

**Maundy Thursday Service
April 5th, 2012 at 7:00 pm**

We will be having a very special service during Holy Week, the week prior to Resurrection Sunday (i.e. Easter). On Thursday evening at 7pm we will have what is called a "Maundy Thursday" service. Maundy is a fancy word that essentially means "commandment." During the last evening of Jesus' life, he had what we refer to as the Last Supper. During that meal He mentioned the new commandment to love one another as I have loved you. In our Maundy Thursday service we not only remember the Last Supper but we also remember His ultimate act of love, the sacrifice of the cross.

This service will start out in the joy of the supper and end in the sorrow of the cross. This service is unlike any other service we do all year long and one you will find very moving in its joy and its darkness. You will find that remembering Jesus' great sacrifice will help you to realize the even greater joy of the following resurrection celebrated on Resurrection Sunday.



Baptist Church
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Sunday 9:00 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
Wed. 6:30 pm Bible Study



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Number 9 of the 12 Truths I Learned in Burma

"One Man Connects Us All" --- The very first American Baptist missionary was a man by the name of Adoniram Judson. In 2013 the Christians of Burma will celebrate the 200th anniversary of Judson arriving in Burma. It is to him that many today in Burma give thanks for their saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Because he was an ABC missionary those same people recognize ABC as their brothers and sisters in Christ and are very grateful to us for our past and current support in Burma. We in the U.S. know so little about this man but in Burma, among Christians Judson seems to be nearly a household name.

This man and his wives (he was married twice, both died), against great odds, were faithful in the face of adversity and hardship. Adoniram never gave up, persevering through numerous health problems and heavy persecution, even imprisonment and torture. With his wife at his side he continued to see the people as worthy of his efforts and sacrifice, driven to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with those who knew nothing of God's Son.

Today there is said to be over a million believers in Burma, many of whom are saved because of Adoniram's willingness, almost 200 years ago, to be used by Christ in sharing his faith with those who had none. Now all these years later, we who are separated by thousands of miles of land and ocean, divided by language, estranged by differing cultures, and living lives so very different from the other. Yet, we find ourselves connected.

Connected by someone who would live a life given solely to give glory to God. Connected by someone who would spend years teaching and preaching in places we have never been and to people we shall never meet. Connected by someone who stood toe to toe with those who would persecute him and torture him and yet he kept running the race, fighting the good fight. Connected by someone who thought more about the salvation of souls than the safety of his own life. Connected by someone who was driven by a deep passion and love for God and for God's greatest creation. Connected by Adoniram... maybe. Connected by Jesus Christ... absolutely.

We are part of a universal church of believers that spreads across this world. Believers who choose to reach beyond the many boundaries that want to separate us. You are not alone. You never were. Christ remains working in this world through the movement of the Holy Spirit and, just as He was working through Adoniram 200 years ago, He can work through you. Embrace and live the connection by loving God, loving others and serving the world.

Pastor Roy

Prayer Corner

“That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power.”
Ephesians 1:17-19

“That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”
Ephesians 3:16-21

God loves you and His love is shown through and in your life as you choose to do His will. There is no better place to be than to be grounded in His love as you reach for His wisdom and sing praises to His name. May your days be full of His Spirit and may Christ dwell in your heart.

Resurrection Sunday April 8th

Easter Brunch

We will be having a Brunch Easter morning at 9:30 a.m. This is a great opportunity to invite a friend to join us for free food, fun and fellowship. If you would like to help with this brunch please contact Todd Ray.

Worship Service

Join us at 10:30 a.m. as we Celebrate our Risen Savior.
Jesus conquered death, paid for our sins, and by his stripes we are healed. Invite a friend and come worship Him in music and hearing of the Word.



PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES Healing and Comfort

Dick Larsen, healing following stroke
Cindy Combs, healing and relief
Diane McNaughton, recovery from a stroke

Men's Breakfast
Sat., April 28th at 8:30 a.m.



We hope to see you
at the meeting.

Sunset Hills Elementary School Snack Sign Up

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Provide Food

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Deliver Food

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Thank you for signing up for either the food or delivery to help us honor the teachers & staff.

