

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL



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CHURCH PROFILE

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STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe in one God, Creator of all things, holy, infinitely perfect, and eternally existing in a loving unity of three equally divine Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Having limitless knowledge and sovereign power, God has graciously purposed from eternity to redeem a people for Himself and to make all things new for His own glory.

We believe that God has spoken in the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, through the words of human authors. As the verbally inspired Word of God, the Bible is without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for salvation, and the ultimate authority by which every realm of human knowledge and endeavor should be judged. Therefore, it is to be believed in all that it teaches, obeyed in all that it requires, and trusted in all that it promises.

We believe that God created Adam and Eve in His image, but they sinned when tempted by Satan. In union with Adam, human beings are sinners by nature and by choice, alienated from God, and under His wrath. Only through God's saving work in Jesus Christ can we be rescued, reconciled and renewed.

We believe that Jesus Christ is God incarnate, fully God and fully man, one Person in two natures. Jesus—Israel's promised Messiah—was conceived through the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He lived a sinless life, was crucified under Pontius Pilate, arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father as our High Priest and Advocate.

We believe that Jesus Christ, as our representative and substitute, shed His blood on the cross as the perfect, all-sufficient sacrifice for our sins. His atoning death and victorious resurrection constitute the only ground for salvation.

We believe that the Holy Spirit, in all that He does, glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ. He convicts the world of its guilt. He regenerates sinners, and in Him they are baptized into union with Christ and adopted as heirs in the family of God. He also indwells, illuminates, guides, equips and empowers believers for Christ-like living and service.

We believe that the true church comprises all who have been justified by God's grace through faith alone in Christ alone. They are united by the Holy Spirit in the body of Christ, of which He is the Head. The true church is manifest in local churches, whose membership should be composed only of believers. The Lord Jesus mandated two ordinances, baptism and the Lord's Supper, which visibly and tangibly express the gospel. Though they are not the means of salvation, when celebrated by the church in genuine faith, these ordinances confirm and nourish the believer.

We believe that God's justifying grace must not be separated from His sanctifying power and purpose. God commands us to love Him supremely and others sacrificially, and to live out our faith with care for one another, compassion toward the poor and justice for the oppressed. With God's Word, the Spirit's power, and fervent prayer in Christ's name, we are to combat the spiritual forces of evil. In obedience to Christ's commission, we are to make disciples among all people, always bearing witness to the gospel in word and deed.

We believe in the personal, bodily and glorious return of our Lord Jesus Christ. The coming of Christ, at a time known only to God, demands constant expectancy and, as our blessed hope, motivates the believer to godly living, sacrificial service and energetic mission.

We believe that God commands everyone everywhere to believe the gospel by turning to Him in repentance and receiving the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that God will raise the dead bodily and judge the world, assigning the unbeliever to condemnation and eternal conscious punishment and the believer to eternal blessedness and joy with the Lord in the new heaven and the new earth, to the praise of His glorious grace. (Statement Of Faith from www.EFCA.org, because we didn't feel we could have said it better)

CHURCH HISTORY

St. Paul's and Moniteau have their roots in Southern Germany and Switzerland following the Church Reformation Fathers Zwingli, Calvin, and Luther. It began as the German Evangelical Church. We were strong on missions, supporting a large missionary group who did a lot of work in India, Japan, and China.

From 1863 to 1893 there were three churches united together as one charge, Moniteau Advent organized in 1848, St. Peter's of Pleasant Grove founded in 1849, and St. Paul's, which came into being in 1863. In 1893 Moniteau became independent, and St. Peter's and St. Paul's remained one charge. In 1934 the Reformed Church of America merged with the Evangelical Church, and we became Evangelical and Reformed. In 1957 the Evangelical and Reformed merged with the Congregational Christian Church, and it became the United Church of Christ. Moniteau remained independent until 1971, when the three churches once again formed a Tri- Church charge. In 2004, after celebrating 165 years, St. Peter's discontinued services.

In 2006 St. Paul's and Moniteau voted to leave the denomination and restore the name Evangelical. We joined the Evangelical Association of Reformed and Congregational Christian Churches for help and support. Since making the decision to leave the United Church of Christ, our churches have remained strong and financially sound, with growing congregations that continue to serve the Lord and our communities.

