

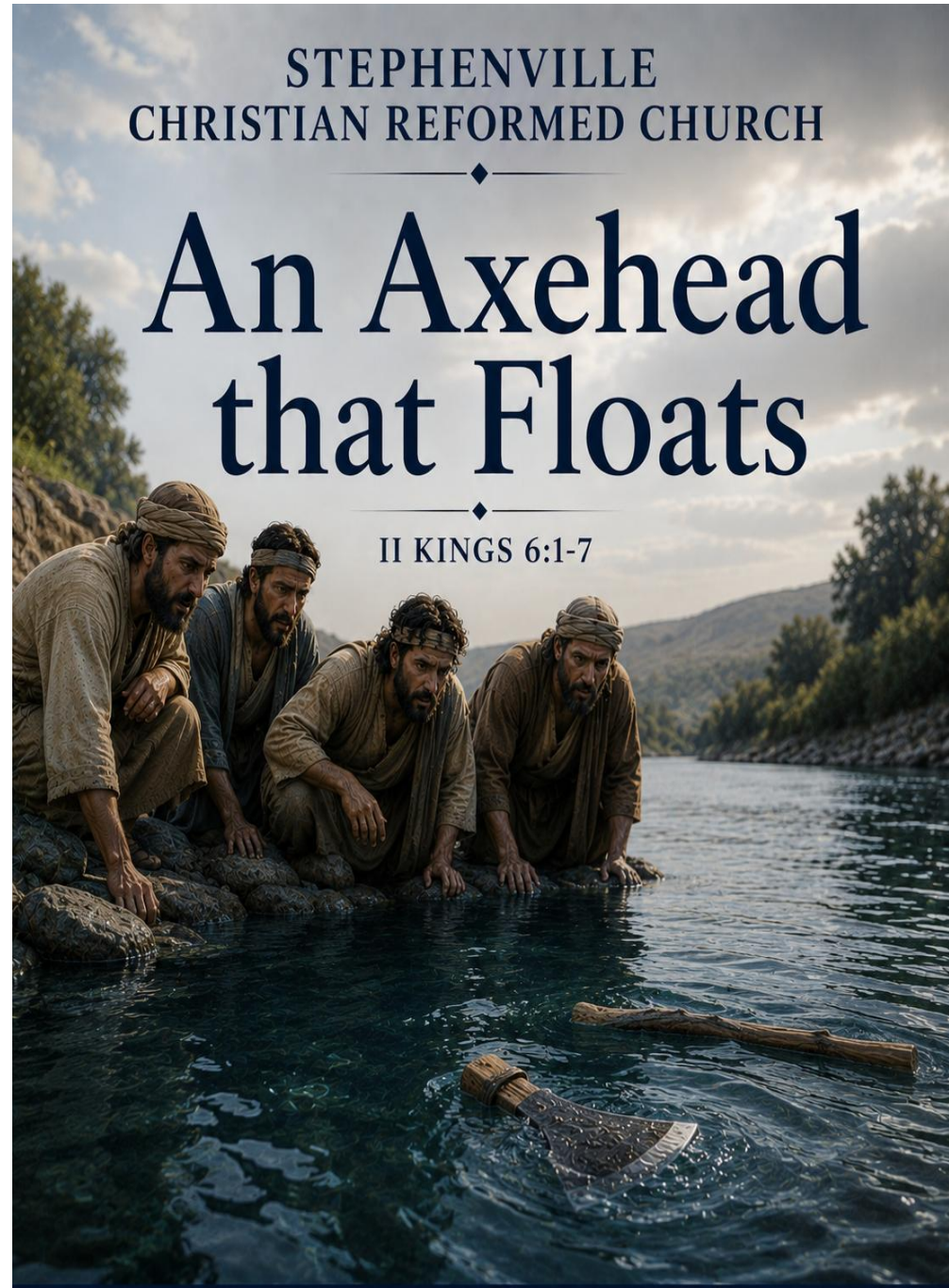
***Prayer Requests:**

- For protection and provision for our congregation during this season of pastoral vacancy.
- For Stephenville Christian Academy and all schools in our area. Pray for the health and safety of faculty and students as they begin the new school year.
- For our Resonate Global missionary families, the Sytsmas in Uganda and the Hortons in Guatemala. Specifically, pray for Anthony Sytsma as he grieves the loss of his father, James, who passed away September 1 following a long battle with cancer.
- For Janet Sieperda, who continues to battle an ongoing illness. Pray for strength and healing, as well as wisdom and guidance for her doctors as they determine the best course of treatment.
- For Joy Osinga, praying for healing and restoration of her kidney function.
- For continued prayers for Brady Miller as he enters the next chapter of monitoring, including scans every three months. Praise God that his August 19 scan showed the existing tumor remains stable with no evidence of disease.
- For continued prayers for Macee as she continues a new treatment for juvenile arthritis.
- Praise God for the healthy birth of James Decker Taylor to Justin and JoEllen, and for the birth of Amelia Raine Ricks to Blake and Amanda. Please continue to pray for Amelia as she spends the next few weeks in the NICU following her early delivery at 34 weeks.
- For expectant mother Brittney DeGroot. For health and strength throughout her pregnancy, for a safe delivery, and for God's peace and protection to both mother and baby.
- Praise God for Shirley Osinga's continued healing and strength following her surgery.

