

Connect

With Sunny Place Church of God

October, 2017

God's Instructions for Success

Wrinkled noses and puckered lips – sometimes this is people's reaction when they hear about my latest escapade. Especially, when I share why I have decided to be involved in this small business venture I believe I will have success in, which is something definitely different than my norm.

What does it mean to believe?...When I think of the word believe I also think of the word faith. Is there a difference? In some ways there doesn't seem to be a difference. We see the word being interchangeable. Faith is more of a force that comes from out of our spirit. It's a gift from God. But I think believing -choosing to believe mentally, or to agree with God - is what unleashes the force of faith we have in God.

Recently, I had a breakthrough with a marketing technique. I attended a conference on how to market your small business. I jotted down all the keynotes the speaker spoke about, and took snap shots of all the pointer slides for future reference. Without that set of instructions, I knew the next time I would advertise on social media I would flop.

“When Jesus rose early on the very first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene...She went and told those who had been with him and who were mourning and weeping. When they heard that Jesus was alive and that she had seen him, they did not believe it.”
Mark 16:9-11 (NIV)

The disciples didn't believe it?! But Jesus had told them over and over again that He would be crucified and raised again on the third day...you see the disciples had faith in Jesus; they knew he was the Messiah. But they didn't believe He was going to do what He said He would do. It's just like many Christians today. They have faith in God, but they don't always believe the promises of God - what He tells us in His word.

“Be strong and courageous...Do not let this Book of Law depart from your mouth, meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.” – Joshua 1: 6a, 8 (NIV)

Without God's instructions, Joshua would have failed at leading the Israelites into the Promised Land. The first was to “be strong and courageous” (Josh 1:6). Next, he was to continually meditate on the Book of the Law; and finally, he was to do everything it said. As long as Joshua followed the directions, God promised him “success” (v.8).

Tim and I love to travel, to see and experience new sites. Recently, I came across an article on Jamaica featuring Ocho Rios, home of Dunn's River Falls - a spectacle that never ceases to amaze people who visit there. Water cascades down a long series of rocks as it makes its way to the Caribbean Sea. Adventurers can climb the falls, scrambling over rounded rocks on an invigorating trek to

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the top. The flowing water, the potentially slippery surface, and the steep angles make the going slow and a bit treacherous.

To make it safely to the top, climbers must watch every step. If a person is not careful, he or she could fall on the journey. The keys to a successful climb are concentration and caution.

“See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise” - Ephesians 5:15 (KJV)

God’s “instructions for success” can work for us too, but His idea of success has little to do with money, popularity, or even good health. In the original Hebrew, from Joshua 1:8, “then you will have good success” means “then you will act wisely”. Just as God called Joshua to walk in wisdom, He wants us to “walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise”. (Eph 5:15)

I can’t think of a better picture of what Paul is saying in Ephesians 5:15 when he says “walk circumspectly.” We should be “very careful...how {we} live (NIV). Clearly, with all of life’s possible dangers coming our way, as we climb through life, it is vital that we take each step with Jesus wisely and cautiously believing in Him. A fool, the passage says, lives carelessly; a wise person watches each step, so he does not stumble or fall.

When we were children we had no problem in believing. But isn’t it interesting that the more mature we get, and the smarter we think we get, the less we are able to believe? However, our unbelief

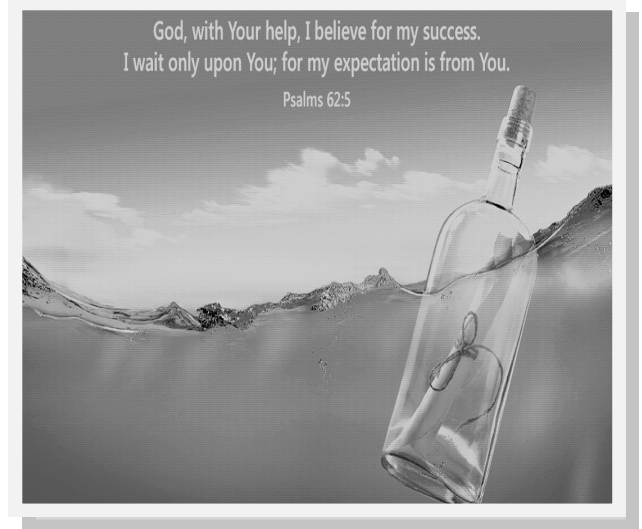
can cause us to miss out on the very things God has planned for us.

I think that maybe sometimes we lose our belief because we ask God for something and don’t get it. But have you ever thought that maybe He didn’t want you to have it because He had something better ready for you?

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give hope and a future.” - Jeremiah 29:11(NIV)

As we take courage in the Lord, mediate on His word, obey Him, and believe in His word; we can rest assured we will have godly success that’s better than anything we can do on our own.

