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With Sunny Place Church of God

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Built Up Into God's Dwelling Place

When I was in eighth grade, our teacher, Mrs. Madden, gave us an assignment to write an essay about what we wanted to be in the future. We also were given a good sized yellow-brown envelope (they called it a Manila envelope in those days) and told to paint a picture of ourselves in that profession, with water colors.

That sounded pretty good – I liked to paint, and was pretty good at it. The only problem was ... I had no idea what I wanted to become – none whatsoever.

So I had to get creative. I liked art – drawing in particular – and I was good at mathematics, science, and mechanics; so I figured architecture might be good. I also thought it paid pretty well (I really had no idea – I was only in eighth grade). So architecture it was.

I don't know, any more, what I wrote, but I remember the picture I painted. Surrounding my prominently centered self-portrait (It didn't turn out to look much like me – so maybe my drawing and painting weren't as good as I thought), I had a T-square, some angles (a 30/60 degree, and a 45), a ruler, and a tall building in the background. All in all, it was pretty good, and since I really didn't know much about architecture, or what else I really wanted to do, I stuck with that.

Even into early high school the idea of architecture stayed with me for a while. I took

a drafting class, and did well with that. It didn't last through high school, however, and as most of you know, I ended up in engineering first, and then in the ministry.

It turns out that God had been doing some architecture work in my life. I didn't really know it in my early years, but looking back in hindsight, it is obvious to me now that God had been building me up over all those years, and building me also into His spiritual house, which is the church of God, and dwelling place of His Holy Spirit. Peter says:

4 As you come to him, the living Stone-rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him- 5 you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:4-5

When I received Christ Jesus, as Lord of my life, He began to shape me, like a dressed stone, and as I continued to walk with Him, in obedience, He carefully placed me exactly where He wanted me, serving Him, in His house.

I didn't know what He had in mind in the early days of my youth, however. I was not following Christ in my early teens. I was resistant and living in the flesh. But somebody must have been praying for me (for sure, my mother was), because eventually, the conviction of the Holy Spirit was inescapable.

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He contended with my heart until I could resist Him no longer.

When I finally surrendered to Him, I was unsure whether I could follow Christ. I was afraid that I wouldn't be able to overcome the temptations and desires of the flesh. But God is faithful, and with the help of the Holy Spirit, I made it through the challenging days of my youth. I was at the feet of Jesus and His throne of mercy and grace often, but He taught and nurtured me through the church, and set me like a stone in His house – the temple and dwelling place of His Spirit. As Paul says:

17 He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. 19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. 21 In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. 22 And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Ephesians 2:17-22

I was being built into His house, as were others – built together to become the dwelling place of God. It's a marvelous experience to be part of God's building project. And along the way, He called me to serve as a builder with Him, joining stones together, as His building continues to rise.

All this was God's plan from the start. This is why He sent Jesus, with His gift of salvation, and the gift

of the Holy Spirit: to deliver us from sin and death, to preach peace with God, and to build us up into His household, into His priesthood, and into His dwelling place.

What He did for me, He wants to do for you. And He *will* do it, if you will surrender your heart, and yield yourself to His power and His will. The strength you don't have, He will supply, through His Spirit of Power. And when you continue in His will, you will find your place in His household, in His priesthood, and in His holy temple. Paul says:

6 So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, 7 rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

Colossians 2:6-7

There is blessing awaiting you when you receive Christ Jesus as Lord, and continue in Him. It is the experience of being built up into God's dwelling place, the temple of God's Spirit. There is no place I'd rather be. And I pray the same is true for you.

May the peace of Christ draw you near, and the power of God's Spirit strengthen you, as you yield your life and spirit to God, and as the Father builds you into His glorious house.

Blessings to you,
Pastor Pete



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THE BUILDING UP OF THE CHURCH IS THE AIM OF GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE AND PLAN; IT IS THE CENTRAL POINT, THE ULTIMATE AIM, OF GOD'S PURPOSE ACCORDING TO ALL THE VISIONS AND REVELATIONS IN THE SCRIPTURES (MATT. 16:18; REV. 21:10-11).

