

Connect

With Sunny Place Church of God

June, 2019

God's Lens of Insight

INSIGHT

A few years ago, I was struggling to read my Bible. I was able to see the shape of the words in the book, but I had to strain very hard to make those distorted shapes into meaningful words. I turned on my table lamp and focused on the book to make sense of what was happening to my sight. It was an awkward moment. Finally, I decided to consult an optometrist. I sat with him. I went through the eye-dilation, he looked at my eyeballs with his pointed light. After completing the whole testing process, he recommended progressive lenses. Then I became aware of my situation. I listened to him. Finally, when I wore the prescribed progressive lens, I was able to see again. The words that once deceived appeared legible and brought meaning to me. I was in sight. I was able to see clearly. Man! I was inspired. Insight is all about listening, seeing through the right lens in the true light, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus said: "The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good (clear/healthy), your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad (evil/unhealthy), your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore, the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!"

INSIGHT BEGINS AS WE ACTIVELY LISTEN.

The eye is very influential. It is through the eye that images, and many times information, enter, and register into our mind. The eye

reflects an image onto our heart, which is stored in our mind. Our memory not only has the power to retrieve information; but also has the potential to create its own images, in the form of dreams and imaginations from the information stored in our subconscious mind. If the eye is not right, our vision is distorted and limited. We may end up making decisions out of fearful things we see around and out of our past traumatic experiences. Then, we spend our time, utilize our energy, and cope with trivial things around us. We may end up clinging to our clicks, moved by worldly attractions, running after our self-serving desires, and end up judging others poorly and impulsively. This approach is a life that is clouded by the world outside, and disturbed inside. However, a healthy eye is focused on Jesus, *the founder, and perfecter of our faith*. This verse means consulting Jesus continuously, trusting Him regularly, listening to Him, and intimately experiencing Him daily. Then we can understand the knowledge of God.

Solomon says that "Thy commandment is a lamp, and the teaching is light; reproofs of instruction are the way of life."

INSIGHT BECOMES CLEAR AS WE USE THE RIGHT LENS IN THE TRUE LIGHT.

Remember, I listened to the optometrist and took steps to correct my vision. And when I wore the new lens, then I saw it clearly. The Word of God is a powerful lens that can make the eyes of your heart enlightened. Then we

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can see everyone in a loving heart and a listening attitude. Remember, the greatest commandment! It is all about loving the Lord and others.

All of us are NOT called to preach and teach in the street corners where you live, but we are called to preach and teach in all the corners of our own heart so that we can see ourselves inside out clearly. Often, intelligent and experienced people are not very insightful, because the world influences them, then they are trapped by its power. This worldly light generates temporary warmth, and attracts us like flying insects to the trap. Sometimes we spend our time and effort on the resources God gives us, and end up having no time and energy for the Giver of the gifts. True insight becomes clear as we eagerly seek and search the truth of God as a hidden treasure that is valued more than anything or anyone. Only then can we understand what God wants us to do. Then we are capable of seeing the world from His point of view; we know what we were created for, and then we can set our priorities right. It brings purpose to our endeavors and meaning to our lives. The psalmist says, "Thy Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Do we have that unquenchable thirst for His Word?!

INSIGHT BECOMES A REALITY WHEN WE LIVE IN THE POWER AND THE PRESENCE.

Practically speaking, insight is only possible through the Holy Spirit. Insight becomes a reality when we genuinely are fired in-the-Spirit. The Holy Spirit offers pardon to those who repent. The Holy Spirit gives transformational power to those who intentionally seek Him. The Holy Spirit is indeed present to those who invite Him into their lives. This

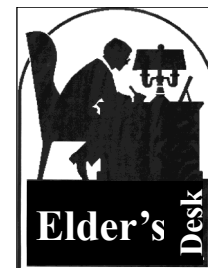
experience is truly an insightful one. Jesus came to this world to offer this life to the spiritually dead.

There are only two ways to live our lives: an inspired way, and an expired way. An inspired way is living in-the-Holy Spirit. An expired way is an existence in the ex-Spirit. This person once might have been saved by the influence of the Holy Spirit at the moment of salvation, but now the Spirit is an ex, and the person has no time to remember due to their preoccupation with the outside influences. This approach is living an expired way. It is like the one who says that he has faith, but does not have its transformation, nor its work. It is because there is no Jesus, no light, no lens, no power, and no presence. Scripture encourages us to *call out for insight!* Be inspired. Be insightful. Yes, it is only possible with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Let me conclude with Paul's prayer in the letter to the Ephesian church,

"... the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come."
Ephesians 1:17-26

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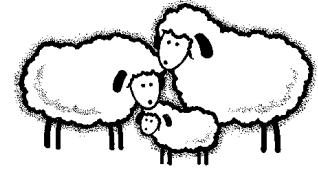
Are you sharing in the exciting and spiritual blessings of studying God's Word and discovering how it applies to your contemporary life?