Our churches have been ministered by:

Pastor Stephen Watson (February 2017 – April 2025) Pastor Steve came to Jamestown from Oak Grove Church in Shellsburg, IA. He also served as the pastor of several other churches in Nebraska, Colorado and Kansas. He is a graduate of Dallas Seminary in Texas. While at Dallas Seminary, he served with Search Ministries (evangelistic Bible studies) and interned at Grace Baptist Church as a youth pastor in Waverly, IA.

Interim Russell Cobb (August 2015 – January 2017) Independent Christian Church

Pastor Brian Bish (May 2010 - August 2015) Pastor Bish came to us as a new graduate with a Master of Divinity Degree from Covenant Seminary in St. Louis, MO. In July 2015, he accepted a call to be an associate pastor in Creve Coeur, MO at St. Paul's Evangelical Free Church, a church that he had joined in January 2010 while in seminary.

Interim Russell Cobb (2009 — 2010) Independent Christian Church

Pastor Chester Marshall (1991 – 2009) Pastor Marshall was formerly a farmer and area businessman who grew up in St. Paul's Church. Our previous pastor, Reverend Gardner, encouraged Pastor Marshall to become a minister. In April 2007, Pastor Marshall was ordained into the Evangelical Association.

Reverend Troy Gardner (1988-1991) Methodist

Interim Ruth Hotle (1987 – 1988) United Church of Christ Lay Pastor Joe Fay (1985 – 1987) Catholic

Reverend Richard Ferris (1969-1984) Presbyterian

LOCATION AND FACILITIES

St. Paul's Evangelical Church is located in Jamestown, on Missouri Route 179 about 25 miles northwest of Jefferson City, the capital of Missouri, 33 miles southwest of Columbia, home of the University of Missouri, and 12 miles north of California.

The original two-story building was constructed in 1920 with a sanctuary upstairs that seats about 160. The congregation is a mix of all ages from both Jamestown and surrounding communities with an average attendance of 90. The Sunday School consists of an older adult, young adult, high school/college, middle school, two elementary, and a pre-school class.

A large addition was constructed in 2001 that expanded both floors and added an elevator. An accessible restroom, choir room, and five classrooms were added to the upper floor. The remodeled and extended basement has a large recreation hall, spacious kitchen, nursery, children's playroom, and handicap accessible restrooms. St. Paul's also has a paved parking lot on the east side of the church and an adjoining cemetery on the north.

St. Paul's provides a furnished office for the pastor with a computer, printer, telephone, and internet.

Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church is located on Route D, approximately 6 miles west of Jamestown, 6.5 miles south of Prairie Home, and 10 miles north of California.

The first log church was dedicated in 1859; the second church built in 1866; and the present church building was completed and dedicated in 1925. The school house still stands on the church property and has been maintained and cared for over the years, being used for things like men's fellowship. The average attendance is around 50 people each week from surrounding communities in an around Moniteau County. Sanctuary and balcony seating would accommodate approximately 120 people. There is one adult Sunday School class and three classes for children ranging from nursery to upper elementary ages.

The congregation has always taken pride in maintaining its church building and grounds and has an annual "work day" set aside for this purpose. Some of the updates to facilities over the last few years would include new front doors, installation of an elevator, roof, and playground equipment. The adjoining cemetery is located to east of the church building. You can learn more about us at www.moniteauchurch.org, or visit us on our shared Facebook page at Evangelical Churches of Moniteau county [\(1\) Facebook](#).

WORSHIP SERVICES

St. Paul's and Moniteau have traditional services with traditional hymns. Music is an important part of our worship services. Special music is provided by guests, members of the congregations, youth Sunday School classes, or the St. Paul's choir. A children's sermon is given before the regular message. Announcements, prayer concerns, and praises are shared at the beginning of each service. Times for church services are:

St. Paul's Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Moniteau Worship Service – 9:00 a.m.

St. Paul's Worship Service – 10:30 a.m. Moniteau Sunday School – 10:20 a.m.

Worship Services continued: In addition to Sunday morning worship services, evening services are held for Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Christmas Eve.

Currently we are celebrating Holy Communion ten times per year: Epiphany Sunday, the first Sunday in Lent; Maundy Thursday Evening as a communion supper; Easter; World Wide Communion Sunday; Pentecost; the beginning of Advent; and three additional Sundays – one in June, July, and August.

