

Connect

With Sunny Place Church of God

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Lean Not on Your Own Understanding

UNDERSTANDING

Many of us, who have dogs, talk to our dogs. But how much of what we say to them do they actually understand? Recently, Glenda and I were pondering this question of our dog, Sadie. Studies show that the average dog can understand about 165 different words; in some cases more, if you make a point of training them. When Sadie was about 11 months old, she was professionally trained to understand the basic commands that dogs are typically taught, such as: sit, down, come, and stay. Sadie seems to understand much more than these basic commands. When Glenda or I ask Sadie if she would like to go for a car ride, she gets very excited. Her tail wags, and then she usually heads for the door. Sadie also understands when I pull out her red color leash that its playtime. Sadie has learned to associate the red leash to outside playtime, which soon follows. Dogs can learn all sorts of words, but those that are associated with concrete actions or objects are easiest to learn, especially if they have anything to do with eating, playing, or going to the dog park. One important point, I don't know of anyone who claims that their dogs understand everything they say. In the end, I believe Sadie only understands a very small amount of what we say to her. It's very likely I will never fully understand the extent of everything Sadie's understands.

Our world is so vast, it's simply impossible for anyone, no matter how smart, to know

and understand everything about everything. In varying degrees, most of us struggle at some point or another with our understanding of God's Word. To be a follower of Christ is to be a learner. If we're learners, then we must recognize that we don't know everything, and that we need Christ. We are to set our trust in the Lord entirely and not rely on our worldly wisdom. Scripture has many examples of what it means to trust in the Lord with all your heart, such as: Noah building a great big boat in the middle of dry land when there wasn't a cloud in the sky, despite all the ridicule of his neighbors, just because God said so.

Proverbs 3:5-8 *"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."*

When we rely on our human understanding, we rely on our natural abilities and our skills, and our life experiences. If things don't go as well as we planned, some will rely on their savings and financial resources, which many fall back on. I remember a story someone told me many years ago, which has helped me understand why I should trust and rely on the Lord and not solely on my own understanding.

There was a young man that did not know God, who worked out every day and was in

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excellent shape. He didn't smoke or drink alcohol. This man only ate the very best nutritional food. This man was doing all the right things to live a long and healthy life. While still a young man, he became ill and was diagnosed with a terminal illness. The man was devastated by the news that he would most likely not live a long life. He was alone in his sorrow. His worldly wisdom had failed him and he was lost. This man had relied solely on his own worldly wisdom for a long and healthy life.

All of us know, living a healthy lifestyle is wise and does contribute to good health. However, when we rely on the Lord and trust in Him, He will never forsake us. With the Lord's help, we can get through anything, including a terminal illness. As Christians, we have the promise of eternal life. What is important, no matter how many precious years in this world that God allots to us, we need to make them count for His purpose. Commit your way to the Lord and trust in Him, and He will act in kindness, justice and righteousness.

Jeremiah 9-23-24 *"This is what the Lord says: Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength or the rich man boast of his riches, but let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight, declares the Lord."*

Trusting the Lord entirely and not relying solely on our worldly wisdom will bring many blessings and rewards from the Lord. This doesn't mean we'll never face difficult circumstances in life. Following Christ is not a recipe for success in worldly terms at all. If we put our trust in the Lord, He will be there

every step of the way guiding and helping us through whatever we face. The world's wisdom leads to a life that is shattered, broken, hurting, lonely, and full of discouragement. When we are delighting ourselves in the Lord, He will bless you and He will give you the desires of your heart. Following and trusting in the Lord is the path that leads to a life which brings peace and fulfillment.

Psalm 37:4 *"Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart."*

In all areas of life, we need to learn how to trust in the Lord and let Him guide us, and learn how not to lean on our own understanding. Trust doesn't come naturally for many of us. We can spend lots and lots of time and energy trying to work out for ourselves what we should be doing in life, and in our church life too. What we need to do is to set our trust in the Lord entirely. "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed." (Proverbs 16:3)

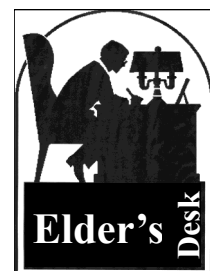
Mark 12:33 *"To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."*

God's Word is perfectly clear. If you follow God and trust in Him, He will bless you. "In his heart, a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps" (Proverbs 16: 9).

