

VBS IS COMING....VBS IS COMING!!!!



School will be out and summer will be here before we know it!!!!!! Sunset Hills has a tradition of holding Vacation Bible School during the summer. The past two summers, the Vacation Bible School format has been a Saturday filled with Bible stories, crafts, games, music, food and fun. Last summer the theme was "Put on the Whole Armor of God." **A coordinator is needed** to plan and implement Vacation Bible School. Working with the children in Vacation Bible School is a real blessing and a wonderful opportunity for you to use the gifts that God has blessed you with. You would not be alone in your planning as the discipleship ministry team would be there to support you from beginning to end. Please pray for God's direction in

this matter and, if you are interested in exploring the possibility of coordinating VBS this summer, contact Donna Ray or Gina Slechta.



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



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March
2012

This month we continue with Number 10 in the countdown of the 12 Truths I Learned in Burma.

Number 10 is: "The battle is not yours, but God's." --- Proverbs 21:30-31.

Last November the mission team that went to Burma spent about nine days going from one seminary to another, from one school to another, from one group of leadership to another within the many Baptist organizations in the Yangon area, and from one medical facility to another. Each time our hosts would tell us of their dreams, their hopes, their needs and their faith. Each time we would hear about the hardships so many men, women and children were exposed to and living every day. Each time as we listened to their words our hearts would be filled with the conflicting emotions of joy that they remain so faithful in the midst of such difficulty and heartache as we heard how deep and troublesome their struggle is. It would have been so easy to just say to ourselves that we are but one person and, therefore, the complexity of their issues is far too great for us to have any impact upon.

However, I am reminded of some wisdom from the Book of Proverbs: "*The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but victory rests with the Lord.*" (Proverbs 21:31) What would have happened if the people who volunteered many hours every week to the medical clinic were to convince themselves that what they did, did not matter? What would happen to all those folks who could not afford to be in a clean healthy place to deliver their baby or to have that hernia operation that they need so badly? What would happen if the folks who get paid very little to work at the seminaries decided their efforts were too small, too insignificant in the face of the evil and suffering ravaging Burma? Who will teach the next generation of church leaders and Bible study teachers and pastors and lay leaders that Burma so desperately needs?

Yes, it is true that the Lord will provide the victory, but we are to be His soldiers marching to His trumpet, fighting the good fight. We are the vessels in which His message is carried to the people. We are His tools that when placed in His hands can do incredible works of beauty and transformation.

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Let us never forget that each of us has the responsibility to be ready for battle.

"Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints...." Ephesians 6:10-18

Stand up, Sunset Hills Church! Stand up and in wearing the whole armor of God may we, together, face the day He has given us with determination and faith knowing that the victory is HIS!!!!

Pastor Roy

Congratulations Dot!!



It is very exciting to be officially joining the Sunset Hills Baptist Church family. One of the many reasons I am joining, is because everyone made me feel so welcome the very first time I visited. They made me feel like I was accepted as a part of the family right from the start. I was an active member of First Baptist Church in Kearney, NE. before I moved to Omaha to be closer to my three children and four grandchildren. I am so very blessed to have such a wonderful family and I feel very fortunate that they all live here in the Omaha area. I love being a mom and a grandmother and I am so very proud of each of them.

I look forward to continuing to get to know my church family here better by studying the Bible with them in various groups, sharing with them at gatherings and activities, praising and worshiping with them in the church services and by praying for them when their requests and needs are made known to us. I pray that I can live in a manner that makes it absolutely clear to everyone who meets me just how much I love Jesus and trust Him completely. One of my favorite Bible verses is Romans 15:13: *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*



**Bridal Shower for Diane Swearingen
Saturday, March 17th at 2:00 pm**



All ladies are invited to join in this time of celebration and fun.

Diane is registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond and Nebraska Furniture Mart.

Sunset Hills Elementary School Snack Sign Up

March -

Provide Food

Cindy Combs

Deliver Food

Cindy Combs

April -

Provide Food

French, Fitch

Deliver Food

French

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

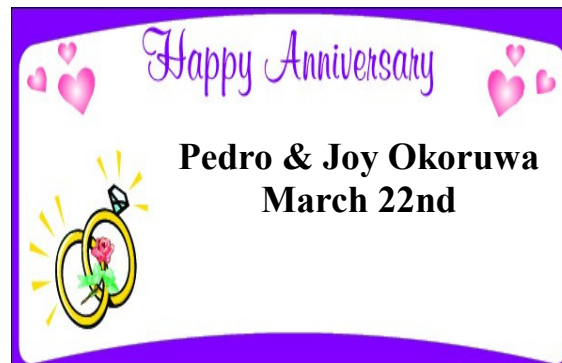
Food & Clothing Collection Sunday, March 4th

The March food theme is Pasta.