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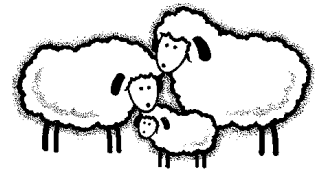
Join with us in our Adult Study Group at Sunny Place every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Grow in the Word!

Sunday Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.

Kid's Rock available
for children ages five to nine

Nursery Services Provided



**Come join us for a special
Father's Day Service
Sunday, June 17th, 10:45am**



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901 E. Oak Street, Addison, IL 60101

Connecting Families With The Love Of Christ

Minutes of the Elder's Meeting, May 2, 2018

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

Devotion and prayer: "I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above the rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way." Ephesians 1:17-23

Ministry Reports

Treasurer: Budgeted Book Balance \$1,792.90 Capitol Fundraising Campaign \$146,166 April giving \$13,460.92 April Expenses \$13,471.33

Christian Education: Pastor Pete will begin discipleship classes beginning in June each Sunday at 9:30 am. The class will continue through the summer until August or Sept

Evangelism and Outreach: The 2nd Saturday Senior Luncheons continue; the next lunch will be May 12

Fellowship: Game day May 20

Hospitality & Encouragement: Laura Grafer has joined the team. The team plans a going away reception for Tyler and Sabra in the narthex on Sunday May 13. Gifts are planned for Mother's Day and Father's Day. The card ministry continues.

Ladies Ministry: The Ladies Ministry will combine with the Stewardship Ministry on Saturday May 19 to support the stewardship team of our church

Missions: The Missions Fest will be May 5 and 6 with Ernie and Lori Nicholas from KIST, in Kenya. The Faith Promise fund is at \$15,120. We still need \$4,300 to meet the \$19,420 commitments.

Pastoral Counseling: Confidential sessions as requested.

Prayer and Devotion: National Day of Prayer Service will be Thursday May 3, at 7:00 p.m.

Stewardship & Support Services: The next work day will be Saturday May 19. Tim mentioned he will be out of town and Carla will serve as team leader

Worship: The team is preparing to lead services after Tyler leaves. The open position is listed on the Sunny Place website.

Old and New Business:

Addison Township Food Pantry is now open and seeking more volunteers This is an excellent opportunity to reach our community and those in need.

Next Elders meeting, June 13

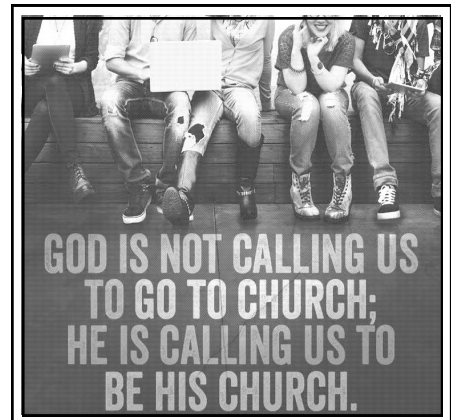
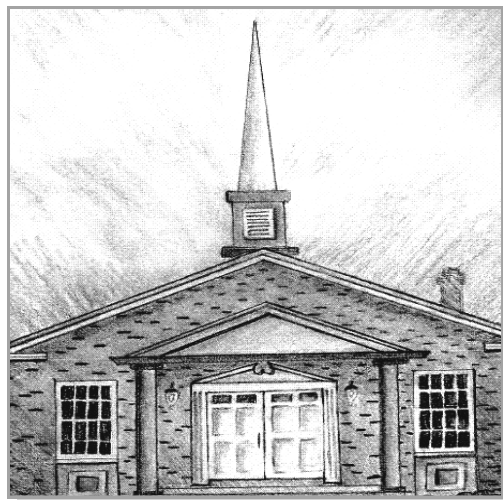
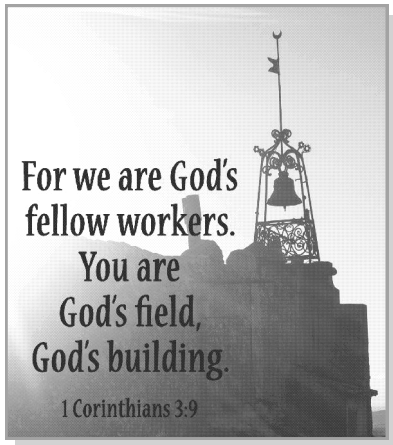
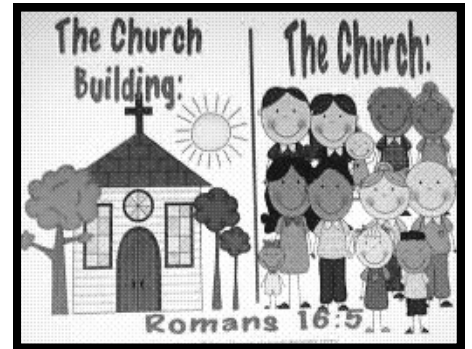
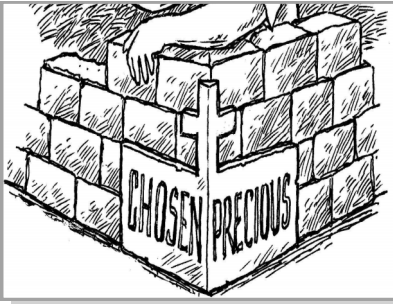
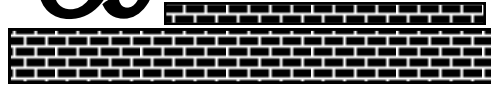


