

# Connect

With Sunny Place Church of God

October, 2020

## God's Provision for All Our Needs

**Provision:**  
The action of providing or supplying something for use.

Glenda and I recently returned from a trip to Washington DC to visit our new granddaughter, Ella Ann Garcia. She was born on July 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:51 PM weighing 6 lbs. 11 ozs and 19 inches long. She is truly a precious, beautiful, gift from God. It has been many years since we have had a newborn baby in our family. All the items that new parents need today to care for their baby, have changed a lot since we had our daughter, 44 years ago. I was amazed at all the baby items that Ella's parents had to care for her, such as disposal diapers that show blue lines when wet, variety of infant seats and swings, multi-functional stroller, car seats, and other various items that, I'm not real sure, what function they all provided. While visiting them, we went to a well-known store that sells just about anything you could ever imagine or need to care for a baby. As I was walking through the aisles of this store looking at all the merchandise, I was in awe of all the items that this store has, just for babies. I may be sounding like an old man, but many of these items seemed excessive and overwhelming. One item that I remember seeing was a smart sleep solution bassinet which moves in 11 different move patterns. When you think about how quickly a baby grows out of these items, I'm not real sure how parents are able to afford or do it today.

Being around Ella made me reflect about when we are all born and begin our new life in this world. We come into this world with total dependency on our parents (or adopted parents) to care and provide for all our needs.

Our very survival depends on our parents and their provisioning of food, drink, shelter, clothing, medical care, and security. We are totally reliant on our parents, grandparents, and other care givers, for our very existence. It is impossible for a baby to feed and care for itself.

The remarkable thing is that God, in a similar way, has already made the provision to provide for all our needs while in this world, and for our eternal salvation. We are meant to rely and depend on God for all our provisions; to live a life that is honoring and glorifying to Him. If you follow Jesus and glorify and honor Him, you do not need to worry about your life. God's Word says, *"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?" Matthew 6:25-27 (NIV)*

We all have faced life situations and circumstances, that sometimes seem impossible, and very challenging, to get through. We tend to look at our own life situations and wonder how we will ever get through this difficult circumstance. We may say or think things like; I'm not financially, physically, or mentally able, or not capable, for various reasons, to handle and get through our individual life circumstance which we are facing.

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I know I have experienced these kinds of life situations many times in my own life. Last year, Glenda and I went through one of those life situations that was very stressful and difficult. Being led by God, we went through a legal process to become guardian of my 86-year-old uncle, who has dementia. Going through this process, we faced one situation that seem to be an impossible legal issue. We needed to setup a required guardianship bank account to care for my uncle's financial needs. We were having a very difficult time finding a banking institute that would accept the court order granting both Glenda and I as legal guardians of my uncle. Several large national banks turned down our request for a guardianship account. As we learned, banks, legally, do not allow two guardians name to be on an account. We were in legal limbo, because the court order, used the word "and" verses the word "or", for Glenda and me, as legal guardians. We found ourselves with no way to financially take care of my uncle's needs, without a guardianship account. We turned to God and prayed for His help. We also asked others to pray about this situation. When all seemed impossible, God answered our prayers and came through by opening a door with a small regional bank. We cried tears of joy and gave the glory to God.



*“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks and receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.” Matthew 7:7-8 (NIV)*

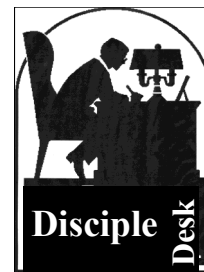
In Matthew 14:13-21, there appeared to be an impossible situation. It was getting late in a remote location and the disciples asked Jesus to send the large crowd away, so the people could go to the villages and buy themselves some food. With Jesus, all things are possible. When we turn to Jesus, He can provision and provide for our needs, according to His will. Jesus told the disciples that the crowd did not need to go away, and to feed the crowd. A little boy had five small barley loaves and two small fishes. Jesus took the five loaves, and two small fishes. and looking up to heaven, He gave thanks, and broke the loaves. The bread and fish were given to the people and all ate and were satisfied. There were twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children. This is one of many inspiring stories in the bible that reinforces God's great power and mercy for us.

