

Missions and Outreach Ministry - Terry Anderson

Regularly planned Missions and Outreach activities will continue through the end of 2024. Participation in the World Missions Offering and the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering will be in October and December respectively, each with a congregation goal of \$1,400.

There are three other non-monetary collections that will take place before the end of the year:

- Cold weather gear for children attending Pine Elementary, including hats, caps, scarves, gloves and mittens. We will take these to the school by December 1.
- Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes, to be delivered to children around the world. Local drop-off is during the third week of November.
- Angel Tree Christmas gifts for residents at Maple Crest nursing facility here in Omaha.

The annual Trunk 'r Treat on our church property is scheduled for Sunday, October 27.

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Sunset Hills Church September 2024 Newsletter

Worship for All Generations

One of the things I deeply appreciate about our fellowship at Sunset Hills is that we are expressive worshipers. We don't often hide our praise in response to the great things God is doing. In fact, we even get noisy every now and then when we gather.

I love it. Psalm 48:9-14 is one of hundreds of places in the Scripture where we are encouraged to remember our faithful God and to respond in praise:

We have thought on your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple. As is your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is filled with righteousness. Let Mount Zion be glad! Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your judgments!

And then comes the challenge to gather some "see for yourself" evidence:

Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers, consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels, that you may tell the next generation that this is God, our God forever and ever. He will guide us forever.

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Please don't miss this purpose statement: ... remember the mighty works of God in your life that you may tell the next generation. Worship is a critical part of the heritage we pass on to our children and grandchildren. Helping them see the hand and heart of God in our lives will help them recognize God's work in their lives. God is up to the task to provide evidence. Be on the watch for it as we enter into autumn – and let the next generation in on it so they can join you in thanksgiving and praise.

-- Steve Wamberg

Upcoming Sermon Schedule

September 1	How Can I Connect with Jesus in a Culture that Seeks to Pull the Plug?	<i>Matthew 7:21-23</i>
September 8	How Does Jesus' Authority Impact My Authority?	<i>Matthew 7:24-27</i>
September 15	The Commission's Context	<i>Matthew 28:16-20</i>
September 22	TBD	
September 29	TBD	

Prayer Requests and Concerns

Health Concerns

Rita Vetter	Lou Riggs	Nina Little	Phyllis Meyer
Karen via Linda H.	Ruth Steele	Jomar Peter's son	Deb Vetter
Ms. Ida via Jill G.	Unspoken Prayers	Beau via Jill G.	Dan Allman
Cheryl Arnold & brother	Carol McCormick	Kya Denning's dad & sister	
Joan and Gary P. families	Brenda Baker	Maggie via Wamberg's	

Other Concerns

- Continue to pray for those with ongoing health problems and for those in mourning
- Pray for all teachers, including Sunday school teachers and home school teachers
- Pray for travel protection/mercies for all that are traveling
- Pray for our church family and our Pastor and church leaders
- Pray for those seeking employment opportunities/advancements
- On-going prayers of well-being for shut-ins and military personnel
- Pray for our country

Confidential prayer requests may be left in the prayer box on the wall in the narthex.

For regular prayer requests, please text or call and leave a message for Dot North at 402-658-6401, emails may not be seen in a timely manner. She will confirm that your request was received, and it will be sent out to the prayer chain. Your requests are very important to us.



Dear Parishioners of Sunset Hills Baptist Church,

Thank you very much for donating backpacks and school supplies to get our students off to a great start to this 2024-2025 school year.

These items will be available during our Back to School Night event on Monday, August 12. Our area was hit hard by the latest storm, so not having to purchase school supplies will help ease our families' finances.

The extra supplies you sent for our teachers will put a smile on their faces when they return for the 2024-2025 school year on Wednesday, August 7.

We appreciate the support from our community. We wish you the very best.

Sincerely,

Adriana Vargas
Principle
Pine Elementary

Rose Pope
Counselor

Stewardship Campaign 2025

The 2025 stewardship campaign will be rolled out on Sunday, September 1. Pledge packets will be handed out that Sunday. If you're not here that Sunday, they will be mailed to you if we have your current address. We are requesting pledge cards to be returned by Sunday, October 6. Thank you.



The Church office will be closed on Monday, September 2 for the Labor Day holiday and also on Friday, September 6 and 13 while Denise is on vacation (September 5 - 13). Rev. Steve will be in and out of the office during that time, so please call to make an appointment if you need to meet with him. Thank you!

