

# Newsletter—December 2021



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## Pastor's Pen: Some Christology?



Recently I came across the torn off bottom half of an insert in the back of my Bible. I recognized it as something I had written about having a quiet time a few years ago. Please forgive me if this sounds like blowing my own horn, but I think it is well-written and captures the essential elements of how to have a growing relationship with the Lord. The "unhurried time" in it convicted me, and pointed out why my early morning time with the Lord as of late, hasn't been what it was.

Here is what was on the paper, I hope it is helpful to you:

### **Spend some unhurried time listening to & worshiping the Lord.**

Today I was reminded of this reason to worship the Lord...

(Something to know, stop, change, or do)

Today I was challenged with this about my life...

Intervene for...

Strength for...

Direction for...

### **See the Lord in the day.**

Today I saw the Lord work in this person...this circumstance...or in me this way...

### **Share the blessing.**

Sometime during the day share your experience with the Lord with family members, or if living alone, with a close friend.

December, actually the four Sundays before Christmas, is considered the season of Advent in the church calendar. Advent, meaning "coming," has been part of the traditional liturgical calendar for hundreds of years. The first two Sundays of Advent the church reflects on the future coming of Christ to earth; the second two Sundays the focus is on His first coming as the child born to Mary and Joseph. Our church never used to observe Advent, not until a former parishioner asked me why we didn't. He thought it was good to focus on Christ and His entrance into our world at least once a year for a few Sundays. After thinking about it I agreed. And ever since I have tried to focus on Christ's "advent," His first coming anyway, at least a few Sundays before Christmas.

This also became a challenge. How many different ways can a person look at Christ's first coming? Here's some examples of themes or titles we've looked at in recent years: The Significant People of the Advent; The Incarnation; What We're Celebrating; He Shall be Called (Isaiah 9:6); The Good News; Promised in the Prophets; Sent into the World; Obstacles Were not Impossibilities; Those Who Worshiped at His Advent; and, A King; Promised, Born, and Coming Again.

I admit, I don't look forward each year, at Christmas and Easter, to try to think of different ways to look at the familiar accounts of the birth, death, and resurrection of Christ that we all have heard many times. What's the angle this year? I decided that it would be good for us to have a short eight-week (I see no need to be locked into the traditional Advent calendar) series of essential doctrines about Christ. There seems to be an increasing number of strange doctrines floating around. We all need to have a Biblically clear understanding of who Christ is, what He has done, and what He will do. It's important for us to not only know these truths, but also where to find them, and how to defend them. Can you?

Hopefully, as we together gain a deeper understanding of Christ Jesus, and individually carve out some "unhurried time," our relationships with Him will also grow deeper. So, are you up for learning some Christology (What the Bible says about Christ)? I can't think of a better way to reflect on the meaning of Christmas, and to begin the new year.

For the Glory of Christ,  
Pastor Dan



Merry  
Christmas!



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## Merry Christmas!



## December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 No Sr. Life Group Awana: Trek/Journey—5:30 pm Cubbies-T&T—6:15 pm	2 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC	3 Art Show Setting Up, NC  Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S	4 Student Art Show—11 am—2 pm, NC  Iglesia Biblica Women's study—4-6 pm, #102  Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, NC  Open AA Mtg, 6-7 pm, 18 & 8th
5 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am  Sunday School —9 am Pipeline —9 am  Iglesia Biblica—2 pm, S  Ignite 4-6 pm Fusion 6-8 pm	6 Prayer Meeting—6:30 pm, LL #102	7	8 No Sr. Life Group Awana: Trek/Journey—5:30 pm Cubbies-T&T—6:15 pm	9 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC	10 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S	11 Wedding, 2 pm, S  Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, NC  Vigilant Soul Concert—7-8 pm, 18 & 8th Doors Open 6:30 pm
12 Lord's Table Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am  Sunday School —9 am Pipeline —9 am  Iglesia Biblica—2 pm, S  Ignite 4-6 pm Fusion 6-8 pm	13 Deacon Meeting—6 pm, NC  Prayer Meeting—6:30 pm, LL #102  Elder Meeting—6:30 pm, LL #106	14	15 No Sr. Life Group Awana: Trek/Journey—5:30 pm Cubbies-T&T—6:15 pm	16 Blood Drive—Noon-6:30 pm, NC  Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, LL #101	17 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S	18 Iglesia Biblica Women's study—4-6 pm, #102  Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, NC
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26 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am  No Sunday School or Pipeline  Iglesia Biblica—2 pm, S  No Ignite or Fusion	27 Prayer Meeting—6:30 pm, LL #102	28	29 No Sr. Life Group No Awana	30 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC	31 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S  <i>New Year's Eve</i>	



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HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY



3 Mike Klitzke  
Shane Schulte  
Bill Westphal  
4 Gavin Eddy  
6 Michael Figi  
7 Evan Bartelt  
8 Ann Italiano  
Reuben Kawinzi  
Shirley Pieper  
9 Victoria Fowler  
Crystal Watson  
10 Amelia Haworth

11 Stan Johnson  
12 John Hudson  
Ralph Johnson  
Margarite Kawinzi  
Owen Kuenzi  
Rose Larson  
13 Betty Siedschlag  
14 Shannon Allbaugh  
Jeff Italiano  
15 Emma Hall  
16 Kaya Holverson

18 Henry Kuenzi  
19 Jonah Ohlrich  
21 John Bartelt  
22 Jacob Brunner  
Dan Krahenbuhl  
Troy Watson  
24 Joe Phillipps  
25 Chris Faith  
27 Pat Hawkinson  
29 Eli Elgin  
31 Rylie Hartwig

Happy  
Anniversary



Welcome Baby!

