



Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church

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

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From The Watson Household

What a year 2020 has been for us all! Such a good practice in not relying on our own insights and understanding which are called into question daily. But learning in more and more practical, everyday ways to lean into and build life on who we know our God to be . . . And He has proven to be so very, very good.

We both continue to delight in the place and people God has settled us in and among these past few years. What a privilege it is! Both that God allows Steve to be actively ‘pastoring’ within the church and community and that our churches and community care well for us and for one another spiritually and physically.

I focus on caring for my husband, children and grandchildren. Steve demands little care being quite self-sufficient when I am gone from home to one of our “kid’s” homes . . . but we both like it best when we are home together in Jamestown. Truly, in this “home” which is only so temporary, we are “home” to one another. God has enriched our family with each grandchild (2 grand-daughters this year and another grandchild on the way in the spring). If we have learned nothing else, we know God is the Giver of children: each carefully created by His breath and especially for Himself. Our standard prayer each time we are able to be with our children and their families is that God make us a blessing to them which they will “feel and know.” We are able to “see” evidence of His moving and working in their lives—a beautiful and sweet declaration of love for Jesus, singing of songs or dancing praise to music about Him, a childish recitation of a thought from scripture carefully quoted, a small child’s delighted exclamation: “Grandma, Jesus LOVES me!”

Many years ago I read an autobiography by Helen Rosevear who was a missionary doctor from England to what was then the Congo. She gave her entire adult life in medical missionary work to the people she lived among and trained them so they were able to take over the work . . . and near the end of her life, they no longer needed her to maintain ministry with them. She effectively worked her way out of a job—and it was very painful! But only painful when she looked at the circumstance and herself. When she looked at Jesus, she remembered that at the start of her life’s work “Jesus and Me” was enough and so she reclaimed that focus and was able to, with delight, say, “Jesus and me is still enough!”

My prayer, and Steve’s, for each of you very loved ones is “May Jesus and you be enough as we close out this crazy year 2020 and move onward into 2021.

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

Who & What We've Been Praying For

Moore & Ernst Families
Heather Sullard
Paul & Shirley Baer
Chris Schoenthal
David Wittenberger
Our country and our leaders

A Simple way to share the Gospel



The Wordless Book by Child Evangelism Fellowship uses these five colors to explain the message of the gospel.

GOLD ~ God wants us to be in heaven with Him.

BLACK ~ Our sin separates us from God.

RED ~ Christ died on the cross as the only payment for our sin.

WHITE ~ Accept God's forgiveness and the free gift of eternal life.

GREEN ~ Grow closer to God every day.

Sermon Series

"Taking Inventory, Focusing Our Lives"

We want to look at Colossians 1 as we begin the new year—



Memory Verses for January

Be working on this important verse:

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul and with all your mind.
Mt. 22:37.*

Be working on this verse as a family. Blessings.

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 into the pastor's office with a brief note including your name, how it helped you in your spiritual life and whether you desire the book to be returned to you. When you find a book that helps you, be assured that it will also help others.

Youth Groups

We have struggled to have meaningful time with the teens this fall. The Senior High Youth group has met, but we have mirrored the school, trying to maintain and complement both the school's schedule and their COVID practice. The Middle School Youth group did not meet this fall—however, we did have Christmas parties on Dec. 16th for both groups. We ask you to pray for us, we would like to begin in January with a consistent time of meeting for both groups.

Updating Contact Information

It is important for any group or organization to be able to communicate quickly, completely and accurately. There are a number of methods of communication—The church newsletter is one of those, as well as mailing, phone, texting and email.

In an effort to communicate better, please provide any updates in your contact information to a church board member by January 15. Include your mailing address, a good contact phone number (for the telephone tree) and an email address. This past year we've had to send email updates to our church families and want to include as many of you as possible in those updates.

Sharing your story

It is encouraging to hear how God has worked in your life. If you would like to write a short article about how God has provided or protected, or led, or strengthened, please take the time and write it down. Send that part of your story to pastor Steve at ecmc.Steve@gmail.com to be included in the coming newsletters. The Gospel of Mark tells the story of a man that was delivered from demons. *“As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him.”¹⁹ And he did not permit him but said to him, “Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.”²⁰ And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled.”* (Mark 5)

When we tell others what He has done for us, it glories Him, it encourages others (“What He’s done for others, He’ll do for you” principle) and He uses it in their lives. If you don’t know how to start that conversation try this: “I am just so excited, I have to tell somebody. You will never believe what the Lord did for me . . . “

Membership Sunday

Once upon a time, a rancher had a herd of cattle—he knew them, recognized them, built a relationship with them and he cared for them. One day a few other cattle just came to his pasture. He didn’t know who they belonged to, he didn’t know how long they would stay, but he was a kind man and shared his pasture and grain and water with them. He didn’t run them off and he didn’t know where they belonged—but he knew that the day might come when they would wander off to another rancher’s pasture or that someone would come to claim them and take them away—because they did not belong to him.

