

Connect

With Sunny Place Church of God

March, 2018

Participation Let Your Light Shine

PARTICIPATION

When I think about the significance of participation in our daily lives, I find it challenging to identify anything worth achieving or being part of something which doesn't require our participation. If you've ever played a team sport; such as football, you know it requires participation in team practices and with other team members to achieve a common goal. In the spring when it comes time to plant our gardens and fields, it doesn't just happen. It requires lots of hard work in preparing the soil, seeding or planting, watering, weeding, etc... Even going to school or work requires our participation. There is homework or assignments to complete, tests to take, meetings to attend, deadlines to meet, and lots of participation with others.

When I just turned 16 years old, I remember my next-door neighbor, Paul Coleman gave me some very good no-nonsense advice. I was wanting to get a part time job so I could earn some spending money. It was difficult back in those days for a teenager to find a part time job. Paul said if you want to get a job, you'll need to go out into the neighborhood, inquire at all the local businesses, and make it happen. No one is going to just show up at your front door step and offer you a job. Paul's advice motivated me and soon afterwards I found my first paying job working at the local KFC. I learned it wasn't going to just be handed to me. The task of finding a job required my participation. Paul attended Sunny Place God Church of

God back in the 70s. He is the person who first told my older brother and I about Sunny Place.

God's plan for this world also requires our participation. God has called each believer to be the light in a sinful world. God does not call us to sit on the sideline. Let your light shine each and every day. Giving all the glory and honor to Him. We are to tell everyone about Jesus and what He can do.

John 8:12 "When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

When we become active participants with God, He is honored because people will place their faith in Him. Telling others about Jesus and His plan of salvation should be part of our daily walk with Him. Likewise, you cannot be a spectator and make a difference in the world and be part of the fulfillment of God's plan. Amazing things will happen when we become active participants instead of spectators.

Matthew 5:16: "In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

Consider the parable of "The talents" in Matthew 25: It exemplifies the difference between a spectator and a participant in our servanthood to God. The unfaithful servant

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who was entrusted with one talent was so afraid. This servant (spectator) went out and hid his master's talent and wasted his opportunity to please his master.

Matthew 25:24-29: Then the man who had received the one talent came. Master, he said, I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you. His Master replied, You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has ten talents. For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

We are responsible for what we do to honor and glorify God with what He has given us. Just as the master in this parable expected his servants to do more than passively preserve what has been entrusted to them, so God expects us to be participants in furthering His kingdom. Just as the two faithful servants in the parable of the talents (participants) produced more than what they were given.

Matthew 25: 23 "The master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness."

In a similar way God expects us to use our given gifts to further His kingdom. It is essential we do not hide but use all that God has given to each of us to glorify Him and to share His amazing gift of forgiveness and salvation with others.

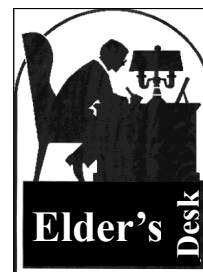
1 John 1:6-7 "If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin."

What about you! Are you a spectator or a participant in God's plan? The Lord has called each of us to reach out to those who seek refuge in Him. When God's people participate and serve in their area of giftedness, they function less in their own strength and more in the power of the Holy Spirit. I would encourage you to be open to opportunities in your local communities which God has provided. If Sunny Place is your home church, there are many opportunities for you to participate in. Many of the ministry teams would welcome your participation. I would like to encourage you, if you're not already involved, to participate in one of the various ministry teams at Sunny Place. Don't waste an opportunity to serve others. God's ministries at Sunny Place and throughout the world, requires everyone's participation. Let your light shine on the world.

I pray that you will honor and glorify God through your participation in serving Him. May you choose to live each and every day following Him.

In Christ Service,

Tim Kasza



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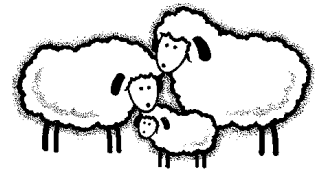
Are you sharing in the exciting and spiritual blessings of studying God's Word and discovering how it applies to your contemporary life?

Join with us in our Adult Study Group at Sunny Place every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Grow in the Word!

