

Connect

With Sunny Place Church of God

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Amazing Grace!

When I was growing up, I was self-centered and grew up learning the lessons of this world. I didn't understand or recognize God in my daily life. Nevertheless, I have always believed there was a God. I went to church every Sunday with my father and brothers. Yet, I didn't really know God. I didn't know I could have a relationship with Him. I was living for the cravings of this world and all the world had to offer.

I know God has given all of us free will. I also know thru His word that it's never too late to ask Jesus for forgiveness. Still, I find it hard to fathom the condition of people's hearts, and why some hear and answer God's calling when they are a young child, some when they are teenagers, some when they are middle aged, some when they are old, and yet some never do.

For me, it wasn't until my late twenties when I was ready to listen to God. I had become very discouraged and was searching for the real meaning of this life. God was speaking to my heart and I was ready to listen. By the grace of God, I turned my life over to Him and prayed for forgiveness of my sins. Afterwards, God knew I would need help, and he provided thru His faithful followers and a small church called Sunny Place Church of God. This was the beginning of my path to become a genuine follower of Jesus Christ.

God loves us despite our sinful nature.
Ephesians 2:4-9

"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 in 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 not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast."

We are not saved by what we do, or by what we produce. We are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. Everything we possess as believers is ours through and by the grace of God. We earned nothing we have received. We deserved nothing we have received. We purchased nothing we have received. Everything we have in Jesus Christ has been given to us by the free grace of our amazing God.

Telling others about the grace of God should be part of our daily walk with Him. Likewise, we need to also show grace to others as we live in this world and serve God. We are to show grace to others, just as God has shown grace to us. Showing grace to others and caring for those in need is pleasing to God. Serving others ought to be at the core of our daily walk with God.

One of my most favorite hymns is "Amazing

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GRACE

Grace! How Sweet the Sound". I believe this hymn resonates with all Christians. For many, it may be one of their most beloved hymns. I especially love the 1st verse. It deeply touches my heart because the words embody the story of my life.

"Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found. Was blind but now I see."

When I look back on my life today, its crystal clear how much God has protected me. Because of His amazing grace, God has guarded and kept me safe from the bad vices and circumstances that many, who live for the cravings of this world, find themselves in. I have been spared so much heartache. His grace is truly amazing.

Galatians 5:16-17 *"So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature."*

Just like in the parable of the lost son and his loving father, in Luke 15:11-31, God's grace is very much like the loving father's compassion for the return of his lost son.

Luke 15:24 says *"For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found. So they began to celebrate."*

God will always welcome you home, too. God's forgiveness for sin is available to all who trust in

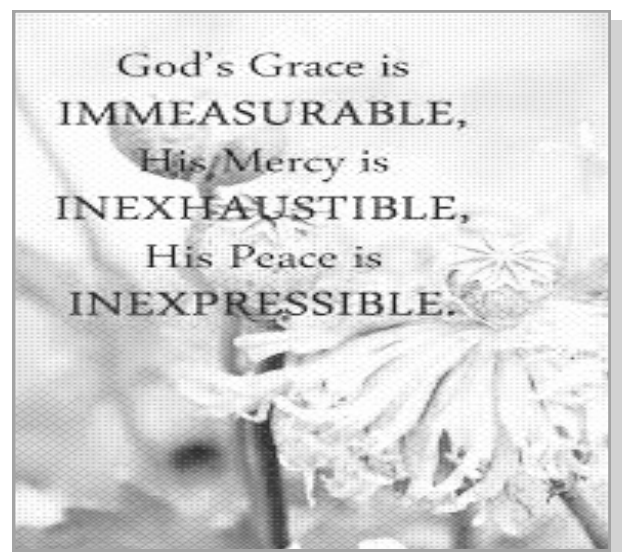
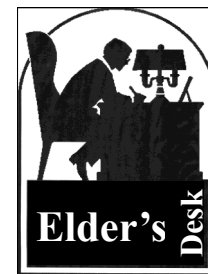
Him through faith. Grace is the reason God sent Jesus to die for our sins that we might be forgiven. We are deserving of none of it. God is always ready to welcome us into His grace. It is through God's grace I am alive, and now I see.

Our God is a God of grace. He has given us many ways to show grace to one another; a kind word of support, helping those in need, disciple a new believer, forgiving others, being compassionate to others, etc. ... all of which are pleasing to God.

Have you experienced God's saving grace? No one is beyond the reach of God's grace. God's amazing grace will give you a life for eternity with Him. Now is the right moment to confess your sins and make a life changing commitment to follow Him. I pray that you will open your heart to God's amazing grace and salvation.