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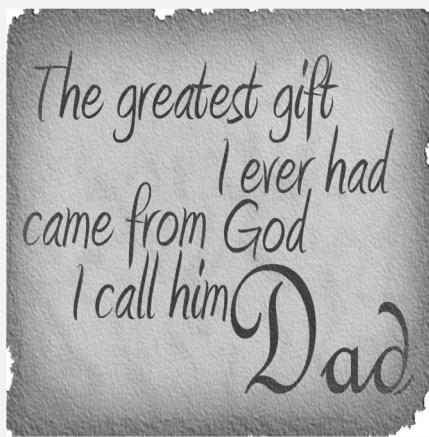
Father's Day

This year, Father's Day is on June 17th, and it all began when a young woman wanted to honor her dad.


In May of 1909, Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington, sat in church listening to a Mother's Day sermon. She decided she wanted to designate a day for her dad, William Jackson Smart.

On June 19, 1910, a Father's Day celebration was held at the YMCA in Spokane, Washington by Sonora Smart Dodd. Her father, a civil war veteran, was a single parent who raised his six children there.


However, it was not until 1972, 58 years after President Woodrow Wilson made Mother's Day official, that the day honoring *fathers* became a nationwide holiday in the United States.



The greatest gift
I ever had
came from God
I call him Dad



God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, he called it ... "Dad."



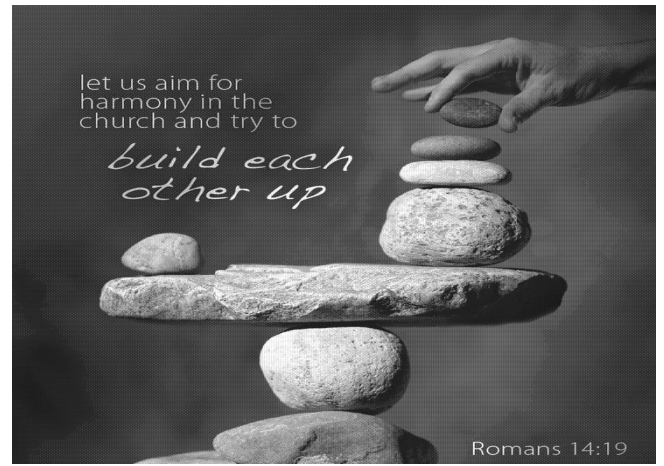
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**2ND SATURDAY
SENIOR LUNCHION
JUNE 9TH, 11:30 A.M.**

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

Sunday, June 24th, 12:30 p.m.
at Sunny Place Church

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

Then join us for

A LIGHT LUNCH

Sunday School Line-Up

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

Adult
Bible
Study

“Discipleship”

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



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