Pat Smith has volunteered to deliver the clothing to First Baptist Church and the food to Benson Baptist Church.



- 3 Mark Caughey
- 4 Arlene Deerson
- 10 Hannah Gordon
- 12 Traci Gilmer
- 12 Yvonne Swearingen
- 14 Rev. Bob Molby
- 23 Evelyn Fitch



Mission Outreach Ministry Team

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

We are so excited. Things are beginning to move and take shape as we partner with others in our community. Your mission leaders are working, dreaming, and praying for a missional minded church that touches lives in our community by being active together as a church family. As you may recall the mission leadership has been actively participating in the Missional Church Learning Experience that has been hosted right here at Sunset Hills.

Through this experience together we are discovering new opportunities to serve our community and one main focus we have been seeing consistently is the opportunity to serve children, more specifically, children in poverty. We have been communicating with three different places to engage in mission opportunities, District 66 school district, a community food pantry, and through a ministry called Good Neighbor Ministries which is helping people in poverty who are limited financial/physical/mental abilities. **Now the exciting part!** You have the opportunity to participate in serving others. Yes... YOU! Here is how:

March 18th Sunset Hills will be collecting special hygiene kits for the local school district food pantry. Each hygiene bag will only cost \$8.00 to \$15.00 depending on where you go to buy the items. If you go to a dollar store, Big Lots it will be cheaper. We ask that you buy a complete hygiene "kit" for a girl or boy and bring it on March 18th to church with you. Below is a list of a guys and gals hygiene bag.

Gals: Shampoo, small Kleenex box/packets, 2 razors, bar of soap, facial wipes, sanitary pads, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, and cosmetic extra (lip gloss, nail file, polish).

Guys: Shampoo, shaving cream, small Kleenex box/packets, 2 razors, bar of soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant.

April 27th – The principal at Sunset Hills Elementary School has informed us that we may be asked to help volunteer at their Spring Carnival. This would be an outstanding opportunity for us to really get involved with the school. Please mark off 5-8pm and plan on lending a hand. More details to follow.

America for Christ Offering - March is the month that we consider what gift we can give to the America for Christ offering. This gift is for the purpose of supporting ministries in America that focus on children and poverty, specialized chaplaincy programs, Christian community centers, and neighborhood action programs. Please consider giving toward our goal for this year of \$ 500.00

Miracle Hills Community Baptist Church cordially
invites you to attend the
Pastoral Installation Service of

Reverend Dylon T. Young
Sunday, March 11, 2012 at 12:45 p.m.



SUNSET HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

MINISTRY COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

JANUARY 23, 2012 REVISED

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

Pastor Ron opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer.

Prayer Ministry-The Ministry Council is seeking a leader for this ministry. The Ministry Council has appreciated Pedro Okoruwa as a prayer warrior.

Discipleship-A leader for Discipleship is needed. Donna and Gina are leading temporarily. Donna announced that MaryBeth Robertson will be with us Sunday January 29th representing Camp Moses Merrill. Teachers for Extended Session (Children's Church) are needed to serve in a rotating with others.

Stewardship Property– Doug talked about major budget requirements in the future. Parking Lot \$80,000; Roof \$15,000.

Worship Ministry – Mark discussed that with budget restraints the search for a Music Director is on the back burner.

Shepherding Ministry – A leader for the prayer chain is being sought.

Pastoral/Staff Relations – Is completing routine responsibilities.

Mission – Pastor Jason reported that they are working on small relationship projects for the future as well as other projects. Rosemary Gordon heads a joint group with the Karen. The next Karen/Sunset leadership meeting is February 26th at 6:00 PM.

Treasurer Report – Mark Caughey serving as the transitional Treasurer presented the revised 2012 budget reflecting reductions from all ministries. The giving has decreased raising financial issues that require immediate effort. At the 1/29/12 Annual Meeting the congregation will be asked to approve reducing the amount given to ABC Nebraska from 10% to 5% for 2011 and 2012, amongst several other budget revisions.

The meeting was closed in prayer.

Our next Ministry Council meeting will be February 27th at 7:00 PM. All Sunset Hills members are invited.

**PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS AND
LOVED ONES**
Healing and Comfort

Vicki Buschusen, recovery from stroke
Todd Ray, healing of the bone
Dick Larsen, healing following stroke
Cindy Combs, healing and relief
Diane McNaughton, recovery from a stroke
Wayne Gilmer, renewed health
Robert Sullivan (3 months old), healing



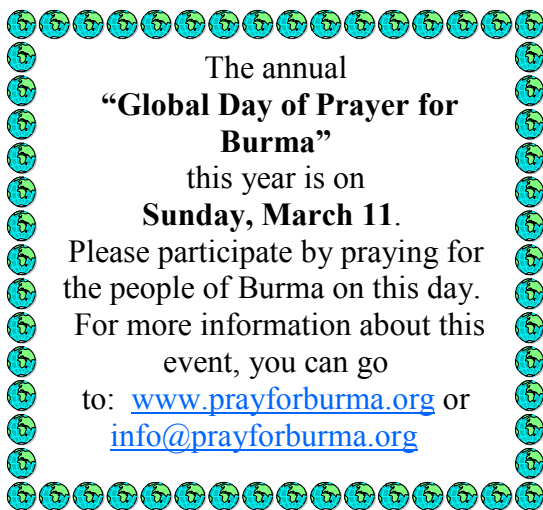
Join us for Bible Study
on
Wednesdays
at 6:30 pm.



**Prayer
Corner**

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
Jeremiah 29:11

God loves you. When the trials and disappointments of this world seem to be too much, God's plan is perfect. Pray for hearts to be open for God's plan in our life and that our spirits are willing to let God have control.



The annual
"Global Day of Prayer for
Burma"

this year is on
Sunday, March 11.

Please participate by praying for the people of Burma on this day.

For more information about this event, you can go

to: www.prayforburma.org or
info@prayforburma.org

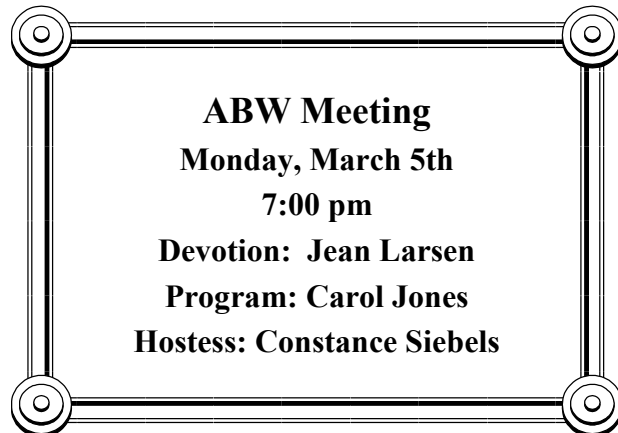
Our Sunset Hills Annual Meeting was held following the church service, January 29th. The proposed slate of officers was approved to serve in 2012. They are: Moderator, Ken Vetter; Interim Treasurer, Mark Caughey; Financial Secretary, Yvonne Swearingen; and Recording Secretary, Donna French. The church continues to seek a Treasurer and Vice Moderator.

Although the 2012 budget was provided to the congregation in the fall of 2011, a new and greatly reduced budget was presented to the congregation at this meeting due to the current financial challenge. The 2012 proposed budget was approved.

A huge THANK YOU goes to all who served in roles of leadership during 2011. We couldn't have done it without you!!! We pray that 2012 will be year of deepening spiritual growth in which we, as a church family, love God, love others, and serve the world.



**Congratulations
Nathan Swearingen**
on getting the
God and Family Pin!
We are so proud of you!



ABW Meeting
Monday, March 5th
7:00 pm
Devotion: Jean Larsen
Program: Carol Jones
Hostess: Constance Siebels

SHBC FINANCIAL SCOREBOARD

(As of January 31, 2012)

Expenses YTD	\$ 12,110.00
Income YTD	\$ 9,843.73
Difference +/-	\$ 2,266.27

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

Feb.	Giving	Attendance
5	\$3840.00	60
12	\$3852.50	73
19	\$1937.75	72
26	TBD	TBD

Custodian Wanted

If you are interested in some part-time work (about 7 hours/wk) we would love to talk to you. The work is easy and requires a few hours one evening and one Saturday a week. Please talk to Doug Larsen or Pastor Ron if you are interested or know someone who might be.

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.

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.

