

Connect

With Sunny Place Church of God

November, 2019

What are you thankful for?

Gratitude: The quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and return kindness.

BE GRATEFUL FOR EVERYTHING
GOOD AND BAD.
THE END - IT'S THAT SIMPLE

I would like to start with my first real memory of gratitude. I was raised to say please and thank you for things when I was young, as most of us probably were; but the one that comes to my mind right now is when I was in boot camp doing K.P. (kitchen patrol). My job was to take the empty trays as they came through the small opening from the moving conveyor. So as I was grabbing the trays as they are coming in, all of a sudden, this tray comes flying in and smashed my fingers between trays. So me being the level headed person that I was, I did the only thing that made sense to me at that second, and that was to push the tray back out of that little opening as hard as I could. Well that turned out to be a bad idea because I didn't know who was on the other side. Whoever it was had to go tell my drill instructor because he had a lot of fun with me after that.

The drill instructor started out with me doing the bend and thrust (stand, squat, pushup) over and over, this only lasted about 10 or 15 minutes until he had a better idea; and that was to have someone get buckets of water, so he could throw them in my face every time I would stand. That only lasted about 10 minutes till he had another good idea; and that was for me to show him my gratitude for all this by telling him, after every bucket of water, "Thank you sir; may I have another?" Well as you could imagine, my ideas at that time were not of being thankful, or an appreciation to return kindness, but I do know they were not godly.

Back then, I was not a godly person. Even though I went to church every Sunday, it was only to get out of the barracks. So, why did God lead me to the Scriptures that led me to this story? Maybe God knew I would be writing an article about gratitude some day, and to show me that we should be grateful for all the things that have happened in our lives, both the good and not so good. There were a lot of Scriptures that led me to this story, but the two that stood out the most were: 1Thessalonians 5:16-18, "Rejoice always, pray

continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus," and Romans 5:1-5, "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us."

As I searched the internet for Scripture about gratitude, I also found some quotes about gratitude. I don't know if any of these people that wrote them are Christians, but I thought they were good. So I would like to share them with you.

"There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle (from God)."

"Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things."

"Thankfulness is the beginning of gratitude. Gratitude is the completion of thankfulness."

"Thankfulness may consist merely of words. Gratitude is shown in acts."

"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it."

"Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never have enough."

"Gratitude is the healthiest of all human emotions; the more you express gratitude for what you have, the more likely you will have even more to express gratitude for."

"Count your many blessings, count them one by one."

I would like to tell you about one more recent story that happened in our lives (My wife and I, or me and the wife whatever, you know my grammar is bad, but you know what I mean).

As most of you know this spring has been one of the wettest ones on record and my wife works out of the basement. I guess because of all that rain, my

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basement walls couldn't keep all that water out. So every time it rained, we would start getting small puddles of water in several areas. We tried to catch it before it puddled, but it seemed like we were down there once a week when it rained; and a lot of times it was in the middle of the night. We decided to have the leaks repaired, and of course, as luck would have it, the water proofing company could only repair two of the six cracks from the outside of the house and the other four had to be repaired from the inside.

We didn't want to spend a lot of money, so I decided to cut out the sections of the wall where we thought the leaks were coming from, and then have the company just repair those areas from inside. So the company came out and repaired all the leaks. I was able to get all the walls back up and finished with in the week, so she didn't have too many clients that had to wait.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus".

Everything was going very good; we didn't have even a drop of water anywhere, until...

About a month ago, it was raining cats and dogs and sharks and whales. Well, she was working down stairs until 10 pm or so, and all was well. So we had gone to bed after that. The next thing I remember, I hear my wife with a loud voice (Not Yelling of course), "Ted get up and come down here." So I looked at the clock, it was 2:00am. And the rain was still pouring, as I was sleep-walking to the 1st floor. My first thought was, "I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds." (Yeah Sure I Did.) She told me she heard something fall and break in the basement, and could see the water at the foot of the stairs. As I was at the last step in the basement, still in motion, she said to me, "Don't go down there; you could get electrocuted." At that second, I thought she could be right. God be with me, as my foot went into the water. Thank God nothing happened. As I was swimming to the sump pump, Ha.... Ha! I was able to unplug the pump from the float, and plug in the pump directly to the outlet; and thanks be to God! it was only the float.

With the rain still pouring and the pump constantly on, it took about 2 hours for the water level to get down to normal; so I was able to install an old float that I had saved to get by for the night. Well I started walking around the basement to look at things, and guess what I noticed first??? Two extension cords lying on the floor! Both were plugged into the outlets,

one had the floor lamp hooked up to it, and the light for the on off switch strip of outlets was still on.

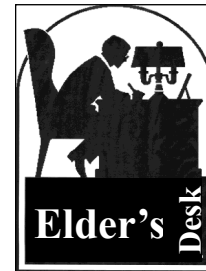
So do you think I'm done with gratitude yet? Not a chance! Because there's still more. As Kim and I were cleaning, drying, wiping down and throwing out, we looked at the water line stain on the furnace, washer, dryer, electric recliner chair, mini fridge and the chair lift. We realized that if the water was just an inch or two higher, it probably would have ruined all of those things. We also looked at all the things in the garbage pile and realized that most of the items could be written off as a loss on our taxes.

Well what more can I say? Do you think we should be mad or upset or aggravated, or grateful? We are going with gratitude, and Thanks be to God.

I would like to end with what Paul wrote to the believers in Philippi while under house arrest.

Philippians 4:4-8,"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanks giving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your mind in Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable- if anything is excellent or praiseworthy- think about such things."

