

Connect

With Sunny Place Church of God

August, 2017

Take Out the Trash

One of my tasks is to take the trash out to a bin kept inside my garage. Every Wednesday morning, I should take that bin to the driveway for the garbage man to pick up. However, sometimes, I press existing trash further down into the garbage can instead of taking it to the bin, providing more room to put in more trash. At times, we accumulate trash in our lives and we pack it down instead of getting rid of it. We stuff the garbage can with trash, but we forget to place it in our driveway so that it can be picked up. We just continue to mash it down, creating room for more.

Confession is about taking our trash to the foot of the cross and going through God's power wash, the cleansing blood of Christ. It involves acknowledgment of our true inner self (confession of sin) and cleanses us from all guilty feelings and impure thoughts. This helps us to come to a true trusting relationship in Christ, testifying him with a clear conscience (confession of faith).

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness" 1John 1:9-10.

Often when we confess our faith before others, when we come to partake in communion, when we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes, there is something we forget. It is written that we should examine ourselves (1Cor.11: 27-30).



Sometimes we have to confess our sins before we confess our faith in our crucified and resurrect-ed Savior. We must examine our inner selves, honestly forgive one another, and finally, offer up all those difficult feelings at the foot of the cross. Thereby, exploring the true meaning of Jesus' redemptive sacrifice and experience true life in Christ, then confess to him with a clear conscience (confession of faith).

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According to theologian and Bible scholar, Adam Clarke, "If we confess our sins – if, from a deep sense of our guilt, impurity, and helplessness, we humble ourselves before God, acknowledging our iniquity, his holiness, and our own utter helplessness, and implore mercy for his sake who has died for us; he is faithful, because to such he has promised mercy, *Psalm 32:5; Proverbs 28:13*; and just, for Christ has died for us, and thus made an atonement to the Divine justice; so that God can now be just, and yet the justifier of him who believeth in Jesus."

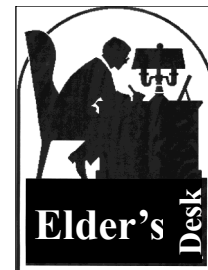
Practically speaking, if we have done wrong to another person, we must ask the person to forgive us. If our sin has affected the church, we must confess it publicly in church. If we need loving support as we struggle with a sin, we should confess it to those who are able to provide that supportive care and counsel. Sometimes after confessing a private sin to God, we may not feel peace, then we may confess to a Christian believer and need his or her assurance of God's pardon. Remember, in the kingdom of Christ, every believer is a priest to other believers (*1Pet. 2:9*).

When sin exists, it leads us into unrighteous attitudes and behavior, which makes us feel guilty in our soul. The solution is not ignoring it and packing it down, but instead taking the trash out, by acknowledging it and taking it to God. John says that if we confess our sins, God is able to cancel our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In order to confess, a person must acknowledge their sin and present it before God, leading to sanctification through the blood of Jesus Christ in faith, canceling all stains of sin and cleansing all unrighteousness from our hearts.

What a faithful and just God we have in Christ, Jesus!

In His service

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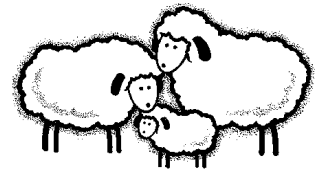
Are you sharing in the exciting and spiritual blessings of studying God's Word and discovering how it applies to your contemporary life?

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



Church Dinner
Sunday, August 20th
12:30 p.m. at Sunny Place Church
We have a place reserved just for you. Please bring family & friends.

Visit us at: www.SunnyPlaceChurch.org



901 E. Oak Street, Addison, IL 60101

Connecting Families With The Love Of Christ

Minutes of the Elder's Meeting, July 5, 2017

Attendees: Ted Gehman, Pastor Weber, Sam Jacob, Chuck Bender, Tim Kasza.

Devotion and Prayer: 1 Timothy 6:11-12. In these verses Paul is reminding us to check our priorities as Christian followers of Christ. We are told to run from false teachings and the love of money. We are told to pursue, seek out righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. It is easy to be distracted and head in the wrong direction. We need to encourage each other to go in the right direction. These verses are full of words of action. We must fight for our faith and encourage one another. We are the Children of God.

