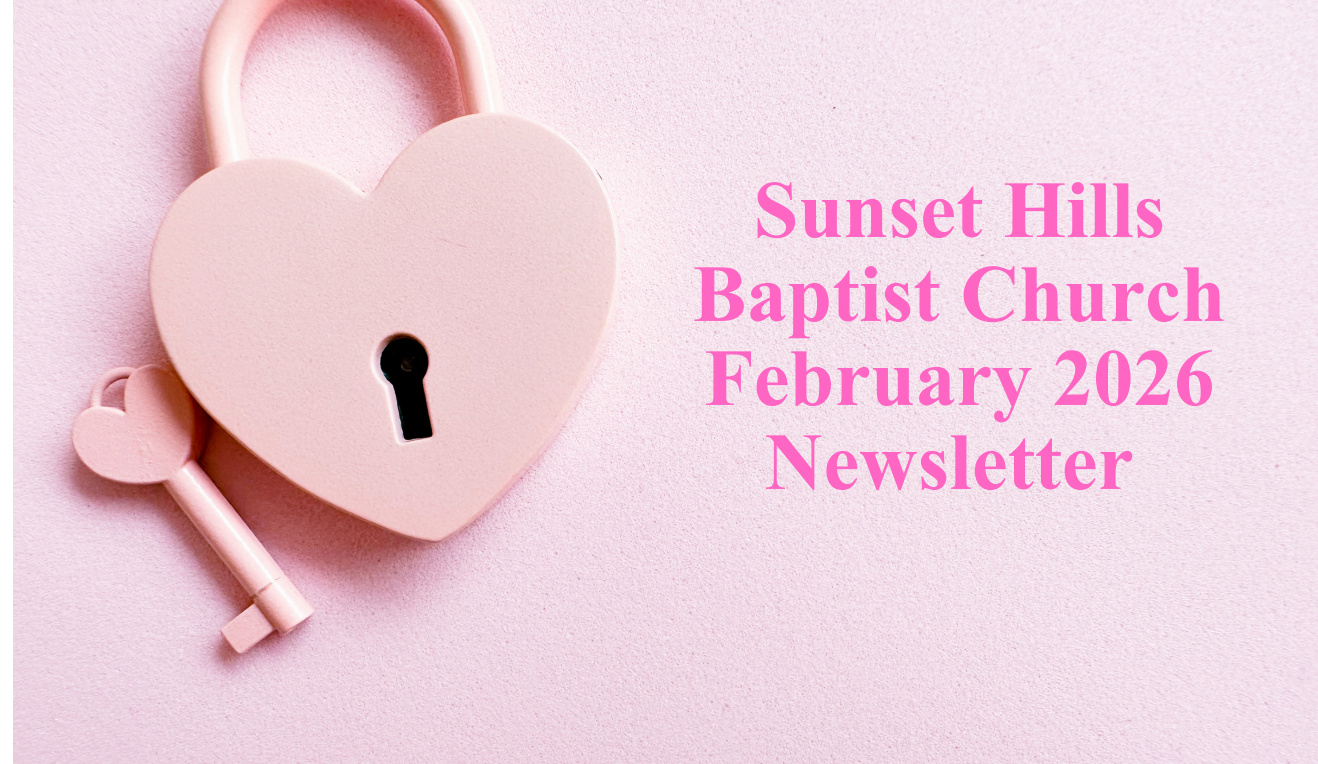


Unbroken and Forgiven Young Adult Group

The first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 29 at 7:00 p.m. We will plan to meet on the last Thursday of each month.

This group will be led by Judah and Lidia Anaya and is open to all young adults. You don't need to be a Sunset Hills member or regular attender to participate.



