



Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church

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

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From the Pastor's Desk

It has been a hot summer and we need rain. I was walking across a neighbor's lawn and noticed how the grass had withered and looked dead. Needless to say, the grass needs water. It is amazing to note that if the rain should come, that the grass would once again green up and grow. The roots are shallow and if the moisture is not fairly close to the surface, the grass does not have roots to reach down very fair.

Contrast that with trees that are in the same yard. They are still green, the leaves have not withered. The tree is stressed, but it is clearly not suffering as the grass. That is the value of roots—able to reach down to draw up needed nutrients and water from depths below ground. The roots take time to grow, but the roots keep the tree alive in times of drought.

We can be like trees that not only put down deep spiritual roots but put down roots close to an ever-flowing stream. Psalm 1 tells us that we need to avoid listening to the things that men say and valuing the things that men value—and instead delight in the Bible (the Law of the Lord) and meditate (think about it) day and night. When we do that, God promises that we will water our souls and be like a tree, growing, yielding fruit (having something to offer to others), without withering.

The alternative is to listen and accept the world's values and perspectives which will make our lives like chaff—nothing substantial, nothing that is life giving and growing.

Our souls are thirsty—the solution is to put down spiritual roots by streams of living water and to drink.

Pastor Steve

Consider what the Psalmist says in Psalm 1:

- ¹ *Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers.*
- ² *But they delight in the law of the LORD, meditating on it day and night.*
- ³ *They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season.
Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.*
- ⁴ *But not the wicked! They are like worthless chaff, scattered by the wind.*
- ⁵ *They will be condemned at the time of judgment.
Sinners will have no place among the godly.*
- ⁶ *For the LORD watches over the path of the godly,
but the path of the wicked leads to destruction.*

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

Our Great Responsibility

Romans 10 says, "There is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same *Lord* is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him; ¹³ for "WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED."¹⁴ How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher? ¹⁵ How will they preach unless they are sent?

If you look at this process, someone has to 'preach' (share) the Gospel for a person to hear it. The person has to hear it in order to believe it. The person has to believe it in order to call upon the name of the LORD. Our job and responsibility is to tell the Gospel clearly, simply, often and passionately (because it is about Jesus' Passion—the cross).

But what is the Good News that we must tell others in order for them to believe and call upon the name of the LORD?

Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

The Good News that saves is that Christ died (paid the price) for our sins and that He conquered death—therefore, when we call upon His name we are not calling to one dead but One who was victorious over death.

Where we are going

We continue our 'Great Verses' series:

Aug. 5—Acts 1:8—telling the world about Jesus
Aug. 12—Rom. 12:1-2—Becoming Transformers
Ps. 19:14—Examined by the LORD
James 5:16—Honest to God
Sept. 2—Labor Day community service

Folks Needing Our Prayers:

Prayer needs change weekly. Please check your weekly bulletin for the current prayer concerns.

As is her usual, Beth Moore left me a little breathless as she spoke about God's intent that we live life focused, aiming straight, not boxing air, following Jesus en route to Jesus, intent on the prize...and that prize IS Jesus! I so appreciate her depth of study and understanding God's Word and her giftedness at communicating what she has learned, and I loved that so many of you were able to go and hear her, too...it made me feel happy-just knowing you were there.

Over the past month I have given considerable thought to the idea that when I 'follow Jesus en route to Jesus', Jesus brings His blessing as I go. It is my privilege, as His Spirit dwells in me, to bring His blessing to every interaction I have with others. This is a powerful truth. As a follower of Jesus, each of us is able to bring the very presence of GOD to those He "gives" us. To bring this home where we live, we-women in all our various roles and circumstances-display who Jesus IS to our husbands, children, grandchildren, extended family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. This is a large, invaluable piece of "the good works" He created for us to do even before He formed each of us. He is the treasure we live!