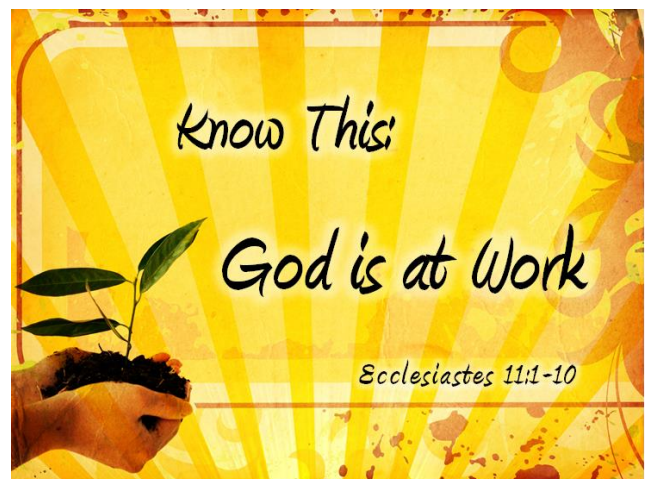
People are not cattle, which are bought and sold, but they do need to belong. Unlike cattle that have no choice to whom they belong, people can choose to belong to a church fellowship—not simply show up, but express their desire to belong and willingness to be a part. In a real way, anyone that has trusted in the LORD Jesus for salvation is a part of the ‘church universal’—that group of believers from the time of Jesus to the return of Jesus from every tribe and kindred. But, within the ‘church universal’ there must

be smaller groups that can know, care for, support, help one another—that is what a local church is to be.

Just as a shepherd is to know his flock (who belongs and how they are doing), so the pastor is to know his people—people who have said, I desire this pastor and this local fellowship to care for me, to pray for me, to encourage me, to weep with me, to walk with me. That is what membership in a local church is to be, a visible, public commitment, not only of being part of the ‘church universal’ but of being a part of a smaller group that works together for the King and Kingdom.

Membership in a local fellowship is to be a visible expression of an unseen spiritual reality (I have trusted in the LORD Jesus for salvation, I belong to Him). Membership in a local fellowship is to be a visible expression of God’s leading (I believe God would have me serve Him here among these brothers and sisters). Membership in a local fellowship is a visible expression of commitment (You can count on me and I will count on you).

St. Paul’s has a membership Sunday in March to welcome all that believe God wants them to make that commitment. If you are interested in becoming a member at Moniteau, or if you have questions, please contact one of our church board members or pastor Steve. (319-640-7009). Our 2021 church board members are: Andrew Rohrbach, Mark Baepler, Dale Taggart, Kevin Coffelt and Kathy Gerlach.



Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church - November 2020 Board Report

The Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church board met on November 23rd, 2020. Present were: Pastor Steve Watson, Kevin Coffelt, Beth Fennewald, Dale Taggart, Andrew Rohrbach, and Mark Baepler. Mark gave the opening prayer.

Secretary's Report:

The November 2020 meeting minutes were taken by Mark and submitted for review. Beth made a motion to approve the minutes and Dale seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurers report was submitted by Dale. This year's Families in Need donations totaled \$5,115. October's income was \$3,339.75, expenditures were \$3,320.19, total assets were \$88,964.25. Kevin made a motion to approve the report and Mark seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Old Business:

-Discussed church building projects

*Andrew met with builder Joe Martin at the church to discuss options for a possible remodel or addition. The board will get additional input from other builders and present those options at the annual meeting.

- Beth Fennewald will be finishing her term on the board. Kathy Gerlach accepted the board's nomination as a new member and will be brought forward at the annual meeting.

-The Evangelical Council meeting was discussed

*The Evangelical Council decided that the January meeting would be moved to the First Sunday in March with the thought being that this would be a less busy time of year and allow time for the new board members to be installed and settled into their appointed roles. Moniteau will bring forward a nomination from our church board to be president of the Evangelical Council at the March meeting and will also provide the meeting agenda and a calendar of events for approval.

New Business:

-Annual meeting

*Andrew to compile and print reports to be distributed prior to the meeting.

*Mark to present options for renovations and additions at the meeting.

-Pastor Evaluation

*The board discussed Pastor Steve's performance and agreed to bring a recommendation of a 2%

increase in his salary to the congregation at the annual meeting

-Beth made a motion to give Diana Watson \$200 in appreciation for her cleaning of the church, Mark seconded.

-Dale made a motion to give Diana Watson \$150 and Alden Rohrbach \$700 in appreciation for their piano playing for the church, Kevin seconded

-Need to prepare 2021 calendar of events

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dale and seconded by Kevin. The meeting was concluded with all joining in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark Baepler, Secretary

FROM ONE OF OUR FAMILIES IN NEED:

I'm going to try to put this into words, but the feelings that go along with this are too strong for words to even touch. I will try my best though, as these tears of happiness come from my eyes ...

I just want to say 'thank you' to each and everyone that make this possible, that put in your personal time, money, and your heart into making this happen. It has been a long few years for my family. Between our house catching on fire New Year's Day 2015, replacing almost everything for the 4 kiddos we already had and bringing a baby home a short 2 months later, to the many pitfalls we have faced repeatedly while trying to pick ourselves up from that. Just making it day to day is a definite challenge.

Every year we scrape pennies to make what little bit of the holidays we can, but you and your wonderful hearts make Christmas Day amazing for our babies, and for that I am forever grateful! You have no idea what this means to my family. I only wish you could witness the smiles that you put on my kids' faces. I know no amount of words would make you understand how I feel, or what this means to me. But I hope you know that you are so appreciated and so loved. This church family has been a blessing to my family. I love each and every one of you from the bottom of my heart.

From my family to yours,

Merry Christmas and thank you!