

Welcome Rev. Steve and Annie Wamberg

We are delighted to announce that, after a long search, God has answered our prayers for a new pastor. Please welcome the Reverend Steve Wamberg and his wife Annie to our church family. They are a delightful couple. Rev. Steve comes to us with many years of pastoral experience. Please take time to join us for worship on Sunday, or in Bible Study, or at evening prayer. ALL are welcome to worship in our church, so come on in and invite your friends and neighbors to join you.



Pastoral Search Committee,

A special thank you to each of the pastoral search committee members; Telly Woods, Jason Rich, Becki Pick, Carol McCormick, Rita Vetter, Jim Hedrick and Diane Workman. I know there have been many hours of prayer, study, and thoughtful discussion taking place during this search for a new pastor. I know that the committee has been working hard to listen to and follow God's leading. To serve on the committee requires one to put aside their own interests in order to spiritually discern what is right and best and God's true calling for the church. Thank you and congratulations on a job well done.

Diane Workman, Moderator



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November 2023 Newsletter

When You're Weak, He Is Strong

I am in the church office listening to one of my favorite Christian rockers who woke up in the Presence of Jesus a few weeks ago after a long battle with illness. I miss him, but nonetheless have to smile when I think of him.

I had the privilege of speaking at a few conferences and festivals with Mylon Lefevre. I loved listening to him talk. He had a rich and deep Southern drawl that made me hungry for grits. He also taught me a valuable lesson in humility.

At a point in his career where Mylon was well-established in the Christian music industry, another musician of a more traditional bent spent several pages in a new book trashing Mylon and his choice of musical style. The attack was vicious enough to cause a longstanding gospel music legend – and I do mean a legend – to arrange a meeting between Mylon and his critic.

Mylon flew out in the middle of a conference and back to make that meeting happen. Reconciliation was the number one issue for him, and sadly it wasn't the result of their encounter that day. The critic had garnered more publicity for his anti-Mylon campaign than he'd had with his music for years. He wasn't about to let up, much less forgive Mylon for whatever he'd done to offend.

The irony in all this is that Mylon was in a position to completely ignore his critic without any damage to his career. Mylon arranged to meet in the middle of an event he was headlining, booked and paid for the flight to accommodate his critic's schedule, and was still praying for reconciliation when I ran into him offstage at the conference.

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As Mylon recounted the encounter with his critic, I noticed I was far more angry about it than was Mylon. Mylon was actually grieved. Mylon didn't laugh off the meeting. He didn't ridicule his critic. He was genuinely upset that they were unable to find enough common ground as ministers of the Gospel to reconcile.

Mylon wasn't about to make saving face the main issue when there was a rift in the Body of Christ. I watched and learned. Today I remember.

It was an invaluable lesson, and in this month of Thanksgiving I am thankful for it.

--Steve Wamberg



Steve Bottum with the new nameplate sign for Cabin 9 at Camp Moses Merrill. Thank you to Jack Johnson of Fairbury First Baptist for crafting the sign. Sunset Hills now sponsors this cabin that was once sponsored by Calvary Baptist.

Cabin 9 is the next one to be remodeled and will look like the Fairbury Cabin once done.



Upcoming Sermon Schedule

November 5	Divinity and Dust, Part 1	<i>Colossians 1:18-19, 2:9; Ephesians 3:14-21</i>
November 12	Divinity and Dust, Part 2	<i>Philippians 2:5-11; John 1:14-18</i>
November 19	Rev. Dr. Greg Mamula	Installation Service
November 26	Pastor Jason Workman	TBD

Missions and Outreach Ministry

Filling shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child will be the Missions and Outreach focus for the next few weeks at Sunset Hills. The shoeboxes are built and available in the Narthex and need to be returned to the church by November 12 to be taken to the local collection centers November 13-20.

The Operation Christmas Child mission has been conducted for 30 years by Samaritan's Purse International. More information is available at samaritanaspurse.org.

Throughout November we will collect winter accessories for the pupils at Pine Elementary School in east Omaha. These might include gloves and mittens, scarves and caps, for boys and girls in sizes appropriate for grade school youth.