I saw this so clearly throughout VBS this past week (and I don't mean to negate or overlook the great work of men involved, but I "see" women and they are my focus). From the planning to each simple interaction with one another and with the children...Jesus was on display...and He makes us beautiful! Psalm 50 says this about GOD: "The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to the place where it sets...Our God comes and will not be silent," then a bit later, this: "He who sacrifices thank offerings honors me, and he (she) prepares the way so that I may show him the salvation of God." This really does say and mean that when I thank God for every circumstance (or all things) I am opening up a way for God to reveal His salvation! This is goose-bump, chilblain stuff...following Jesus en route to Jesus, thanking GOD as we go, IS preparing the way that GOD may demonstrate His salvation. Women...in all your roles...speak thanksgiving often over all your "peeps"...so that our very great and awesome LORD may show His salvation!

Maranatha! Come quickly Jesus!

Vacation Bible School

Rolling River Rampage Vacation Bible School came to Jamestown July 16-19. It was a combined effort of St. Paul's Evangelical Church, Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church, and Grace United Methodist Church. Eighty-one children and over thirty adults participated in the fun and learning, and we were joined by a purple river otter puppet named Romper. We learned how Jesus called his first disciples, how he helped Mary and Martha, how he and his disciples shared the first Lord's Supper, and how Jesus promised to be with us forever, especially when we carry on his work. Our other activities reminded us of these stories.

We shared thoughts about God, craft projects, science experiments, outdoor recreation, music, snacks, and stories about Jesus. We also took up a mission offering to help provide clean water for people around the world who don't have healthy available water for drinking, cooking, and hygiene. We are thankful to all our helpers and all who joined us at the Rolling River Rampage.

WWJD

WWJD will be starting in September. We are in need of helpers. We have an incredible group of people who come and serve the LORD by serving the children. Please pray that God would raise up—kitchen workers, individuals to share devotional thoughts (we coordinate together on this, presently Elaine Ernst, Pastor Steve and Karen Jones have done the teaching, but we would like to develop others) Pray and ask the LORD what He would have you do to build this program in reaching not only children, but also the homes of these children.

THANK YOU

Thanks for the prayers and concern for John when he had his medical emergency in church a few weeks ago. A very special thank you to Kevin Coffelt for being there and taking care of him until the ambulance arrived. We are both very grateful!

John and Bev Ernst

MONITEAU COUNTY BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT

A total of 85 boxes of tissues were donated – thank you for your generosity.



- Pastor Steve's brother, for his salvation.
- Rain
- The Dettman Family – our overseas missionaries
- Janet Coffelt (kidney stones)
- Families who lost people in the Branson Duck Boat incident
- Larry Potter (Norma Wood's brother) – issues with kidneys
- Seth Watson – searching for a church where he can preach
- Rev. Bill McGarity (former Assembly of God minister in California) – fluid around the heart
- Claire Fowler – received a new kidney recently

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.



READ: Matthew 6:25-27

Do you worry? The New Testament tells us that after Jesus was baptized, He began traveling around a region called Galilee healing sick people and preaching. He gathered many followers, including the men He called disciples — His friends who followed Him most closely. The book of Matthew tells us that Jesus sat down on a mountainside to teach them wise lessons. One thing He told them was that they shouldn't worry.

Jesus said that worrying is pointless because God has everything taken care of. But, most of us still worry.

Next time you see a bird in the air, remember that God knows what you need and will take care of it – just like He takes care of the bird.

SPECIAL MUSIC

On July 22, Dillon Wood gave a piano solo of "Amazing Grace" during the morning service. We look forward to him sharing his gift with us again.

CAMP AURORA HIGHLIGHTS



Gus Fennewald and Oscar Rohrbach spent their first year at Primary camp July 22- July 25.

Marie Baepler also had her first experience at camp and spent the week of July 22-27 for the Junior camp.

The kids have all reported having a wonderful time! Thanks to everyone who supported them and encouraged them along the way!!

ROOF & BUILDING UPDATES

In spite of some short delays due to extreme heat, the church roof was completed on schedule by Jacob Nolts. Following the church service on July 22, the board approved having Nolt's Construction paint the bell tower while they were here. If you haven't seen it yet, please make a point to come by and do so.



Kai Fennewald, Luke Baepler, Emma Baepler, Kristen Wetzig, and Treye Coffelt attended Junior High camp July 15-July 20.