CHURCH GOVERNANCE

EVANGELICAL COUNCIL is comprised of all the Church Council members from St. Paul's and Moniteau churches. They meet jointly at least twice per year to plan the church calendar, evaluate the pastor, elect officers, appoint special committees as needed, and discuss other business of mutual concern to the two churches.

CHURCH COUNCIL is the organized leadership responsible for the business oversight of the church. St. Paul's Church Council consists of six members and Moniteau Church Council consists of five. These councils meet once a month in their individual churches. They pay bills, see that the church is maintained, discuss what missions are supported, organize activities, keep records, appoint committees for special tasks, prepare for communion, keep the congregation informed about matters of the church, and care for the congregation.

CEMETERY BOARD is separate from the council at each church. This group is responsible for plots, mowing, and funding of their respective church cemetery. A special offering is held yearly to benefit each cemetery fund.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH ACTIVITIES

ST. PAUL'S CHOIR is comprised of volunteer members of the congregation and directed by another volunteer congregation member. Choir practice is generally held every other Wednesday evening. The Choir sings during about half the St. Paul's morning worship services and performs at community worship services.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY is held at St. Paul's the last Sunday in September to mark the promotion of those children who will move up into the next Sunday School class. The entire Sunday School meets together in the church basement and donuts are served. Songs are sung and the Sunday School teachers introduce their classes and give a brief overview of activities and what they have studied during the past year.

FAMILY NIGHTS are held on Sunday evenings seven or eight times per year and are highly anticipated and well attended. We have delicious carry in meals with a special time of fellowship with our church family. Some of the favorites include a fall walk, fish fry, and hay ride; trivia night; talent night; Sunday School Picnic; volleyball at the school gym; and a picnic at the local park with a ballgame and homemade ice cream.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST is held every week before Sunday School from 9-9:30am. Each family that attends rotates providing breakfast for the rest of the group. Everyone is welcome and it is a great way to catch up with fellow church members in a casual environment.

SENIOR SINGLES is open to anyone in the community who is a widow. We meet for lunch the first Thursday of each month to share a potluck meal followed by visiting or playing games.

MONITEAU CHURCH ACTIVITIES

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP is held 5 times per year; the most popular being the “Talent Show” in March, fish fry in May, and homemade ice cream in August. Recently, we have started delivering meals to shut-in’s and others that are not able to attend.

MEN’S FELLOWSHIP group meets the second Monday of each month and has an average attendance of 12. A short devotion and food, followed by a good card game are the main agenda.

ADVENTURE CLUB meets the second Sunday of each month following Sunday School. This program is geared towards kids ages 8 to 15 to allow them the opportunity to explore practical life skills that will serve them throughout their lives, all based within Biblical and Christian context.

HELPING HANDS is a ministry that was formed to address needs in our immediate community. Each fall we identify and begin to pray for 8-12 struggling families in the area. At Christmas time we purchase gifts and cloths for each of the children and provide a substantial supply of food for the families. If other needs are identified we seek to assist them with those as well. Individuals outside of Moniteau have recognized the impact of this ministry and have partnered with us to carry out the second most important command identified in Mark 12:31, to ‘love your neighbor as yourself’.

BREAKFAST IN THE PARK is hosted by the adult Sunday School class each fall at a nearby location. Everyone brings lawn chairs or sits on the provided hay bales and enjoys breakfast prepared over an open campfire.

BLAZING NEEDLES meets several times per month. Anyone that enjoys sewing, quilting, knitting, crocheting, crafting, or any other hobby, is welcome to come and join the group for some fun and fellowship.

THE NUTURING COMMITTEE was formed to reach out to members that are hospitalized, miss church for a time, have had a death in the family, etc. Organized of 7 volunteers from the church, they stay in touch with people during those times by sending cards, providing updates to our congregation, making phone calls, and requesting pastoral visits when needed or requested.

COMBINED CHURCH ACTIVITIES

JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY YOUTH GROUP (JCYG) was expanded during Pastor Bish's pastorate from the youth group at St. Paul's to a community gathering of youth in grades 9-12. They meet on Wednesday nights at St. Paul’s church during the school year and are currently led by Ben Marshall and Seth Rohrbach (both members of St. Paul's church). JCYG consists of fellowship, food, and a discussion-based bible study where a different topic or book of the Bible is discussed each semester.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP, like JCYG meets on Wednesday nights during the school year. The group started around 2016 when members of the community noticed a gap in outreach programs to the youth (WWJD encompassed elementary ages and JCYG high school). Meetings are held at The Assembly church with their pastor, David Hewkin, and his wife Zenetta leading the group. The evening consists of hang-out time, food, singing, and devotion. St. Paul’s church sets aside funds in its budget to support the cause.

