

**The Circle of Love Ministry to the Blind**  
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<https://circleofloveministry.com>  
**Host Church: Northwood Baptist Church, P. O. Box 8096, Columbia, MO 65205.**

**May-June 2026**

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

Production of the Circle of Love continues on schedule for release at the first of each month. While I put together features throughout the month, I'm often surprised at how much remains to be done by publication time. But the Lord is good, and I'm amazed and blessed by how He brings everything together for each issue.

Feedback continues to be positive. Several readers tell me how much they enjoy the magazine and look forward eagerly to the next one. **Praise the Lord** for how He works!

There's more good news. The postal service continues to get the magazine cartridges to and from readers at a reasonable pace. This is in contrast to the lengthy delays this past March. **Please pray** this continues.

My wife and I were privileged on April 24-25 to attend the Central States Baptist Association Missions Rally, at Heartland Baptist Church, Ashland, MO. I presented the ministry at the Friday evening session. As in past years, it was a wonderful time of encouraging fellowship and renewing connections.

We're planning to attend the national conference of the American Baptist Association in Hot Springs, AR, June 22-25. **Please pray** for opportunities to get the word out about the Circle of Love. I'll share results in my July-August report.

Our sponsoring church is still searching for a pastor. My role on our pulpit committee has called for more of my time and energy than anticipated. **Please pray** the Lord will bring His man to us soon.

Your continued support and prayers for the Circle of Love mean so much as this ministry goes forward. **Thank you!**

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 April-May 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  
\$3,234.00 Brought forward from March

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\$3,564.00 total income

### Expenses:

\$400.00 Ministry support for John Smith (2 X \$200)  
\$2.00 Charge for toll free phone number  
\$90.00 Two year extended service plan for Victor Reader Stream player/recorder

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\$492.00 total expenses

Funds in reserve: \$3,072.00