STEPHENVILLE
CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

An Axehead that Floats

II KINGS 6:1-7



SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

PASTOR DONALD DRAAYER

Sunday Morning Service

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Reader: We lift our eyes to the hills—where does our help come from?

All: Our help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

Reader: Let us throw off everything that hinders, and fix our eyes on Jesus.

All: He is the author and perfecter of our faith.

Reader: With steady hearts and open spirits—

All: We worship the One who leads us on.

*Prayer

*God's Greeting/Mutual Greeting

*Opening Song: "To God Be the Glory" LUYH 604 (1-3)

*God's Declaration of Forgiveness

Pastor: I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more. (Isaiah 43:25)

Congregation: I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have Redeemed you. (Isaiah 44:22)

Pastor: Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. (Isaiah 55:7)

Congregation: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all Unrighteousness. (I John 1:9)

*God's Call to Holy Living

Pastor: But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession,

Congregation: that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Pastor: Once you were not a people,

Congregation: but now you are the people of God;

Pastor: once you had not received mercy,

Congregation: but now you have received mercy. (I Peter 2:9-10)

*Song of Response: "My Jesus, I Love Thee" LUYH 366 (1-4)

Offering: General Fund & Special Benevolence Offering

Children's Message

(Children 4 & Under Dismissed to Nursery)

Congregational Prayer

Message: "An Axehead that Floats"

Scripture Passage: II Kings 6:1-7

Prayer

*Song of Response: "How Deep The Father's Love For Us" (1-3)

*God's Parting Blessing

Sunday School Participants (Students & Leaders) Dismissed

*Sending Song: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" LUYH 965

Stephenville Christian Reformed Church News



Welcome to our fellowship, where we gather together as friends and family to worship and praise our God. If you are visiting with us, we are especially glad that you are here! This morning, Pastor Draayer will continue his sermon series on the Old Testament prophet Elisha, focusing on II Kings 6:1-7. After the morning worship service, please join us for a time of fellowship with coffee and cookies. Then, at 11:45 a.m., Sunday school classes will be held for everyone from Pre-K 3 through adults.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday 10:30am Sunday Morning Worship Service
11:45pm Sunday School
Tuesday 7:00pm Monthly Council Meeting
Wednesday 6:00pm Wednesday Family Night
Thursday 9:30am Ladies Coffee Break

Offering Schedule

September 6: General Fund
September 13: General Fund & Stephenville Christian
September 20: General Fund
September 27: General Fund & Kingdom Threads

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Nursery Duty

September 6: KayKay & Noemy
September 13: Bregtje & Kylie
September 20: Jessica H. & Ariana
September 27: Heidi & Jaclyn

Sound Booth

September 6: Ryland & Shaun
September 13: Honor & James
September 20: Kaleb & Dillinger
September 27: Justice & Ryland

Sunday Cookie Duty

September 6: Heidi Velsen
September 13: Rita Huisman
September 20: Shawna DeBoer
September 27: Margreet Osinga

*News/Reminders:

Monthly Capital Campaign – The September capital campaign is for Kingdom Threads, 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. Velvet Earles will be here on Sunday, September 20th to share more about this ministry and we will also take our offering in support of Kingdom Threads on the 20th.

Church/School Facility Expansion Committee – We are still 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.

Fall Education Classes – Join us this fall for any of our education classes! Sunday School is immediately following morning worship with classes for Pre-K to Adult. Wednesday Family Night begins every week at 6:00 pm with dinner provided followed by Bible study classes from Pre-K to Adult. The adults are currently finishing up the last few lessons of their study on I Corinthians. Ladies' Coffee Break meets every Thursday at 9:30am and they are doing a Life Guide study on the book of Genesis. College age students are invited every 1st Thursday of the month for dinner and a Bible study at Bert and Heidi's house at 6:30pm. We encourage everyone to take advantage of these opportunities to grow in your knowledge and understanding of God's Word while enjoying fellowship and building relationships with other believers. There is a place for everyone as we learn, grow, and walk together in faith!

Elder/Deacon Nominations – It is time to nominate potential elders and deacons for the coming year. Please submit your nominations by the end of September to any current council members or you can email your nomination to stephenvillecra@gmail.com.

Pulpit Supply – Pastor Todd Hilkemann will be here next Sunday, September 13th to lead our morning worship service while Pastor Draayer is attending his granddaughter's profession of faith.