

# SUNDAY LINE AND WORLD MINISTRIES



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## Sunday Line Fellowship: *Church in the Park, South Surrey, BC*



In August Sunday Line Fellowship celebrated the 1st year anniversary of their move from Pastor Roman and Pat's home to the Sunnyside Community Hall. Located in the scenic Bakerview Park of South Surrey, BC, the gathering readily adopted the name "Church in the Park."

Worship, prayer and preaching of the Word are an integral part of each Sunday service along with an emphasis on missions. Sunday Line Fellowship's

vision is to raise an awareness of the children's ministries which we support as well as to raise up a new generation of donors to support these ministries in future years. Financial contributions from the Fellowship are regularly given towards the support of our Sunday Line mission partners in India, Uganda, Manila, and locally here to meet the needs of the at-risk children and families of Surrey.

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# GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Key Scripture: Psalm 118: 28-29

*“You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God, and I will exalt you. Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever.”*

This is time of the year that we stop to reflect upon the goodness of God’s provision for our lives. The fall harvest is a sign of God’s continuing faithfulness to provide the sun and the rain in due season to nourish the ground which provides the produce to sustain both animal and mankind’s life on this planet.

The Psalmist begins this Psalm the same way he closes it, by giving thanks to the LORD. In the Jewish mindset their attitude in life was to give God thanks for everything in life, no matter how small it might seem; he would give thanks to God, because every facet of life is sustained by God’s provision.

Wouldn’t that be a great attitude to have: to be able to give thanks for everything, during the good times as well as the bad, knowing that God will never let us experience more than we can handle.

I know we can all give a testimony on how God has shown His faithfulness when we have experienced some bad times. When reflecting back we can see how God worked out the problem for us, by being there. He said he

would never leave us nor forsake us, and that is a promise we can take to the bank. I know for Pat and I, we have seen God’s sustaining hand and I guess that comes with age and experience, which is one of life’s virtues.

This month let us make an extra special effort to give thanks. Not just asking, but actually thanking God by our acts of giving, knowing that God knows our every need even before we ask, and thanking Him, because He is in full control of every situation.

In the Old Testament there were three areas of thanksgiving by the children of Israel:

**1. Sacrifices to God:** The Jews gave their best to God in thanksgiving, dedication, intercession, praise, worship, homage as well as in repentance of sin, and pleas of forgiveness.

**2. Peace Offerings:** Known as *SELAMIM* or *SALOM* of which there were three types:

*i. Toda:* “Thanksgiving offering” for an unexpected blessing.

*ii. Neder:* “Vowed offering” when deliverance has been received after a vow has been made.

*iii. Nedaba:* “Freewill offerings” which were general thanksgivings which were given over and above the tithe. Freewill offerings were to be given willingly. Exodus 35:1-29 and 36:2-7 describes how the people willingly gave offerings toward the construction of the tabernacle. In the first temple built by Solomon, the Book of Chronicles 29:9 records that the people rejoiced... because all who gave, had given willingly, for with a

whole heart they offered freely to the Lord. This pattern was also followed in the building of the second temple recorded in the books of Ezra and Nehemiah.

**3. Tithes and giving to the poor:** Tithes were given in addition to sacrifices and peace offerings. The Bible speaks of the tithe belonging to God. Leviticus 27:30 states: **“A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD”.**

In addition the Jews were also instructed to give freely to the poor.

Isaiah 58:6-11 records the incredible blessings which God bestows upon those who share their bread with the hungry and the homeless poor: **“Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?**

**Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard. Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I. If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.**

**The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like**

**a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.”**

Please note the powerful promises from God which all begin with the word “then” which follow as a result of what happens when we give to the poor. Verse 8 tells us that our healing will appear quickly; verse 9 tells us that when we call, the Lord will answer us. Look again at the four powerful promises recorded alone in verse 11: God promises to always guide us, and to always satisfy our needs, and to infuse our bodies with strength and that our bodies we will be like a garden that is well nurtured and cared for, whose supply will never end.

Wow! What wonderful promises God has given when we give out of a heart of thanking God for His goodness toward us.

During this season of Thanksgiving we also want to give thanks to God for all of our wonderful donors who give so sacrificially each and every month to the ministry of Sunday Line. It gives us the greatest joy every time we forward your donations to the ministries that we support, knowing that this work is truly doing what God wants His people to do. There is no greater blessing than knowing we have helped some poor and desolate child who otherwise would never have experienced what the love of God is all about.

***May God richly pour out His blessings upon you and your loved ones during this festive month and may you have a wonderfully blessed Thanksgiving.***

***Blessings in Christ,***

***Pastor Roman  
& Pat Kozak***



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Working together, sharing meals and involvement in outreach and special activities brings significance as we aim to make a difference in our community. In July more than 90 people gathered to enjoy Pat's annual Victorian Tea. Her homemade scones, dainty sandwiches and sweets with tea and coffee served in exquisite cups of fine China make this a treasured event each year.

## 1st Anniversary Celebration: Bath Tub Baptism

In the warmth of the August sun and in the scenic setting of God's creation, Debora declared her commitment to Jesus as Lord of her life as she was baptized in water. As one who formerly practiced witchcraft, she is now seeing her life transformed with new purpose and significance.



## Great Commission Media: Russian Update

Jesus said, "As long as the day is, we need to do his work... the night is coming when no one can work." The "day" in Russia may be short. The Russian press is plaguing the evangelizing church. They have been harassed, had worship services disrupted and some have been shut down. GCM has been told that the day may come when they will no longer be able to print Christian literature. In light of this, they are responding to the request from churches to supply 5 million booklets called "Experience the Power to Change." In the winter of 2013 Russian pastors reported that 1 million people prayed the prayer of salvation when they received the book and spoke with church volunteers across Russia.



## "Redemption and Lift"

When people are reached with the gospel, change occurs not only spiritually but in maturity of character and life-style as biblical values are understood. Finances are no longer squandered on alcohol or drugs. Fathers begin to provide and buy food, shoes and clothing so their children can go to school. Families stay together so fewer children are left to fend for themselves and end up, as many have, in the Russian prison system because of a life of petty crime. Over 20,000 children suffer in the prison camps. They have little or no hope of becoming healthy, stable citizens of society, unless God intervenes. GCM works with local churches and is able to supply food and clothing for the children and bring them a message of the "Power to Change" so the trajectory of their lives can be forever altered.

