

# Christian



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## From the PASTOR'S DESK

### Celebrate Your Liberty!

As we celebrate July 4<sup>th</sup> as the American Independence Day, we have so much to be thankful for in this blessed nation. 1776 was the year that our founding fathers risked all to break away from the tyranny of King George. The origin of the 21 gun salute is from this year of freedom: 1 + 7 + 7 + 6 = 21. We may take for granted the freedoms so many yet today yearn for in this world. The Iraqi people are embracing what is novel to them, freedom from tyranny and a desire to break the shackles of terror so that they might live in peace. Those who live behind the Great Wall of China yearn to be free, to dissent, to have freedom of speech and the right to protest without fear of being gunned down by army tanks. The women of Saudi Arabia would give anything to enjoy the liberty and stature that the ladies of America enjoy. Imagine

“A zealous soul without meekness is like a ship in a storm, in danger of wrecks. A meek soul without zeal is like a ship in a calm, that moves not so fast as it ought.”

—James M. Mason

how those trapped in the time warp that is Castro's Cuba long for the liberty and justice that is only 90 miles to their north. God bless America!

Though our founding fathers and government have granted us freedoms, rights and protections under our Constitution and Bill of Rights, there are freedoms and liberties that only the true author of freedom and liberty, God Himself, may grant. These freedoms did not come cheaply; they were purchased by the blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. *Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.* John 8:36

Freedom from fear.  
*For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.* 2 Tim 1:7

### Special points of interest:

- *The freedoms we enjoy*
- *Spirited service*

*Our sermons broadcast on  
KGRO Radio 9:05 AM Sunday.  
www.pan-tex.net*

*Our Home Page:  
www.christianchurchofgod.org*

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# I hear by the Grape



next PPW meeting.

Joe Kirkpatrick has passed his New Mexico state exam for: EMS-Basic (Emergency Medical Services-Basic) for the Arch, NM Volunteer Fire Dept. He is a volunteer fireman for Arch, NM.

Jerry McClenagan has been honored with Panhandle Profession Writers 2006 Service Award by a unanimous vote. He and well-published local author Jennifer Archer will be given further recognition at the

Recent information has come to the editor's attention about a website to check whether certain e-mail information is a hoax. I received this from a writing peer: ". . . www.snopes.com can enable you to find out if the e-mail you receive is a hoax or not. This particular one — supposedly about Dr. Dobson and CBS — is a hoax." They included a sample of the report.

## Peanuts for Life Peanuts for Life

Snoopy, I think you know by now that I sometimes can't get motivated . . . whether it's on the ball field or getting food in your dish. I need spirit, determination, chutzpah.

What does that mean? you're asking. Well, I need more gumption, more gall.

You, on the other hand, show a lot of spirit. You've got heart, pal! Mettle! At least when it comes to grabbing Linus' security blanket. (Giggles and tail wagging.) And you've got more spirit on the ball field than all the players put together.

But don't let it go to your head (pats his head), because you get too carried away sometimes.

That's the way it is with Christians, too. Too little spirit, then an over-abundance of gumption at other times. Balance, Snoopy, balance.

I think I'd rather have more of your spirit — a little more dancing and barking and running around. A little more imagination and creativity. I'm on the dull side, but you seem animated . . . well, most of the time. But I guess a dog needs his naps, too.

Anyway, friend, here's to spirit. Without it this world stops on its axis.

—JDM, with apologies to Schultz.



*Luke 19:37*

*Right at the crest, where  
Mount Olives begins its descent,  
the whole crowd of disciples burst  
into enthusiastic praise over all  
the mighty works they had wit-  
nessed:*

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** "... The prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise him up; ... Pray for one another that you may be healed." — James 5:15-16.