Your humble servant in Christ,
Ted Gehman



P.S. If I ever run into that drill instructor I will offer him a cold refreshing glass of water. (TO DRINK)

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Thank You God
for everything in my life.
The good & bad.
Some were
Blessings
& some were
Lessons! ☺

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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.

**Sunday, November 17th,
Starting at 10:45 a.m.**

You're invited to a special day
at Sunny Place Church

Featuring:

1. Missionaries, Larry & LeAnn Sellers from Cote D'Ivoire will be here.
2. Afternoon of Prayer, immediately after Worship Service.
3. And a Harvest Turkey Dinner, served in Fellowship Hall.



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Connecting Families With The Love Of Christ

Elders Minutes of Meeting held Oct. 9, 2019

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

Prayer and Devotion: “Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. Hebrews 12:1-3

Ministry Reports

Treasurer: Budgeted Bank Balance \$ 1,983.56. Giving for Sept \$11,249.37, Expenses \$ 11,480.33.

Worship & Prayer: Plans are made for the Friday, Oct 25 Hymn Night.

Christian Education & Fellowship: There is a meeting planned for Oct. 16th

Pastoral Care & Encouragement: Recently there have been guests for worship service. Pastor Pete reminded us to capture their names for possible follow up.

Outreach & Missions: The Missions Ministry is planning for the Sellers visit, Nov.16 and 17. The Outreach Ministry continues the Second Saturday Senior Lunch.

Stewardship & Support Services: There is a work day Saturday Oct. 26.

New Business

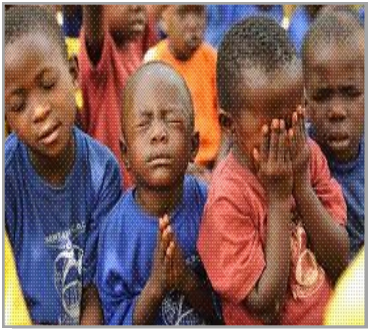
- Pastor Pete will attend a pastor’s retreat on Oct. 21-23. The Church of God Ministries, Anderson, IN determined the churches will celebrate the International Day of Prayer Nov 3.
- Reminder: The 2020 Ministry team budgets are due beginning Nov. 6th
- The 2020 ministry annual reports are due December 1.
- There will be a 2020 calendar ministry meeting Saturday, November 30 at 9am.
- Addison event: Thanksgiving Service will be held Nov. 24 at 6PM at the Good Samaritan Church on Army Trail Rd.

Next Elders meeting will be on November 6th at 7pm



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Thankful for God Being With Me Secret Code

Each number stands for a letter of the alphabet. Write the correct letter in the blank to find the coded words and phrase.

Matthew 28:20

A	1	J	10	S	19
B	2	K	11	T	20
C	3	L	12	U	21
D	4	M	13	V	22
E	5	N	14	W	23
F	6	O	15	X	24
G	7	P	16	Y	25
H	8	Q	17	Z	26
I	9	R	18		

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You can be thankful of God's

16 18 5 19 5 14 3 5

When you **PRAY**, God listens.

When you **LISTEN**, God talks.

When you **BELIEVE**, God works.

God gave you a gift of

86,400

seconds today. Have you used one to say

THANK YOU?



Harvest Turkey Dinner

Sunday, November 17th

12:30 p.m.

At Sunny Place

You are invited to join one another, and share the wonderful abundance that God has provided.

Please bring your favorite cooked side dish or dessert to pass. Invite friends and family, all are welcome.



**MINISTRY TEAMS CALENDAR
PLANNING
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH
9:00 A.M.**



Baked goods are requested to be brought to the church by November 24th, for our First Responders.

They will be distributed to the Addison Fire Departments and Police Department.

Please note contents on each package.

Thank you.



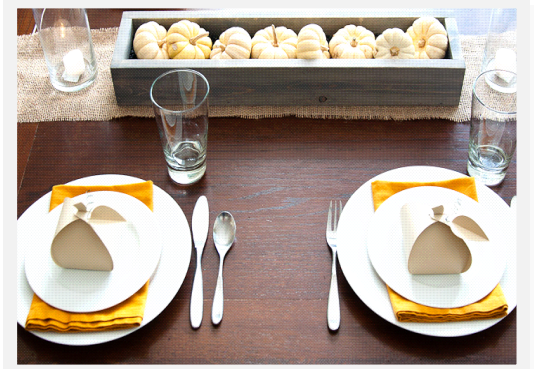
An Afternoon of Prayer
Sunday, November 17th
Immediately after Worship Service

Be apart of our congregation as we meet in prayer for our members and their family, neighbors, and friends. The Bible tells us that when we come together in prayer, HE is there!

God loves us so much, He forgives us our sins, heals our illnesses, and answers our prayers, according to His will, and His time.

Now is a good time for us to gather in prayer and gratitude for all He has done.

2nd Saturday Senior Luncheon



November 9th,
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

Sunday School Line-Up

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

“The Peacemaker”

Adult
Bible
Study

Learn to apply the peacemaking principles of God's Word.

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



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME ENDS Holy Communion National Day of Prayer	4	5	6 Elders Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place	7 Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place	8	9 2nd Saturday Senior Luncheon 11:30 a.m. at Sunny Place
10 Missions, Outreach & Evangelism Mtg. After Worship Service	11 Veterans Day Honoring All Who Served	12	13	14 Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place	15	16 Larry & LeAnn Sellers, Missionaries, Cote D'Ivoire
17 Larry & LeAnn Sellers Afternoon of Prayer After Worship Turkey Dinner following	18	19	20	21 Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place	22	23
24 Baked Goods drop off for First Responders at Sunny Place	25	26	27	28 	29	30 Ministry Teams Calendar Meeting 9:00 a.m. at Sunny Place