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



Senior Luncheon

2nd Saturday Senior Luncheon
Saturday, June 8th, 11:30 a.m.
at 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

Visit us at: www.SunnyPlaceChurch.org



901 E. Oak Street, Addison, IL 60101

Connecting Families With The Love Of Christ

Elders Minutes of Meeting held May 1, 2019

Attended by Pastor Pete Weber, Phyllis Clark, Tim Kasza, Ted Gehman, Glenda Kasza and Nona Koivula

Prayer and Devotion “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.” *Colossians 3:12-14*

Ministry Reports

Treasurer: : Budgeted Bank Balance \$1,175.42 Giving for April \$10,917 Expenses \$11,668.08

Worship & Prayer: The team led by Effie, embraces people willing to make the commitment to worship. Deanna Dawson added her vocal talent to the worship team. The Krout family has been led by our Lord to present song specials. Ideas from team members that improve the worship service are being considered. Effie has contacted the ProPresenter expert, Stephanie Endo, to discuss how we may enhance use in the future. The next team meeting is scheduled for May 19. The next Hymn sing Sunday will be May 26.

Christian Education & Fellowship: The Bar-B-Que has been changed from June 2 to June 23 following the Sweet Hour of prayer. The CE team is looking for people to serve in the Nursery when babies are brought to church. It is difficult to plan Kid’s Rock but the team is working on it. :

Pastoral Care & Encouragement: We continue to pray for Eva, Encouragement team leader, because of the loss in her immediate family. Laura Grafer and Fred King are serving as church greeters. Glenda is helping with encouragement also. Pastoral Care continues to provide ministry needs to our congregation. Contact Sam Jacob for personal care.

Outreach & Missions: The Missions Festival held May 3, 4 and 5 was very successful. Sunny Place church supports five Church of God missionaries and four mission projects. On Friday there was a Taco Bar then a live video chat with the Steven and Peggy Beverly and the Gilbert family. The Sellers family, who are missionaries in West Africa and the Mihsill family sent videos which provided a personal look into their dedication to Jesus and the Great Commission. On Saturday a group of 11 people served Jesus at the Pacific Garden Mission in Chicago. This is a homeless shelter founded in 1877 and has continuously cared for those in need of Jesus, food, shelter and love. Sunday Chris Peck was our guest speaker. He is the CEO of Hope Hill Youth Services, Hope, KY which offers residential treatment in a godly, safe, loving environment to serve the most disadvantaged and vulnerable children and families. After the worship service there was an international dinner. All festival events were well planned and organized, to the glory of God. The Faith Promise Commitments exceeded the goal of \$18,020

Stewardship & Support Services: There was a workday Saturday April 20. Cleaning and repairs were done.

New Business

The Church of God International Convention will be held June 27 to 30 in Orlando, FL. Pastor Pete Weber and Carla will attend the convention.

More information is available on the website, www.jesusisthesubject.org

Next Elders meeting June 5, 2019



Kid's

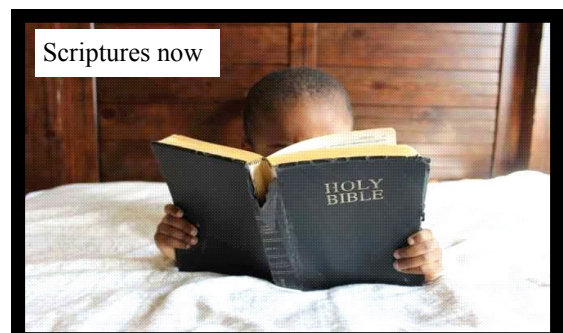
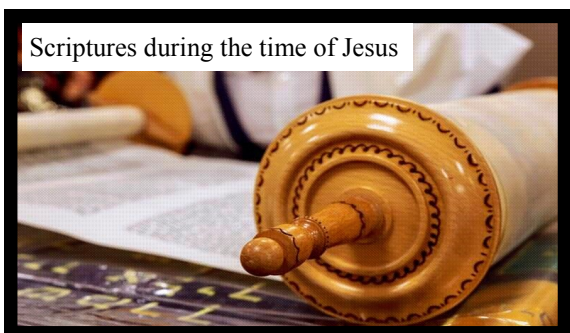
Connection

Insight



Before Jesus came, the people might have insight into God’s plan,
by praying and reading the scrolls of the prophets.

