



**Outdoor Worship and Cookout
September 10
(Rain date September 24)**

Please bring lawn chairs if you have them.

Pulled pork and chicken will be

provided. Please bring the following based on the initial of your last name.

A-G Dessert; H-O Vegetable Dish; P-Z Salad

Please let Pastor Jason know if you would be willing to set up a few chairs before the service that morning.



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Sunset Hills Church

September 2023 Newsletter



I'm sure part of the reason I have such a great affection for the autumn season is my profound enjoyment of college football. Or, given that I'm writing this in the middle of a truly uncomfortable and long-lasting heat wave, maybe I miss good old football weather.

In any case, I'm ready to enjoy another fall in the Heartland. And this fall brings with it some valuable opportunities to explore how you can harvest the benefits of developing your life as a Jesus follower that I hope you might see fit to work into your schedule.

Please join us on September 10 for our annual outdoor service on the Sunset Hills lawn, followed by a barbecue of epic preparation and proportions. If you're a Sunset Hills regular, check for the side dishes and desserts to bring. If you're new, just bring yourself and a healthy appetite!

The sermon series in September breaks down what it means to be a "whole life steward." Although money plays an essential role in stewardship, it's not the only area to consider. Areas like wellness, wisdom, and work need our attention, too. The series gives us all the opportunity to rethink stewardship out of its dark corner and into a life that broadcasts your desire to give God a strategic return on His investment in you through Jesus Christ. It could change how you think about stewardship, and also how to respond to the unique possibilities you have before you.

Let's explore how we can make the most out of these weeks together!

REV. STEVE WAMBERG

Upcoming Sermon Schedule

Make the Most of It

September 3	We Can Work It Out	<i>Luke 10:38-42; Colossians 3:23-24</i>
September 10	Wise Gals, Wise Guys	<i>Isaiah 33:5-6; Jeremiah 8:8-9</i>
September 17	Why Wellness Matters	<i>1 Thessalonians 5:23-24; Luke 10:27</i>
September 24	It's All God's. Are You?	<i>Psalms 24:1, 89:11; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20</i>

Missions and Outreach Ministry

Sunset Hills has many opportunities to serve the community, including some we probably don't think about. We have groups asking to use our building, even just our parking lot. We should welcome them, and be ready to share what we offer, as we should with anyone who asks, "Where do you go to church?" How do you answer?

By the end of the year, we will have Missions and Outreach events of which we can all be a part. Start planning your display now for Trunk or Treat -- and who you can invite. Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes need to be filled by mid-November, quickly followed by the Angel Tree presents for our Maple Crest care facility.

If you have any questions or have ideas for possible projects, please contact me. Likewise if you would be interested in serving on the Missions and Outreach Ministry.

-- Terry Anderson, ministry leader

Prayers for Health, Healing, and Strength

Ruth Steele - COVID			
Rachel Wesely - friend of Rev. Jason Workman, recovery from car accident			
Rev. Rick Wheatley	Natalie Vankat	Jayne & Lana	Joan Peterson
Deb Vetter	Taylor Hedrick	Paige, Matt, Maddox	Steven
Dominique & Daughter	Diana LaCroix	Phyllis & George	Jeremy Flannery
Terry Anson & Family	Cheryl Arnold	Alexander	John
Sherry	Corey	Dave	Antoniette Johnson
Ava Dale	Larry Peterson	Deanne Caughey	Tonda Dale
Rusty Anson	Mike Loeffler	Bob Molby	Nancy Berney
Jacque McDuffie	Linda Hedrick	Patty Martin	Jack & Carol Welch
Kim Wille	Amber Dale	Barb Ganey	Norma Larsen
Glenn & Linda Kilpatrick	Mark & Ruth Steele	Dan & Marge Todd	Nancy Quinnette

NE Regional Search Committee
 Sunset Hills Pastor 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.

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WHAT IS IN OUR FUTURE - Diane Workman

Please continue to pray for the search committee as they look for a full-time pastor. And while you are praying for that, we have other items to get excited about. The revised bylaws will be available at our next congregational/new members and budget dinner in November. The Stewardship campaign starts on September 1 so budget planning can be completed by October.

August 13 is Backpack Sunday followed by a hotdog lunch to encourage and support our children before school starts.

September 10 is our outdoor services and picnic lunch. More details to come.

October 29, Trunk or Treat after church.

November 19, our new members dinner and business meeting to vote on the 2024 budget.

Then it will be December and Christmas time is always busy.

And sprinkled in between all of this, we will be collecting for the Samaritan's Purse/shoeboxes, Angel tree and other projects.

Remember the challenge for you to consider how you can serve and be involved in fulfilling the mission and vision of our church to fulfill God's Kingdom.