**The next Family Gathering
will be on Friday, September 6
from
6:00—8:00 p.m.**

A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

**Coming next month
world
mission
offering**


Sunset Hills Goal - \$1,400

Date	Attendance	Giving
July 28	62	\$2,816.82
August 4	67	\$4,925.00
August 11	55	\$2,761.82
August 18	66	\$2,175.00
August 25	70	\$3,221.82

SHBC Financial Scoreboard	
July Income	\$ 15,395
July Expenses	\$ 17,283
YTD Income	\$ 99,917
YTD Expenses	\$116,902


Vision Statement
 Communicate the love of God so all may experience the joy of a relationship with Christ.

Mission Statement
 Build disciples by empowering each church participant to practice personal and congregational mission to reach people in our everyday lives.

- 1 Jaron Raj Nalathambi
 - 2 Ruth Steele
 - 12 Denise Vanosdall
 - 13 Marvin Vanosdall
 - 14 Ava Dale
 - 14 Pat Smith
 - 17 Steven (S.J.) Workman
 - 18 Collin Pike
 - 18 Rev. Rick Wheatley
 - 19 Shelby Bisgard
 - 21 Steve Mikkelsen
 - 22 Glenn Kilpatrick
 - 24 Deanne Caughey
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Bible Study

Join Rev. Steve on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. for Bible Study. All are welcome.



Monthly Prayer Meeting

Due to the Labor Day Holiday, we will not meet in September.

Women Mentoring Women
Monday, September 9 & 23
6:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Happy Anniversary!

- 2 Rev. Rick & Linda Wheatley 46 years
- 5 Gary & Joan Peterson 54 years
- 5 Jason & Terri Rich 15 years
- 11 David & Abitha Nallathambi 24 years

If you would like to meet with or talk to Rev. Steve during the week, please feel free to call or email at 719-330-3536, stevewamberg@yahoo.com You may also call the office at 402-391-0820 Monday-Friday from 8:00 - 1:00 to make an appointment.

RetroActive

“Youth Group for Adults”

Wednesday, September 11 & 25
 9:30 a.m.
 Sunset Hills Fellowship Hall

Stewardship Ministry Team September News - Ron Reed

After a significant commitment to learn all we could about recommendations from contractors to solve the heavy rainwater erosion issues affecting the Woods family and our church, Grounds Leader, Marvin Vanosdall has an agreement in place with Nebrota to begin the extensive project. The contacted cost for this work is expected to be \$9,760.

The lower-level flooding was addressed by Marvin Vanosdall as I was unable to help. It took a serious amount of time and effort to remove the water from the north end. Thanks to each of you who helped to wet vac and clean and to those who provided fans and dehumidifiers. It was learned that flooding was caused by an opening along the west foundation. Marvin shared that the void was filled with topsoil. Landscape fabric and mulch was reapplied. A block border was placed where water was flowing to that spot, and along the top edge of the concrete stairwell on the north end of the building. Water likely got into the lower-level under the doubles classroom's exterior door due to the stairwell drain being clogged.

We are praying for one to answer God's call to serve as Facilities Leader and for one as Events Leader. Please contact me to learn more about these positions.

Beginning September 15, **The Kingdom Church** will be worshipping in God's Sunset Hills Baptist Church Fellowship Hall on Sundays from mid-afternoon to early evening. Their church has about 60 attendees and has been growing as we have. We welcome them with open arms.

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Men's Study Group September News - Ron Reed

Men, please join us for the study of **The Israel Course** by Christians United for Israel. We just started it on August 13. The text is available. We meet Tuesday evenings by way of Zoom from 6:30 to 7:30. Contact Don Zak, Bob Molby, Marvin Vanosdall, Bob Slechta, Judah Anaya, Rick Wheatley, Gary Peterson, Steve Wamberg, or Ron Reed to learn more.

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Adult Sunday School September News - Ron Reed

We can't thank Dot North enough for her facilitating the showing of **The Chosen** series, which will continue in September. We'd love to have you join us from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. in the lower-level doubles classroom.

Sunset Hills Baptist Church
Ministry Council Minutes
August 19, 2024

Attendees:

Rev. Steve Wamberg; Music/Worship & Safety/Security Rev. Jason Workman; Moderator, Diane Workman; Pastor/Staff Relations, Gary Peterson; Prayer, Dot North; Treasurer, Doug Larsen; Church Clerk, Becki Pike; Shepherding, Amber Dale; Stewardship, Ron Reed; Missions/Outreach, Terry Anderson; Visitors, Donald Zak and Bob Molby

Devotion and prayer – Rev. Wamberg

Business:

Safety/Security – Rev. Jason Workman

- The Only Jesus event was a great test to our team and went extremely well. I am very proud of the team. We received a gift from the Only Jesus group that will enhance security protection which is appreciated. We will be scheduling some specific training sessions coming up this Fall/Winter. Cameras have been purchased and will be installed inside. Two or three outside cameras to come.