- Sheri Bartlett:** Julia McKinney's daughter, having serious health problems.
- Eric Booth:** Jeff's brother, diagnosed with prostate cancer.
- Sandy Booth:** Sister-in-law of Jeff. The ovarian cancer has recurred.
- Amber & Dylan Clark:** Grandchildren of Betty Clark, cerebral palsy.
- Betty Clark:** She has shingles.
- Vickie Crevoi:** Sister of Linda Booth, chronic progressive MS.
- DeAnne DeLuna:** Larry Lyles' stepdaughter, breast cancer. She will undergo surgery this week, followed by chemo.
- Velvet Green:** Gary's wife, schizophrenia.
- Randy Gnessett:** Friend of Candace Sellers has received a lung transplant. He is still in guarded condition.
- Jeffrey Hertz:** Brother of Ruth Wertz, bladder cancer.
- Anna Law:** Lupus & kidney failure.
- Dollie Meil:** Cerebral palsy. She is growing weak.
- Glenda Rankin:** Niece of Rudolph, Hodgkin's lymphoma. She is still undergoing more chemo so she might be strong enough for stem cell transplant.
- Ted Rankin:** Undergoing physical therapy, following back surgery. Some improvement, but still in considerable pain.
- Brenda Roberts:** Josh Sursa's mother-in-law has colon cancer.
- Kathryn Scott:** Friend of the Baileys; severe MS, losing use of arms and swallowing ability.
- Beverly Wertz:** Juvenile arthritis now reoccurring in knees, hips, wrist and shoulders.

Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn

### CELEBRATIONS

**Birthdays:**

Teresa Cryer	7-10
Jo Beth Vines	7-10
Shannon Stephens	7-16
Larry Lyles	7-22
Julie Ford	7-23
Gary Green	7-27

**Anniversaries:**

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Lyles 7-6

### I like the word

*'gumption' . . . It's an old Scottish word . . . A person filled with gumption doesn't sit around dissipating and stewing about things. He's at the front of the train of his own awareness, watching to see what's up the track and meeting it when it comes.*



# Christian Church of God

PRAISE THE  
LORD. PRAISE  
GOD IN HIS SANCTUARY;



PRAISE HIM IN HIS  
MIGHTY HEAVENS.  
PSALM 150:1

"The church is not a gallery for the exhibition of eminent Christians, but a school for the education of imperfect ones." —Henry Ward Beecher

"For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." —

Jesus, Matthew 18:20

"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." —Hebrews 10:25

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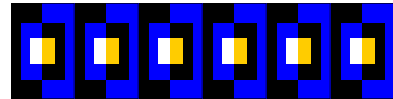
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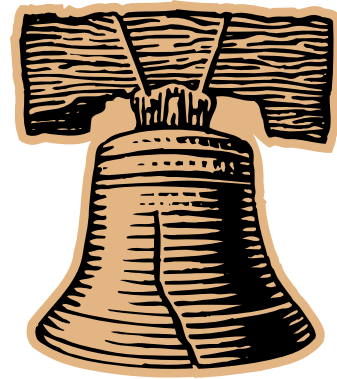
WITH SPIRIT

A CHEERFUL DISPOSITION IS GOOD FOR YOUR HEALTH;  
GLOOM AND DOOM LEAVE YOU BONE-TIRED.  
—PROVERBS 17:22, *THE MESSAGE*

# chuckles



From the PASTOR'S DESK



Freedom from the bondage of sin.  
*... knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. For he who has died has been freed from sin. Rom 6:6-7 And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. Rom 6:18*

Freedom from corruption.  
*For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. Rom 8:20-22*

Freedom from condemnation.  
*There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. Rom 8:1*

Freedom from the fear of death.  
*...through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. Heb 2:14-15*

Freedom from death itself.  
*For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Rom 6:20-23*

We are free... free to serve God...free to serve our fellow man...free to serve righteousness....free to eternity!

In Service is Liberty,  
*Jeff Booth*

## Let Freedom Ring

Not long it seems  
those cherished liberties  
of ours remain  
as we with trepidation  
watch the changes  
wondering if or when  
the rattle of the shackles will impede  
the feet shod with gospel's

peace

Peeling bells of freedom  
receding long since  
leaving hollow sounds dim in distant memory

Is somehow that cracked bell  
exploding in a final burst of  
freedom lost

Can we evade the death knell  
of our nation

if we remove its founding stones  
Are we to think in moments of delusion  
our God in whom we trusted  
ignores our mocking of his laws

How long does freedom ring  
Can we sit idly by  
while captivity of our souls is apt  
Must we with glibness  
so aloof and callous  
hold up our flags of white surrender  
prisoners of men unprincipled