PRAYER – Pastor Jason

ADJOURNMENT

Thank you so much. The backpacks filled with supplies brought many joyful smiles to students AND parents! Your support is greatly appreciated!



Rose Pope,
 Counselor, Pine Elementary School

Thank You

ABC Nebraska 2023 Region Convention and Business Meeting



October 7, 2023

Sunset Hills
 Baptist Church

Adult Sunday School Class

The Adult Sunday School class is continuing the study of Acts. Workbooks for the 2nd part are being ordered. Please contact Rev. Rick or Linda Wheatley or Ron Reed if you would like to attend this class.

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.

Sunset Hills Baptist Church Business Meeting

Date: July 30, 2023

Date	Attendance	Giving
July 30	40	\$3,645.00
August 6	55	\$5,997.32
August 13	75	\$15,647.06
August 20	65	\$1,701.82
August 27	57	\$2,460.00

SHBC Financial Scoreboard

July Pledges	\$ 15,567
YTD Income	\$102,965
July Expenses	\$ 11,990
YTD Expenses	\$ 89,330

CALL TO ORDER – Diane Workman
PASTOR WORD – Rev. Steve Wamberg
FINANCIAL REPORT – Doug Larson
MINISTRY UPDATES – Diane Workman

We are a strong healthy church. The Pastoral search committee is currently talking with 2 candidates, and they are moving onto the next steps. Our Ministry Council has been busy revising the bylaws. Each ministry has also been busy and doing amazing work. Here is a recap of some of their accomplishments and endeavors so far this year.

- Discipleship – 23 kids attended VBS, and we have had 2 youth attend camp this summer. We have 3 active Sunday school classes led by LaShawnda Woods, Ron Reed and Joy Okoruwa. There is a pastor-led bible study every Wednesday evening. Jason Workman is leading a new, short-term bible study on Thursday evenings. There is a weekly online men's group and a women's mentoring group that meets twice monthly.
- Terry Anderson has agreed to lead Missions and Outreach. We are currently collecting backpacks and supplies for Pine Elementary, which we hope to be more active with this year. Rick Wheatley is leading our yearly mission offerings.
- Ron Reed is leading the Pastoral/Staff Relations Ministry team. They are supporting our Pastor and church staff.
- Dot North is leading our Prayer Ministry. She established the prayer box and suggestion box in the narthex. She has led the prayer time "Sitting with God."
- We welcome Amber Dale as the leader for the Shepherding Ministry. The meal ministry is available for members who could use a little help. She has a team of warriors caring for our members/shut-ins, etc.
- Jason Workman is leading the Worship Ministry. We, as a church, raised funds for a new drum set. Jason Rich is working on sound issues. Please give patience to these people. If you experience a problem with online sound, please just email the church as Jason is not always there running the sound board.
- Jason Workman is also the leader of Safety/Security. They hold training every month.
- Stewardship is our largest and most complicated ministry. Ron Reed has continued to serve in this role as an interim. This is a multifaceted ministry with 3 parts. Building maintenance in and outside of the church is only a part of this ministry. It takes everyone to help. We had a spring clean up and this fall we will be announcing a date for the fall clean up. We are working on various maintenance issues on the grounds involving the parking lot, drainage issues, tree removal and stump removal. For those of you with a green thumb we will be exploring replacing some trees next spring.

All of our ministries have opportunities. The more involved everyone is, the stronger we will be at doing God's work. If you have an interest in serving, please contact one of the leaders. There are all kinds of opportunities to serve.

Women Mentoring Women

Meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month.

September 11 & 25 - 6:30 p.m.

Dinner served at 6:00 p.m.

Colossians 3 Communities Bible Study

Mental Health in the church and what Scripture says about it.
 Thursday Evenings
 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Bible Study

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

1 Jaron Raj Nallathambi
 2 Ruth Steele
 12 Denise Vanosdall
 13 Marvin Vanosdall
 14 Ava Dale
 14 Pat Smith
 17 S. J. Workman
 18 Collin Pike
 18 Rev. Rick Wheatley
 19 Shelby Bisgard
 21 Steve Mikkelsen
 22 Glenn Kilpatrick
 24 Deanne Caughey



2 Rev. Rick & Linda Wheatley 45 years
 5 Jason & Terri Rich 14 years
 11 David & Abitha Nallathambi 23 years

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dear Sunset Hills,

Thank you so much for your support during the passing of my sister, Lynette Battreall.

Though overwhelmed, her kids knew how important Sunset Hills was to Lyn.

Thank you again for your kindness,

Jan Kyle and Family *Thank You!*

Dear Sunset Hills Church,

May God bless you for your kindness and prayers for our family. During a time like this we realize how much our family and friends really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered.

