Pastor Paul Ponders

Over my years as pastor, many clergy and lay people alike have suggested that I should go to Israel sometime and see the historic biblical sights for myself. Although I have seen many drawings and pictures in my studies of the Bible, I have also been assured that an actual “in person” visit brings the Bible to life. Many have told me it was a life-changing experience for them.

Thanks to the blessings of the Executive Council of Sunset Hills and the generosity of those at Testament Travel, I will be headed for Israel on March 22 for a 10-day visit to the Holy Land practically free! To say I’m excited is an understatement. Some of the places we will visit are; Mount Carmel (where Elijah called down fire on the prophets of Baal), Megiddo (Armageddon), Galilee and the Sea of Galilee, Gedera (the miracle of swine and demons), Bethsaida, Chorazim, the Jordan River, Caesarea Philippi, Mt. Hermon, Jerusalem, Mount Zion, the room of the last supper, the Pool of Siloam, the Via Delorosa, the Garden Tomb, the Temple ruins’ Southern Wall, the Mount of Olives and the Garden of Gethsemane.

I will be counting on your prayers as Pastor Carl from Valley and I and several others prepare for our journey. Please pray that God will prepare our hearts for what He wants us to see and learn, and for how He wants to change us. Pray that a spirit of camaraderie would develop among the participants. Pray that all will go well as we travel including (but not limited to) safety, the weather, peace while we are there, open hearts and open minds, etc. Pray for a safe return to the US and to our callings as Christians serving our God. Pray for our guides to wisely direct us through each part of the journey.

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If you would like to join a group who want to follow my tour through text, please indicate on the back of the yellow registration cards your name and phone number. I’ll do my best to keep you up-to-date but no promises. It looks to be a very busy schedule and who knows about internet connections.

I look forward to sharing with you some of the highlights of the trip when I return.

Pastor Paul

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Prayers for Health, Healing, and Strength

LeRoy Anson - (Uncle of Cindy Anson & Vicki Loeffler) stroke
Rick Wheatley  Linda Wheatley  Amber Dale
Barbara Ganey  Nancy Quinnette  Pat Martin

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

Mission/Outreach

Your generous gift to the America For Christ Offering will help support the American Home Mission Societies’ mission to share God’s love by healing communities. We believe the power of Christians’ love can – and will – change the world. Please give generously to the America For Christ Offering during the month of March. Our goal is $1,700 – this is one of our church’s “mission projects” each year.

Our “We Love Our First Responders” outreach project to our community in February was very successful. We gave out over $500 in gift cards to policemen, firemen, and EMTs in our community! Thank you to all who participated in this church outreach!

American Baptist Women Ministries also made over 25 dozen heart-shaped, decorated cookies for our Omaha policemen. They took 4 dozen cookies to each precinct. We wish you could have seen the smiles on their faces!

To our Sunset Hills Family,

Healthwise it has been a tough month for the Wheatley’s with many doctor’s office and hospital visits. We have pulled through thanks, first of all, to the Lord and for your undergirding prayers. And we truly appreciated Pam and Traci bringing by some food to our home following Linda’s surgery. Your prayers for our family; Rick, Linda, and Linda’s mother were truly appreciated.

Thank you,
Rick and Linda Wheatley

Dinner and a Movie

We’ll have Dinner and Movie on Wednesday evening, March 11 at 6:00 p.m. Come and enjoy a taco dinner then stay for popcorn and the movie *Milo and Otis*. All are welcome for either or both.
January 2020 Income $13,823
January 2020 Expenses $16,009
YTD 2020 Income $13,823
YTD 2020 Expenses $16,009
January 2020 Tithes 94%
YTD 2020 Tithes 94%

SHBC Financial Scoreboard

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3 Mark Caughey
7 Carol McCormick
7 Cheryl Arnold
12 Traci Gilmer
12 Yvonne Swearingen
14 Rev. Bob Molby
22 Lillian Richards
30 Ashley Rhedin

Happy Anniversary
22 Pedro and Joy Okoruwa 30 Years

All-age Adult Sunday School News for March
On March 1 and 8, we will learn about Guarding Our Faith from Dr. Charles Stanley in these scripture-supported DVD presentations. Stand up, speak out, and guard the accuracy of God’s Word.

