

# Connect

With Sunny Place Church of God

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## God's Foresight Will Protect You

### FORESIGHT

In preparation to write this article on "Foresight", I started with looking up its definition. It is defined by the Cambridge Dictionary as **"the ability to judge correctly what is going to happen in the future and plan your actions based on this knowledge"**. In hindsight when thinking about the years when I was growing up, the concept of foresight and thinking about the future and the consequence of my actions wasn't something I was good at.

I grew up in the western suburbs of Chicago. Not to date myself, but this was before the age of video games and computers. There were empty fields and a creek in my neighborhood. My friends and I would spend hours and hours outside playing baseball or football in the open fields, During the winter months once the nearby creek froze over, we would ice skate and play hockey. During the summer after my graduation from Junior High School, myself and 3 of my neighborhood friends all got minibikes. I bought my minibike from a local department store with money I received from my graduation party.

During one long summer day that year, one of us got the bright ideal to jump the creek with our minibikes. This was during the time when the famous daredevil Evel Knievel was trying to obtain permission to jump the Grand Canyon on a rocket type motorcycle. We didn't have the foresight or a plan that would ensure we would be successful. Our poorly thought-out idea was to get about a block away from the creek and one at a time gun our minibikes and go for it.

Jimmy (not his real name) decided to go first. The rest of us watched from a block away as

Jimmy accelerated toward the creek. Needless to say, because we didn't have the foresight to build a ramp beforehand, Jimmy went airborne and the front forks on his minibike hit the opposite creek bank and he went flying off.

Fortunately, Jimmy didn't get hurt. His minibike on the other hand wasn't as fortunate. The front forks were bent in. I don't remember ever seeing his minibike on the road again after that day. For the rest of us, we decided right there, on the spot, not to be like Evel Knievel, and were smart enough not to jump the creek after seeing what happened with Jimmy.

In the Bible there are numerous stories of God's perfect foresight. One of these stories is the account of Noah in the book of Genesis. God commanded that Noah build a massive ship called an ark. Genesis 6-9 **Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God.** Noah followed God's foresight and detailed plan on building an ark and filling it with several thousand animals which God brought to Noah. Genesis 6-22 **Noah did everything just as God commanded him.**

When the flood waters came, which lasted forty days and covered the entire earth, the ark built at God's command saved Noah, his family, and representatives of every kind of land-dependent, air-breathing animals and birds within the ark. Once the waters receded and dried up, Noah, his family, and the animals that were saved from the flood eventually spread throughout the world. In Genesis 9:1 **Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, "Be**

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**fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth.”**

The account of Noah speaks to the core of trusting God and his perfect foresight and plan for those who believe in Him. Noah put his complete trust in God. As Christians, we know our God is great and powerful and all things are possible with our Lord.

God’s perfect foresight and plan for the world was revealed to David. In Acts 2:31-33. **Seeing what was ahead, he spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to the grave, nor did his body see decay. God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.**

God has the perfect foresight and plans for each of us that will help us see our way through whatever challenges or trials we face. Though we may not be able to see the future or know exactly when we’ll come out on the other side, we know we’ll need Christ to see us through. We have His assurance that our prayers will be answered according to His will.

Jeremiah 29:11 says, **For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.**

None of us know what tomorrow holds or even how many tomorrows we have, but Jesus knows our future. We need to rely on Jesus to help us through whatever circumstances we face in life. No matter our circumstance, know that Jesus is in control of our today and our tomorrows. Jesus is our shield and deliverer. Therefore, no matter what occurs, understand that Jesus will be there for you today and in your future. If we stay the course, Jesus has the foresight and a plan for you and me that will last for an eternity. Jesus knows the future

and what is ultimately the best for us and for the Kingdom of God.

Have faith in Jesus. Seek out His insight and understanding and stay on the path of righteousness. Jesus Christ is our foresight. He possesses knowledge which he has shared with his followers. His foresight for each of us will help us to prepare for the future and enable us to enjoy our present.

Proverbs 2:7-9 says **He holds victory in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones. Then you will understand what is right and just and fair – every good path. For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul.**

The life of Christ is an example for all of us to follow. 1 Peter 2:21 says **He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.** Jesus serves as an example for us who follow Him. Jesus demonstrates foresight in all He does. Obeying Jesus and following his perfect foresight leads to life, and going against Jesus leads to destruction. If you truly love, honor, and respect Jesus you will express this through your faithful trust in Him, just as Noah followed God’s foresight and plan and did everything just as God commanded him.

