

The Circle of Love Ministry to the Blind
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March-April 2026

Greetings in the name of our wonderful Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I'll begin with good news. **Praise the Lord**, three new readers have joined the Circle of Love family—Betty K. from Ohio, Meagan G. from Oregon, and Carrie T. from England.

The past several weeks have been a time of trial and transition. I'm so thankful that Jesus Christ is our Rock and Anchor during such times.

The postal service has been running slower than normal, even after the holidays ended. March was the worst month since January 2022, when George Gray passed the torch for the Circle of Love to me. I mailed the magazine cartridges on March 3, and nearly all of our readers didn't receive theirs until the end of March. Several readers called concerning the whereabouts of their magazine.

A few cartridges are still unaccounted for, and it may be necessary to replace them. In one instance, both the cartridge and mailer were replaced for a reader because her mailer arrived so damaged the cartridge fell out before it reached her.

Mail service seems to be returning to normal in April. **Please pray** that is indeed the case.

My sponsoring church, Northwood Baptist Church, Columbia, MO, is going through a time of transition because our pastor has resigned effective April 12. **Please pray** the Lord will soon bring the man He has for our church. **Please also pray** for unity, wisdom and discernment for those of us serving on the pulpit committee.

On a more personal note, **please pray** for my family, including my two sisters and their families. My mother was promoted to Glory on April 4, nearly three months to the day after Dad left this earthly life. **Praise the Lord**, we've seen His hand at work in many ways during the past few months.

Thank you once again for your prayers and support for the Circle of Love.

In Christ's service,

John Wesley Smith

"And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them." - Isaiah 42:16

Financial Report for February-March 2026

Note: All figures represent two months of income and expenses and are rounded to the nearest dollar.

Income:

\$100.00 support from Northwood Baptist Church, Columbia, MO (2 X \$50.00)
\$200.00 support from Aultman Baptist Church, Aultman, PA (2 X \$100.00)
\$30.00 Gift from a reader
\$3,306.00 Brought forward from February

\$3,636.00 total income

Expenses:

\$400.00 Ministry support for John Smith (2 X \$200)
\$2.00 Charge for toll free phone number

\$402.00 total expenses

Funds in reserve: \$3,234.00