Ministry Reports:

Treasurer: We are behind in pledge giving for the Capital Fund Campaign.

Worship: Quotes are being received for the new sanctuary projector and needed equipment.

Christian Education: A new adult study will begin in August, "Jesus is Greater." A study through the book of Hebrews.

Hospitality & Encouragement: Cards and flowers have been sent to those with birthdays and those who are ill.

Missions: We are behind in our Faith Promise Commitment funds pledged for Missions, 2016, which is needed to be completed.

Prayer and Devotion: We are on our regular schedule for the Afternoon of Prayer and meeting. We are also trying to update the prayer chain.

Stewardship & Support Services: We are on track for our Church Work Camp the 10th, thru 12th in August. Our next work day is Saturday the 15th of July.

Ladies Ministry: The final donations for the NICE Foundation need to be put together and taken to the warehouse, as the shipping container will be leaving in August. Vehicle and drivers are needed to deliver the donations to the NICE foundation warehouse.

Evangelism and Outreach: The outreach team will be sponsoring a Senior Luncheon. This event will be hosted every 2nd Saturday of the month. Go to our website and sign up to attend at www.sunnyplacechurch.org. There is a need for volunteers to help with these events.

Fellowship: The next event is Dinner and a Movie the 23rd of July. See Kim for details

Pastoral Counseling: New Beginnings Counseling will be on Wednesdays, 5:30 PM, see Laura Grafer for details.

Old & New Business:

- Tom and Jan Sanhamel are scheduled to be baptized on July 23rd.
- NICE foundation donations will be delivered this month.

The next Elder's Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 2, 2017

Website: www.sunnyplacechurch.org. Go to our calendar, for a list of updated events.



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CONFESSION

Everyone thinks of confession as admitting our sins, but have you ever thought that confession is also declaring your faith to God? When you confess your sins, and agree not to sin again, you are putting your trust and faith in God to forgive you.