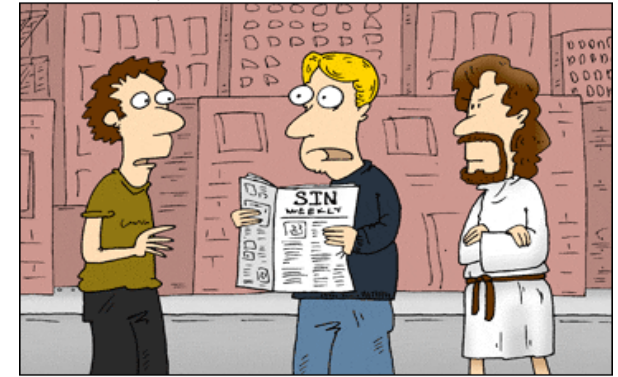
Happy Anniversary

17th Ron & Denise Lenhart
30 years

23rd Michael & Mary Geiger
25 years



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Thanks to Nick Hengeveld 08-26-2011

HE'S STANDING RIGHT BEHIND ME, ISN'T HE?

Join us for Bible Study
on
Wednesdays
at 6:30 pm.



Food & Clothing Collection Sunday, April 1st

The April food theme is Canned
Fruit/Macaroni & Cheese.
The Gilmer's have volunteered to deliver
the clothing to First Baptist Church and the
food to Benson Baptist Church.

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

3 Joanne Kelley
9 Floretta Ward

Mission Outreach Ministry Team

Romans 12:13 Share with God's people who are in Need.

Sunset Hills Reaches Out...Again!

Despite what you might think there are quite a few families surrounding Sunset Hills church that cannot afford to feed their kids 3 healthy meals a day. Additionally, the local school district food pantry has informed us that several families are in need for even the most common of hygiene items such as toothbrushes and deodorant. That is why you were asked to help our community recently in putting together hygiene kits for the pantry.

You really stepped up this time by providing enough items to fill 32 hygiene kits. That is 32 kids that now can go to school feeling better about themselves....and we know only too well how important self-image is for a child's healthy mental growth. We take such simple things for granted but they make a big difference for these children.

Thank you to everyone that picked up and dropped off all the many items. You have a servant's heart that truly makes Jesus smile. May God bless you for your generosity.

We also continue to deliver snacks to Sunset Hills Elementary school and a BIG thanks goes out to everyone who has provided food for the faculty and staff as well as delivered the food to the school.

Keep your ears and eyes open for future opportunities to serve the world and reach out into our community.

SUNSET HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

MINISTRY COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

FEBRUARY 27, 2012 REVISED

Ministries Present: Pastor Ron, Mark Caughey – Worship, Arlene Deerson– Shepherding, , Donna Ray – Discipleship, Ken Vetter – Moderator, Doug Larsen - Stewardship. **Members absent** Jason Workman - Mission, Yvonne Swearingen – Shepherding, Deanne Caughey – Pastoral Staff, Gina Slechta - Discipleship

Pastor Ron opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer.

Pastor Ron reported vacation plans: Pastoral Staff have arranged for the following Sundays pulpit supply. March 18 – Pastor Jason Workman, April 1 - Pastor Greg Mamula, Associate Executive Minister American Baptist Churches of Nebraska. Pastor Ron will attend the annual Pastors retreat at Camp Moses Merrill Monday April 30 – Wednesday May 2. This is sponsored by the ABC of Nebraska, the Minister's Council and the Carpenter Fund. He will also be at Camp Saturday, April 28, giving a Burma trip report with others from the trip.

Prayer Ministry-The Ministry Council is seeking a leader for this ministry.

Discipleship-A leader for Discipleship is needed. Donna and Gina are leading temporarily. Teachers for Extended Session (Children's Church) are needed to serve, rotating with others. Camp Moses Merrill scholarships covering 50% will again be available as needed. Camping is a fabulous experience, and Sunset Hills promotes attendance.

Stewardship Property– Doug reports that Wayne plans to begin training a janitor. We are having roof leaks. Temporary repair is planned as soon as weather permits. Permanent roof replacement will cost \$15,000- \$20,000.

Worship Ministry – Mark discussed that we are in the Lenten season. Easter lily forms will be available. Easter Sunday is April 8th. We will not have a Sunrise Service. An Easter morning breakfast is being considered. The Maundy Thursday service will be April 5 at 7:00 PM. America for Christ Offering is requested in March. Mark noted that the next Worship Ministry meeting will be March 15th.