Music/Worship – Rev. Jason Workman

- No significant changes or concerns. Things continue as Dan Todd is on sabbatical. Staff Relations, Pastor and I will be meeting with Dan Todd in the coming week or two to secure an understanding of his return from leave and how that will look moving forward.

Pastor/Staff Relations – Gary Peterson

- Evaluations are being collected and reviewed in meetings with staff. Working on budgets and proposal for 2025 salary. Dan and Marge are going to resign but want to stay on as volunteers. If they both are gone on a Sunday, they will coordinate with Annie Wamberg for coverage. This change will start September 8. Rev. Jason and Gary will discuss the parameters that this will entail. We would also like to encourage anyone who would like to sing one of the special songs on Sunday to let us know. Suggestion of having a campfire worship service was also talked about. A love gift was also discussed to give Dan and Marge while they were on sabbatical and also for Annie for covering music while they were gone. The amounts will be \$750 for Dan and Marge and \$1,000 for Annie.

Shepherding – Amber Dale

- Shepherding Ministry talked with Ron about getting new curtains for the nursery. He will look into it.
- Will send sympathy card to Nina from church and flowers when funeral is arranged.

Missions/Outreach – Terry Anderson

- I already told Pine Elementary we would NOT feed the staff during fall parent conferences.
- The only "new" budget item we'd like for consideration in 2025 is a small monthly financial support for one of our ABC missionaries. A figure of \$50/month was mentioned. Missionary to be determined, with Pastor Rick being the most knowledgeable and possibly with direction from the regional office.
- The Ministry Council would be who decides on the percentage that goes to the region office, which comes out of the Mission and Outreach Ministry budget.

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- I'm still not aware of the monthly \$49 that has been assessed to the Outreach line item this year.
- Backpacks and supplies were delivered to Pine Elementary.
- Telly is to be meeting with each ministry leader to discuss the website and granting access to the website for your ministry.

Prayer – Dot North

- No report provided

Stewardship – Ron Reed

- Marvin has working with contractors to replace the parking lot drain and landscape. Marvin has gone back to the companies and the work needing completed will cost about \$1,000 more than bids given. Nebrota will be the one who will be completing the work for \$9,760. Work will start in roughly four weeks.
- Kingdom Church paid \$300 to use our church on a Friday and Saturday and are considering using our facility monthly for their services. If they decide to keep using our facility, they will pay us \$1,200 monthly for use of the fellowship hall. They currently have about 60 attendees and are working on growing that number. They will have their own equipment that we will store at the church for them. An additional outlet will need to be installed for them to use their projector and music equipment. They will clean up any room that they use with the hope of having it cleaner than it was. Their service will be on Sundays starting at 4:15. They will use classrooms for the children from 3:30-6:30. Times may change if needed with other groups that currently use the church. A motion was made to accept them using the church by Rev. Jason Workman and seconded by Gary Peterson.

Treasure's report – Doug Larsen

- We have new insurance that came in about \$4,500 less than what we anticipated. A check is being sent to Camp Moses Merrill for Cabin 9 contributions so far.

Discipleship – Vacant

- Rev. Jason from the Ministry council met with LaShawnda Woods, Lidia Barrientos and Denise Vanosdall to discuss how children's Sunday school would be divided. Joan Peterson is considering leading music with the Sunday school children.

Stewardship campaign – Rev. Jason Workman

- **Notes for 2025 Pledge Cards** - Letter from Pastor Steve will go out with encouragement of 1.5% increase in tithe. White cards will be included for money pledges and members can stay anonymous. Blue cards will be for members to fill out if they would like to help on a certain ministry. Each ministry will also have a breakdown of how their budget was spent. A meeting is planned for September 29 with a Q&A right after the church service to go over where we are on budget with pledge cards turned in. This meeting will include online viewers also. Discussion was also made for passing the offering plate around during service again.

Budget Building – Jason Workman

- The 2025 budget proposal was discussed and will be revisited after Pledge card Sunday. Corrections to be updated and sent out to the council.

Prayer – Dot North

Next Meeting – Monday, September 9, 2024 (Moved due to Workman's being out of town)