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With Sunny Place Church of God

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Obedience is not Optional

O B E D I E N C E

Obedience was a hard lesson for me to learn when I was growing up. I didn't always obey my parents, especially once I entered my teenage years. I tested my parent's values, and too many times, I made my own selfish choices. I was hanging out with the wrong crowd and thought I knew everything. I didn't realize at the time that I was on a path that leads to destruction.

Obedience is a choice. Fortunately, I learned from my mistakes and eventually got on the right path in life. I finally realized my parents were always looking out for my best interest, and their values were sound and proven. I learned later in life, once I became a Christian, that obedience to our parents brings blessings from the Lord. Looking back on my teenage years now, I wish I could have a do-over of that period of my life. I would definitely do some things differently. It's far better to be obedient and not have any regrets and unnecessary hardships.

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother" – which is the first commandment with a promise - "that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."
Ephesians 6:1-3

This is true for adults as well; our obedient day to day walk with God brings many blessings and rewards. This doesn't mean we'll never face difficult circumstances in life. However, if we are obedient to God, He will

be there every step of the way, guiding and helping us through whatever we face. Too many people choose to rely on their own selfish wisdom, and not on God's wisdom. The world's wisdom leads to a life that is shattered, broken, hurting, lonely, and full of discouragement. Jesus provided us with a perfect example of obedience to the Father. If you follow God, and are obedient to Him, and do what is right and just, He will bless you. This is the path that leads to a life, which brings peace and fulfillment. Obedience to God is a wise choice.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones."
Proverbs 3:5-8

Obedience to God is a life and death issue. Obeying God leads to life, and disobeying God leads to destruction. If you truly love, honor, and respect God, you will express this through your obedience to Him. Our obedience is anchored in a loving and trusting relationship with God. As a Christian, obedience is not optional. You cannot love God and be disobedient. The best way to express our love, honor, and reverence to God is through our obedience to Him.

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“Jesus replied, If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.”
John 14:23-24

If you love God, you must make it a priority in your life to have the obedience to know God and to please Him. You must live a life that is God-connected, open to His teachings, and have an intimate relationship with Him. When we obey God, our life's will be enriched greatly. Being obedient means trusting God, trusting that he has a plan for your life, and trusting he loves you. God wants to fill your life with good things. He has many rewards, but His rewards are not like the those of this world. The greatest blessing of obedience is the honor God receives through our obedience.

“As Jesus was saying these things, a woman in the crowd called out, Blessed is the mother who gave you birth and nursed you. He replied, Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it.”
Luke 11:27-28

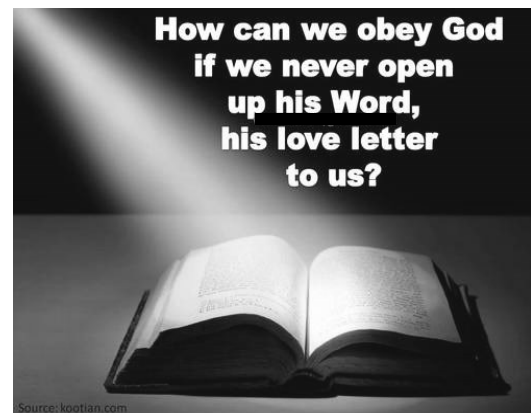
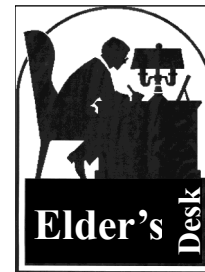
The obedient person is the one who knows God and loves God. There is no greater freedom than living a life in obedience to God's will and plan. To do so is to live according to the purpose for which we were created.

What about you? Is there any area in your life in which you are struggling to be obedient to God? I would encourage you to draw close to God. As long as you love God, are obedient to God, and remain connected to Him each and every day, you can live with the peace and joy most people long to have. When you yield our life to Him in obedience, you can expect God to do His part. The more you know God, the more you will want to obey Him. Obedience to God is the path which leads to Life.

I pray that you will honor and glorify God through your obedience to Him. May you choose to live each and every day following Him.

In Christ Service,

Tim Kasza



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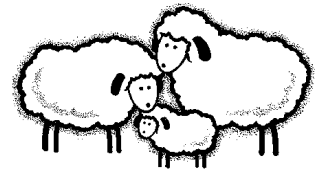
Are you sharing in the exciting and spiritual blessings of studying God's Word and discovering how it applies to your contemporary life?