Maverick and Karnetta Rushing
 The family of Annie "FiFi" Lucas

Thank You

**Sunset Hills Baptist Church
Ministry Council Minutes
August 21, 2023**

Attendees: Rev. Steve Wamberg; Moderator, Diane Workman; Treasurer, Doug Larsen; Worship & Safety/Security, Rev. Jason Workman; Shepherding, Amber Dale; Visitor, Bob Molby

Devotion and Prayer: Rev. Steve Wamberg – Colossians 3:23-24

Monthly Treasurer Report: Doug Larsen – Working on pledge cards and getting ready to hand/mail out.

Business:

Pastor Search Committee: We have a candidate and are in negotiations. A meet and greet date and announcement coming soon. The goal is to vote in October. We need at least 25% of members in attendance and a three-fourths majority vote. Notification will be at least 2 weeks prior to vote.

Safety/Security: Rev. Jason Workman – Discussed security concerns with members at the church after hours. There has been some suspicious activity in our parking lot.

Music and Worship: Rev. Jason Workman – Terri Rich is organizing the décor for the sanctuary. The team is working on software problems. Outdoor service is to be on September 10 (rain date September 24) with potluck to follow. Jason to communicate to Denise regarding publicizing service and potluck. Women’s Sunday potentially on September 17. Jason will discuss with the team regarding service plans.

Pastor/Staff Relations: Ron Reed – Evaluation forms reviewed and finalized. Still working on Pastoral evaluation form.

Prayer: No updates.

Shepherding: Amber Dale – Shut in visits were done this month. A member of our congregation needs a car. If you have one available or know of someone who can donate or purchase one, let Jason Workman know. A nursery meeting will be held after the worship service on Sunday, August 27.

Missions/Outreach: Backpack Sunday and ALS Walk were successful. We sent mailings to VBS kids to say hi and stay in touch. Terry has a contact at Pine elementary and delivered the backpacks. October 29 – Trunk or Treat; October/November – Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection (Cheryl Arnold and Carol McCormick); November/December – Angel Tree (Pam Hamlin, LaShawnda Woods, Jean Larsen, Jacque McDuffie). A new daycare is being built in our community and they asked if they could use our back parking lot for their private trunk or treat. Jason will be on site during their event. Probation officers are using the church for training on August 28 and 29.

Ministry Council:

- Review the by-laws; proposed revisions were handed out. The ministry council will vote on revisions at the September 18 meeting and will present proposed changes to the congregation for a final vote. Proposed revisions will be available 3 weeks prior to congregational vote. There will be a Q&A available on November 5 after the worship service.

- Leadership training (build teams, lead teams and maintain teams). Plan for change. Four meetings approximately 1.5 – 2 hours each. First meeting on September 11 at 6:00 p.m. For ministry council members and open to all who would like to investigate being a leader.
- Discipleship: Vacant
 - ◇ Colossians 3 Communities Bible Study taking place Thursday evenings.
 - ◇ Need to look for a new VBS leader. LaShawnda has stepped down as the VBS leader.
- Stewardship: Vacant
 - ◇ Lighting the playground – Proposed that we replace the broken light and upgrade the front light to LED.
 - ◇ Erosion problem in northeast lawn – AJ Landscape proposed to cover and replace a 10-foot section and seed to protect washout. Jason motioned and Amber 2nd motioned.
 - ◇ Parking lot crack repair and joint repair – Jason motioned, and Doug 2nd motioned.
 - ◇ Dead Tree removal on southwest corner – Safety concerns with electrical lines and erosion on the hill at the base of the tree. Jason motioned and Doug 2nd motioned. Steve Bottum has been working on the erosion problem on the east side of the front drive.

A *Safety and Assurance Campaign* will be brought forth to the church to help with the projected cost of \$8,450.00. All the projects were motioned and voted to go ahead with plans.

Prayer – Rev. Jason Workman

Next Meeting – Monday, September 18, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Have agenda items to Diane by September 11.

Thank you to Jess and Steve Mikkelsen for answering the call to cut down the overgrown weeds from our two open-ground areas (some were over six feet tall) and for hauling them to the dumpster when it was beastly hot. As well, Jess has been watering our planted, landscaped areas for months!



Collecting for the World Mission Offering in October 2023

He has made everything beautiful in its time.

Sunset Hills Goal: \$1,400

Men’s Tuesday Night (Zoom) Study Group

We are starting the study *God Is Powerful... And There Is Something He Has For You To Do*. Retired Pastor Stan Murdoch shares “**Life Experiences, Reflections and Insights Supporting the Truths of Scripture.**” Pastor Stan has provided his book for each of us at no cost. Our group meets Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 on Zoom. Please see Ron Reed for more information and to arrange to have the Zoom link sent to you.