I pray that you will not lean solely on your own understanding, but put your trust in the Lord and let Him guide your steps each and every day.

In Christ Service,

Tim Kasza



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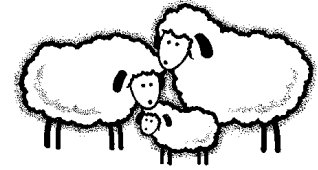
Are you sharing in the exciting and spiritual blessings of studying God's Word and discovering how it applies to your contemporary life?

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



2nd Saturday Senior Luncheon

Saturday,
October 13th,
11:30 am
Sunny Place Church
Come be our guest for
food, great speakers
and activities.
Free event for Seniors
55 & up. Register
now at 630/398-2314.



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Connecting Families With The Love Of Christ

Elders Minutes of Meeting, September 5, 2018

Attended by Pastor Pete Weber, Phyllis Clark, Tim Kasza, Sam Jacob, Glenda Kasza, Nona Koivula

Devotion and prayer: “But we (are bound) always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning, God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers stand firm and hold to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter. May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God of Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.”
2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

Ministry Reports

Treasurer: Budgeted bank balance; \$1,079.87 Giving; \$12,333 Expenses; \$18,784.72 Capital Fundraising Campaign \$153,226

Worship & Prayer: During the Aug. 26 meeting Christos, Georgia and Nicholas were welcomed to the worship ministry and will be leading worship in the near future. The team expressed interest in a Christmas choir or cantata which will be discussed at the next meeting Sept. 23. The ministry is working with Director Warren Anderson at Judson University who posted the job description for our Worship Team Leader to reach 300 current and former students.

Christian Education & Fellowship: The picnic is planned for Sept. 9; there will be an adult four week study on Apologetics lead by Dimoulis'. Pastor Pete will lead a Discipleship 2 study beginning in Oct. There are Fellowship Home Meetings planned in October. The ministry is planning a group to attend the Youth Convention Nov. 16 to 18 at Peoria. See Phyllis Clark for additional information.

Pastoral Care & Encouragement: The ministry organized the reception to celebrate the CFC achievement of reaching the campaign goal, giving God all the glory for the success. Cards are being sent to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries. Counseling continues as requested.

Outreach & Missions: The Senior luncheons continue the second Saturday monthly. Steven and Peggy Beverly's mission work in Sri Lanka is being highlighted in the Sept. bulletins. November 4, Kirk Bookout, Children of Promise, will be our guest speaker.

Stewardship & Support Services: The August work camp was well attended, many projects were completed. The group agreed to plan the work camp for next year and keep it at three days. There will be another work day on Sept. 15.

New and Old Business

- The QSEHRA 2019 requirement was approved with a motion made by Tim Kasza and seconded by Phyllis Clark, and a unanimous vote by the Council. (QSEHRA is a healthcare reimbursement provision from the Federal Government).
- Pastor Pete and Carla will be on vacation from Sept 14 to 30.

Next Elders meeting October 3



Kid's

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UNDERSTANDING GOD'S WORDS



Listen with your heart; from His word comes knowledge and understanding.

The Lord gives knowledge and understanding when you search for it, as you would search for hidden treasure.



Meet Bobby and Jenny Mihsill our missionaries to Cote d'Ivoire

Jenny was born in Seymour, Indiana. Bobby was born and raised in Meghalaya, India, where his family have been part of the Church of God. A powerful encounter at a youth camp at the age of 18, led him to commit his life to Christ. After graduating in Business/Accounting, he worked for a non-governmental organization teaching street children. The seed for missions was first planted in Jenny's heart at a youth session at Oregon State Camp meeting. Jenny answered the call to full time cross-cultural ministry at the International Youth Convention in 1996. Jenny graduated from Anderson University in 2003, and moved to Tokyo, Japan, to serve as a Special Assignment Missionary (SAM) for Global Missions for 3 years. She then enrolled in the Anderson University School of Theology. Bobby met Jenny in 2007, in Kolkata, where she was completing her internship in India as part of her Master of Arts in Intercultural Service. They were married in 2010.

