



# Sunnyside Light

July 2019 Newsletter

## Pastor's Paragraphs

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### Prayer in Sinking Times

Matthew 14:30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me."

I read a devotion this week that says, "Sinking times are praying times with the Lord's servants." Peter was strong in his faith, but when the scary things in life came upon him, he did not have as much faith as he thought. His recognition for dependence on the Lord came late, but it was not too late.

Often in the good times of our lives we think we have great faith. We go to church, feel we are being generous with our time and our finances and really believe we are depending on the Lord. While this might be true, all too often we realize that we had really been depending on ourselves and only giving lip service to depending on the Lord. The hard times can bring us to the point that we realize that God is truly in control and we must depend on him.

The hard times can be the opportunity that God uses in our lives to realize we need to truly cry out to Him. So let us see the hardships of health, finances, losing loved ones and other challenges not as horrors to forget, but as opportunities to grow in our relationship with Christ.

Pastor Joel Schroeder

### Events

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- July 7<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>  
VBS Decorating  
1:00p - 6:00p
- July 14-18<sup>th</sup>  
Vacation Bible School  
6:00-8:15p
- July 31<sup>st</sup>  
Hymn Sing  
6:30p

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14 And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.

1 John 5:14

## Birthdays

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4 - Allen Conner  
5 - Sharon Larson  
7 - Evan Mann  
12 - Skylar Wilson  
13 - Frank Woodman Jr.  
20 - Rhoda Myers  
24 - Bernie Mann  
29 - Bud Miner

## Anniversaries

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11 - Bud and Calie Miner  
22 - James and Marge MacIntosh  
26 - Davey and Bernie Mann  
29 - Rick and Sharon Larson

## Prayer Requests

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Pastor Joel & Bethany Schroeder  
Rhoda Myers – Prayers as the doctors make decisions  
Steve Brecheisen - Cancer  
Marilyn Huffmaster – Comfort for the family as  
Marilyn has gone to be with the Lord  
Meredith Alcorn – Her step dad recovering from cancer surgery  
Meredith Alcorn – Her grandmother’s health is failing  
Barry Farley – Comfort after the passing of his brother Steve

**Ongoing prayer concerns:** Elaine Yokum, Glennys Nichols, Marge McIntosh, Ellouise Nulik, Betty Suntheimer, Gwen White, Kris Cox, Davey Mann, Gwen Rich, Scott McNay, Jon Farley, Wes Bush

### Special Interest Missionaries & Ministries:

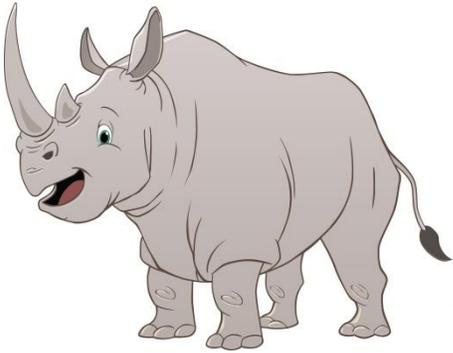
*Union Rescue Mission*  
*Rev. Gordon & LeAnne Hwang*  
*Young Lives*  
*International Mission Board*  
*Hadassah Tillotson*



Check the bulletin to find out when and where LOVES for the month of July.



# Light Bits from Sunday School



VBS RECA

Sunday July 21<sup>st</sup>

Join us 11:00am to see and  
hear all the ROARing Fun



...who will win the offering  
challenge ~ the boys? or will it be the  
girls?

...what exiting experiments will  
Professor Gadget have this year? And  
so much more! Don't miss the fun!

# Four Reasons for Pastors to Guard Their Hearts

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Jason Allen

Discouragement is not an emotion with which I am very familiar, but when a scandal comes out in the church, I feel it greatly. In fact, at times I have found myself not wanting to check social media, dreading to learn about the next scandal. When they come out, it is easy to find ourselves asking, “How could he...?”. Yet, upon sober reflection, we are reminded of how dangerous our sin nature truly is; and that Total Depravity is not just a theological point, but a malignancy within each one of us. Therefore, we must intentionally guard our hearts, and one way of doing that is to meditate on the catastrophic ruin that accompanies sexual sin.

## Our Ministry Depends Upon Our Character

The qualifications for ministry listed in I Timothy 3 are almost entirely character related, and they are binding on all who are called to ministry. First Timothy 3 is not a one-time threshold to cross; it is an ongoing accountability to God’s Word and God’s people. One can be a godly man without being a pastor, but one cannot be a faithful pastor without being a godly man.

## We Are Stewards of God’s Glory

Every church is a prism of God’s glory and every pastor is a steward of it. When a pastor falls into sin—and especially when it is uncovered—God’s glory in his church is sullied. The pastor’s scandal lands like a bombshell in the church and community. The reverberations are often never-ending, lasting decades into the future. When this happens, it is not just our name that is tarnished, but Jesus.’ Our sin impugns his name and undermines God’s glory in his church.

## We Are Stewards of Our Call

Every pastor enjoys a double call on his life: the call to both salvation and ministerial service. As Paul challenged Timothy, so we must kindle afresh the gift of God within us, and guard what he has entrusted to us. One’s call to ministry is indeed a sacred stewardship, a call we must cherish and guard. Moreover, countless people have invested in our calling. Pastors have mentored us, friends have supported us, congregations have followed us, and our families have sacrificed much for us. All of these dimensions—and much more—amplify the stewardship that is ours.

## The Price of Falling is too High to Pay

The wise pastor will soberly reflect on all the pain he will cause if he falls into sin. Imagine explaining to your children why you must resign your church. Contemplate forfeiting years of study and ministerial service in one act of indiscretion. Reflect upon your wife’s response to an act of sexual betrayal. And, most of all, remember that God’s all-seeing eye is upon you. Even if, for a season, sin is hidden from the brethren, it cannot be hidden from God.



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## Conclusion

Guarding our hearts will take more than accountability partners, Internet filters, or even pondering sin's catastrophic consequences. Ultimately, our hearts are most guarded when they are most satisfied in a person: Jesus Christ.

As C. S. Lewis famously observed, "We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased."

The heart that is best guarded is the heart most given over to Christ. May we find our true joy—and our lasting pleasure—in him.



# July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 6:30p Bible Study 7:45p Choir Practice	4	5	6
7 9:30a Sunday School 11:00a Worship Service 1:00p VBS Decor	8	9	10 6:30p Bible Study 7:45p Choir Practice	11	12	13 1:00p VBS Decor
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