Shepherding Ministry – A leader for the prayer chain is being sought. A form is being developed for everyone that desires to be contacted through the prayer chain will sign up. Included will be e-mail addresses which will be utilized in place of phone calls when acceptable.

Pastoral/Staff Relations – Is completing routine responsibilities. At the February 23rd meeting it was discussed that developing relationships through discipling should be developed. Pulpit supply was arranged for times that Pastor Ron will be on vacation. Other activities were discussed.

Mission – Pastor Ron reported that he and Pastor Jason are meeting with Loveland Elementary and Sunset Hills Elementary concerning cooperating in a weekend food mission possibility. Rosemary Gordon heads a joint group with the Karen. The next Karen/Sunset leadership meeting is April 22nd at 6:00 PM.

Treasurer Report – Mark Caughey serving as the transitional Treasurer presented the February 27th, 2012 Balance Sheet and year to date Budget – Income and Expenses summary sheets. These reports were explained and discussed.

Pastor Ron closed in prayer.

Our next Ministry Council meeting will be March 26th at 7:00 PM. All Sunset Hills members are invited.

ABW Meeting
Monday, April 2nd, 7:00 pm

ALL LADIES
Plan on attending.

Our Hostess with the mostess is Gail Karlen. Floretta Ward has the devotion and Patty Martin is bringing us a program titled "AND THE WOMEN ALSO".

If you didn't turn in your letter to our assigned missionaries, Scott and Tan Coats in Thailand, bring it to the meeting as we will be sending them soon.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held after church on April 8th.

Donations of filled plastic eggs are needed. Eggs can be filled with candy (no chocolate please), small trinkets, stickers, coins, etc.

Eggs should be dropped off in the kitchen by 9:00 a.m. on Resurrection Sunday.

OMAHA LAND
AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S
MINISTRY
Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Rebecca "Becky" McNeil
"CHILD SAVING INSTITUTE"
Legacy Giving Coordinator

Maple Crest Care Center
2824 N. 66th Ave & Maple Street

10:30 a.m. Program

Luncheon prepared by
Maple Crest Care Center
\$3.50

Reservations a must!
Roberta Williston
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robertanorman@cox.net
by Monday morning, April 16

Remember the Benevolent Fund the first Sunday each month.

The Communion Offering goes to that fund and there are almost daily requests for assistance.

Pray for those in need.

Volunteers Needed

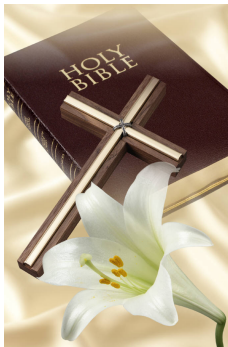
2-3 volunteers are needed to teach Children's Church. Volunteers would teach Children's Church only one Sunday per month.

Children's Church is for children 4 years old through 5th grade, and is during the worship service. Materials are furnished. This is a wonderful opportunity to share God's word with the terrific children at Sunset Hills. If you are interested in teaching, please speak with Donna Ray or Gina Slechta.

THANK YOU

Thank you to those who helped make our sanctuary beautiful by purchasing Easter Lilies.

The flowers really helped celebrate our Risen Savior. It was wonderful to remember and honor some special people on that day.



VIDEO CAMERA NEEDED

If you have a video camera that you are not using and would like to donate it to the church we would appreciate it.

It would be used to video the Sunday sermons and then the video will be placed on the website for people to view.

If you are able to help or have questions please contact John Walter or Pastor Ron.



SHBC FINANCIAL SCOREBOARD

(As of February 29, 2012)

Expenses YTD \$ 22,263.39
Income YTD \$ 21,173.30
Difference +/- \$ 1,090.09

*Does not reflect HVAC, Alltel, or ABC/NE income or expenses.

Mar.	Giving	Attendance
4	\$5198.00	82
11	\$1376.00	72
18	\$2272.79	69
25	TBD	TBD

Church Treasurer

We are seeking a Treasurer for the church. This person will serve as a church officer and member of the Ministry Council. If you would like additional information please contact Ken Vetter or Mark Caughey.

