

With Sunny Place Church of God

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## Jesus Christ: A Firm Foundation

#### **A FIRM FOUNDATION**

When we think about the word "foundation" the first thoughts that initially come to mind refer to a building of some sort. The foundation is the strongest part of the building and upon which all of the upper structure relies. The foundation had better be extremely solid for the rest of the building to rest upon it. If not, the upper portion of the building is in serious jeapordy. One slight move or failure of the foundation and it is possible that the building will collapse upon itself. The building could be constructed of the best materials and assembled with the utmost care and still fail due to a weak foundation.



That's one description of a foundation that must be firm and perhaps another example could be marriage. You really need a firm foundation to have a successful marriage. What makes that

firm foundation? Trust, Honesty, Love, Respect, Care, Truth, Honor, Commitment, are a few of these foundations upon which a successful marriage must be built. Without these qualities a marriage will fall apart. No matter how strong you believe marriage is, it will also fall apart without and one of the above qualities.

So, the point that I am making is that many important parts of our lives are based upon a firm foundation. Without the strength that the basic principles give us we are likely to fail, collapse, or not succeed.

#### <u>Luke 6:46-49</u>

Why do you call me, "Lord, Lord", and do not do what I say? I will show you what he is like who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice. He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck the house but could not shake it, because it was well built. But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built his house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed

and its destruction was complete.

Jesus is comparing the solid foundation of a house to listening to and obeying His teachings. If a person listens to and practices the teachings of Christ, his foundation will remain firm and his life's work will be strong and succeed under all sorts of tragedy. His reward will surely be Heaven. However, if a person does not believe in the teachings of Christ, he cannot put them in action and his life will be without reward. The foundation given to us through the Bible gives us the solid basis for our life.

#### 1 Corinthians 3:10-13

By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames.

In this passage, Paul has written to the people

of Corinth. The foundation of the Church is Jesus Christ. Paul is saying that those who will build upon this foundation must do so with the correct doctrine and they must live according to the teachings of Christ. The Church in Corinth had many problems and Paul was trying to teach the Church members to be committed to Christ, to live their lives properly, and to help others do the same. He was instructing that a firm foundation must first be achieved...that is Jesus Christ. Secondly, the building (ministers, elders, worshippers) must be solidly built. The "solidly built" portion are the actions of the people that must follow the teachings of Christ.

A strong foundation is primary, and then the building must be constructed with the putting into use the teachings of Christ. With a weakness in either of these components the Church will not survive.

**Bob Hettlinger** 



Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.

Matthew 7.24

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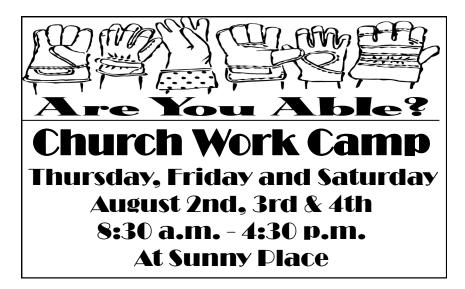
Join with us in our Adult Study Group at Sunny Place every Thursday at 7:00 p. m.

Grow in the Word!

# Sunday Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.

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





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#### Minutes from the Elders Meeting. July 11, 2018

Attended by Pastor Pete Weber, Sam Jacob, Phyllis Clark, Tim Kasza, Bob Hettlinger, Glenda Kasza, Nona Koivula

<u>Devotion and prayer</u>: "For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have the power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."

Ephesians 3:14-19

#### **Ministry Reports**

**Treasurer:** Budget bank balance as of July 10, \$2,108.73 Capitol Fundraising Campaign

\$147,316, Giving for June \$6,819.67, Expenses for June \$9,941.81

**Worship:** There will be a Worship Team meeting Sunday, July 22nd.

Christian Education: Discipleship and Ephesians classes are going well.

**Hospitality & Encouragement:** Plans are being made to have a fellowship luncheon with people in our church.

**Missions:** Phyllis Clark has been doing research on mission trips that we might be able to do in the United States within the Church of God Global Strategy Ministry.