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WISDOM: FROM DEFINITIONS TO DOING

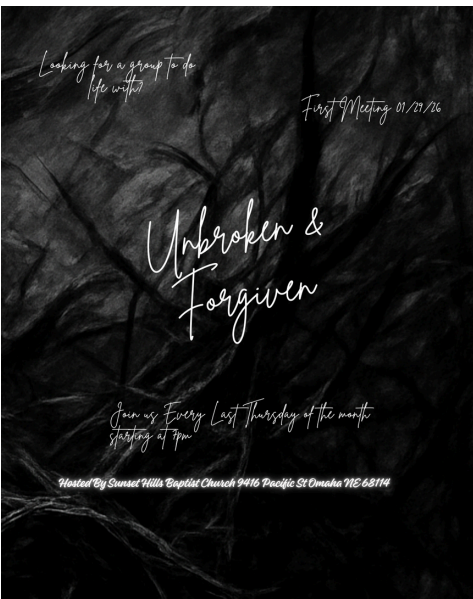
I remember Christmas break in my final year of seminary and two major events during that break.

Event One was an unexpected phone call from Annie to say she was comfortable in pursuing a relationship that could lead to marriage. On top of that, she said she missed me. Two major steps in the right direction. Best Christmas gift ever. Maybe later I'll tell you more about it.

Event Two was an epic conversation over coffee with my dad. We didn't even take the opportunity to break out the chess board, as was our custom. On that snowy evening, we talked a while about what my pursuing a doctorate might mean – what the upshot, both positive and negative, might do to a young married couple or family, or an individual putting together a dissertation or research project.

And Dad took an interesting track for discussing the theological and philosophical implications. He'd heard me develop my senior sermon over Thanksgiving break and had said very plainly, "You need to give those who hear you something to apply. Like the old Reformers put it, 'You can only possess what you experience.' Encourage them to apply definitions to something they could do. You're OK communicating principles, but you really need to help them gain wisdom."

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Dad was right. One of the best summaries says that wisdom can be described as truth applied to specific situations for godly purposes. Wisdom is about application of truth, acting in relevant response to the facts. Knowledge can accumulate facts, but biblical wisdom means using that knowledge to live according to God's will.

You've just read in a few minutes what wisdom meant to a man graced by wisdom (that would be my dad) over seven decades of life experience. Part of what made that three-hour conversation so valuable is that Dad set the example of a life offering and demonstrating wisdom. Dad's insights rang true because his life rang true.

In February, we'll examine four questions about living a wise life. It's always the right time to apply the truth for God's purposes, so let's see what we can discover together. We promise you'll get something you can apply.

See you on Sunday,

Pastor Steve

Upcoming Sermon Schedule - February 2026
Series: Four Hot Questions for a Really Cold Winter

- February 1** Q1: How Do I Love Others When I'm Not Sure About Loving Myself?
Mark 12:28-31; 1 Peter 1:17-2:3; Philippians 2:1-5
- February 8** Q2: What Does It Mean For Me To Be In God's Will?
Romans 12:1-2; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-12; 1 Timothy 2:1-4
- February 15** Q3: What Does It Mean That God Rules Through Us?
Revelation 5:9-10; Acts 1:6-8
- February 22** Q4: When is Jesus Coming Back?
Matthew 24:36-25:13

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, sunsethillspastor@gmail.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.

January 2026 Prayer Requests and Concerns

Health Concerns

Jean Larsen	Diana LaCroix	Gary Peterson
Mindy/Vicki L.	Deb Vetter	Becky/Kya D.
Kya Denning's mom	Carol McCormick	Rex/Dan T.
Cheryl Arnold	Dan Allman	Pray for our church
Glenn Kilpatrick	Patrick Fiti's church	Pray and listen to God
Pray for our leaders	Pray for our country	

Other Concerns

Our continued sympathies to Momoro Ono and family
Continue to pray for those with ongoing mental and physical health problems.
Pray for safe travels for those who travel.
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.

Note: If you would like to be added to the prayer chain and receive immediate and detailed prayer requests via email, please contact Dot North. The church family appreciates and relies on the prayers of our prayer chain warriors.

For 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.

