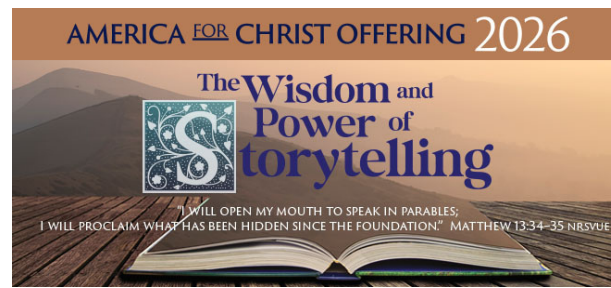


Each year during the month of March we collect the America For Christ Offering. It is March my friends, and we once again reaffirm our shared commitment to bringing the Gospel to life in tangible and transformative ways across communities here in America. The theme for 2026 is “The Wisdom and Power of Storytelling.”

This calls us to honor one of the most enduring practices of our faith: the telling and passing of God’s stories across generations. The scripture theme comes from Matthew 13:34-35 as Jesus begins to teach in parables.

The committee has once again decided to keep the goal for our congregation at \$1,400.00, very reachable for us. And another good thing is that the month of March has five Sundays to reach the goal and even beyond. Read the materials provided in the bulletins and fill an envelope provided with a generous offering.

Pastor Rick Wheatley
For the Mission Committee



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Sunset Hills Church

March 2026

Newsletter



We’re about to launch into a series of messages on John 17, often referred to as the Priestly Prayer of Jesus. At this point it’s easy to ask, “Why would Jesus need to pray?” That’s a fair question. But it’s a question that needs to generate more conversations about this relational aspect of prayer.

Jesus prays to the Father because:

1. As the Son of God, Jesus has an eternal fellowship with God the Father. Jesus prays to the Father. He develops His Own relationship with God by communicating with the Father.
2. As the Son of Man who needs fellowship with God, Jesus provides us with the prime example of utilizing prayer for deeper fellowship with God, including engaging life choices that broaden and deepen God’s Kingdom.

We can enjoy the privilege to utilize prayer, in both individual and corporate expressions, to deepen our own individual and corporate relationships with God, The beauty of our situation is that prayer can reach into the relationships we have with God and each other. We can pull out the cries of our heart to “see God more clearly, love Him more dearly, and follow Him more nearly” along with our utter dependence on our Father for daily bread.

Over time, we discover that relegating prayer to a shopping list leaves us with a void that must be filled by content and growth through relationship with our Creator. Let’s explore that kind of relationship-growing prayer in the next few weeks, and invite the very presence of God to break through.

See you on Sunday,
Pastor Steve

March 2026 Prayer Requests and Concerns

Upcoming Sermon Schedule - March 2026

Series: What Jesus Prays when He Prays for Us

March 1	To Encounter Glory	<i>John 17:1-10</i>
March 8	To See the World Around Us	<i>John 17:11-16</i>
March 15	To Invite Truth to Set Us Apart	<i>John 17:17-19</i>
March 22	To Learn and Apply One Single Tactic	<i>John 17:20-26</i>

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.

Sunset Hills Easter Egg Hunt

This year we are trying to fill a new niche with our Easter Egg Hunt by doing a **“No-Candy Easter Egg Hunt.”** We will be **collecting small toys and trinkets** to put in the eggs (think Oriental Trading Company little toys, stickers, prizes, etc.). We will also attempt to have 1 larger prize for each child to choose from. We are **collecting small toys and items** for this purpose: Play-doh, small toys for ages 3-12, books, cars/trucks, puzzles, stuffed animals, craft items, etc. These larger items will be outside on tables for each child to choose from at the Egg Hunt. All donated items for the eggs can be brought to the church no later than March 21, as we will **stuff eggs on Saturday, March 21 at 10 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall. We would be glad for your help with this! We will accept items for gifts until April 2. Direct questions to Annie Wamberg. Thanks for helping to make this attempt to reach out to and bless families a success!