On March 15, we will begin the 6-part DVD series The Promises of God. Dr. Charles Stanley shares, We all make promises, but not everyone follows through. Thankfully, not only does God Keep His promises, but also in His nature to do so. He promises to forgive, heal, comfort and provide for us as well as to answer our prayers and help in times of trouble.

We meet in the upstairs classroom from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. each Sunday. Come, grow your faith and fellowship with us.

Men’s Group Study News for March
Beginning March 4, the Men’s Group Study begins the study of Marcus J. Borg’s Evolution of the Word.

“By presenting the New Testament books in the order they were written, bestselling Bible scholar Marcus Borg reveals how spiritually and politically radical the early Jesus movement began and how it slowly became domesticated. Evolution of the Word is an incredible value: not only are readers getting a deeply insightful new book from the author of Speaking Christian and Jesus, but also the full text of the New Testament and one of the only Bibles organized in the order they were written.”

Newcomers are invited to attend one evening and learn what Men’s Group Study is about. If you’d like to join us, you may order the book on amazon.smile.com with Sunset Hills Baptist Church getting a donation. We would love to have other men grow in faith, and fellowship with us. We meet on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 at Sunset Hills, and enter from the west side main entrance.

Stewardship Ministry 2020 Team News for March
The team still has openings to help water the planted area, as needed and when works best for you. One is for the month of August and the other is for September. Please contact Wade Gilmer baskerfan489@gmail.com or Ron Reed ronreed2003@gmail.com. Serving God’s needs for His church family and others is done best with many hands and feet.

Thanks to each on who has answered God’s call to serve on the Stewardship Ministry 2020 Team!
Sunset Hills Baptist Church  
Ministry Council Meeting Minutes  
February 17, 2020

**Attendees:** Pastor Paul; Gina Slechta, Moderator; Scott Darden, Treasurer/Vice Moderator; Don Zak, Worship; Traci Gilmer, Mission/Outreach; LaShawnda Woods, Discipleship; Ron Reed, Stewardship; Pam Hamlin, Shepherding; Pastor Jason Workman, Safety/Security; Telly Woods, Clerk/Pastor-Staff Relations; Terry Anderson

**Devotion and Prayer (Pastor Paul):** Ephesians 4:15—Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

**Treasurer Report (Scott Darden):** Scott Darden presented the January 2020 financial report. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report as given; motion passed.

**Ministry Council:** The Ministry Council has, in accordance with the bylaws, accepted Gina Slechta’s request to step down as moderator. A motion was made and carried to accept Terry Anderson into the position of moderator.

A motion was made and carried to accept Gina Slechta as our new Prayer Ministry leader.

On February 29, 2020, the Ministry Council will convene part II of our 2020 leadership training and development workshop.

If you are interested in working on or with a ministry team, please feel free to contact one of our Sunset Hills Baptist Church ministry team leaders or members for more information.

**Welcome Spring!**

11 See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone.
12 Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land.

**Zechariah 10:1**

10 Ask the LORD for rain in the springtime; it is the LORD who sends the thunderstorms. He gives showers of rain to all people, and plants of the field to everyone.

**Song of Songs 2:11-13**

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**Prayer Corner**

You are invited to an Open House on Saturday, March 14, at Sunset Hills, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. to celebrate Yvonne Swearingen’s 80th birthday. All are invited. The family has requested no gifts please.

A 90th birthday reception will be held after the Worship Service on Sunday, March 15 for Pastor Bob Molby. Be sure to stay for cake and wish pastor Bob a happy birthday!

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Daylight Saving Time starts on Sunday, March 8 at 2:00 a.m. Be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour.

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**Terry Anderson, Moderator**
**Scott Darden, Vice Moderator/Treasurer**
**Ron Reed, Stewardship**
**Traci Gilmer, Mission/Outreach**
**Pastor Jason, Safety/Security**
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**Gina Slechta, Prayer**
**Telly Woods, Pastoral/Staff Relations**

The next meeting will be Monday, March 16, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Complete copies of all Ministry Council meeting minutes are available in the church office.