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.

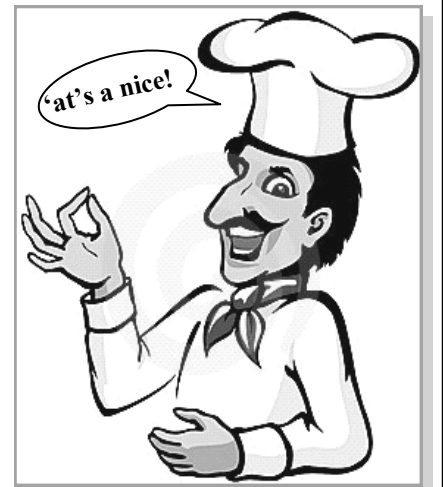
Kid's Rock available
for children ages five to nine
Nursery Services Provided



It's an Italian Cooking Contest!

**Sunday, September 24th
12:30 p.m. at Sunny Place**

**Please contact Kim with
what you plan to cook.
Good luck, we have many
wonderful cooks.**



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Connecting Families With The Love Of Christ

Minutes of the Elder's Meeting, August 2, 2017

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

Devotion and prayer: Hebrews 10:35–39 “So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. For in just a very little while,

“He who is coming
will come and will not delay.
But my righteous one will live by
faith.
And if he shrinks back,
I will not be pleased with him.”

But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who believe and are saved.”

Ministry Reports

Treasurer: Budgeted Bank balance - \$930.56

Worship: There was a meeting Saturday, July 29th. A new projector was purchased and the worship platform may be redesigned with the screen on the back wall, vocalists will be moved to the right and the projector moved closer to the screen. The team agreed to a two week rotation for vocalists and weekly rehearsals. There will be team get-togethers the last Sunday of each month, after the worship service. Tyler is encouraging the use of gifts and talents from our Lord with creativity, special songs, song requests, and instrumentals. The next meeting will be Oct 14th.

Christian Education: There are plans to begin a second adult Bible study; Tyler is interested in leading this class. The church picnic will be Sept. 10.

Hospitality & Encouragement: Continue in prayer for Eva and her family at the loss of Joyce's sister.

Missions: Tyler is working with Sherman and Kay Critser on a possible mission trip to South Dakota in 2018. Since there is a shortfall in the Missions Faith Promise money, Pastor plans an offering during a Worship Service in the next couple of weeks.

Stewardship & Support Services: The team is getting organized for the Work Camp, Aug. 10 -12. One of the projects is to remove the siding from the parsonage garage, and after instillation, paint the siding. Our church needs painting also. There will be a list of projects so that the team can match the volunteer's skill set with the needed work. Since this is the first Work Camp, there will be much to do and learn from the experience.

Ladies Ministry: A group of four people traveled to the NICE Foundation in Highland, IL in July to deliver the donations, pillowcase dresses, school supplies, etc. Shirley Beltz, founder, was a gracious hostess; the warehouse was filled to the max with food and supplies. There are four overseas containers filled and shipped to Nicaragua each year. The ministry is supporting the work camp, and encouraging ladies to participate.

Evangelism and Outreach: The next Senior luncheon, will be on Saturday, September, 9th.

Fellowship: There will be a Cooking Contest on Sunday, September 24th.

Old and New Business:

