

***Prayer Requests:**

- For protection and provision for our congregation during our pastoral vacancy.
- For Stephenville Christian Academy, all schools and homeschool students in our area. Pray for the health and safety of faculty and students during the school year.
- For our Resonate Global missionary families, the Sytsma's in Uganda and the Hortons in Guatemala. Specifically, 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, and wisdom for her doctors as they determine the best 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.
- For continued prayers for Macee as she continues a new treatment for juvenile arthritis.
- For expectant mother Brittney DeGroot. For health and strength throughout her pregnancy, for a safe delivery, and for God's peace and protection.
- For Desiree's dad Dennis, who continues to struggle with fatigue after his pacemaker surgery in February. Pray that results from his recent nuclear stress test can help identify the problem.
- Praise that James Taylor had a successful surgery to fix his pyloric stenosis and that we can celebrate his baptism today.

STEPHENVILLE
CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

BAPTISM *of*
James Decker Taylor



OCTOBER 4, 2026

PASTOR DONALD DRAAYER

Sunday Morning Service

Sermon Notes

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: "Speak O Lord" LUYH 755 (1-3)

Baptism of James Decker Taylor

*Song: "Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me" by CityAlight

Offering: General Fund

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

Message: "Scripture Alone"

Scripture Passage: II Timothy 3:10-17

Prayer

*Song of Response: "Ancient Words" LUYH 762 (1-2)

*God's Parting Blessing

Sunday School Participants (Students & Leaders) Dismissed

*Sending Song: "Spirit of the Living God" LUYH 749 (1-2)

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, we will celebrate the baptism of James Decker Taylor. We will also begin a 5-week sermon series on the “Five Solas” of the Reformed tradition. Pastor Draayer will begin with the first sola, Sola Scriptura “Scripture Alone” from II Timothy 3:10-17. After the morning worship service, please join us for a time of fellowship with coffee and cookies. Sunday school classes for everyone from Prek-3 through adults will begin at 11:45AM.

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
6:30pm Monthly College Bible Study @ the Velsen's
Friday-Saturday Classis Rocky Mountain Meeting

Offering Schedule

October 4: General Fund
October 11: General Fund & Stephenville Christian
October 18: General Fund
October 25: General Fund & Sytsma Missionaries

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Nursery Duty

October 4: Lynn & Grace
October 11: Shawna & Alex
October 18: DeeDee & Marlee
October 25: GeriAnn & Ryland

Sound Booth

October 4: Honor & Shaun
October 11: Kaleb & James
October 18: Justice & Ryland
October 25: Honor & Dillingen

Sunday Cookie Duty

October 4: Baptism Cake
October 11: DeeDee Stoker
October 18: Annemarie Werkman
October 25: Maryke Hernandez

*News/Reminders:

Monthly Capital Campaign – The September capital campaign is for Resonate Global missionaries, Anthony & Sara Sytsma. The Sytsma's work mainly with

churches from the Pentecostal Assemblies of God Uganda (PAGU) in the region surrounding Soroti, Uganda where they live. Anthony encourages and mentors pastors who face many challenges in ministry and who themselves need pastoral care. He also teaches leaders around Africa through a curriculum he helped to write called “Helping Without Hurting in Africa”, based on the book When Helping Hurts and focusing on how to help the poor in wise ways. Sara works in churches and communities to help farmers better care for their land, produce more food, save money, and connect the Christian faith to everyday life through Bible study and skills training. She facilitates farmer study groups on agriculture, caring for creation, and nutrition. She also teaches fuel-efficient and nutritious ways of cooking and occasionally does art classes for children. We will take the offering for the Sytsma's on October 25th.

Baptism Sunday – We will be celebrating the baptism of James Decker Taylor this morning.

Elder/Deacon Nominations – Elder and Deacon nominations are due to the Council. The Council will be discussing the nominations at their upcoming meeting this week on Tuesday, so please submit your nominations ASAP.

Welcome Back! – Several years ago, Gary and Diane Revere became inactive members of Stephenville Christian Reformed Church, after being part of another local church. They both informed the council that they now desire to reengage as active members of our congregation. The Council has given their approval and hereby inform the congregation. Welcome back, Gary and Diane!

*Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Classis Rocky Mountain Meeting – Please be in prayer for the delegates of Classis Rocky Mountain for their fall meeting this week on October 9th-10th. Pastor Draayer and Elder Linsey Hoekstra will be the delegates representing SCRC.

Visit from the Sytsma's – Our missionary family, Anthony and Sara Sytsma will be visiting us on Sunday, October 11th. They will be sharing an update about their ministry in Uganda during the morning worship service and Anthony will be leading the morning message.

Worship Night – You are invited to join us on Sunday, October 11th for an evening of worship with the SERVE band “Shelter” leading the worship songs.

Choices Clinic Annual Fundraising Banquet – We have sponsored a table at the annual Choices Clinic Banquet which will be held on Tuesday, October 13th at 6:00pm at Cowboy Church of Erath County. The guest speaker will be New York Times best-selling author, Lee Strobel. There are 7 remaining spots available at the SCRC table, so please let Desiree Stoker know if you'd like to reserve your spot. Dinner is included.

Exploring Our Reformed Roots – Have you wondered how the Christian Reformed Church began? What significant events have transpired during the history of the CRC? Several years ago, a video was created from an on-stage play that highlights that history! A showing of that video, entitled “Our Family Album,” will be presented at 6:00 PM here at Stephenville CRC the evening of October 18th. Rumor has it that one of the participants in that video will be in attendance.