

***Prayer Requests:**

- For protection and provision for our congregation during this pastor vacancy season.
- For our Pastor Search Committee, asking for wisdom, discernment and patience for each member as they find whom God has selected to shepherd this flock.
- For Stephenville Christian Academy and all other schools in our area. For the health and safety of the faculty and students over the summer and for the administration as they begin school this coming week.
- Our Resonate Global missionary family, the Sytsma's, who are in Uganda and for the Horton family, missionaries in Guatemala. Specifically for Lacey Horton who has been struggling with health issues and recently found out she has a tumor on her ovaries and had surgery recently to remove it.
- For Joy Osinga, and the restoration of her kidneys.
- Continued prayers for Brady Miller as they are in the next chapter of monitoring and for the original desmoid tumor to continue to shrink.
- Prayers for Macee for continued improvement for mobility to her legs.
- For our expectant mother in the SCRC family, JoEllen Taylor. For health and strength throughout her pregnancy, for a safe delivery, and for God's peace and protection to both mother and baby.
- For continued healing and strength for Shirley Osinga who had surgery to fix the screws in her hip.

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AUGUST 9, 2026

PASTOR DONALD DRAAYER

Sunday Morning Service

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship (from Jeremiah 29)

Reader: A word of encouragement came from the prophet to the people:

All: Live a life that is full—build, plant, eat, love multiply—

Reader: Pray for your communities.

All: Keep God in the center of all that is.

Reader: We enter into worship today with hope in our hearts.

All: For something happens here that reminds us that we can live as God desires.

Reader: God has made a promise of faithfulness to us

All: And we can trust the promise.

*Opening Prayer

*God's Greeting/Mutual Greeting

*Opening Song: "Rejoice, O Pure in Heart" LUYH 353 (1-4)

*Call to Confession and the Gospel of Hope (from Isaiah 1:16, 27 and Luke 15:4-7)

Pastor: Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good;

All: seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause.

Pastor: What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it?

All: And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

Pastor: And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.'

All: Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

*Song of Response: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" LUYH 182 (1-3)

Offering: General Fund & Stephenville Christian Academy

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

Message: "The Shunammite Woman"

Scripture: II Kings 4:8-37

Prayer

*Song: "It Is Well with My Soul" LUYH 553 (1-4)

*God's Parting Blessing

*Sending Song: "Glorify Thy Name"

Stephenville Christian Reformed Church News



Welcome to our fellowship, where we are gathered together as friends and family to worship and praise our God. If you are visiting with us, we are glad that you are here! This morning, Pastor Draayer will be continuing his sermon series on the Old Testament prophet of Elisha focusing on II Kings 4:8-37. Following the service, please join us for a time of fellowship with coffee and cookies.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday 10:30am Sunday Morning Worship Service
Tuesday 7:00pm Monthly Council Meeting

Offering Schedule

August 9: General Fund & Stephenville Christian Academy
August 16: General Fund
August 23: General Fund & Backpack Buddies
August 31: General Fund & Benevolence

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Nursery Duty

August 9: Linda & Paisley
August 16: Jennifer & Katie
August 23: CoriAnn & Ryland
August 31: JoEllen & Danyelle

Sound Booth

August 9: Justice & Shaun
August 16: Honor & Ryland
August 23: Kaleb & James
August 31: Shaun & Dillinger

Sunday Cookie Duty

August 9: JoEllen Taylor
August 16: Potluck
August 23: Julie Haringa
August 31: Heidi Velsen

*News/Reminders:

Monthly Capital Campaign – The August capital campaign is for Backpack Buddies of Erath County. They are a local, non-profit organization that provides children from food-insecure homes with healthy weekend meals during the school year. School principals and guidance counselors select the children. On Fridays, the backpacks are prepared and delivered to Stephenville ISD and the program has now expanded to include Dublin, Lingleville, Huckabay, Morgan Mill, Bluff Dale, and 3-Way ISD.

The average cost to feed 1 child per weekend is \$5.00. For 6 weeks is \$30.00, per semester \$90.00, and per school year is \$180.00. We will take the offering on Sunday, August 23rd.

Church/School Facility Expansion Committee – We are seeking individuals who are interested in joining a Church/School Facility Expansion Committee as we begin to prayerfully consider and plan for our future growth needs. This committee will help assess current space, identify future needs, and explore possible expansion options to support both our church and school ministries. If you are interested in serving on this committee or would like more information, please contact Roeland Stoker to learn more and discuss how you might be involved.

Plastic Hanger Drive – We are collecting adult and child-sized plastic hangers for Kingdom Threads in Dublin. Kingdom Threads was one of the SERVE worksites we had the opportunity to serve at in June, and we would love to continue supporting this wonderful ministry. A ministry of First Baptist Dublin, Kingdom Threads provides free gently used clothing, household items, books, linens, shoes, and more to people in the community, all shared with hugs, prayers, and Christ's love. Please bring your donations to church by our first Wednesday Family Night on August 19th.

Christmas Program Director Needed – The education committee is looking for someone to lead our Children's Christmas program. If you are interested please let Jennifer or GeriAnn know.

Sunday School Snacks Needed – If you would like to donate any boxes of capri-suns or packages of gummies for our Sunday school students, please drop them off in the kitchen. Thank you!

*Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Pastoral Candidate Visit – Join us next Sunday, August 16th as we welcome pastoral candidate Pastor Daniel Gregory to lead our morning worship service. We will have a potluck with Pastor Gregory and his wife following worship and then Sunday evening there will be an ice cream social at 5:30pm with a Q&A afterwards.

Fall Education Classes – Mark your calendars for our education classes kicking off in August! Wednesday Family Night starts on August 19th at 6:00 pm with pizza and games. Ladies Coffee Break will start their fall study on Genesis on Thursday, August 20th at 9:30am. Sunday School will begin following morning worship on August 23rd and there are classes for Pre-K 3 to adult. College age Bible study kickoff will be on Thursday, September 3rd with a pool party and worship. This Bible study meets every 1st Thursday of the month at Bert & Heidi Velsen's house at 6:30 for dinner followed by a Bible study.

Pastoral Candidate Daniel Gregory



Pastor Daniel grew up in Chicagoland and attended Judson University (BA in Biblical Studies '05) where he met his wife, Jodi. He later matriculated to Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (MDiv '09). After seminary, Dan pastored Fox Valley CRC in Crystal Lake, IL for 8 years. While pastoring Fox Valley he continued his studies at TEDS (ThM in Pastoral Theology '19) and also studied at Calvin Theological Seminary (Ecclesiastical Program for Ministerial Candidacy '19). Following this, he studied at Baylor University (PhD in Preaching '25). In 2024 God brought Dan and his family to Iowa City to serve in the English ministry at the Chinese Church of Iowa City. You can go to their YouTube channel to watch any previous sermons of Pastor Dan's.

Dan and Jodi have been married since 2008. Jodi attended Judson University (BA in Psychology '05), Trinity Graduate School (MA in Mental Health Counseling '19), and is a Licensed Professional Counselor. She currently works as a therapist for an online counseling service.

Dan and Jodi have two children, Danny (11) and Evy (9). Dan enjoys drinking coffee, running, and analyzing films.

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