The Missions and Outreach Ministry is looking for more opportunities in which the congregation can participate, men, women, any age, any time. Please let the ministry members know if you have ideas. Sometimes the best ideas don't happen because they aren't expressed to anyone.

-- Terry Anderson, Missions and Outreach Ministry leader

Prayers for Health, Healing, and Strength

Colton	Kamla Pala	Don Wamberg	Carol Lorenzen
Natalie Vankat	Carol McCormick	Jayne & Lana	Rachel Wesely
Taylor Hedrick	Paige, Matt, Maddox	Diana LaCroix	Joan Peterson
John	Dominique & Daughter	Corey	Jeremy Flannery
Dave	Phyllis & George	Antonittie Johnson	Terry Anson Family
Larry Peterson	Deanne Caughey	Rev. Rick Wheatley	Mike Loeffler
Bob Molby	Nancy Berney	Patty Martin	Jack & Carol Welch
Kim Wille	Barb Ganey	Norma Larsen	Dan & Marge Todd
Mark & Ruth Steele	Nancy Quinnette	Glenn Kilpatrick	

NE Regional Search Committee

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

For regular 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 prayers are very important.

Date	Attendance	Giving
October 1	59	\$4,989.84
October 8	56	\$4,815.00
October 15	60	\$4,356.82
October 22	72	\$2,430.00
October 29	TBD	TBD

SHBC Financial Scoreboard	
September Income	\$ 39,163
YTD Income	\$156,337
September Expenses	\$ 9,107
YTD Expenses	\$117,352

Stewardship Ministry 2023 Team November Update - Ron Reed

Only \$550 of the needed \$8,450 has been received so far. Our budget is seriously strained with having to pay for security lighting in the fenced playground, drainage extensions and erosion repair in the northeast barren ground, the removal of a dead tree on the hill in the southwest corner, and crack sealing of the driveway and parking lot. May God help you with contributing what you can to help meet these needs.


The ABC-USA Nebraska State Convention was a historic event for Sunset Hills to host. Praise God for all of our church volunteers who served to meet the many needs for this convention. The leadership position for the Stewardship Ministry has been open for too long. God knows how much longer I may serve Him in this way. Please pray about looking into leading this important ministry. Contact me to learn more. I thank God for your consideration.

8 Mark Steele
 20 Taylor Woods
 22 Pedro Okoruwa
 24 Pam Hamlin
 25 Rev. Steve Wamberg
 29 Rev. Jason Workman
 30 Deb Vetter



Bible Study

Join Rev. Steve on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. for Bible Study. All are welcome.




Pastor Staff Relations Ministry Committee November Update - Ron Reed

Your PSRMC is looking forward to working with our newly elected Pastor Steve Wamberg and our congregation as we begin this new chapter in faith. God's Sunset Hills Baptist Church has much to look forward to as our Father's plan unfolds before us, and as we all work together to serve Him. Each of us has God-given gifts in our hand which He encourages us to lovingly use for the growing health of this church and His kingdom.

Pastor Steve and Sunset Hills Family,

Thank you for your gracious hospitality during our Region Convention last week. Your ABC family is glad to have you and your ministry among us. Because of you, we are better. May God continue to bless and keep you!

Sincerely,
 Joy Martinez-Marshall
 And FBC Lincoln



Monthly Prayer Meeting

Monday, November 6
 6:00 p.m.

Men's Study Group November Update - Ron Reed

A new study is being decided on. An announcement will be made this month. We would love to have you join us by way of Zoom on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30. Please contact Don Zak, Bob Molby, Marvin Vanosdall, Rick Wheatley, Bob Slechta, Steve Wamberg, or Ron Reed with questions or for the Zoom link.

Women Mentoring Women

2nd and 4th Monday of the Month
November 13 & 27


6:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Adult Sunday School November Update - Ron Reed

Our in-depth study of the book of Acts continues with the *Joy of Living Bible Studies -Enriching lives through the study of God's Word* which is being led by Rev. Rick Wheatley. It's never too late to join us as we grow in our biblical knowledge, faith and fellowship together.

