am so glad I listened. These verses dealt with assurances God has given to us. It is amazing the comfort and peace that comes with these assurances. Not a day goes by that one or more of these verses don’t come to mind in response to a thought or circumstance. Having these verses readily available brings me calm in times of doubt and turmoil. I highly recommend this program and hope there are more like it in the future.”

Recently I preached from Psalm 19—how we listen to God. We need to give Him our full attention as He speaks to us through His works (speaking of His glory, His power, His wisdom) and through His word (revealing His love, grace, mercy, justice, holiness). Memorizing God’s Word, puts the Word of God in our hearts and the Holy Spirit can then call those things to our remembrance. We have started with five verses:

Assurance of Guidance, Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
⁶ in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.

Assurance of Answered Prayer, John 16:24

Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

Assurance of forgiveness, 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Assurance of Salvation, 1 John 5:11-12

And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

Assurance of Victory, 1 Corinthians 10:13

No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

Pastor Steve

MISSIONARY UPDATE

Hello friends and family,

Today marks the first day of Eid al Adha, where Muslims around the world are remembering the time God called Abraham to sacrifice his son, then God stopped him at the last minute and provided a ram instead. Our neighbors have had a sheep outside for the past couple of days, as the common practice is to sacrifice a sheep in remembrance.

As they remember when God provided the sacrificial ram for Abraham, we long for them to recognize that God also provided the ultimate sacrifice in Jesus. Please join us in praying for those here and around the world who are celebrating today. Pray that they would see, as the author of Hebrews writes, that "it is not possible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins" (Hebrews 10:4). Pray that they would know that "God's will was for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all time" (Hebrews 10:10).

Be on the lookout for an update soon, and please be praying for our upcoming move to Southwinds this weekend!

Together for His glory,

Nick & Erica

FAMILIES IN NEED

Before we realize it, another season will be here. It will be time to enjoy the cooler fall weather. To give shoppers more time to find great deals, The Families in Need collections will start in September. Money will be collected on the second Sunday for three months. Susie, Janet, and Melissa are revising the forms this year.

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



- Pastor Steve's brother, for his salvation.
- Rain
- Nick & Erica & Family – our overseas missionaries
- Janet Coffelt (kidney stones)
- Larry Potter (Norma Wood's brother) – issues with kidneys
- Seth Watson – searching for a church where he can preach
- Claire Fowler – received a new kidney recently
- Confirmation Class starting this Fall
- Oscar Rohrbach – healing for his broken arm
- Jason Wood
- Joleta Shepard's friend, Susan, who's lost family members and broke her ankle
- Ben Harbor – health issues

WWJD

Jamestown Community Youth Group

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.

NEW BABY

Levi Preston Moore was born August 8, 2018, to Tyson and Lindsey Moore, and joins older brother, Owen.

Proud grandparents are Mark and Sandi Moore; great-grandparents are John and Bev Ernst; and great uncle and great aunt Don and Elaine Ernst who attend St. Paul's.

AUGUST BOARD REPORT



The Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church board met Aug 4th, 2018 Present were: Pastor Watson, Jason Wood, Justin Traub, Nancy Baker, Beth Fennewald and Cindy Wieberg. Meeting was opened with a prayer.

Secretary's Report: June report was reviewed, Cindy made a motion to approve, Justin seconded and was approved. July report was reviewed, Beth made a motion to approve, Cindy seconded and was approved.

Treasurer's report:

Updated July Treasurer's reports was reviewed and Beth made a motion to approve Jason seconded report was approved. Total July income was \$13,546.35 and total expenses were \$12,424.47 with total assets of \$81,503.51

Old Business:

Food pantry check was given to Cargill Cares food bank.
Brian Stahl declined to do the repairs on the pews.
Co-Mo is going to remove the dying tree.
AA Propane contract submitted
Nolt's Const. was paid in person on July 30th.
Justin is looking for a new sound board.

New Business:

Maggie Fennewald approached the board about using the church basement for some of the home schooling of some local children and will be discussed further after checking into insurance and liability issues.

Two new candle lighter / snuffers are getting ordered.

Two of the old fire extinguishers were replaced at no charge and 3 additional ones were purchased.

Ice cream social on Aug 26th.

Confirmation class to start in October.

Board meeting set for September 9th at 1:00 pm.

Meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jason D. Wood, Secretary

FESTIVAL OF SHARING

Festival of Sharing Event in Tipton UMC on September 22. They have reached out to several other churches in our community and they are excited to be a part of this wonderful, non-denominational event. The goal that day is for volunteers to pack rice and hygiene kits.

Read Matthew 6:19-21

Jesus talked about setting aside or saving up treasures that would last in the verses above. If we have a lot of money and televisions and lots of toys, a thief could break in our home and steal them. If we owned an expensive dress, unless we protected it in our closet, a moth could eat holes in it. If we had a fire truck, if it got left in the rain it would probably rust. These are the kinds of treasures that we may see today, but when we get old and die, we cannot take them with us.

Jesus told us to send our treasure ahead of us to heaven. But how do we do that? We can do it by doing good deeds to others and by telling others about Jesus. If we are kind to others, God will reward us in heaven. If we tell someone about Jesus and they accept Him as their Savior, that person will go to heaven. These are treasures that last forever. They don't rust or rot and a thief can't steal them.