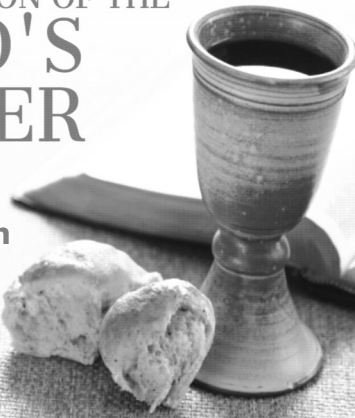
Sunday Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.

Kid's Rock available
for children ages five to nine
Nursery Services Provided



CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Thursday
March 29th
6:30 p.m.
Fellowship
Hall



You are invited to attend a Celebration of the Lord's Supper at Sunny Place Church.

We will be serving a meal that will be similar to the last supper that Jesus shared with His disciples.

Come be a part of the experience: the communion, the meal, and the fellowship in Christ

Visit us at: www.SunnyPlaceChurch.org



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Connecting Families With The Love Of Christ

Minutes of the Elder's Meeting - February 7, 2017

Attendees: Attended by Pastor Pete Weber, Tim Kasza, Sam Jacob, Glenda Kasza, Phyllis Clark and Nona Koivula

Devotion and prayer: Mark 9:33-37 "They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest. Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all." He took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking him in his arms, he said to them. "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

Our Pastor prayed for the many people in the church family who were ill, recovering from surgery or receiving treatments.

Ministry Reports:

Treasurer: Budgeted Bank Balance; \$1,213.52 Total pledges for CFC \$142,736. Giving for the month of January; \$5,623.68 expenses for January; \$10,996.57

Worship: There are tentative plans for an Easter Cantata. Pastor Pete will contact Daniel Kwak to continue the dialog about the Sunny Place position that will be opening in May or June.

Hospitality & Encouragement: There was a joint effort by this ministry team and the Ladies ministry to celebrate Teresa and David Henneberg's soon to be delivered baby boy. There was a feast of food for attendees and an abundance of baby show gifts. The love of Jesus was evident during this shower, Teresa and David were deeply appreciative. Eva is planning a luncheon with two church family couples. Fred and Bobbie King volunteered to welcome people on the first Sunday of the month

Missions: The Missions Festival is being planned for April (or 1st Sunday in May).

Stewardship & Support Services: There is a meeting planned this month and a workday scheduled for March.

Ladies Ministry: The ladies Bible Study continues on Wednesday mornings at our church. The group is studying 2 Timothy. Future plans include ladies gathering at church to sing and sew more pillowcase dresses for the NICE Foundation. There are plans to deliver many donated items to the NICE Foundation this summer possibly in June.

Evangelism and Outreach: Sam reported that Saturday, Feb 10 will be the Senior Luncheon at our church and there are 15 guests registered for the event. The DuPage Pads, an organization that provides shelter and counseling for the homeless contacted the ministry and they will meet with the group to learn ways our ministry team can assist their community efforts

Fellowship: Soup cooking contest, Sunday Feb. 25

Men's Ministry: There will be an outing to the Auto Show in Chicago on Feb. 17

Pastoral Counseling: Sam Jacob continues this ministry.

Old and New Business:

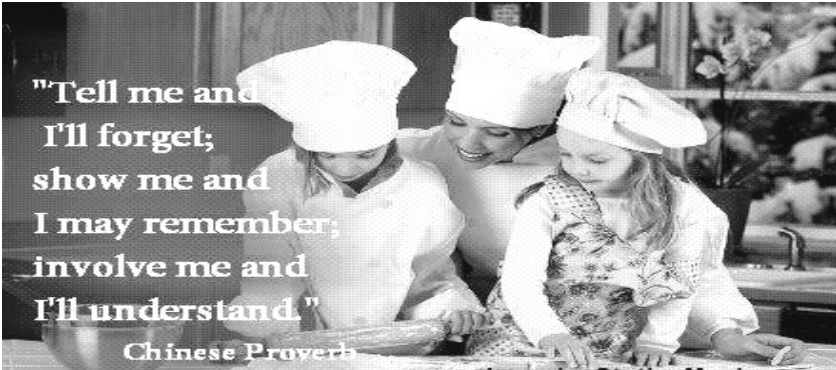
- The Addison Township Food Pantry is preparing new facilities at 50 W. Oak St. and may open as soon as April. Pastor Pete informed us that there are four church people who signed up to volunteer at the pantry. Bob Hettlinger agreed to serve on the Food Pantry Board of Directors.
- The church office is preparing a new church directory and will be available in the near future.
- There will be an Elder and Ministry Team leader Dedication and Appreciation Sunday Feb. 11