Thanksgiving/New Members Dinner

We'll gather after worship on Sunday, November 12 to celebrate Thanksgiving and our new members. We'll also have a presentation of the 2024 budget and vote on changes to the by-laws. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex with suggestions for what to bring (the main dish will be provided). Please sign up if you plan to attend so we know how many to plan for.



Prayer Ministry Team November Update - Dot North

We are seeing some very wonderful answers to prayer, dear prayer warriors! Please communicate to us about your answers to prayer. It would also be encouraging to others if you feel moved to share how prayer is helping you receive strength, patience and maybe even joy, when your prayers have not yet been answered in the manner you have requested. Your testimony is powerful!

Please be watching for an announcement of something exciting coming up for the prayer ministry in January 2024!

**Sunset Hills Baptist Church
Ministry Council Minutes
October 16, 2023**

Attendees: Rev. Steve Wamberg; Moderator, Diane Workman; Music/Worship and Safety/ Security, Rev. Jason Workman; Pastor/Staff Relations, Ron Reed; Prayer, Dot North; Treasurer, Doug Larsen; Church Clerk, Becki Pike; Shepherding, Amber Dale; Missions/ Outreach, Terry Anderson; Visitors, Mary Reed and Bob Molby

Devotion and Prayer – Rev. Wamberg

Monthly Treasurer Report – Doug Larsen

- Final Budget plan prepared for Ministry Council. Each ministry will have its own budget to work with.
- Budget will be looked at once a quarter to make sure no changes will have to be made.
- Budget for 2024 was presented. Motion made and passed for proposed budget to be voted on at annual Thanksgiving/New Members dinner on November 12.

Business:

Safety and Security – Rev. Jason Workman – no updates

Music and Worship – Rev. Jason Workman

- With Christmas Eve falling on Sunday, we are planning on having just one service at the normal 10:30 a.m. time.

Pastor/Staff Relations – Ron Reed – no updates

Shepherding – Amber Dale

- Pam Hamlin is stepping down from doing the meal ministry. Amber will be talking to some people to see about getting this spot filled.

Missions/Outreach – Terry Anderson

- Trunk or Treat will be held on Sunday, October 29 after service and run to 2:00 p.m.
- Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child will need to be turned in by November 12.
- Maple Crest Angel Tree will be happening again this year. More details later.
- We will be collecting winter gear through the month of November for students at Pine Elementary.
- Donations for the RMMO Offering will be coming up soon.
- Starting in November we will have our first Family Night on the first Friday of every month, with the first one being held on November 3, from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. For more information see Jason or Diane Workman or Becki Pike.

Prayer – Dot North

- It was suggested to have the name of the sermons along with the dates on the website. This will be looked at to see if it is possible.

Ministry Council:

- Discuss and approve the by-law changes.
- Plan the November 12, Thanksgiving/New Members Dinner and budget for 2024 -turkey for the dinner will be supplied by Sunset Hills and Becki will work on a sign-up sheet for sides and desserts.
- Leadership Training – October 21, 2023, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Discipleship – Vacant – Will be looking for a leader for VBS next year.

Stewardship – Vacant (Ron Reed interim) – no update

November, December, January Council/Ministry preparations

Prayer – Rev. Jason Workman

Next Meeting – Monday, November 13, 2024



New Church Directory

We are in the process of updating the church directory. There are several draft copies in the narthex area. Please take a look and make sure your information is up to date. Just initial or mark okay next to your name in one of the copies or write in the needed changes. If you're not listed and would like to be, please let the office know or fill in your information in one of the draft copies, or fill out the Connection Card and note your interest to be included in the directory.

If you're not able to be here in person and would still like to be included in the directory, please let the office know of any changes to your personal information. Thank you.

Vision Statement

Communicate the love of God so all may experience the joy of a relationship with Christ.

Mission Statement

Build disciples by empowering each church participant to practice personal and congregational mission to reach people in our everyday lives.