

Connect

With Sunny Place Church of God

June, 2023

Your Spiritual Journey with Jesus

COUNTING THE COST

When we think about considering the cost, we often think about money; the value of something we may want to purchase. I was recently visiting my sister in Phoenix where a house was put on the market a few blocks from her home. The house was 2 bedroom, one bath, a single car garage, a total of 1,536 square feet. I was shocked to learn the list price was \$655,000. Was the front door made of gold? It seems way over priced when considering the cost.

Consider the cost of our communities suffering conditions of social instability caused by rude, lawless, angry and desperate behavior. Major cities are facing economic and humanitarian crises. Maybe if people stopped, took a breath to consider the cost of their attitude and actions, our communities would be a kinder place to live. For example, consider the cost of uncontrolled anger. Angry people have lost the ability to sense what their words or actions are doing to another person. This can destroy or critically damage a relationship in a matter of minutes. A relationship can be described as a box of precious fragile glass which, when shook can break the glass into pieces which may never be repaired. Anger can shake or destroy a relationship in the same way.

Think about other attitudes of the heart such as anxiety, fear, worry, arguing, fretting and complaining. Consider the cost of these on your life and others. There can be difficult consequences from these behaviors. Consider the result of being hurt by a loved one and not being able to forgive. This unforgiven hurt becomes an open wound,

festering into bitterness; a burden that can last a lifetime if not acknowledged and healed.

Consider the cost of not doing something. Not addressing an addiction and seeking help causes a family to break apart like a broken vase; possibly a dysfunctional family for generations.

Consider the cost of sacrifice. Being married to a spouse who is a police person or a fire person. Every day the spouse wonders if their loved one will be in harms way protecting people in need. Imagine being married to a Naval officer who is deployed on a ship for months. Military families sacrifice a normal marriage while their spouse is serving to protect the United States.

There is a person who considered the cost and sacrificed everything. He was "all in." There is and never will be another person like Him who is the Morning Star, the Light of the World, the Bread of Life, Deliverer, Savior, the Good Shepherd and the Son of God. Jesus offers freedom to those who repent and receive Him as the Lord of Life. He changes the heart to be free of guilt, free of fear of death. There is peace of mind with a love beyond measure. With Jesus there is protection, the ability to forgive others, healing of the heart and mind, and a longing to draw near to Him. This is Spiritual journey with Jesus. And with Him there is reconciliation with God, who is all powerful, all knowing and offers life to all who seek Him.

There is a path to follow which will change

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the heart and attitudes. Too many of us suffer from unhealthy emotions and negativity. The one way to overcome is the emotional strength with Jesus. The Bible offers these enlightened Words:

Peace from anxiety, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God which transcends understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7

Help to overcome fear. "God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and mountains quake with their surging." Psalm 46:1-3

Worry too much? "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." Matthew 6:34 Faith in Jesus Christ and trust in His abiding grace, love and goodness helps us overcome worry.

Trust in someone greater than yourself, "Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart." Psalm 37:3-4



Comfort in time of distress, "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God." 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Forgiveness, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9

And why would anyone do all this for us?, A simple answer is... God is love. We are all made in His likeness. He wants to generously give us favor and honor. He calls us who are tired, weary and overly burdened offering rest for our souls. You see God is gentle, and humble in heart wanting each person to seek Him and learn from Him. He said He will counsel us and watch over us. These are His very great and precious promises for those who have accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior.

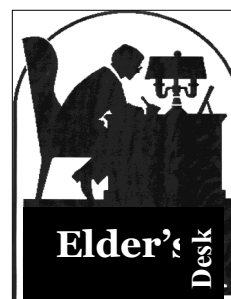
What could be better than His riches supplying the physical healing, emotional strength, spiritual love and support needed day by day!

"And my God shall supply all you need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19

Consider the cost of living a life without Jesus as your friend.

The Gospel of Jesus is for all people, to believe Jesus is the Son of God and to follow Him as Lord of Life. He is waiting for you today.