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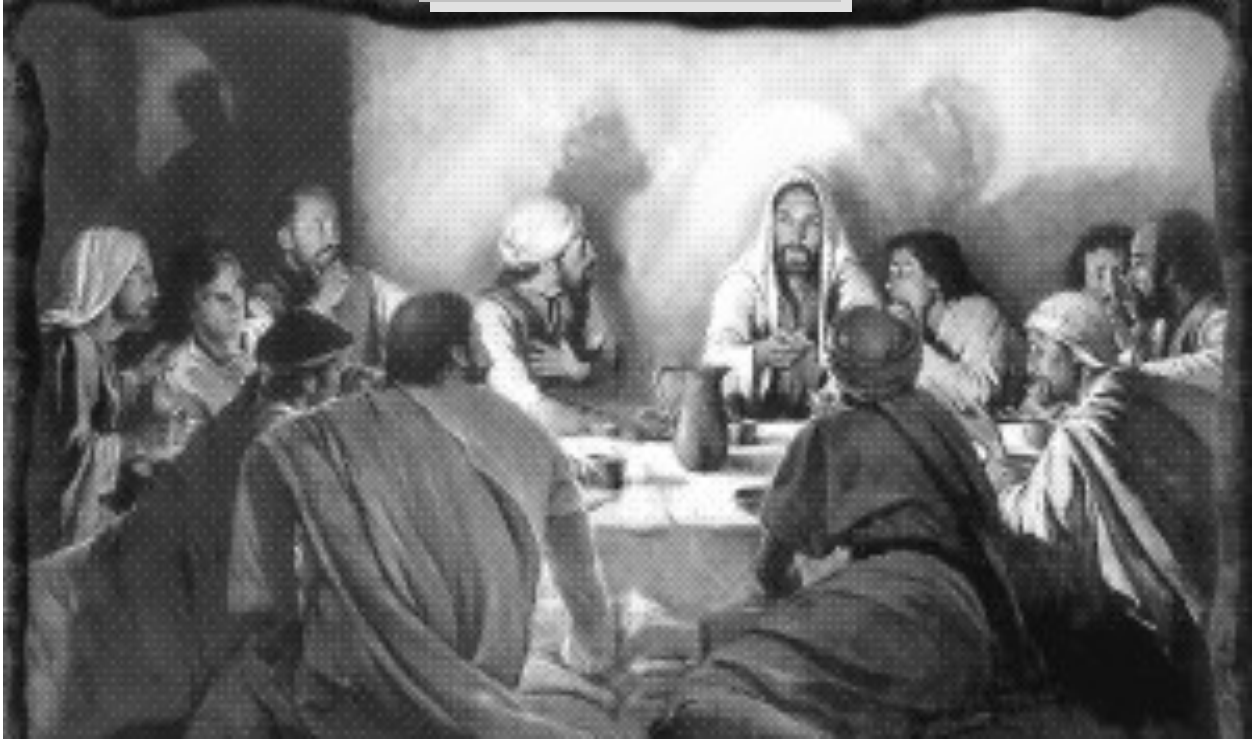


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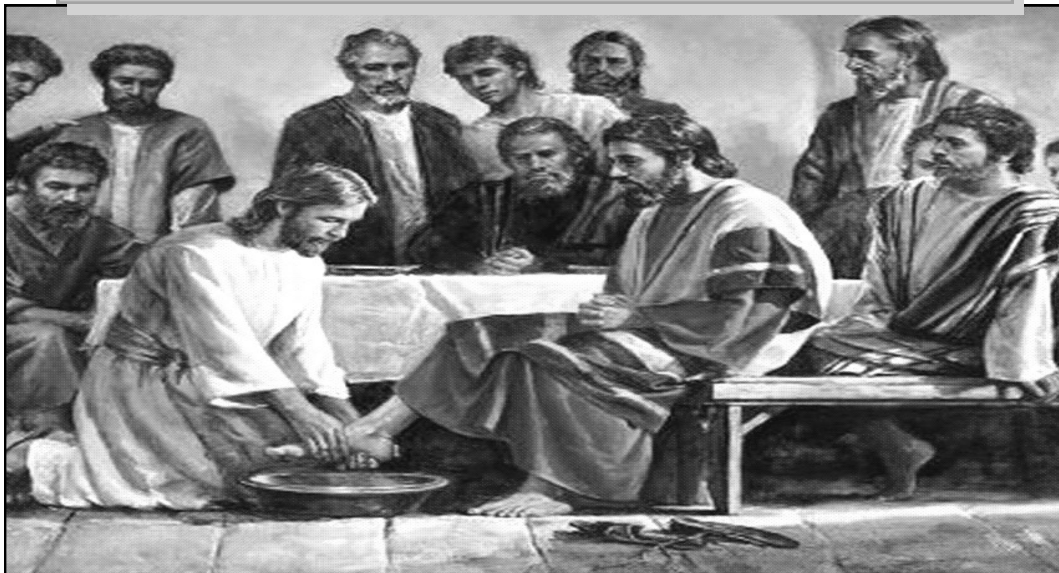