Easter Lilies

Prices for Easter lilies will be available soon. Please watch your bulletins for an insert with all information coming soon. You are also welcome to call the office if you'd like to purchase a lily this year.

Health Concerns

Jean Larsen	Diana LaCroix	Gary Peterson
Mindy/Vicki L. & Cindy A.	Deb Vetter	Becky/Kya D.
Rose & Kathy/Cindy C.	Carol McCormick	Anji/Deb V.
Cheryl Arnold	Cindy Combs	Brenda Baker
Glenn Kilpatrick	Dan Allman	Dave/Carol M. & Cheryl A.
Carol/Dan A.	Patrick Fiti's church	Jacob Dale's grandma
James/Cindy C.	Tami/Dan A.	

Other Concerns

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.

Missions and Outreach Ministry – Terry Anderson

March will be the year's busiest month thus far for Missions and Outreach. It's when we collect the annual America for Christ Offering, with a \$1,400 goal. The hygiene kit drive will begin; the list of needed supplies will be available soon. Promotion and events for Easter will ramp up later in the month. We plan to have flyers listing the events and will need volunteers to distribute them to homes in nearby blocks. The Easter egg hunt will have some major changes. We'll need plastic eggs, but without any candy. Instead, we're requesting coins, trinkets and tiny toys for inside the eggs. We also plan to acquire larger gifts from which the kids can choose.

Date	Attendance	Giving
2/1/2026	56	\$2,230.00
2/8/2026	64	\$4,901.07
2/15/2026	52	\$2,235.00
2/22/2026	48	\$941.07







7 Cheryl Arnold
 7 Carol McCormick
 12 Traci Gilmer
 18 Lidia Velasco Anaya
 18 Yaquelin Barrientos
 26 Carla Berry
 30 Ashley Rhedin



Happy Anniversary

15 Bob & Lou Riggs, *57 years*
 22 Pedro & Joy Okoruwa, *36 years*

Happening this month

- March 1 - Don and Millie's Fundraiser Sunday 
- Sunset Hills Study Group (Zoom) - 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays
- Wednesday Night Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.
- Prayers for our country - Wednesdays following Bible Study 
- March 6 - Family Gathering - 6:00 p.m.
- March 8 - Daylight Saving Time Starts
- March 9 & 23 - Women Mentoring Women - 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:00 p.m.
- March 11 & 25 - RetroActive - 9:30 a.m. 
"Youth Group for Adults"
- March 16, 17, 18 - Prairie Pastors Conference
- March 23 - Ministry Council - 6:00 p.m.
- March 26 - Unbroken & Forgiven - 7:00 p.m.
- March 29 - Palm Sunday 

Sunset Hills Financial Scoreboard	
January Income	\$11,601
January Expenses	\$18,273

Adult Sunday School March Update - Ron Reed

Beginning March 8, the six-topic study of *In the School of Faith* will begin. "The late Dr. Charles Stanley teaches you his timeless, biblically-based principles about walking in perfect trust with your heavenly Father. Discover more about God and what it means to rely on Him daily." Handouts will be provided. Please consider attending with our growing class each Sunday morning from 9:00 to 10:00 in the upstairs classroom. Contact Ron Reed to learn more.

Sunset Hills Study Group March Update - Ron Reed

Since Pastor Steve invited church sisters to join our Tuesday 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Zoom study group, we've welcomed Dot North, Cindy Combs, Carol McCormick, and Linda Wheatley. As well, Shawn McDowell has joined. We'd love to have others grow in faith with us. The study of *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis just started. Please contact us to learn more.

Mother's Day Tea

Please mark your calendars for the Mother's Day tea being planned for Saturday, May 9 at the church. Tea time will start at Noon. More information and a sign-up sheet will be coming soon. Please RSVP if you plan to attend by signing the sign-up sheet or calling the church office at 402-391-0820. Thank you.