If we try all our life to gain great amounts of money, but forget about God, our soul will be lost and we won't go to heaven. There was a poem written that goes like this:

"Tis only one life will soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last."

The lasting treasure comes from doing things for Jesus. Let's start a Savings Account in heaven today. Let's be kind to others and tell them about Jesus.

SIT & SPIT UPDATE

The boys and dads of "Sit & Spit" had a great time fishing at Mike and Susan Powell's pond on Sunday afternoon, August 12th. Mark fried fish for everyone, and combined with coleslaw and watermelon, we had a fabulous meal. But then to top it all off, Susan brought down a homemade sweet snack to share with everyone for desert. While it was hot in the sun, that didn't stop the boys from catching a few fish, which are now in the freezer waiting for a future Sit & Spit to provide nourishment. A great cedar tree near the pond with shade from the sun and a nice cool breeze blowing topped off an almost perfect outing for the boys and their dads.

The next Sit & Spit is scheduled for September 23, when we will among other things get a campsite ready for an overnight camp in October. We might also do some squirrel hunting if time and weather permit.

CHURCH CAMP

The youth of our church asked to submit the following write-ups in our newsletter to share their camp experiences with their church family

Our parents dropped us off at camp on Sunday. During the week we lost lots of stuff that was returned to us at the magic show. Oscar was lucky because he forgot his tiny thing of soap and the counselors didn't find it. We had a party in the bathroom. We locked our door so no one could prank us. Matt was dressed like a hotdog and banged on our door. He was wearing a skeleton mask. We had fun. Thank you for helping it be possible for us to go.

Oscar & Gus

I had an amazing time at camp, the day consisted of a lot of activities that filled my day so that i was always having fun. There were three different times of bible study, one in the morning one after we woke up, got dressed, and brushed our teeth, one after lunch, and one after dinner. we prayed before and after each one, in the middle of the study we would go over the bible verse of the day and how it corresponded with our daily lives and how it had to do with the weekly theme. at every meal there was a cabin chosen for **hoppers**, hoppers are people that wash the dishes after the meal, wipe down tables, and set up the buffet. after lunch there would be a cabin time and then a free time where we could go to the pool. every evening we would have an activity that was some sort of game. my favorite activity was dodge ball but some other activities we had were a talent show, volleyball, kickball, a water carnival, and a water balloon toss. finally we would take showers and go to bed waiting for the new day to commence.

Kai

My name is Marie and I had a fun experience. We get up at 7:00 am. We get changed and get ready for the day. Then we do morning watch which is where you talk about a verse and what you would do about it. Then we had breakfast. Then we did cabin clean-up. After that we did a sermon and then family time. Cabin time is when I wrote most of my letters. Free time was fun because we played fuseball and swam in the pool. We did another sermon and had dinner. Activity, snack and bedtime came next. My favorite part was the float trip and morning watch.

Camp Aurora is extremely fun! You wake up in the morning at 7:00 am and have a morning Bible study in our cabins. Then the bell rings and we go to breakfast and play songs. After that, we go back to our cabins and do cabin clean-up and after that it is just a pretty cool and fun day! Every year we go on a float trip but this year it stormed and rained pretty good so we didn't go on the float trip but we made bags and colored on them. We also made bird feeders but they got ruined in the storm. One of

my favorite parts of camp is the water carnival and the interperativeclive. I think that's what it's called. We also have a dance on the last night of camp. Each night at dinner we have a theme and you get to dress up. You don't have to take a swimming test to swim in the deep end of the pool. This year at camp was definitely better than last year.

My name is Luke Baepler and camp meant friends and fellowship. First thing we do in the morning is have a cabin study time. Then we go to breakfast and have a camp group Bible study. Next we do arts and crafts and lunch. In the middle of the day we did cabin time, then free time where we got to swim. Later we got family time where we got into fake family groups and plan events for the evening. Finally we ate dinner and did our evening event. The evening event was my favorite event because we got to have a dance, dodge ball, swim or just worshipping.

This was what a day at camp looks like. At 7:00, a bell rings to wake you up. There was 7 girls, including me, in my cabin plus a counselor. The 8 of us open our Bibles to the scripture passage we will use throughout the day. Then we get ready for the day. We change, brush our teeth, etc. Then a cabin goes up to set the table for breakfast. Then we go up to breakfast when the bell rings. Then after we eat breakfast we have family time. Family time is when 2 or more cabins are in what they call a family group. You have a family nae lie the Ahhs or really anything. You have to come up with a theme dinner and a theme dinner is when you get to dress up. You have a school night or an America night, just depending. It could be anything. Then we go to another Bible lesson. Then we have craft time. After that we eat lunch. Then we go to cabin time. We stay in our cabins. Then we go to free time. Free time you can visit cabins, swim, sleep or play. Then we have time to dress up for dinner. Then we eat. After we eat at all meals we sing. Then we go to vespers. Vespers is my favorite part. We go to a place of quiet worship. Then we have an evening activity. Then we go back to bed.

**Don't let your
emotions be your
decision maker.
STOP and PRAY!
One moment in
GOD's presence
changes
EVERYTHING!**