For it is by grace you have been saved. May the Lord bless you, In Christ Service,

Tim Kasza



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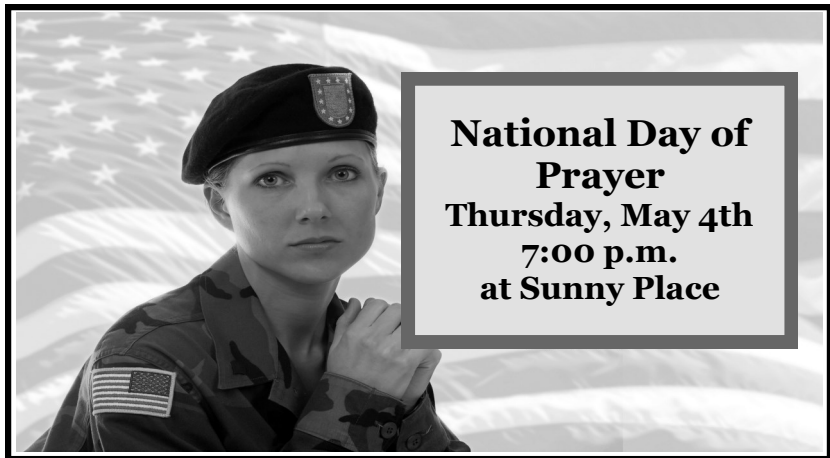
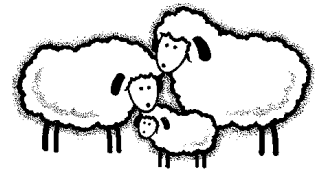
Are you sharing in the exciting and spiritual blessings of studying God's Word and discovering how it applies to your contemporary life?

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



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Connecting Families With The Love Of Christ



Happy
Mother's
Day



While countries around the world celebrate their own Mother's Day at different times throughout the year, several countries, including the United States, Italy, Australia, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, and Turkey celebrate it on the second Sunday of May.

In the United States, the origins of the official holiday go back to 1870, when Julia Ward Howe – an abolitionist best remembered as the poet who wrote “Battle Hymn of the Republic” – worked to establish a Mother's Peace Day. Howe dedicated the celebration to the eradication of war, and organized festivities in Boston for years.



In 1907, Anna Jarvis, of Philadelphia, began the campaign to have Mother's Day officially recognized, and in 1914, President Woodrow Wilson did this, proclaiming it a national holiday and a “public expression of our love and reverence for all mothers.”

Today's commercialized celebration of candy, flowers, gift certificates, and lavish meals at restaurants bears little resemblance to Howe's original idea. There is nothing wrong with that. But here, for the record's sake, is the proclamation she wrote in 1870, which explain:

The Original Mother's Day Proclamation

Arise, all women who have hearts, whether your baptism be that of water or of tears! Say firmly: “We will not have great questions decided by irrelevant agencies, our husbands shall not come to us, reeking with carnage, for caresses and applause.

“**Our sons shall not be taken** from us to unlearn all that we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy and patience. We women of one country will be too tender of those of another country to allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs.”

From the bosom of the devastated earth a voice goes up with our own. It says, “Disarm, disarm! The sword is not the balance of justice.” Blood does not wipe out dishonor nor violence indicate possession.

As men have often forsaken the plow and the anvil at the summons of war, let women now leave all that may be left of home for a great and earnest day of counsel. Let them meet first, as women, to bewail and commemorate the dead. Let them then solemnly take counsel with each other as to the means whereby the great human family can live in peace, each learning after his own time, the sacred impress, not of Caesar, but of God.

In the name of womanhood and of humanity, I earnestly ask that a general congress of women without limit of nationality may be appointed and held at some place deemed most convenient and at the earliest period consistent with its objects, to promote the alliance of the different nationalities, the amicable settlement of international questions, the great and general interests of peace.