With blessing,
Glenda



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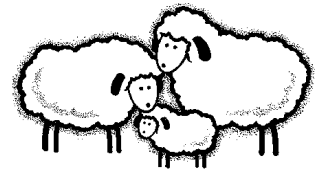
Are you sharing in the exciting and spiritual blessings of studying God's Word and discovering how it applies to your contemporary life?

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



**Men's
Breakfast
Fellowship**

**Saturday,
October 21st,
8:30 a.m.
Sunny Place Church**

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 September 6, 2017

Attendees: Pastor Pete Weber, Ted Gehman, Sam Jacob, Tim Kasza, Nona Koivula

Devotion and prayer:

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful."

Colossians 3:12-15

Ministry Reports

Treasurer: Budgeted bank balance: \$1,425.03. 2016 Missions Faith Promise \$18,861 (97%+)

Worship: Ted reported that there was a "get-together" Sunday, August 27th. The vocalists will be on a two week schedule, and planning was done for the Night of Hymns, Friday, Sept 8.

Christian Education: The Church Picnic is planned for Sunday, Sept. 10. Adult classes Sunday morning: "Gifted to Serve" led by Tyler Martin, and "Difficult Texts" led by John Gryparis

Hospitality & Encouragement: Cards are being sent for special occasions.

Missions: Continued communication with Missionaries

Prayer and Devotion: Afternoon of prayer immediately following worship, Sept. 17

Stewardship & Support Services: Work day Saturday, Sept. 16

Ladies Ministry: Ladies breakfast with Stewardship Ministry and Work Day, Sept. 16

Evangelism and Outreach: Senior luncheon planned Saturday, Sept. 9 and will continue the second Saturday of every month for 2017.

Fellowship: Italian Cooking Contest Sunday, Sept 24

Men's Fellowship: Bike Ride, Sept. 23, with BBQ following ride at Phil DiMaso's.

Pastoral Counseling: Counseling continues

Old and New Business:

- There will be an offering, taken on Sunday, Sept. 10, for victims of Hurricanes Harvey & Irma.
- There was a motion for the Elders to offer QSEHRA, to the eligible employee, Pastor Pete for the year effective 2018, made by Tim Kasza, seconded by Ted Gehman. The motion was approved. The 21st Century Cures Act, exempts small employer health reimbursement arrangements for qualified employees, which became effective last year.

Ministry Reminders:

- Ministry leaders are asked to prepare 2018 budgets, and submit by Oct. 4. The ministry reports are due to the church office by Dec. 1.
- The Annual Ministry Calendar Planning will be Saturday, Nov 11. Ministry leaders are asked to please prepare event calendars.

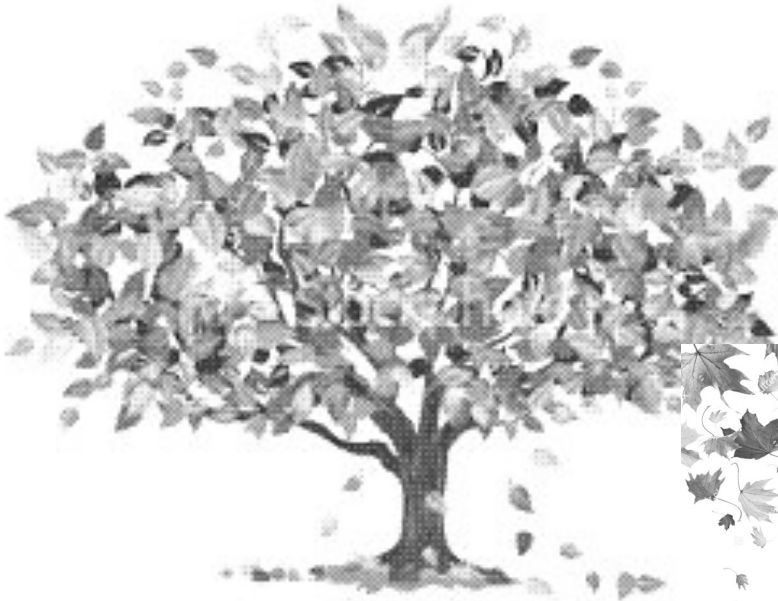
The next Elder's meeting will be on Wednesday, November 1st.



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Believe and Succeed



The bright colors of fall will fade,
But Jesus' love for you will never fade.



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ITPJHAKHSLEDMAFNRGOLHPOJQVKRE

He promises.....

I will _____ you. *1 John 1:9*

I am _____ you. *Matthew 28:20*

I _____ you. *Psalms 69:33*

I _____ you. *Psalms 33:18*





Hands of Service Hearts of Love

“For the LORD loves the just, and will not forsake his faithful ones.”

Psalm 37:28

Calling upon the faithful in Jesus Christ. Our campaign has reached the last three months of the three year pledge to Sunny Place Church.

Report on funds collected: From Dec. 2014 to August 2017, our church has received \$128,281, which is about \$22,000 short of our goal of \$150,000, But our pledges were \$173,765. We serve a faithful God, and He will see us through.