We need to always trust and obey God. When we ask for forgiveness of our sins and seek first the kingdom of God, He will faithfully provision for our daily needs both physically and spiritually. *God's word says in 1 John 1:9, “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”*

If you first seek God and trust in Him in all things, He knows your needs and will bless you. *“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” Matthew 6:33 (NIV).*

May the Lord bless you and your family. In Christ Service,

Tim Kasza



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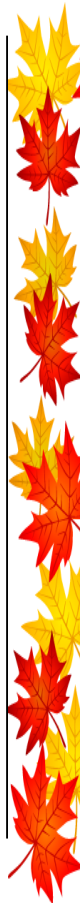
# TLC

Together Loving Christ

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

**J**oin with us in our Adult Study Group at Sunny Place every Thursday at 7:00 p. m.

***Grow in the Word!***



**Sunny Place Church is open for Sunday Morning Services and Thursday Night Bible Study as of June 21st.**

Some COVID safety restrictions will apply:

- A mask is required anytime you will be walking around. Once seated, in the sanctuary or at a class in the Fellowship hall, mask can be removed.
- Masks will be required if the congregation is asked to sing.
  - Sanctuary seating will be every other row
  - Please bring your own bibles.
  - Bible study classes in the fellowship hall, will have tables spread out, and can seat 4 at each table.
- Social distance will be important inside the building, so there will be no gathering in the Narthex, Sanctuary, hallways, etc.

Our Church has always been about connecting with God and one another in spirit. While many are ready to begin worship in a live setting, some are not. We will have zoom service available.

Our Sunday Morning Worship Services and Mid-Week meetings, are also being held on Zoom. Please contact us in order to have the invitations and links sent to you. The contact information is inside on the Church Events page.

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***Connecting Families With The Love Of Christ***

# Elders Minutes of Meeting held September 2, 2020

Attended by Pastor Pete Weber, Phyllis Clark, Ted Gehman, Scott Krout and Nona Koivula

**Prayer and Devotion:** “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade – kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith – of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire – may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.” *1 Peter 1:3-9*

## Ministry Reports

**Treasurer:** Budgeted Bank Balance, Giving, and Expenses Not available

**Worship & Prayer:** Brother J.A. Garcia prepared three reports for the Elders. The first report explained it was only with the Holy Spirit that he was able to go from never hosting an online service, to being fully online for: Sunday Bible Study, Sunday Worship, Tuesday Together, Midweek Connection (Youth), and Thursday Bible Study, all online and hosted by Brother Garcia. The second report showed in detail the equipment that needed to be purchased and updated to be able to utilize the Zoom as a resource to honor and worship God bringing our Body of Christ together during the COVID-19 government mandates. The third report detailed the technological changes that needed to be made, to transition to Zoom, and in-person, Sunday Worship. Zoom offers real time experience of worship together from home, or anywhere in the world. Pastor Pete and all Elders complimented Jacob for his tireless devotion to Sunny Place Church of God.

**Christian Education & Fellowship:** The church picnic will be Sunday, Sept. 13. The food has been ordered from a catering service, there will be a tent, tables and chairs spaced according to the CDC recommendations of 6 feet apart. Outdoor activities will be set up for active fun.

**Pastoral Care & Encouragement:** The team is mailing cards of encouragement, flowers for those grieving, and birthday wishes. The team is also planning for those serving as greeters on Sunday mornings.

**Outreach & Missions:** The Outreach team continues the Second Saturday Senior luncheon drive-thru at our church. There are between 30 to 40 lunches prepared and given to seniors who are extremely grateful for the time of fellowship, prayer and meals.

**Stewardship & Support Services:** Regretfully there was another problem with water in the basement. This time the flooding was due to a power outage. Tim and his helpers were able to dry out the basement. The Elders expressed appreciation to Ted and Tim and his helpers for their hard work.

## New and Old Business

- Sunny Place church is a qualified small employer and as such, the Elders agreed to a HRA for Pastor Pete and family. Ted moved and Phyllis seconded the motion to approve the HRA for 2021. The motion was approved.
- Pastor Pete reminded the Elders to remain in contact with the church family.
- Pastor and Carla will be on vacation Sept 22 to Oct. 5 and Sam will deliver the God-given sermon.

Next Elders meeting October 7, 2020

# Sunny Place Church

October, 2020



Our Sunday Worship Services, Thursday night Bible Studies and Meetings will be held at the scheduled times.

If you would like to join us for a service or study, via ZOOM, send an email with your name and contact information to [sunnyplacecog@gmail.com](mailto:sunnyplacecog@gmail.com) to request a link to be sent to you.

You can also listen to the audio sermons, or watch the full video sessions of the services, within a few days afterwards, by selecting either version on: [sunnyplacechurch.org/resources/audio-sermons](http://sunnyplacechurch.org/resources/audio-sermons).



Adult Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.  
"The Church of God  
Revealed in Scripture"

Wednesday



7:00 p.m.

*Designed especially for young adults and youths.*  
A Spirit led time of hanging out, sharing thoughts, prayer, encouragement, Scripture reading, and more.

7:00 p.m.

Tuesdays  
TOGETHER

A time to share with others:  
Stories and answers  
of how the Lord has  
answered prayers in your life.

ThursDay

7:00 p.m.

**"The Lessons of the Kings"**

A Study of the four books of the Kings.

*Led by Pastor Pete*

There will be **No Study** on  
Thursday, September 24th or October 1st  
Study will resume on Thursday, October 8th