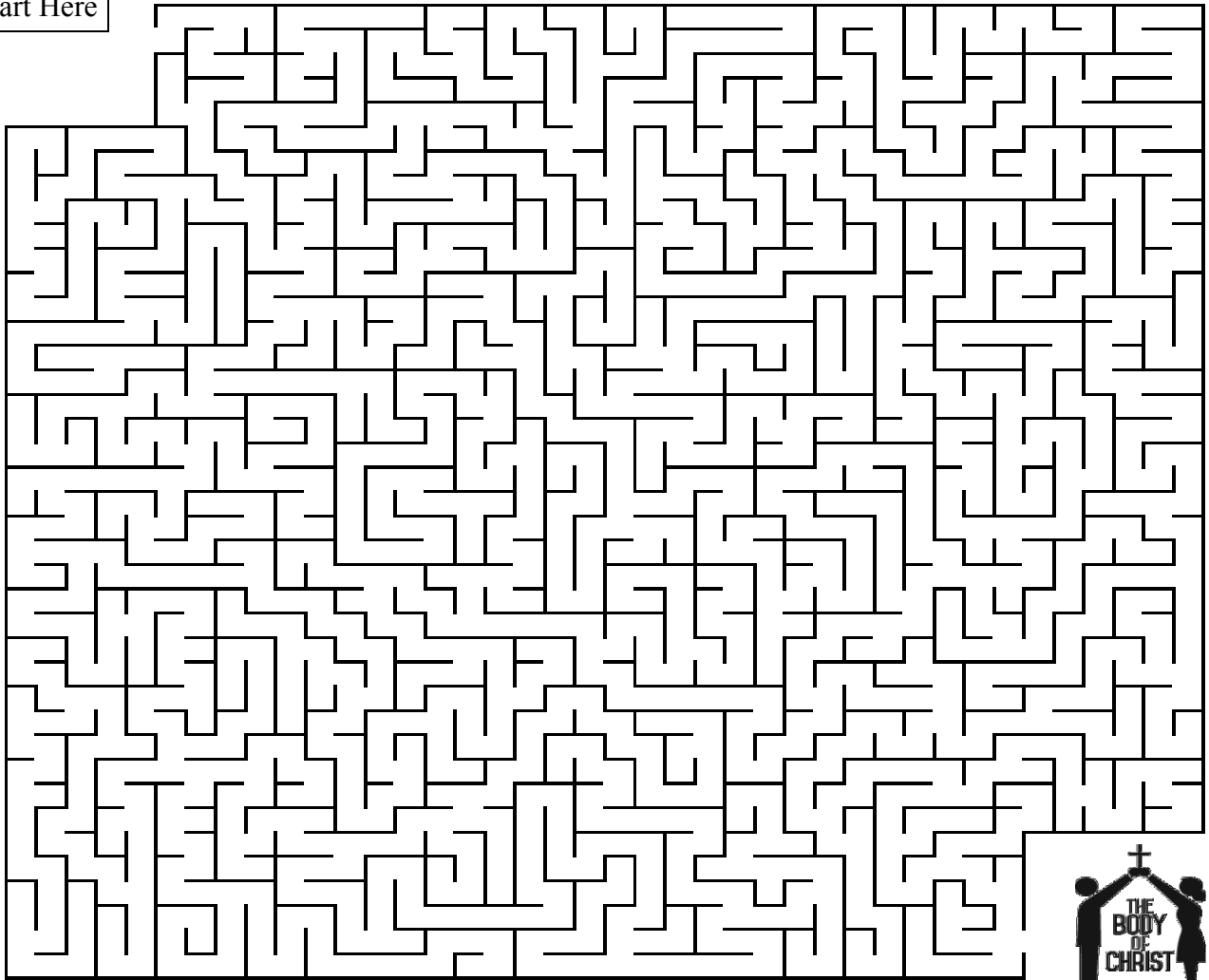


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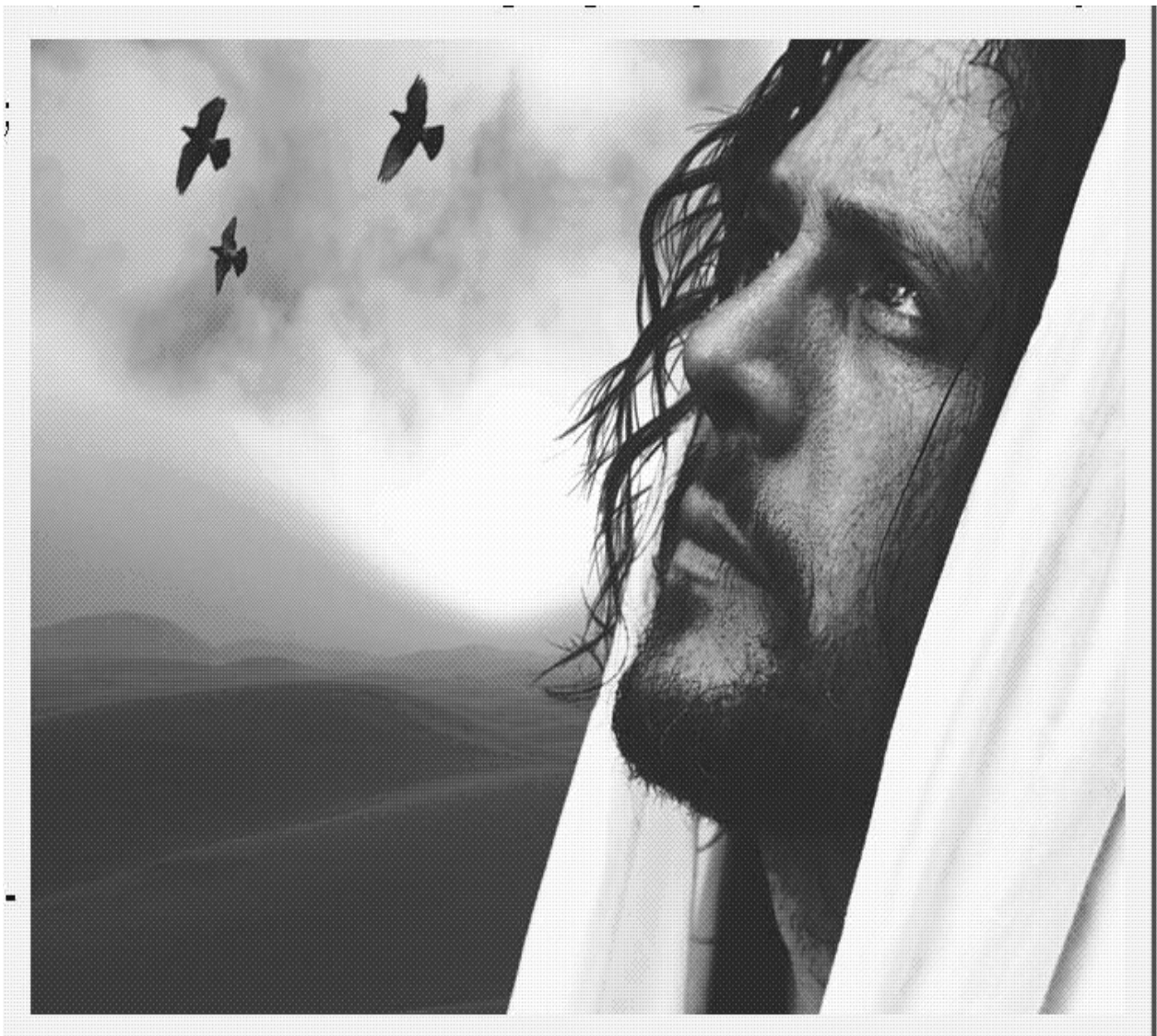


Start Here



**If you seek Him, you will find Him.
The Will of God will never take you where the
Grace of God will not protect you.**

**GOD SEES US AS WE ARE.
LOVES US AS WE ARE,
AND ACCEPTS US AS WE ARE.
BUT BY HIS GRACE,
HE DOES NOT LEAVE US AS WE ARE.**





Ladies Breakfast



Church Workday
Saturday,
May 20th
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
at Sunny Place

Combining our
ministries
To serve,
For the Love of God

Men's Ministry Bike Ride and Barbeque



Meet at Phil's house
642 W. Sunset
Lombard

On Saturday
May 27th

Starting at 8:30 a.m.
Please let Phil know if you can
make it.

Sunday School Line-Up

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

Adult
Bible
Study

"The Logos"

A Study of Jesus Christ
revealed as the Word
and as God.

Led by John Gryparis



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

"A Walk on the Roman Road"

A Bible Study through
the book of Romans.

Led by Pastor Pete

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



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Elder's Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place	4  National Day of Prayer 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place	5	6
7  Holy Communion Graduation Luncheon for Tyler Martin	8	9 C.F.C. Meeting 5:00 p.m. at Sunny Place	10 Christian Education Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place	11 Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place	12	13
14  Mother's Day	15	16	17	18 NO Adult Bible Study Tonight	19	20 Ladies Breakfast & Church Workday 9:00 a.m. at Sunny Place
21 Afternoon of Prayer, light lunch to follow, 12:30p.m. at Sunny Place	22	23	24	25 NO Adult Bible Study Tonight	26	27 Men's Bike Ride 8:30 a.m. meet at Phil's home
28	29 memorial DAY 	30	31			