Now, we have access of God’s Word when we read the scriptures from the Holy Bible.





NiCE
FOUNDATION
MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR CHRIST IN NICARAGUA

Sunny Place Church Mission Trip To the NiCE Foundation, Highland, IL

About the NiCE Foundation: NiCE equips Nicaraguans to reach their country for Christ. We are 501 (c) 3 Christian non-profit. We are based at our warehouse in Highland, Illinois, about 25 miles northeast of St. Louis. We have no employees—we are all volunteers.

NiCE equips ministries with the goal of fostering independence, rather than creating dependency. We work with ministries that our organization is directly involved with plus a network of other free-standing ministries. Although our leadership has worked in Nicaragua since 1992, NiCE Foundation was formed in the year 2000.

Our three main areas of ministry include our Child Sponsorship Program, FEED NICARAGUA meal packing, and leadership of short-term mission teams to Nicaragua.

What to expect: The NiCE Foundation provides complementary sleeping rooms for us as volunteers.

As volunteers we could be sorting school supplies, packing family boxes, assembling layettes, organizing donations, cleaning or making general repairs.

This trip is an opportunity to put your servant faithfulness into action.

"Truly, I tell you, whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done for me," *Matthew 25:40*

Please place your name on the sign-up sheet on the narthex window.

For more information call Nona at 630-584-1684

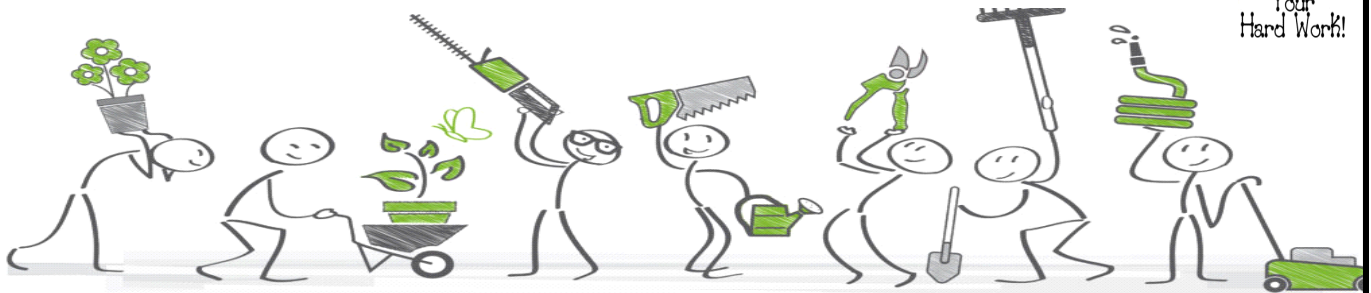
CHURCH WORK DAY

Saturday, June 22nd, 9:00 a.m., at Sunny Place Church

This is the time where we come together as a Church Family.
There is something to do for everyone, and many hands make light work!

Thank You!

For All
Your
Hard Work!



FATHER'S DAY
Dinner
**Sunday,
June 16th**

**12:30 p.m.
at
Sunny Place**

Show Dad How Much
You Love Him

PosterMyWall.com

We can gain insight
through prayer!



**Afternoon of
Prayer,
BBQ/Cookout following
Sunday,
June 23rd
after Worship Service**

Sunday School Line-Up

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

**“Disciplemaker’s
Living Guide”**
Part II of the teaching
on discipleship.
Led by
Pastor Pete

Children’s Classes

Led by Carla Weber

Nursery services are provided

Thursday Evenings

7:00 p.m.

at Sunny Place



**“The Lessons of
the Kings”**

A Study of the four books of
the Kings.

Led by Pastor Pete



June

2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
			Elders Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place	 Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place		2nd Saturday Senior Luncheon 11:30 a.m. at Sunny Place
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Missions, Outreach & Evangelism Meeting, after Worship	NiCE Foundation Missions Trip			Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
			Christian Education & Fellowship Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place	Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place		Church Work Day 9:00 a.m. at Sunny Place
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Afternoon of Prayer, BBQ following	NAC Church of God Convention Orlando, Fl					
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