

Connect

With Sunny Place Church of God

July, 2018

Endurance—the Backbone of our Faith

ENDURANCE

Endurance is a word we often use in terms of fitness, e.g. how much you can lift, or how many laps you can do without burning out. But endurance should not just be applied to fitness. It is not as simple as how far you can push yourself on a morning run.

Endurance is like the backbone of how we should be living our lives. It is what keeps our lives moving CONSTANTLY towards God's direction for us. It is similar to glue, a substance that has the capacity to hold things together. It keeps everything in place. The glue that holds everything in life together.

Without endurance, life falls apart, far from God's track. What does God require of you in your life, especially during the twists and turns of life's events? He requires endurance.

Endurance is a promise to God that your faith will stand through every season of life. It is a determination to keep going through your faith, even when it is hard. A pledge to build your house on a solid rock, Christ; so that it can withstand the harshest rain and wind (Matt 7:24-27).

The author of Hebrews (12:1-2) points to the source of true endurance:

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of

witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Christian life is a race with an eternal significance. The weight of this world and the sin can easily hold us back, distract us and hinder us from running the race God has set before us. It definitely involves a strong determination. Endurance is active, living with faith in the abiding presence of Jesus.

The Hebrew author says endurance is possible by focusing on Jesus, ("looking unto Jesus") the author and finisher of our faith, who has actively endured the pain and suffering on the cross. He is our inspiration and makes our life meaningful. We have to turn from things that distract us. We have to set our hearts and minds determined to focus on Jesus.

Theologian William Barclay explains that: *the word is "hupomone," which does not mean the patience which sits down and accepts things, but*

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the patience which masters them. It is not some romantic thing which leads us wings to fly over the difficulties and the hard places. It is a determination, unhurrying and yet undelaying, which goes steadily on and refuses to be deflected. Obstacles do not daunt it and discouragements do not take its hope away. It is the steadfast endurance which carries on until in the end, it gets there.

Paul reveals his secret of endurance to the Corinthian Church as follows:

(2Cor 4:16-18)

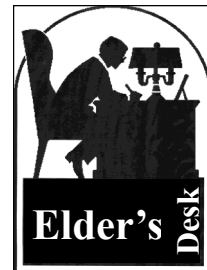
Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

When we are determined to fill our minds with heavenly things, eternal promises are revealed in Christ, and that are unseen, then we are not distracted by things that we see around us. Practically speaking, it is setting our hearts and minds earnestly to be filled with the Holy Spirit, paying close attention to the words and

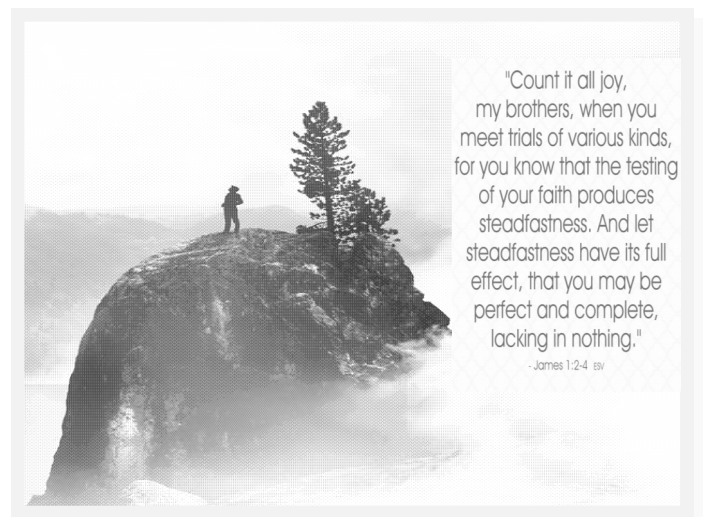
lives of Jesus, and finally enduring struggles with joy and peace. We are determined to seek the Holy Spirit's direction and endure struggles that are around us. Once we overcome our struggle, then the old scars are not necessarily reminders of pain and suffering; but they become a reassurance of the enduring healing presence from above.

Rulers of the world, society, and cultures of all times have used their knowledge against the church, yet it continues to endure and grow in leaps and bounds. That is what God asks of us, to focus our faith on Jesus, in things that are eternal and never let go. This is endurance. Faith without endurance cannot ever last. Therefore let us grow in endurance and reject the temptation to give up with the help of His Spirit.

Blessings,
Sam P. Jacob
Pastoral Care Pastor



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Together Loving Christ

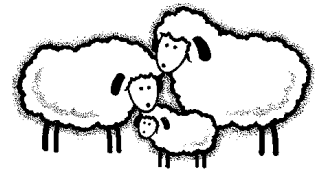
Are you sharing in the exciting and spiritual blessings of studying God's Word and discovering how it applies to your contemporary life?

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



A graphic for 'Fourth Fest at Pastor's' featuring a halftone background with an American flag, balloons, and the text '4TH OF JULY'.

**Fourth Fest
at Pastor's**

Wednesday,
July 4th
2:00 p.m.

