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With Sunny Place Church of God

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Momentum to Save the World

Momentum is being in motion. In the technical sense, momentum is mass multiplied by velocity, as the simple formula for it illustrates:

$$P = m \times v$$

So, if you have an object with mass that is moving at some velocity (speed), it has momentum. And no matter how massive or small the object is, if it is moving, it has momentum; and if it is not moving, its momentum is zero. ... No momentum, in other words.

Therefore, momentum means you're moving. It means being in motion. You can't be idle, and have momentum. And that has application for us, who are in the body of Christ.

In the spiritual sense, we see that God is always active. God was certainly busy at the Creation, putting in place all the wonders of the heavens and the earth, and life as we know it and see it all around us. But that was not the end of God's work and activity.

We see God's dealing with Adam and Eve, and with Cain and Abel, and with Enoch and Noah. In fact, in the days of Noah, we discover that God was contending with the hearts of mankind all throughout those difficult days leading up to the flood. We read in Genesis:

3 Then the LORD said, "My Spirit will not contend with man forever, for he is mortal; his days will be a hundred and twenty years."
Genesis 6:3

Despite the work of the Holy Spirit, and the warnings of Noah, all except Noah and his family perished. But Noah's trust in God – and his faithful work – turned out to be the vehicle by which God's plan of salvation for mankind was able to continue. And continue it did.

God was working throughout the days of the patriarchs. Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and Moses and Joshua, the judges of Israel, then David and Solomon, and all the prophets. It was to prepare for the Messiah, the Anointed One, the Son of God, to come. Mankind still needed to be saved. The work was not complete.

Then the Christ finally appeared. Jesus came to the world, and He took up the mantle of doing the work of His Father:

17 Jesus said to them, "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working."

John 5:17

Jesus came, doing the work of God, just as His Father had been doing all along. Jesus healed the sick, raised the dead, drove out demons, and preached repentance and the good news of the kingdom of God.

Just like in the days of Noah, however, many ignored His pleas to repent; but some did indeed repent. They responded to the message of Christ and to the Spirit of God, who was convicting their hearts.

These became His disciples; but not *only* that. Receiving Christ Jesus, their hearts were made clean, their minds renewed, and spirits alive again to God. They were born from the Father, and by the Spirit – they became children, born of God.

And because of that, the continuing work of God – who was not only Jesus' Father, but theirs' now as well – was given to them to do, just as it was to Jesus. As Jesus taught them, He said to them:

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6 Go to the lost sheep of Israel. 7 As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near.' 8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

Matthew 10:6-8

And they did exactly that:

12 They went out and preached that people should repent. 13 They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

Mark 6:12-13

Jesus, however, had another more specific task to complete. Sin and death had to be defeated, and He would be going to the cross to finish that task. This was Jesus' work to save the lost – to save mankind ... to save the world.

He completed that task. He suffered at the hands of the rulers, and was crucified. But on the third day, rose from the grave ... alive, just as He said He would, and as the prophets before Him had testified. And in doing so, He provided remission of sins and eternal life to all who would receive Him.

Jesus then came to His disciples, and again, told them there is *more* work to do.

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20

God is still working, His Spirit is contending with the hearts of people, and you and I – who are disciples, who are in Christ Jesus, who are the

children of God – are included in that work, preaching repentance and the kingdom, making disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey all that Jesus commanded.

Jesus rules from the throne, seated at the right hand of the Father; the Spirit of God convicting hearts, empowering the saints, equipping the church; and you and I, as agents and ambassadors of God, sons and daughters of God, and kings and priests of His kingdom, are all continuing the work of God the Father to bring the lost to repentance, and into the kingdom of God. God is working, and we are working. The activity is constant. There is movement. There is momentum ... because:

The Lord is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9

Where do you fit into all this? ...

If you need to repent, then what are you waiting for? Jesus did the work, and the Holy Spirit is contending with your heart. Receive Jesus, as your Lord and Savior, and with Him, you will receive the remission of sins, and the promise of everlasting life.