Let's ***Finish Strong.***

Projects completed: As of this writing, to add to our growing list of completed items:

- Parsonage exterior painted
- New siding on garage
- New projector in Sanctuary – Thanks Glenn, and Tyler.

More is forthcoming stay tuned.

The faithful -Years ago the Sunny Place congregation pledged monies of \$173,765. As we near the end of this campaign, we ask you to pray about the original pledge. Fulfilling the pledge will enable our church to not only update the structure, but more importantly, continue the vision our Sunny Place Forefathers had for future generations, and give God the Glory He deserves. We pray to our Lord and Savior that He will enable us to reach our goals as, “Nothing is impossible with God.”

We are blessed and so grateful for the donations we have received and know that people have given sacrificially to our campaign. Thank you, and we encourage all to continue to press on towards the goal, the completion of our three year Sunny Place campaign.

Respectfully submitted by the Capital Fundraising Campaign Committee.

Ladies Outing

Ladies, please join your sisters on Friday, October 20th at 6:00 p.m., for an evening of fellowship at the:



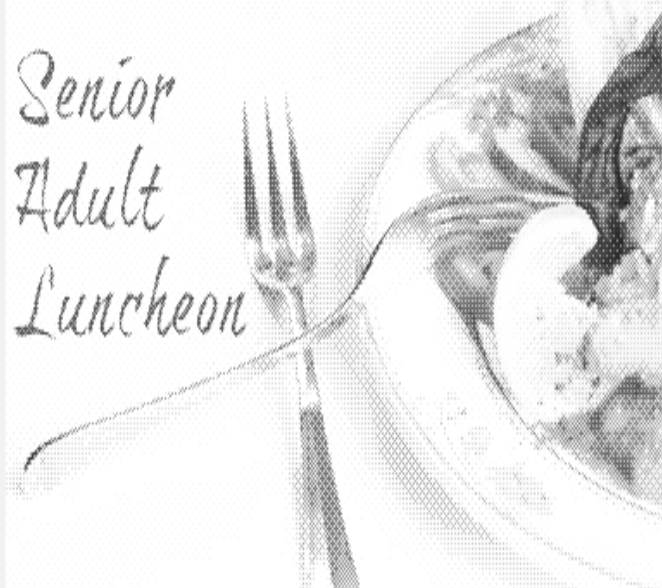
Sunmist Restaurant

501 E. Lake Street
Addison 630/834-4980

This family owned eatery offers a wide selection of American and ethnic food. It is a relaxed dining experience.

Please text Nona at 630/220-4298 if you will be attending.

Senior
Adult
Luncheon



Saturday, October 14th,
11:30-1:30 p.m.

at Sunny Place Church
Please phone 630/398-2314
to reserve a place.

Sunday School Line-Up

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.



"Difficult Texts"

The Scriptures that you may have wondered about, or wrestled with.

Led by John Gryparis

Adult Bible Study

"Gifted to Serve"

A six weeks study focusing on our spiritual gifts and how we can use them in the church.

Led by Tyler Martin
9/3-10/8, 9:45-10:30

Children's Classes

Grades 4-7 led by Carla Weber

Youth 8-12 led by Sabra Martin

Nursery services are provided

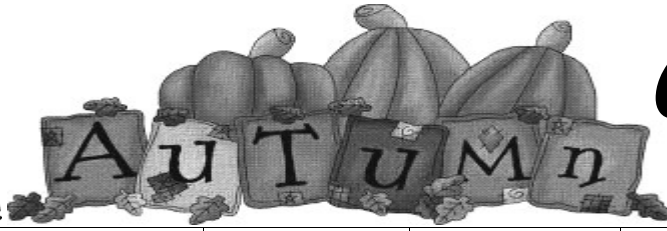
Thursday Evenings
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at Sunny Place



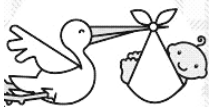
"Jesus is Greater"

A Bible Study through the book of Hebrews.

Led by Pastor Pete



October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Elder's Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place	5 Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place	6	7
8 <small>HONORING OUR PASTOR WITH</small> <i>overwhelming</i> <small>LOVE</small> Pastor Appreciation Reception 12:30 p.m. In the Narthex	9	10	11	12 Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place	13	14 Senior Luncheon 11:30 a.m. at Sunny Place
15 Afternoon of Prayer A light lunch following 12:30 p.m. at Sunny Place	16	17	18 Stewardship Meeting 6:30 p.m. at Sunny Place	19 Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place	20 Ladies Outing at Sunmist Restaurant 6:00 p.m.	21 Men's Breakfast 8:30 a.m. at Sunny Place
22  Sabra's Baby Shower 12:30 p.m. at Sunny Place	23	24	25	26 Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place	27	28 Worship Meeting 11:00 a.m. at Sunny Place
29	30	31				