Visit us at: www.SunnyPlaceChurch.org



901 E. Oak Street, Addison, IL 60101

Connecting Families With The Love Of Christ

Minutes from the Elders Meeting. June 13, 2018

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

Devotion and prayer: “As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of the world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus in order that the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:1-10

Ministry Reports

Treasurer: Budgeted Bank Balance: \$1,320.47; Capitol Fundraising Campaign \$147,091. May giving \$9,626.54; May expenses \$9,462.96

Worship: Since Tyler departed, Nona is helping to administer the Worship Team needs. Worship Teams have been scheduled for the next two months and there will be a team meeting on Sunday July 22.

Christian Education: Pastor Pete is teaching the discipleship class on Sunday mornings, and the book of Ephesians on Thursday evening’s Bible Study.

Hospitality & Encouragement: The Father’s Day gifts will be given to all men on Sunday June 17th. The ministry continues to send cards and flowers to those in need.

Missions: Phyllis is led to this ministry

Prayer and Devotion: Sweet Hour of Prayer continues every third Sunday immediately following worship service.

Stewardship & Support Services: There is a workday on planned for July 21st. Tim is planning the Work Camp to be held August 2nd, 3rd, and 4th.

Ladies Ministry: Encouragement and support continues for our sisters in Christ.

Evangelism and Outreach: Senior Luncheons continue on the Second Saturday of each month. The guest attendance has been increasing.

Fellowship: The Creation Museum and Noah’s Ark encounter trip will occur June 24th to the 27th.

Pastoral Counseling: Confidential sessions as requested.

New and Old Business

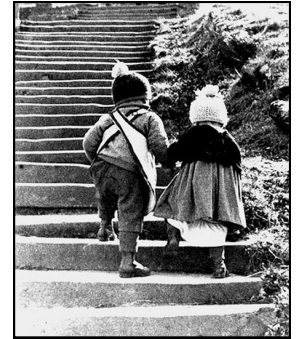
- Addison Township Food Pantry; now open Tuesday and Thursday. Additional volunteers needed.
- Restructuring Ministry teams: The Elders discussed the reasons for the changes to solve organizational problems. To encourage more active ministry teams, to promote collaboration. To be one with the Spirit and led by the Sunny Place Church purpose, vision, and mission as described in scriptures.

Next Elders meeting July 11, 2018



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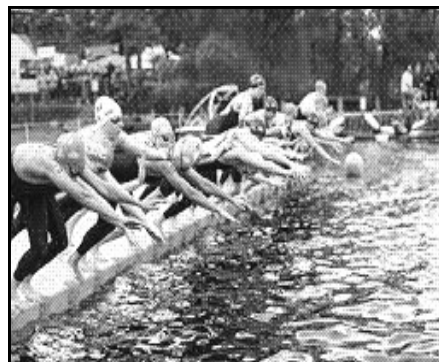


TO DO LIST

Do everything you can to please God!!!	✓
Work hard to be kind & patient with others.	✓
Work hard to do a good job..	✓
Work hard to finish what you have started.	✓



KEEP
Running
THE
race
— THAT IS SET —
before you
WITH
endurance
HEBREWS 12:1





Coming Soon!

Church Work Camp

Thursday, Friday, Saturday

August 2nd, 3rd & 4th

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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, camp style. Of course, breakfast, and lunch is included.

Please see Tim for more information, and let him know if you will be helping.



2nd Saturday Senior Luncheon

Saturday,
July 14th
11:30 a.m.
at
Sunny Place Church

We rejoice in our sufferings,

knowing that suffering
produces *ENDURANCE*,

& endurance
produces *CHARACTER*

& character
produces *HOPE*.

Romans 5:3-4



AFTERNOON OF PRAYER

Light lunch following

Sunday, July 15th,
12:30 p.m.

at Sunny Place Church

Sunday School Line-Up

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

“Discipleship”

Adult
Bible
Study

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”

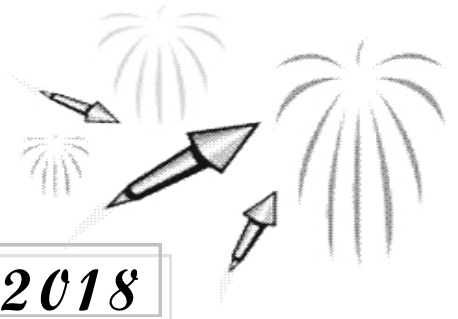
A Bible Study
Through Paul’s letter to
the Ephesians


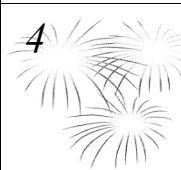
Led by Pastor Pete



HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p>  <p>Holy Communion</p>	2	3	<p>4</p>  <p>4th Fest at Pastor's house 2:00 p.m.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place</p>	6	7
8	9	10	<p>11</p> <p>Elder's Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place</p>	13	<p>14</p> <p>2nd Saturday Senior Luncheon 11:30 a.m. at Sunny Place</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Outreach Meeting 12:30 p.m.</p> <p>Afternoon of Prayer, light lunch following</p>	16	17	<p>18</p> <p>Christian Education Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place</p>	20	<p>21</p> <p>Church Workday, 9:00 a.m. at Sunny Place</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Worship Get-together 12:30 p.m. at Sunny Place</p>	23	24	25	<p>26</p> <p>Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place</p>	27	28
29	30	31	