- Church Dinner, August 20th
- Community Worship Service, September 8th

Next Elders meeting will be September 6th



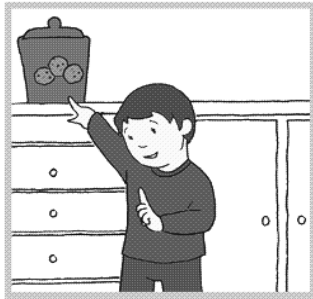
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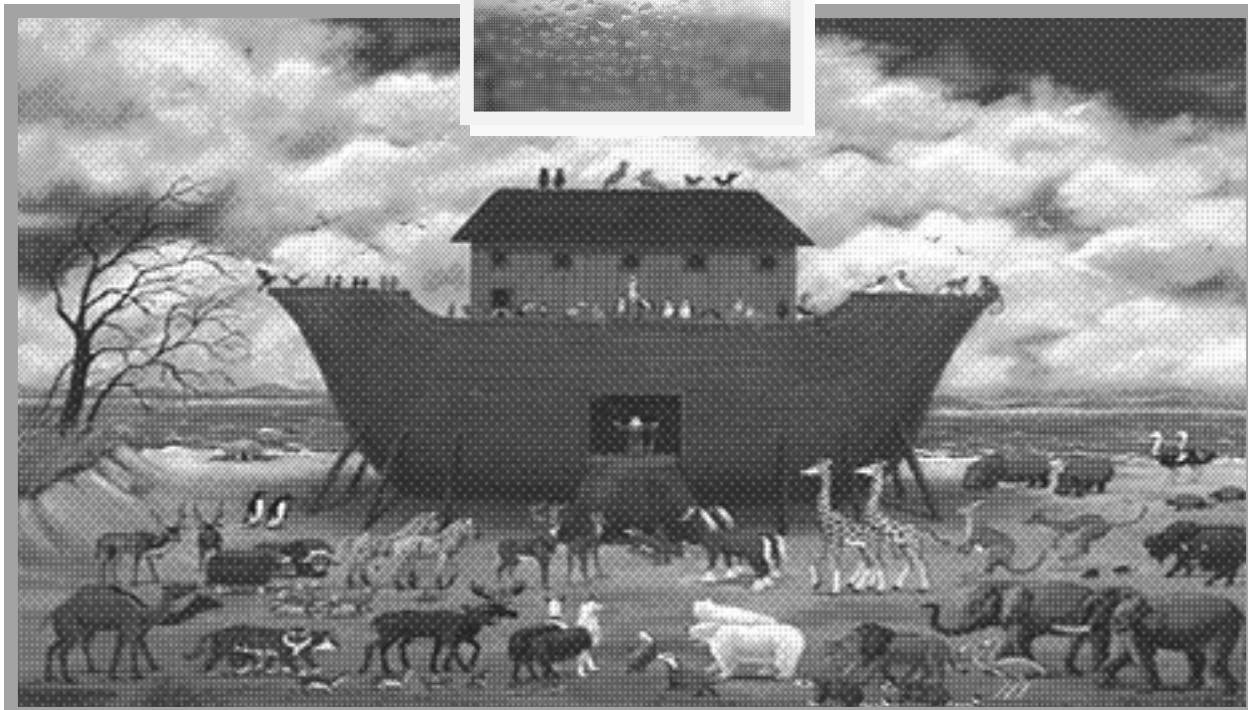
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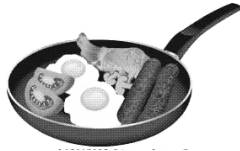
Bible Character: Noah
Bible Verse: Genesis 6:22

Doing what I have been asked
the first time, completely,
joyfully and without complaint.



Noah did everything
just as God commanded him ...
Genesis 6:22



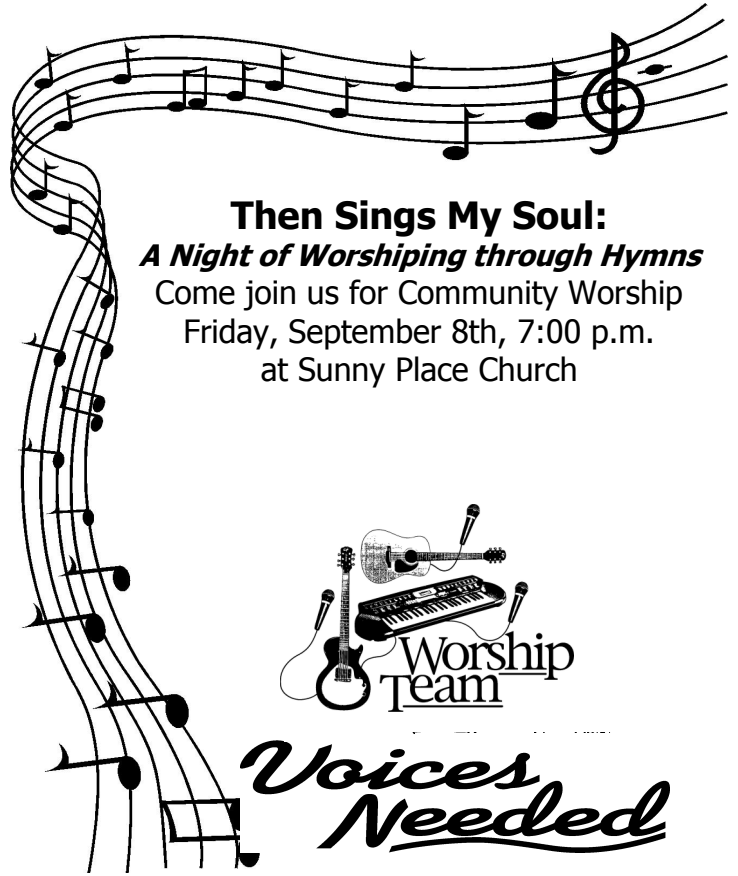


Ladies Breakfast And Church Work Day

Saturday, August 26th
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Come and join us for breakfast, made and served by the Ladies Ministry, at 9:00 a.m. **Y u m !**