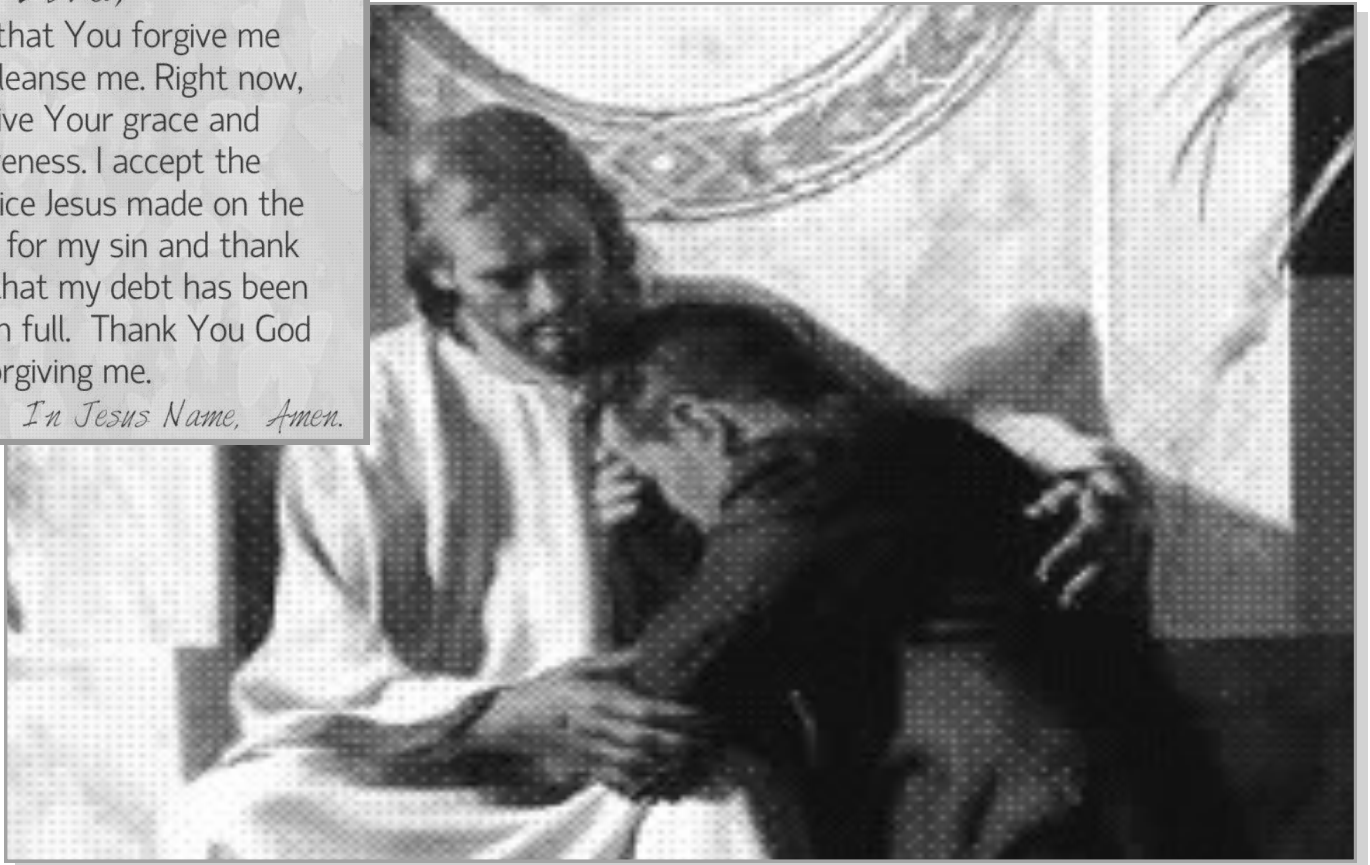


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Dear Lord,

I ask that You forgive me and cleanse me. Right now, I receive Your grace and forgiveness. I accept the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross for my sin and thank You that my debt has been paid in full. Thank You God for forgiving me.

In Jesus Name, Amen.



"Confession heals, confession justifies, confession grants pardon of sin, all hope consists in confession; in confession there is a chance for mercy."

—St. Isidore of Seville



Psalm 32:5

Finally, I confessed all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide them. I said to myself, "I will confess my rebellion to the Lord." And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone.

Thursday, Friday & Saturday
August 10th, 11th & 12th

Sunny Place Church 'Work Camp' (Mission Trip Style)

We're inviting * Y O U *



Volunteers are needed to help with various maintenance jobs around our church.

We're asking you to take day/s/time off from work to accomplish this task. All ages are welcome, and we are especially kid friendly.

This will be a fun and satisfying opportunity to serve our church, mission trip style. Of course, breakfast, lunch & dinner is included.

Please use the sign up sheet in the Narthex, and contact Chuck with any questions.

Sunday School Line-Up Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

Adult
Bible
Study

"God's Plan of Salvation"

God's plan from the
foundation of the world.

Led by John Gryparis



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

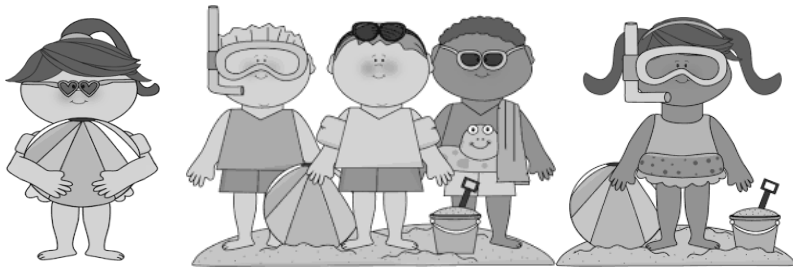
Children's Classes

Grades 1-4 led by Carla Weber
Grades 5-7 led by Chuck Bender
Youth 8-12 led by Sabra Martin
Nursery services are provided

"Jesus is Greater"

A Bible Study through
the book of Hebrews.

Led by Pastor Pete



August

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
			Elder's Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place	Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
				Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place	Sunny Place Church 'Work Camp' (Mission Trip Style) 9:00 a.m.—??? at Sunny Place	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Outreach Meeting 12:30p.m. at Sunny Place			Stewardship Meeting 6:30 p.m. at Sunny Place	Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Afternoon of Prayer Following Worship Service Church Dinner 12:30 p.m.				Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place		
27	28	29	30	31		
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