

Hanging with the
Surf-Ants!
 VBS ✦ Ages 4-12
Saturday, June 7th
10:00AM to 2:00PM
 Crafts ✦ Food ✦ Music ✦ Games
 ✦ **402-391-0820**
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Sunset Hills Church
May 2025
Newsletter

Giving
 By Robert C. Molby

Since the first of this year, 2025, I have kept a record of requests for money I get on the email. As of this date, April 9, 2025, I have received 234 requests for money from 101 institutions. Some of these requests are from the same organization. I have not included those requests I see on the TV which would add considerable to the internet. They are good requests such as Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, Red Cross, Open Door Mission, Habitat for Humanity, St. Jude's Hospital, to name a few of the organizations, and I may respond to a few of them. I will respond because I want to, I believe in them, but not out of feeling guilty if I do not give. I couldn't give to all of them if I wanted to, there are so many of them.

My daughter and I visited Camp Moses Merrill to see the progress made on the Weaver Hall Project costing nearly \$500,000. We were shown around and greatly impressed with what was done. I was further impressed that we could undertake such a project when I remember a time I served as an overseer of the camping program. A project costing us \$60,000 for sewer development gave us pause to consider. How could we raise that much money? We had other needs to consider as well. If we needed \$500,000 that day, we would sell the camp and leave the camping business.

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I said as much to the current camp overseer. She told me that she had learned that all we had to do was ask, and so she did. People responded, and Weaver Hall is being renewed and made serviceable for many more years of ministry.

In the Sermon on the Mount, as recorded by Matthew 7:7-11, Jesus said, "Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches find, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake. If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your father in heaven give good things to those who ask him?" Looking at the brief, unofficial observation of requests for money that I have made, the secular world has learned how to ask, and from the remarks that our camp overseer has said, she has learned to ask. "It pays to ask," said Jesus, also the secular world.

As I read what Jesus said in Matthew, he commands us to ask, especially for the Kingdom of God. Let's do it!

Upcoming Sermon Schedule

May 4	Pastor Jason	
May 11	(Mom's) Art of the Deal	<i>Mark 7:25-30</i>
May 18	How to Move a Mountain	<i>Mark 11:22-25</i>
May 25	Strategy for the Spiritual Battle	<i>Matthew 22:23-33</i>

Adult Sunday School May Update - Ron Reed

The Adult Sunday School began Dr. David Jeremiah's *The Coming Economic Armageddon* on April 20. "In this study, Dr. David Jeremiah covers ten crucial aspects of the present and future economic changes in our world - and reminds readers to keep their trust in God alone, the only true source of safety and security in our world." We would love to have you join us. We meet from 9:00 to 10:00 Sunday mornings in the lower-level, doubles classroom.

Sincere appreciation for the support and kind words following the death of Nalini's brother, Dr. Kanchan Lodhia. It was comforting to see so many Sunset Hills members at the memorial service. Thank you all.

Nalini and Terry Anderson



Men's Study Group May Update - Ron Reed

Men, we invite you to join us as we go deeper in biblical study. We just started the study of *Hard Sayings of the Bible*, written by four seasoned scholars. Our group meets by way of Zoom on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30. Please contact Don Zak, Rev. Rick Wheatley, Rev. Bob Molby, Bob Slechta, Don Mummy, Rev. Steve Wamberg, or Ron Reed to learn more about this.

Stewardship Ministry Team May Update - Ron Reed

Our team met on April 10 to discuss topics in the last quarter. Marvin Vanosdall shared that the work for the Spring Cleanup on April 26 has been listed on a signup sheet. Denise Vanosdall will be overseeing Spring Cleanup grounds tasks as Marvin has another commitment. The preparing of our south open ground for grass seeding will be led by Steve Mikkelsen. Terri Rich and Jess Mikkelsen will be looking for a couple of other volunteers to help with watering planted areas.

Doug Larsen is preparing a list of Spring Cleanup tasks for the building and a signup sheet for volunteers. The padlock key for the downstairs Janitor closet disappeared. Josh Gilliland removed the lock so a combination lock could take its place. We thanked Josh for the much-needed lighting improvement for the balcony. He will address the exterior light fixture issue on the northwest corner while installing a security camera.

Cindy Combs shared that The Kingdom Church will be moving out of Sunset Hills due to a decline in attendance. Two baby shower gatherings are scheduled for the Fellowship Hall. She will be listing tasks for the Spring Cleanup and send them to Doug Larsen.

Ashley Rhedin (History Leader) was warmly welcomed to our ministry. She has been given the latitude to seek volunteers to serve with her.

I informed our team that I will not be able to lead or help with, the Spring Cleanup because of another scheduled commitment.

Our next quarterly meeting will be in July.

Date	Attendance	Giving
March 30	60	\$4,949.77
April 6	62	\$7,354.12
April 13	80	\$4,033.00
April 20	101	\$3,504.07
April 27	65	\$3,470.00

SHBC Financial Scoreboard

March Income	\$22,233.00
March Expenses	\$14,559.85
YTD Income	\$57,123.94
YTD Expenses	\$45,915.95

May 2025 Prayer Requests and Concerns

Health Concerns

Jan Ramy via Carol V.	Mike Minarick	Cheryl Arnold	Ron Reed
Steve Combs	Larry via Joan P.	Dan Allman	Gary Peterson
Linda via Cindy C.	Jenny via Annie W.	Steve via Jim H.	Roger via Annie W.
Carol via Rita V.	Dave via Rita V.	Shirley via Rita V.	Jill via Dot N.
Ed & Dee via Kathy K.	Jessica via Amber D.	Julie via Doug L.	Jane Ray
Diane via Doug L.	Linda Hedrick	Jaclyn via Petersons	Ryder via Petersons
Janice & Ed via Kya D.	Kya Denning	Marlene via Kya D.	Carol Von Forell

Other Concerns

Continue to pray for those in mourning (Kathy Koppenhaver friends of family, Ray family, families of Nalini and Terry Anderson, Cal Nelson family & friends, Wamberg/David families, Gilmer families)

Continue to pray for those with ongoing mental and physical health problems.