Then join us in fellowship as we assist the Stewardship Ministry who work so hard in maintaining our church and grounds. We always feel the satisfaction and reward, as we work together for God's church and family.



Then Sings My Soul: *A Night of Worshiping through Hymns*

Come join us for Community Worship
Friday, September 8th, 7:00 p.m.
at Sunny Place Church



Voices Needed



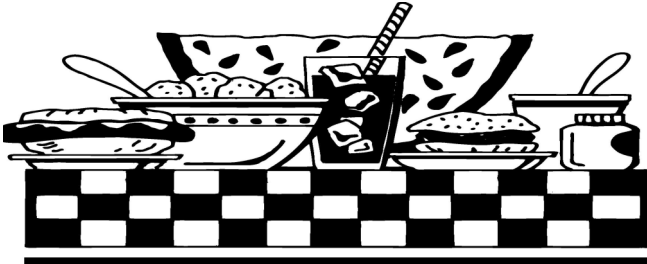
The NICE FOUNDATION

In Paul's farewell to the Ephesian Elders, he committed them to God and the word of His grace saying:
" In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus himself said, " It is more blessed to give than receive." Acts 20:35

Shirley Beltz, co-founder of the NICE Foundation, was led by Jesus to help the underserved, weak and poor in Nicaragua. Her actions exemplify "it is more blessed to give than receive." Two years ago she visited Sunny Place to share her story with us and demonstrate the power of Jesus using her and her husband as His vessels. The Woman's Ministry was touched by her testimony and began making layettes for Nicaraguan new mothers last year. This year the Woman's Ministry transitioned into the Sewing Sisters and created pillowcase dresses. There were many women and men who donated their time and talents to serve our Lord during these projects. We are thankful for all the people and resources devoted to the NICE Foundation.

In July, a small group of people were able to rent a trailer and take the many donations to the NICE Foundation in Highland, IL. At the warehouse where Shirley lives, we were able to see the tons of packaged meals on pallets to be shipped to Nicaragua. With the spirit and power of the LORD this foundation provides food, school supplies, Bible studies, office equipment and more to a network of churches, schools, hospitals, and Christian ministries. Shirley leads small groups on Mission Trips to Nicaragua to build relationships and assist ministries. There is only one paid employee, a Nicaraguan, who oversees the warehouse and plans the distribution of goods to those in need throughout the country.

The Woman's Ministry will continue this important connection with Shirley and the NICE Foundation to feed the hungry, clothe the needy and take the good news of the gospel to every tribe and community in Nicaragua.



Annual Church Picnic

**Sunday, September 10th
12:30 p.m. at Sunny Place**

Come join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. And lots of good food. Meat and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass.

All are welcome.
Invite friends and family.



Senior
Adult
Luncheon



You're Invited

Saturday, September 9th,
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.



"God's Plan of Salvation"

God's plan from the foundation of the world.

Led by John Gryparis
9:30-10:30

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

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



"Jesus is Greater"

A Bible Study through the book of Hebrews.


Led by Pastor Pete

WELCOME!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3  Holy Communion	4  LABOR DAY	5	6 Elder's Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place	7 Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place	8 "Then Sings My Soul: A Night of Worship/ Hymns" 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place	9 Senior Luncheon 11:30 a.m. at Sunny Place
10 Outreach Meeting after Worship Church Picnic 12:30 p.m. at Sunny Place	11	12	13	14 Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place	15	16 Ladies Breakfast & Church Work Day 9:00 a.m. at Sunny Place
17 Afternoon of Prayer A light lunch following 12:30 p.m. at Sunny Place	18	19	20 Christian Education Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place	21 Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place	22	23 Men's Bike Ride & BBQ 9:00 a.m. Meet at Phil's home
24 Italian Cooking Contest 12:30 p.m. at Sunny Place	25	26	27	28 Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place	29	30