In His service,
Nona



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Sunny Place Church - June Events



ALL CHURCH WORKDAY

Saturday, June 3rd,
9:00-1:00 pm

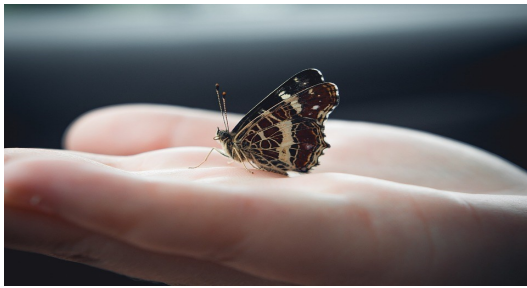
2nd Saturday Senior Luncheon



Saturday, June 10th, 11:30am
Sunny Place Church

Come be our guest for food,
great speakers and activities.

Free event for Seniors 55 & up.
Register at 630/398-2314



WORSHIP WEDNESDAY

Wednesday,
June 21st
6:00—8:30 p.m.
At the Parsonage

Ladies' LUNCHEON

At Aurelio's
Wednesday, June 28th,
11:30a.m., Addison

Please let Eva or Nona know
How many will be coming.



Adult Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.

"Faith in Action"

A study of the Book of James
Led by Pastor Pete

Sunday Worship Services, 10:45 a.m.
In-person and on Zoom

7:00 p.m.



"Pray Without Ceasing"

A study on having a life
of fervent prayer.

Led by Pastor Pete
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.

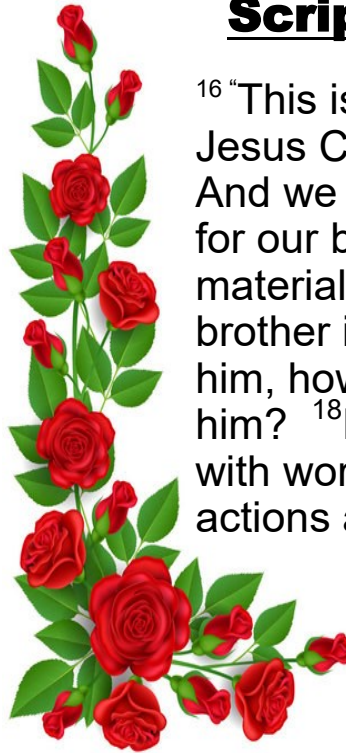
TLC

Together Loving Christ

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 Thursday's at 7:00 p.m.

Grow in the Word!



Scripture of the Month:

¹⁶ "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. ¹⁷ If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? ¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth."

1 John 3:16-18



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Connecting Families With The Love Of Christ

Elders Meeting Minutes

May 3, 2023

Attended by: Pastor Peter Weber, Phyllis Clark, Tim Kasza, Glenda Kasza

Prayer & Devotion: Romans 12:6-13

6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. 7 If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; 8 if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

9 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. 10 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. 11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. 12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. 13 Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Old & New Business:

Shepherding: There are several individuals we will follow-up on.

Heart of the Church: The general atmosphere is better. It has a more family atmosphere now.

Sunday Worship Services: Good feedback on many services overall.

Evangelism: Laundry Love: is moving forward. The focus is on the community, and the love of Christ. Now working on creating functional groups & fund-raising;

Neighborhood Canvassing: Gathering materials for distribution. Thursday class on evangelism should help in preparing for these efforts. The Beverly's visit also helpful in preparing the church to reach out.

Prayer: Evangelism efforts. That people would find their place in meeting needs, giftedness, and ministry. Hedge of protection. Etc.

Encouragement: We have had several visitors, and families attend. Hopefully we can connect with them.

Communication: Still some things to improve, but generally better.

Reports:

Ministry Teams: Stewardship Services & Support: Good turnout for Work Day: Shingles replaced - thanks Jacob & Taylor; outside gardens cleaned up, parsonage gutter repaired; lots of inside work done: cleaning, carpets; spot clean sanctuary + blinds, kitchen, etc.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 7, 2023