***"The family that prays together, stays together!" ... this applies to a church family too!
Amen.***

"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

Date	Attendance	Giving
1/4/2026	53	\$2,662.00
1/11/2026	48	\$3,076.07
1/18/2026	57	\$3,131.00
1/25/2026	46	\$3,052.79



- 2 Kathy Koppenhaver
- 7 Scott Darden
- 13 Doug Larsen
- 17 Jason Rich
- 23 Jill Gilliland
- 23 Pat Martin
- 26 Lisa Bergman
- 26 Nicole Loeffler
- 28 Linda Kilpatrick
- 28 Jenica Nallathambi
- 29 Nancy Berney



Sunset Hills Financial Scoreboard	
Year to Date Income	\$225,136
Year to Date Expenses	\$220,794

Adult Sunday School February Update - Ron Reed

You are invited to join us as we continue with the presentation and discussion of *The Chosen*, Season Five. We meet Sunday mornings in the upstairs classroom from 9:00 to 10:00.

Men's Study Group February News - Ron Reed

Men, please consider joining us as we go deeper in the Bible and biblical-based studies. We meet by way of Zoom on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30. Contact Ron Reed for more information.

Stewardship Ministry Team February Update - Ron Reed

It was announced during the January quarterly meeting that Marvin Vanosdall will be the Interim Leader of the team as well as Interim Operations Leader on the Church Board for the next 3-4 months during my health recovery. Please contact Doug Larsen, Facilities Leader; Cindy Combs, Events Leader; Ashley Rhedin, History Leader; and Marvin Vanosdall, Grounds Leader for relative needs.

Happening this month

- February 1 - Don and Millie's Fundraiser Sunday



- February 2 - Monthly Prayer Meeting Cancelled

- Men's Group (Zoom) - 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays

- Wednesday Night Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.



- Prayers for our country - Wednesdays following Bible Study

- February 6 - Family Gathering - 6:00 p.m.

- February 9 & 23 - Women Mentoring Women - 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:00 p.m.

- February 11 & 25 - RetroActive - 9:30 a.m.



- February 14 - Happy Valentine's Day



- February 16 - Ministry Council - 6:00 p.m.

- February 26 - Unbroken & Forgiven - 7:00 p.m.

Missions and Outreach Ministry – Terry Anderson

Ministry members plan to meet February 8 to organize projects in coming months. That includes promoting the "Unbroken and Forgiven" group for young adults, which starts January 29; Easter services and the Easter Egg Hunt; Pine Elementary spring conference meals for teachers and staff; reading for the pupils at Pine; and collecting hygiene kits.

Sunset Hills Baptist Church
Ministry Council Minutes
January 19, 2026

Attendees: Pastor, Rev. Steve Wamberg; Diane Workman, Moderator; Rev. Jason Workman, Growing Ministry; Traci Gilmer, Interim Caring Ministry; Marvin Vanosdall, Interim Operations Ministry; Dot North, Prayer Ministry; Amber Dale, Shepherding Ministry; Terry Anderson, Missions/Outreach Ministry

Devotion and prayer – Pastor Steve

Caring – Traci Gilmer (Interim)

Growing – Rev. Jason Workman

Discipleship Ministry - Vacant

- Moved children's classroom.

Worship Ministry – Jason Rich

- We have been consistent in meeting. No issues/incidences to report this year.
- Jason Rich has taken the leadership position for this ministry. Pastor Jason will continue to help and support him until he is comfortable in this role.
- No concerns to be discussed with the board.