WEDNESDAY WITH JESUS DEVOTIONS (WWJD) is an outreach program that began in September 2014 to reach children K-5th grade on Wednesday mornings during the school year. This program, held at St. Paul's Church from 7:00 – 7:45 a.m., is a joint venture of several churches in the Jamestown Ministerial Alliance. It consists of games, a hot breakfast and a devotion before children are escorted to school on Wednesday mornings.

YOUTH MISSION TRIPS are an offshoot of JCYG and have been a much-anticipated activity for the youth since 2011. Most mission trips have been arranged through an organization called Group Mission Trips where youth paint houses and build decks (along with various other construction projects) for less fortunate individuals. Group Mission Trips are held during the summer all over the Midwest with the JCYG having attended camps in IL, IN, WI, TN, IA, and WV. The week-long summer trip is sponsored by St. Paul's and additional contributions are made by other area churches. While the week is centered around work, the primary purpose is for the youth to create and cultivate a relationship with Christ. Powerful worship services and thought-provoking devotions assist in making the week a life changing experience for all that attend. The current plan is to attend a Group Mission Trip every other year while on the off years perform local mission work in our community or at Camp Aurora.

YOUNG CHRISTIANS WEEEEKND (YCW) is a gathering of thousands of youth from surrounding states in Branson, MO around early April. The event is held at the theme park Silver Dollar City and includes breakout sessions, live music, and programs with well-known singers/bands and powerful speakers. While youth from Jamestown have been attending this event for many years, JCYG and St. Paul's church have led the effort since 2024. YCW is done in conjunction with the high school and middle school youth groups and the goal is to make it a yearly activity.

CAMP AURORA is a church camp nestled in the heart of the Ozarks near Windyville, MO. Camps are generally a week long in July and accommodate grades 2nd-12th. Both churches have many kids that attend camp as well as college age youth that have continued their involvement as counselors and directors. Additionally, each church pitches in financially to support campers and Camp Aurora in general.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER is held each year in March. St. Paul's, Moniteau, Grace Methodist of Jamestown, and Prairie Home Methodist collaboratively conduct the service, joining with churches around the globe in observation of prayer. A program is led by volunteers, followed by a business meeting and fellowship. Host churches are rotated each year and funds raised are donated to various organizations/missions.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) is held each summer. St. Paul's and Moniteau partner with Grace Methodist Church in a cooperative Vacation Bible School for children ages 3 through completion of 6th Grade. This has become a successful community ministry with the average VBS enrollment between 40-60 children.

JAMESTOWN MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE is comprised of any pastors in the Jamestown community willing to participate. This alliance is a partnership that plans community-wide services for Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Easter Sunrise which is held at the high school with churches taking turns hosting breakfast after the service. The alliance pools their resources to address the needs of individuals and families in crisis.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT of our churches includes but are not limited to:

- Scheduled nursing home visits in California, MO
- Arranging funeral dinners for the family and friends
- Volunteering at Moniteau Christian Ministries Center in California, MO where used clothing is sorted and sold for very low prices.
- “See You At The Pole” is a nationwide time of prayer for our school, community, and country. The event is held in late September around the flagpole at Jamestown School.
- The churches facilities are used for showers, anniversary celebrations, family reunions, Baccalaureate service, the local National Honor Society’s ceremony, and many community meetings.

MISSIONS

Our churches utilize opportunities to support a variety of missions. Special offerings are held during services and recipients include but are not limited to: Salvation Army, Food Pantry, Festival of Sharing, Mission Festival, Helping Hands ministry, Samaritans Purse, Behind the Walls Ministry, and Healing House. Our Churches also support their members with Church Camp registration expenses and Mission Trips. Additionally, we have an ongoing commitment to support a couple working with CRU ministries.

Both churches host fundraisers and projects aimed at supporting the local community. The Fall Fundraising Walk is held in conjunction with a Family Night event at St. Paul’s and the funds raised are donated to community projects. The Helping Hands project, held at Moniteau, delivers food, gifts, and monetary funds to local families and individuals during Christmas time.