Pray for safe travels for those who are traveling now and for those who travel for a living.

Continue to pray for the safety of those who are living alone and for those who are lonely.

Pray for our church family and our Pastor and church leaders and groups.

Pray for those seeking employment opportunities/advancements.

On-going prayers of well-being for shut-ins and military personnel.

Pray for our country. Leave judgement to God and work on the planks in our own eyes.

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

Reminder: There is a box for praises and ideas next to the confidential box.

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.

14 Kellye Deane
14 Rita Vetter
16 Mary Reed
17 Diana LaCroix
19 Keegan Noggle
27 Bill Clark
27 Gary Peterson
29 Darby Von Forell



Coming next month!

One Great
HOUR
OF SHARING

Bible Study

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



Happy Anniversary

6 Roy and Vicki Loeffler
30 Years

Sunday, May 4

11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Please mention Sunset Hills when ordering.



Monthly Prayer Meeting Monday, May 5 6:00 p.m.

Women Mentoring Women
will **not** be meeting during the month
of May.

Wednesday, May 14 and 28
9:30 a.m.

RetroActive

“Youth Group for Adults”

The next Family Gathering is on
Friday, May 2 from 6:00—8:00 p.m.
A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

*“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.
This is the first and greatest commandment, and the second is like it; ‘Love your neighbor
as yourself.’”*

Matthew 22:36-40

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.

Convenient times include Saturday mornings or Sunday morning after the worship service.

Sunset Hills Baptist Church
Ministry Council Minutes
April 28, 2025

Attendees: Rev. Steve Wamberg; Moderator, Diane Workman; Church Clerk, Becki Pike; Growing Ministry, Rev. Jason Workman; Caring Ministry, Gary Peterson; Operations Ministry, Ron Reed; Doug Larsen

Devotion/Prayer – Rev. Wamberg – Things look different, but God has the big picture.

Caring – Gary Peterson

- **Shepherding Ministry:** Amber Dale
 - ◊ Easter baskets were delivered to the shut-ins.
- **Pastor/Staff Relations Ministry:** Gary Peterson
 - ◊ Shared staff vacation schedules.
- **Prayer Ministry:** Dot North
 - ◊ No update. Prayer requests still going out by email.

Growing – Rev. Jason Workman

- **Discipleship Ministry:** Vacant
 - ◊ Background checks to be done by May 18 and one more before VBS.
 - ◊ VBS will be held on June 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- **Worship Ministry:** Rev. Jason Workman
 - ◊ New piano lamp needs to be ordered.
 - ◊ Will be meeting on Sunday, May 4.
- **Mission/Outreach Ministry:** Terry Anderson
 - ◊ Pastor Steve and Pastor Jason are helping the team to be purposeful and spreading out donations. Making sure donations match up with what is important/passionate to the church congregation.

Operations – Ron Reed

- **Stewardship:** Ron Reed
 - ◊ At the quarterly meeting we discussed what was accomplished in the last three months and what will be done in the future.
 - ◊ Our new custodian has a special needs child and has been unable to make it in a couple of times.
 - ◊ Kingdom Church had their last meeting in the fellowship hall this month.
 - ◊ Ashley Rhedin is taking over as historian of the church.
 - ◊ New carpet runners were ordered for the front and back entrances.
- **Safety and Security:** Rev. Jason Workman
 - ◊ The rear camera was installed. Would like to add cameras to the back stairwell and in the balcony in the sanctuary area. Maybe will be installing one overlooking the play ground and side yard.

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- **Finances:** Rev. Jason Workman – interim
 - ◊ Still working with new software and what reports can be printed.
 - ◊ Next month there will be a handout with all the ministries' budgets broken down.

Topics for Tonight:

- **Mother's Day** is May 11.
 - ◊ Working on a gift idea.
- **July Family Meeting/Potluck**
 - ◊ Will be held after worship on Sunday, July 20.
- **Graduate Recognition**
 - ◊ Graduates will be recognized on June 8, the same day as music from VBS.
- **Discipleship discussion/Next steps**
 - ◊ Discuss different places and ways to engage people during the July meeting.
- **Ministry Council**
 - ◊ Communication with all ministry leaders and we will reevaluate how the pilot ministry council structure is going.

Purpose: *“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment, and the second is like it; ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”*
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Missions and Outreach Ministry -- Terry Anderson

We're kicking into high gear for summer efforts and projects. We plan to receive items for hygiene kits in May; a specific list of needed supplies will be available soon. Vacation Bible School is in June so we will promote the one-day event in May via news media, our street sign and other outreach avenues. That includes a challenge to each person in the congregation to bring one child to VBS. Pre-registration is highly encouraged. The school backpacks and supplies will be collected starting in June so they are ready for delivery to the school in advance of the start of the school year. Collection of the warm weather gear for kids also will move up, to September, so delivery can be made well before it cools off in the fall. We will select a date soon for a congregation group outing at Werner Park for an Omaha Storm Chasers game. Good possibilities are Sunday evening games, which start at 5:05 beginning June 1.