

Connect

With Sunny Place Church of God

September, 2022

Support from God to Heal Your Broken World

SUPPORT

On June 11th, 1991, my world changed inside out. My femur shattered due to a traumatic motor vehicle accident in India. I never knew the importance of the femur until that day. I was in the hospital for a few days, and the surgeon reconstructed the broken femur and placed a rod inside for my support.

There are many supportive resources and strategies available in our world. However, choosing the proper support is vital for our well-being.

In my Spiritual care practice, I assess with my 3F support strategy, where I explore my patients' support systems. These are Faith, Family, and Friends. For me, it was, and it is Jesus, the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, my Counselor and my Comforter. He healed my broken world without an ounce of physical pain, surprising the whole medical team and the world around me.

The first step is to acknowledge that we need support. Let me share an example of what I see in my own backyard. I have planted a pear tree in our garden that gives us a lot of pears every year. Now it bears so much fruit that the branches cannot hold it anymore and the branches

break. The problem is that it does not have a proper support system specific to the area of weakness. I have learned to trim some branches at the bottom and add some rods to keep the fruit-bearing branches up. Similarly, we need the Holy Spirit to prune and add support, especially from those who are the Holy Spirit-filled and overflowing people of God.

The second step is to trust God, who is capable (expert) in the area. The One who created you. The One who died for you. The One who resurrected and conquered sin and its weaknesses. The One who is strong enough to bear your weight and hold you up. He is Jesus, my Lord, and Savior.

Thousands of years ago, the prophet Isaiah said:

*'Fear not, for I am with you;
Be not dismayed, for I am
your God.*

*I will strengthen you;
yes, I will help you,
I will uphold you with
My righteous right hand.'*

Isaiah 41:10

The third step is to allow the Healer to

do the procedure. Spiritually speaking, our response should be to run toward Him and share our fear and pain with Him. Don't let the fear destroy you. Don't let your pain kill you. Don't let the sadness overtake you. He will meet us wherever we are. We need to have a trusting and intimate relationship with Him, so He can help and strengthen us, thereby we experience His actual presence and strength.

Let me share a Scripture that the Lord helped me with when I was traumatized,

*"...Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have summoned you by name;
you are mine.
When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you;
and when you pass through the rivers,
they will not sweep over you.
When you walk through the fire,
you will not be burned;
the flames will not set you ablaze.
For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel,
your Savior..."*

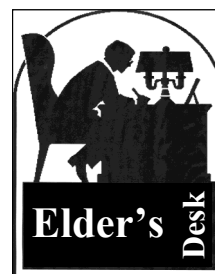
Isaiah 43:1b-3a

Let us acknowledge that we need support. Let us trust in the everlasting arms of God. Let us allow ourselves to be healed and empowered by His Holy Spirit. Then we can

glorify God with our lives and help others in need. I know my Lord healed me; the surgeon was instrumental. I felt His healing presence. It is my story, and I can testify to it. Now I can help others who are going through various difficult situations. It is not my strength or wisdom. It is the One who works in me and through me for His glory.

May we all allow God to work through us and be His healing presence and support to people around us.

Sam Jacob



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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 Minutes of Meeting held August 3, 2022

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

Prayer and Devotion: John 15:5-8 "I am the vine, you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish and it will be given you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."

Ministry Reports

Treasurer: Budgeted Bank Balance \$2,067.75 Giving \$14,591.19 Expenses \$14,989.52 Faith Promise \$6,333

Worship & Prayer: Wednesday Worship will be August 17 at the Jacob home. The Prayer Ministry will be meeting on Sunday, August 7 to discuss opportunities to become more active and possibly reinstating the Sweet Hour of Prayer immediately after Worship Service.

Christian Education & Fellowship: There will be a Fellowship Ministry meeting Wednesday, August 10 on Zoom. Erik said the Fellowship team would facilitate a meal if the Sweet Hour of Prayer begins again. Erik said there would be more structure to the Fellowship ministry. Jacob Garcia prepared and distributed a questionnaire asking people to inform him of Bible Study topics of interest. He will be facilitating the Adult Bible Study on Sunday mornings beginning this fall.

Pastoral Care & Encouragement: Sam was very encouraged by the devoted assistance of Laura Grafer and Glenda Kasza planning the October Homecoming, mailing the "Save the Date" cards. Laura and Fred have been greeters on Sunday Morning due to Eva's absence. Glenda said the final October Homecoming invitations will be mailed the week of Aug. 8 with the deadline to RSVP Sept. 9th.

Outreach & Missions: The Second Saturday Senior Luncheon will be held August 13. Phyllis reported that the Seniors who attend are becoming part of our Church family. There are many spiritual conversations and prayers together during the luncheon. We should be sending encouragement messages to our Missionaries, in particular Steve and Peggy Beverly in Sri Lanka as Peggy's Father passed away.

Stewardship & Support Services: Ted reported that the sump pump stopped working in the Kid's Rock area. Tim Kasza was able to replace it with an upgraded pump. There was the annual inspection of the fire extinguishers. The water meters are being replaced. There is a Church Work Day on August 6 from 9 to 1pm. All are invited.

New Business

- The Natural Church Development survey results will be discussed after Worship on Sunday August 14 for all teams.
- The church picnic will be Sunday Sept. 11.
- The Homecoming Weekend will be October 1 & 2. Don Dennison will preach Sunday Oct. 2.
- Pastor Pete and Carla will be on vacation from October 10 to 29.

Next Elders meeting: Sept 7, 2022

Sunny Place Church September Events



SENIORS LUNCHEON

SECOND SATURDAY
SENIOR LUNCHEON
September 10th, 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

Sunny Place Annual Church Picnic
Sunday, September 11th, 12:30 p.m.



Come join us for an afternoon of fun, food & fellowship! Held in the Parsonage yard. Bring friends and family, all are welcome. Meat and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to share.



Wednesday Worship

Come fellowship with your Church Family, and share a meal, a song or two, and good times in a relaxed atmosphere.

Wednesday, September 21st, 6:00 p.m.
At the Pastor Weber's home.



Church Work Day

Saturday, September 24th

9:00 - 1:00 p.m.

At Sunny Place

Y'all come hep now, hear!



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.



"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.