Mission Festival is a shared Sunday morning service held each September with both churches attending. The churches take turns hosting the event each year and the host church selects a ministry to come share information about their ministry. The offering from that service goes to the invited mission organization and is a basis for ongoing congregational support. Of course, a large meal follows the service.

OUR COMMUNITY

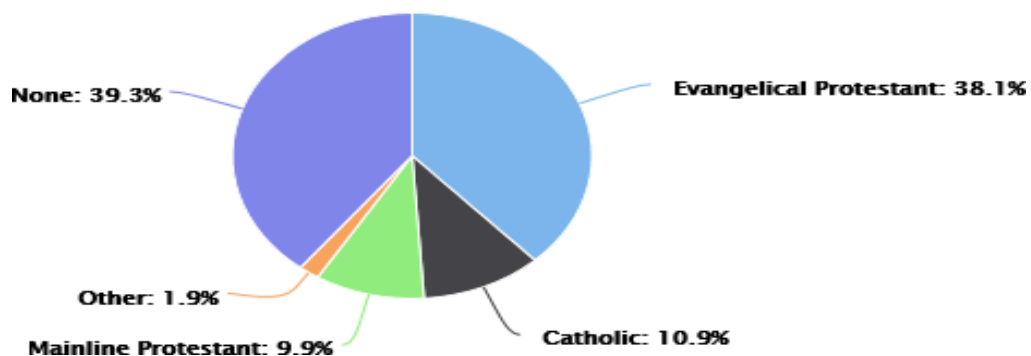
Jamestown has a population of 329 as of 2022. The median age is 47.2 years, so we look for the community to continue to grow. The cost-of-living index is 75.3 making it significantly lower than the U.S. average of 100 and a very economical place to live.

Traditionally, Jamestown consisted mostly of farmers, but that has changed over time. Many people now commute to Jefferson City and Columbia for work and entertainment. Our community has a comfortable hometown feel, yet we have many businesses, universities, hospitals, movie theaters, and restaurants within a 30 minute drive.

Jamestown has a good K-12 school. The class sizes are typically small, so teachers are able to give each student attention they need to succeed. The estimated education level for the population 25 years and over in Jamestown is: High school or higher: 87%; Bachelor's degree or higher: 13.6%; and Graduate or professional degree: 4.9%.

There are a variety of Christian churches in the area, five of which are located in Jamestown. This chart represents the county breakdown:

Religions Adherents In 2010



Our community has several active groups including the 4-H Club, Lions Club, and an emergency response organization with volunteer fire fighters, paramedics, and individuals trained in various rescue techniques. Amenities include a park, baseball field, community building, and swimming pool.

There are also many opportunities for outdoor activities within a short distance such as lakes and public conservation areas that offer trails, good hunting, and fishing. There is a healthy pride in our county and community and we make an effort to keep it clean and safe.

Statistics were taken from City-Data.com

PASTORAL EXPECTATIONS

Pray and seek instruction from God. Love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Preach God's Word from the Bible, not adding to or taking away from it.

Provide spiritual leadership to both St. Paul's Evangelical and Moniteau Evangelical Advent Churches. We desire to be motivated to go and do God's will and encouraged to apply faith to our daily lives. A key to this is effectively planning and leading worship as well as providing inspired and compelling sermons.

Work at bringing in new members; provide counseling and confirmation to those wishing to join the church. Reach out to inactive members, the unchurched, and those in crisis while also working to build relationships with the active congregation.

Be active in church organizations, committees, and activities as well as youth groups, the ministerial alliance, community, and schools.

Lead by personal example; be available for members, be a peacemaker; be a compassionate and caring person, sensitive to other's needs; maintain confidentiality.

Make pastoral calls on church members that are in hospitals, nursing homes, and those that are homebound. Be effective in working with children and youth. Arrange pulpit supply when necessary.

Perform additional services including weddings, pre-marital counseling, funerals, and baptisms.

PASTOR SALARY

The proposed starting salary for our pastor could be up to \$80,000 and will be based on the candidate's education and experience. This is the total salary for both churches and would include any and all benefits.

HOW TO APPLY

- 1) Email us to request an application
- 2) Download the pastor application to your device
- 3) Complete the application and attach it to an email
- 4) To submit the completed application and your resume electronically, or for any questions concerning the pastor position or application process, please email us at: EvangelicalCouncil.Jamestown@gmail.com

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