The best way to express our love, honor, and reverence to Jesus is put our complete trust in Him. With Jesus on our side, we have nothing to fear. God’s perfect foresight and plan leads to life.

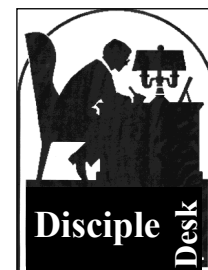
John 14:6 says **Jesus answered, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.**

May you grow in your faith knowing that Jesus will help you every step of the way. Blessings to You All!

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 now open for Sunday Morning Services

We are happy to announce that the COVID-19 policy at Sunny Place has come to an end. The level of risk has lowered significantly to the point where we can allow masks to be optional. There will also be no social distancing limits or roped off pews.

We are grateful to God for taking us through this unusual and challenging ordeal. He has kept us safe and provided for us in many ways so that we could continue in worship and ministry throughout the entire fourteen plus months.

We will continue using Zoom for some waiting to finish getting vaccinated or transitioning to in-person activity. If not vaccinated and have not had COVID-19, we recommend you wear a mask. But the decision is up to you.

**Our Sunday Morning Worship Services and Mid-Week meetings, are also being held on Zoom. Please send us 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**

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**Connecting Families With The Love Of Christ**

# Elders Minutes of Meeting held August 4, 2021

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

**Prayer and Devotion** “Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” *Hebrews 10: 19-25*

## Ministry Reports

Treasurer: Budgeted Bank Balance \$2,180.41 Giving \$9,429.85 Expenses \$13,819.04 Faith Promise \$4,285

Worship & Prayer: Hymn Request Sunday was July 25. The congregation was uplifted during the songs selected from the Hymnal by Brothers and Sisters. The next Hymn Request Sunday will be August 29. Worship Wednesdays will begin on August 25 at the Jacob home in Elgin. Please bring a dish to share for dinner. There will be singing and a spiritual message. The plan is to offer this time of Worship and fellowship each month.

Christian Education & Fellowship: The Adult Bible study on Sunday will be finishing the class on the End of days. John Gryparis will begin teaching on difficult scriptures during Sunday morning. The Pastor continues teaching Thursday night Bible Study on Zoom.

Pastoral Care & Encouragement: There are cards, calls and flowers sent to the congregation to continue the ministry of Encouragement. Pastor Sam Jacob continues the Pastoral Care ministry based on requests.

Outreach & Missions: The next luncheon for Seniors will be August 14 in fellowship hall. There will no longer be lunches offered to people who “drive by.” There are other outreach ideas that are being considered for the near future.

Stewardship & Support Services: The older air conditioning unit needed the fan motor repaired which was done on a timely basis. The fire extinguishers were inspected for effectiveness and one was replaced. To be good stewards of the church finances, the ministry team is asking people to stay a few minutes after Worship Service on Sunday to assist cleaning the church. This helps our finances since we do not pay a cleaning service.

## New and Old Business

- There will be a church picnic on Sept. 12.
- Several people expressed interest in rekindling the Prayer Ministry after Sunday Worship Service. The group is praying to be led by Jesus for the direction of this Ministry.
- Viktor Weber will be the guest speaker on Aug. 15 while Pastor Pete and Carla are on vacation.

Next Elders meeting Sept 1, 2021



# Sunny Place Church, September, Events

# PICNIC



You are invited to:  
**Our Annual Church Picnic**  
On Sunday, September 12th,  
12:30 p.m., at the Parsonage  
Meat and drinks are provided, please bring  
a side dish to share.  
Invite family & fiends, all are welcome!

**2nd Saturday Senior Luncheon**  
Saturday, September 11th, 11:30 am



**Sunny Place Church**

Free for Seniors +55, register at 630/398-2314



**Sunday, September 26th**  
Please let Effie know your favorite  
song from our church hymnals. We  
are going to have a Hymn Sing the  
last Sunday of every month.



Adult Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.  
"Perplexing Biblical Passages"  
A study of difficult Scriptures of the Bible.  
Led by John Gryparis  
Sunday Worship Services, 10:45 a.m.  
*In-person and on Zoom*



**"Instruction for Leaders  
of the Church"**  
A Study of the Pastoral Letters of Paul  
Led by Pastor Pete  
7:00 p.m. *On Zoom only*

Our Sunday Worship Services, and Thursday night Bible Study 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, within a few days afterwards, by selecting either version on: [sunnyplacechurch.org/resources/audio-sermons](http://sunnyplacechurch.org/resources/audio-sermons).