1 Roy & Karie Nafzger  
7 Mark & Deb Setterstrom  
20 Larry & Pam Young  
22 Bernie & Beth Roidt  
30 Carter & Sarah Rische




Congratulations to Carter & Sarah Rische  
on the arrival of their baby girl!  
Primrose Joy Rische was born on  
Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.  
She weighed 8 lbs. 8 oz. & was 20 ½" long.  
May God Bless Your Family!



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**BLOOD DRIVE**

Thursday, December 16  
Noon—6:30 pm  
Nehemiah Center

**Open AA Meetings**

Saturday, December 4th  
from 6:00—7:00 pm  
at 18 & 8<sup>th</sup>  
(1802 8th Street, Monroe)



A sober member of Alcoholics Anonymous will share their story.

This is an OPEN meeting, all are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Questions? Contact Carolyn at 608-345-1730 or Dale at 608-921-9360.

[www.greencountyaa.org](http://www.greencountyaa.org)

**Christmas Eve Service**  
**Friday, December 24th**  
**4:00 PM**




**NEXT STEPS AT MBC**

We will resume classes again in January after the holidays. Pick up a 2022 Next Steps brochure at the Welcome Center for a listing of all our classes.

Sign up for all Next Steps classes on our website, use the Chromebook at the Welcome Center, or contact the church office.



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I trust that you are thankful all year long and not just at the Thanksgiving holiday. Americans have so many things to be thankful for. Sit down and make a list of things we need to be thankful for. It will probably surprise you.



Scripture tells us about being thankful. Psalm 95:2 says "let us come before His presence with thanksgiving". Philippians 4:6 tells us to pray with thanksgiving. We should be thankful for salvation as stated in 2 Corinthians 9:15. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 tells believers to give thanks in all circumstances. This can be difficult at times. Psalms 147:7 tells us to sing to the Lord with thanksgiving. Being thankful is positive and will lift your spirit.

God has given us many things to be thankful for, both spiritual and physical. Let all of us as believers be known as thankful people. Make sure when you pray to tell God the many things you are thankful for concerning Him. Let us make it a habit to be thankful.

Dan Keen, Ministry Leader

## *Missions Ministry*

The Bible teaches us that when God blesses us materially it is not for us to accumulate far more than we need, but to provide an opportunity for sharing with others. I am thankful that the saints of MBC are truly givers! It is exciting to see how generously you respond year after year when donations are needed for various mission needs. Thank you so much for cupcakes and Bingo prizes for November's birthday party at Pleasant View and for the Christmas gifts of \$1805.50 which were divided among the missionaries we support. Many of them have limited finances, making it difficult to give Christmas gifts to spouses, children, family, and friends. When we all pitch in and give a little it is a huge blessing to them. Thank you for being cheerful faithful givers! As you prepare to send out Christmas cards, could you add some of our missionaries to your list? Addresses and emails can be found in the new 2021-2022 Missions Preach The Gospel booklet and on prayer cards located in the rack on the missions wall.

Your faithful regular giving allowed the missions ministry on behalf of MBC to help with the hospital expenses for Pastor Malumbi, one of the graduates of the African Pastors College taught by Tracy Singleton, and to provide much needed funds for our local Care Net Pregnancy Center. Funds were also sent to Pastor Kawinzi in Kenya to help him feed over 1,000 hungry children in refugee camps. In addition, he is accepting funds to purchase motorbikes for pastors who travel from village to village to preach but have no transportation beyond their own feet. There are many needs. Those of us serving with the Missions Ministry covet your prayers so that the decisions we make are pleasing to God.

Crystal Zimmerman, Ministry Leader





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### Wondering if Church is Cancelled due to Inclement Weather?

#### Follow these steps:

1. Check the church website: [www.monroebiblechurch.org](http://www.monroebiblechurch.org)
2. Check our Facebook page
3. Call MBC at 325-3966
4. Check the following Radio Stations  
 WEKZ – 1260 AM  
 WEKZ – 93.7 FM
5. We can send text messages of cancellations through Instant Church Directory.  
 \*Please notify the church office in advance if you would like to receive text messages.

There is a possibility that we would only cancel  
 one of the services and the 9 AM classes.

*(Note: cancellations will not be scrolled at the bottom of any television stations)*



## Christmas Concert

Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>  
 Doors Open at 6:30 PM  
 Concert at 7 PM

At 18 & 8<sup>th</sup>  
 (1802 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Monroe, WI)



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**Jesus is born.**

Luke 2:1-7



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Mary was going to have a baby. An angel had come to tell Mary about this baby. Her baby would be special. He would be God's Son.

When it was time to have her baby, Mary and Joseph had to take a trip. They walked and walked for three days. Finally, Mary and Joseph came to Bethlehem. There were so many people that there weren't any rooms left in the inn. There wasn't anywhere else for them to stay.

Finally, Mary and Joseph found a place to stay. It wasn't a nice place. It probably wasn't even a clean place. It was a place for animals to stay! Mary's little baby was born there. Mary wrapped the little baby in some clean cloths and then she laid Him in a manger filled with clean straw. Mary and Joseph named this baby Jesus.