Mission/Outreach Ministry – Terry Anderson

- The ministry members plan to meet February 8 to plan for projects in coming months. This will include:
 - Promoting the new Unbroken and Forgiven group for young adults, which starts January 29.
 - Pine Elementary spring conference meals for teachers and staff.
 - Reading for the pupils at Pine Elementary.
 - Promotion of Easter week services and the Easter Egg Hunt during the first week of April.
 - Collecting hygiene kits during the spring.
 - Determining a date for group outing with the Storm Chasers at Werner Park.
- I've been asked if it would be possible to have a Super Bowl viewing event at church, for those who don't necessarily want to watch it at home or at a sports bar. Question I have is whether we have the capability to pull in a network feed to show on our sanctuary screen. Downstairs would be out with AA meeting. Depending on our numbers, maybe a screen in the upstairs conference room would be enough. Is the screen in that room ours or the Ahava group? If it's a possibility, then we could discuss at Monday's meeting as an outreach effort.

Operations – Marvin Vanosdall (Interim)

Stewardship Ministry – Ron Reed

- Prairie Pastors Conference in on March 16-18. Traci Gilmer will be coordinating with help from Cindy Combs. We will need more volunteers to meet the needs of set up, tear down, clean up, serve needs, meet and greet, etc. Please, save the date.
- Spring Clean Up date will be April 18 starting at 9:00 a.m. Sign-up sheets will be prepared and displayed by April 5. One sign-up sheet will list tasks for the building and another for the grounds. We will need more volunteers than last year as some work was not done due to too few to help.
- Facilities: Proposals are being prepared by four companies to correct the concerns with our fire alarm system. Assessment of the rooftop heating and air conditioning system's condition is being prepared. We need to be addressing this very old system with vision, rather than reaction.

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- The need for new toilet plungers to replace deteriorated ones was brought up. Jess and Steve Mikkelsen will take care of this.
- The Fellowship Hall's wall paint damage ahead of the back storage room needs to be wire brushed/stripped, cleaned, primed and repainted.
- Grounds: Marvin Vanosdall is working on several things including the SW downspout drainage problem that affected the lower-level paint delamination on the block wall, refinishing of the building's fascia and soffit, and debris gutter guards at all downspout openings. Vendors are not getting back to us with proposals as we need them to.
- Events: Marvin Vanosdall and Ron Reed met with a Co-Pastor of the Amazing Grace Ministry International Tuesday evening. They are an ABC-USA Nebraska church as we are with about 40-45 members. We learned about the makeup of their church and the needs that we would need to meet. The Facilities Use Agreement was discussed in detail along with our responsibilities and theirs. The Fellowship Hall will meet their needs on Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. beginning later in February. A Facilities Use Fee of \$400 per month will be charged. Marvin will meet with both Co-Pastors tomorrow to finalize the agreement.
- The 2026 Facilities Use Agreements with the other groups who meet at Sunset Hills have not yet been taken care of but will be by the end of next week.
- History: Ideas are being considered on how to help Ashley with getting this ministry going.
- Our streetside marquee needs attention. Denise Vanosdall and Ron Reed informed the team that we are looking into it being replaced.
- Ron Reed informed the team that our Church Board Members have recommended that he pause as leader of the Stewardship Ministry for 3-4 months and focus on the recovery of his health since his recent serious bout with Influenza A and upper respiratory infections. Marvin Vanosdall will lead the team as needed during this time frame and represent the ministry during monthly board meetings. Ron will be available to confer with as needed.

Safety and Security – Rev. Jason Workman

- We have been consistent in meeting. No significant issues have raised this past year. There have been some serious threats over the past year but nothing that has come to our church as of yet.
- We will be adding a camera downstairs in the fellowship hall.

Finances – Rev. Jason Workman (Interim)

- There is progress in the Little trust investment already.
- Preparing our treasurer/bookkeeper and finance program for 2026.
- We did not meet the budget last year, but this can be explained in the meeting. The board will be watching this 2026 budget closely this coming year with reviews bi-monthly.

Topics for Tonight:

- Finance Report: Rev. Jason Workman
- Agenda for 2026
- Projects: Rev. Jason Workman
- Super Bowl Party at the church. Location sanctuary or classroom upstairs.
- Discuss agenda for the Family Meeting on Sunday January 25.
- Street sign
- Next Meeting February 16, 6:00 p.m.

• **Closing Prayer:**

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