The Mihsills

Jenny, Bobby, Rease & Moore
Our sponsored Missionaries in
Cote d'Ivoire, West Africa



The Assignment: Bobby & Jenny work alongside the Church of God in Côte d'Ivoire, teaching at IBAO (West Africa Bible Institute); help the national church develop & train leaders for the Children of Promise program; & coordinate work camp/ministry teams coming to Cote d'Ivoire.

About Cote d'Ivoire: The major religions are Muslim, Christianity, and indigenous. Population is around 21,504,162 (2011). The language is mostly French, and about 60 native dialects. The capital is Abidjan, the total area is 124,500 sq. miles. The Church of God began in 1992 and re-established in 1997. They have about 13 churches and 1800 believers.

Illinois Youth Convention



November 16-18th, 2018
Embassy Suites, East Peoria, IL
Convention Registration fee: \$180.00

"Pizza & Movie All in On Fundraiser"

Sponsored by: Sunny Place Youth
Date: October 21, 2018
Time: 12:30 pm
Cost: Free will offering/donation
Purpose: To assist youth going to state youth convention

Our focus this year at 20:24 Summit is unity. We see lack of unity in our churches, schools, and nation. We want to create a place where everyone will feel welcomed and loved, no matter skin color, or language.



A Time to Refresh and Fellowship

In October, we will be starting a new home group fellowship. We will be gathering in several homes around the area to refresh our minds with the theme of the month sermons, God's Word. We will pray, sing and snack. This is true fellowship.

Please be looking for the sign-up sheet in the narthex soon.

Ladies Night Out

Friday, October 19th, 6:00 p.m.



Two Chef's Restaurant

3 S. Center Street
Bensenville 630/766-6030

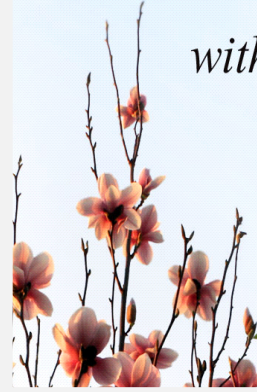
Please join us for fun and fellowship, and also delicious food. You'll have a hard time trying to decide which entrée to order. They have appetizers, soups, salads, pastas, chicken, fish, steaks, ribs, etc. Oh yes, and **those desserts**.

Save your appetites, you won't be disappointed. Please let Nona know if you will be joining in.

Trust in the *Lord*
with all your heart,

and do not lean
on your own
understanding.

Proverbs 3:5



AFTERNOON OF PRAYER

Sunday,
October 21st
12:30 p.m.

at Sunny Place Church

Sunday School Line-Up

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

Adult
Bible
Study

"Living Guide for Disciplemakers"

Jesus, Friends,
Intentionality,
Disciplemaking

Led by
Pastor Pete



Children's Classes

Led by Carla Weber

Nursery services are provided

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



"Power to be Witnesses"

A Bible Study
Through Luke's letter of
the Book of Acts

Led by Pastor Pete



October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Elder's Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place	4 Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place	12	13 2nd Saturday Senior Luncheon 11:30 a.m. at Sunny Place
14 Pastor Appreciation Sunday Mission/Outreach Meeting 12:30 p.m. at Sunny Place	15	16	17 Stewardship Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place	18 Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place	19 Ladies Outing Dining at Two Chefs Restaurant, Bensenville 6:00 p.m.	20
21 Afternoon of Prayer, Followed by Pizza & Movie Youth Fundraiser 12:30 p.m. at Sunny Place	22	23	24	25 Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place	26	27
28	29	30	31 			