"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

Sunset Hills Baptist Church
Ministry Council Minutes
February 16, 2026

Attendees: Pastor Steve, Jason Workman, Diane Workman, Traci Gilmer, Marvin Vanosdall, and Carla Berry

Devotion/Prayer – Pastor Steve

Caring – Traci Gilmer (Interim)

Shepherding Ministry: Amber Dale

- No report

Pastor/Staff Relations Ministry: Ron Reed (Interim)

- The needs of Pastor Steve; Administrative Assistant, Denise; Custodian, Mandy; and Pianist, Momoro are being met.
- Looking forward to leader, Gary Peterson's recovery. Prayers for Gary and Joan continue.

Prayer Ministry: Dot North

- No report

Growing – Rev. Jason Workman

Discipleship Ministry: Vacant

- VBS is scheduled for June 16. Still working on the time and location.
- Children's church is going well and those involved are happy with the time change.
- Storage issues for Prairie Pastors Conference and Region office need to be resolved and finalized.
- Need to find a leader for this ministry.

Worship Ministry: Jason Rich

- We have a new mic and speaker set up downstairs so groups can hear better when groups meet or we have a church meeting.
- Amazing Grace Ministry will be setting up this week to start their ministry on February 22. We will be helping them get set up.
- Working on getting the monitors working and permanently set up for the praise team.

Mission/Outreach Ministry: Terry Anderson

- The team has met and are working on upcoming projects including Easter promotions and preparations for hygiene kit collections.
- We will need congregational help distributing flyers before Palm Sunday to adjoining neighborhoods and electronic flyers to those we know beyond the neighborhood.

Operations – Marvin Vanosdall (Interim)

Stewardship: Ron Reed

- Will be lining up three professional plumbing contractors to obtain proposals to completely remodel the lower-level restrooms.
- Two lavatories have been purchased for the remodel at a clearance price.
- Fire and security companies are still preparing proposals to update our fire alarm system.
- The rooftop heating/ac equipment's condition will be evaluated by next week.
- Doug Larsen will be working with Traci Gilmer and Cindy Combs regarding needs for the Prairie Pastors Conference.

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- Marvin Vanosdall is working on getting bids for painting or wrapping roof fascia and soffits, as well as gutter debris guards at downspout outlets.
- Marvin is also gathering information and proposals for a new marquee.
- Marvin talked to our neighbor regarding ruts in the northwest grass line caused by contractors doing work for them. She will contact the contractors to fix the damage.
- Cindy Combs is working with the groups that meet at the church and will help coordinate with Traci Gilmer to meet the needs of the Prairie Pastors Conference.
- Ashley Rhedin is scanning church historical information for a future history record. She will be helping Becky Lowell put together a church photo directory.
- We encourage the congregation to volunteer to help Traci Gilmer and Cindy Combs with tasks for the Prairie Pastors Conference.

Safety and Security: Rev. Jason Workman

- A new camera will be installed this week in the fellowship hall.
- Working on getting the security team to visit the gun range.

Finances: Rev. Jason Workman (Interim)

- Investments are already showing good gains this year.
- Working to get the bookkeeper trained.

Topics for Tonight:

- Financial Report: Presented by Jason Workman. The budget was reviewed for this year. Every three months Jason will review the ministry. The CDs will fund the Conference. The N. Little and cell tower funds are combined for use of capital expenditures and for any use Ministry Council deems fit. The financial report was approved by the Board.
- The Mother's Day tea is set for May 9. Invitations will be sent out.
- The April Business Meeting will be April 26 after church potluck.
- The Constitution and By-Laws will be restructured by a work group and presented to the board two weeks before presenting to the congregation in November for voting.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 23, 2026



Family Meeting January 25, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Diane Workman. Yearly reports are available to everyone. Provided printed copy of the end-of-year financial statement. Jason Workman reported on the 2025 year end financial report. Jason also did a plea for the congregation to get involved and step up to help with ministry. No questions. Jason closed in prayer and meeting was adjourned.

Diane Workman Moderator