And for you disciples, don't be idle. Zero momentum has no place in kingdom work. Solomon says:

6 Sow your seed in the morning, and at evening let not your hands be idle, for you do not know which will succeed, whether this or that, or whether both will do equally well.

Ecclesiastes 11:6

God is working. The world is waiting. ...So, keep moving. Find your place in the kingdom's work. Move as the Spirit of God leads you. Do the work of God.

Blessings in Jesus,

Pastor Pete



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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 Via Zoom every Thursday at 7:00 p. m.

Grow in the Word!



Sunny Place Church is 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 to request a link to be sent to you

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Connecting Families With The Love Of Christ

Elders Meeting Notes, June 1st, 2022

Attended by: Pastor Pete Weber, Phyllis Clark, Erik Wiechering, Ted Gehman, Sam Jacob and Nona Koivula

Prayer and Devotion

Hebrews 10:32-39 "Remember those earlier days after you had received the light, when you stood your ground in a great contest in the face of suffering. Sometimes you were publicly exposed to insult and persecution; at other times you stood side by side with those who were so treated. You sympathized with those in prison and joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property, because you knew that you yourselves had better and lasting possessions. So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. For in just a very little while,

"He who is coming will come and will not delay

But my righteous one will live by faith.

And if he shrinks back, I will not be pleased with him."

But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who believe and are saved."

Ministry Reports

Treasurer: Budgeted Bank Balance \$1,600.31 Giving \$15,771.85 Expenses \$12,465.61 Faith Promise for 2021 \$18,098 Ukraine Fundraiser \$6,818

Worship & Prayer: The Worship Ministry is asking and praying for volunteers to assist in many ways during the Sunday Service. Volunteering to operate the computer or camera is easy to learn and a great benefit for the team. The Prayer Ministry is calling people to learn about their prayer requests and if the request is for a person not attending Sunny Place, the team offers to send an encouragement card to those in need.

Christian Education & Fellowship: The four graduates were recognized and prayed over for their future education. The classrooms are being prepared for children and youth. The Adult Bible studies continue on Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings both in person and on Zoom. Worship Wednesday will be held June 22 at the Gehman home. :

Pastoral Care & Encouragement: Cards are being sent to the Body of Christ. Care and Counseling are available by contacting Sam Jacob.

Outreach & Missions: Outreach Ministry continues with the Senior Luncheon and attendance is very good up to 36 seniors. The Ministry continues to communicate regularly with the missionaries our church supports spiritually and financially.

Stewardship & Support Services: There was a work day May 21. Five people helped complete projects both inside and outside our church. There will be another workday planned in June.

New and Old Business

- There is a Church of God Regional Conference in Anderson IN on June 21 to 23.
- Pastor has planned an All Teams meeting on Sunday June 26. A meal will be available immediately after Worship Service.
- Pastor Pete and Carla invite all to the Fourth Fest at their home.

Next Elders meeting July 6, 2022

Sunny Place Church – July Events



YOU ARE INVITED:

**MONDAY,
JULY 4TH
2:00 P.M.**

AT PASTOR'S HOME

**INVITE FAMILY AND
FRIENDS,
ALL ARE WELCOME**

**SECOND SATURDAY
SENIOR LUNCHEON
July 9th, 11:30 A.M.**

**Come be our guest for food,
great speakers and activities.
Free event for Seniors 55+.
Space is limited so register
now at 630/398-2314**

Worship Wednesday

July 20th, 6:00 p.m.
At Ruth's home

**"FRIENDSHIPS
ARE THE HEART
AND SOUL OF GOD'S
CHURCH."**



There will be games, food brought and shared from the group, worship music & prayer. Please let her know if you plan on attending.



Adult Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.

"Jesus' Teaching for the Blessed"

A Study of the Sermon on the Mount.

Led by Pastor Pete

Sunday Worship Services, 10:45 a.m.

In-person and on Zoom

7:00 p.m.

ThursDay

"Faith & Doubt"

Practicing Kingdom Principles

Led by Pastor Pete

7:00 p.m. In Person and on Zoom

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 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.