Jesus' Participation as He Prepares His Disciples.

The Last



His true humbleness speaks for itself.





2nd Saturday Senior Luncheon

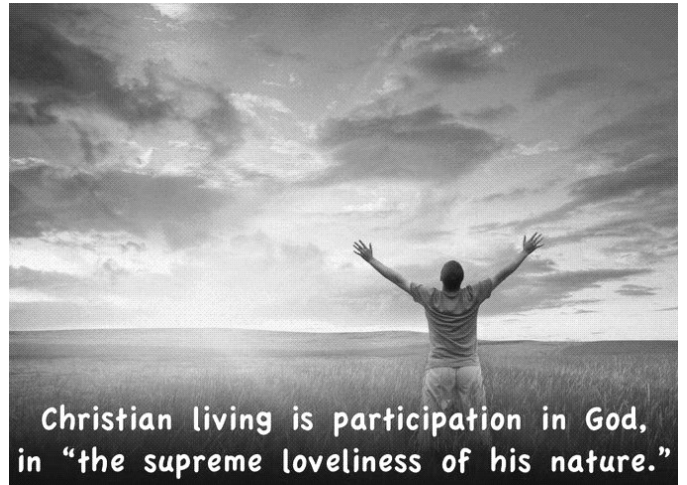
Saturday,
March 10th,
11:30 a.m.

Please join us for a free
Senior Luncheon!

Come be our guest for food, great
speakers and activities.

Free event for Seniors 55 & up.

Space is limited so register now
at 630/398-2314



AFTERNOON OF PRAYER

LIGHT LUNCH FOLLOWING

Sunday, March 18th
12:30 p.m.

At Sunny Place Church

Come be a part of the plan that God has for
us as participants; to prayer for each and
serve all of His children and their needs.

Then join us for lunch and fellowship. Be a
part of God's plan! All are welcome.

Sunday School Line-Up

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

Adult
Bible
Study

“Difficult Texts”



The Scriptures that you
may have wondered
about, or wrestled with.

Led by John Gryparis

Children's Classes

Led by Carla Weber

Nursery services are provided

Thursday Evenings

7:00 p.m.

at Sunny Place



“Making Your Calling and Election Sure”

A Bible Study
Through 1st & 2nd Peter

Led by Pastor Pete



2018

March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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				<div data-bbox="927 611 1117 737" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place </div>		
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 Holy Communion <div data-bbox="86 915 289 1041" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Mission's Meeting 12:30 p.m. at Sunny Place </div>			<div data-bbox="716 915 919 1041" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Elder's Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place </div>	<div data-bbox="927 915 1117 1041" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place </div>		<div data-bbox="1325 915 1528 1041" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Senior Luncheon 11:30 a.m. at Sunny Place </div>
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Spring forward <small>Don't forget to set clocks ahead one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday.</small>  <div data-bbox="86 1230 289 1356" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Outreach Meeting 12:30 p.m. at Sunny Place </div>				<div data-bbox="927 1230 1117 1356" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place </div>		 <div data-bbox="1325 1230 1528 1356" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Church Workday 9:00 a.m. at Sunny Place </div>
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<div data-bbox="86 1482 289 1661" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Afternoon of Prayer, light lunch following 12:30 p.m. at Sunny Place </div>			<div data-bbox="716 1514 919 1661" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Christian Education Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place </div>	<div data-bbox="927 1535 1117 1661" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place </div>		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
 Palm Sunday <div data-bbox="86 1839 289 1965" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Worship Get-Together 12:30 p.m. at Sunny Place </div>				<div data-bbox="927 1818 1117 1965" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Celebration of the Lord's Supper 6:30 p.m. At Sunny </div>		