**Prayer and Devotion:** Sweet Hour of Prayer continues every third Sunday.

**Stewardship & Support Services:** There will be a Stewardship Work Camp, August 2, 3, and 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be a meeting to prepare projects for this three day event. Each day from 8:30AM to 4PM.

**Ladies Ministry:** This ministry will support the Stewardship Ministry with ladies volunteering for the work camp.

**Evangelism and Outreach:** There are 35 people registered for the Senior Luncheon to be held Saturday July 14.

**Fellowship:** The Creation Museum and Noah's Ark trip was an exceptional experience for all who attended. The trip was well planned and organized.

**Pastoral Counseling:** Confidential Sessions as requested.

#### **New and Old Business**

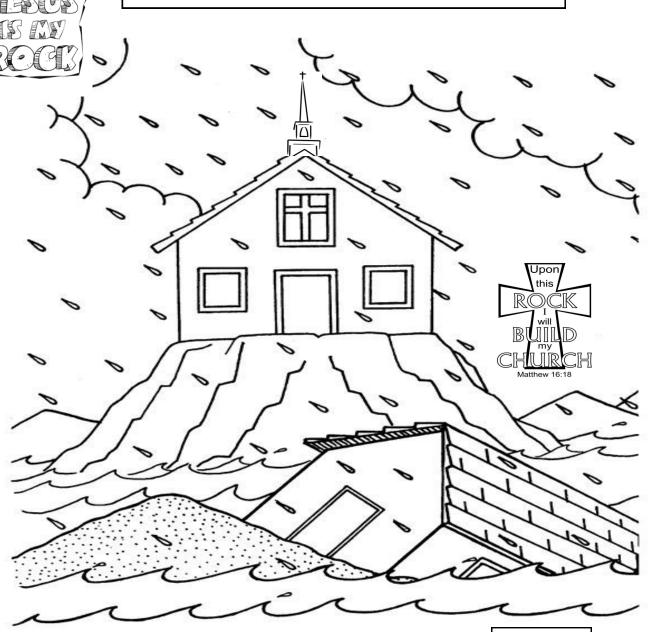
- Ministry Team Restructuring Meetings. The consolidation of the ministry teams is being discussed with team leaders.
- There was discussion about a Policy and Procedure addition to the Sunny Place policy manual. A policy update was prepared and reviewed by the Elders. Phyllis Clark made a motion to accept the prepared Policy. Tim Kasza seconded the motion and it passed.

Next Elders meeting will be August 1.



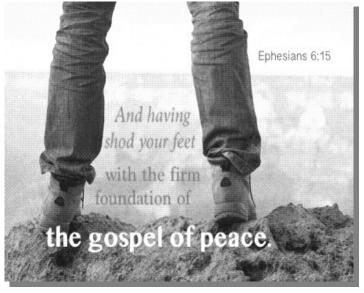
# **A Firm Foundation**

It is by obeying Jesus' commandments that we build our lives on a firm foundation.









#### AFTERNOON OF PRAYER

Light lunch following

Sunday, August 19th, 12:30 p.m.

at Sunny Place Church

#### Sunday School Line-Up

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

# This class is essential for everyone - new believers, seasoned Christians, growing Christ followers. Led by Pastor Pete

#### Children's Classes

Led by Carla Weber

Nursery services are provided

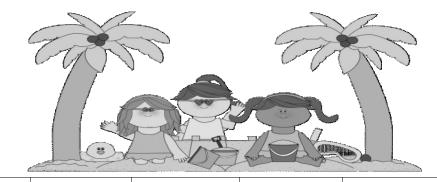
Thursday Evenings 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place



# "Living Today in the Heavenly Realms"

A Bible Study Through Paul's letter to the Ephesians

Led by Pastor Pete





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Elder's Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place		3 hurch Work Cam day & Saturday, 8	
5	6	7	8	Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place	10	2nd Saturday Senior Luncheon 11:30 a.m. at Sunny Place
Outreach Meeting 12:30 p.m. at Sunny Place	13	14	Stewardship Meeting 6:30 p.m. at Sunny Place	Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place	17	18
Afternoon of Prayer, light lunch following 12:30 p.m. at Sunny Place	20	21	22	Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	