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Hello Friends,  
Here we are celebrating the Fall Festival season and I thought I'd take a moment to mention why we as Christians under grace should be taking note of the Ancient Biblical Holy Days. We have just celebrated the Day of Atonement & the Festival of Trumpets, now the Festival of Tabernacles us upon us.

We can see that God has communicated His saving knowledge through instruction and reasoning, but we should also see how He communicates His message of salvation through symbolic representations. Symbolic representation, known as "types," is found in scriptures and the study of these types is called "typology." Old Testament institutions, events, ceremonies, objects, or persons are types that

God specifically designed to serve as predictive prefiguration (types) of His saving grace and power yet to be revealed. For more on this typological study on the Festivals, you may want to read Dr. Samuele Bacchiocchi's 2 volumes of God's Festivals in Scripture and History. Here are a few examples of an Old Testament person, event, or ceremony identified in the New Testament explicitly as a "type."

1. Israel's wilderness experience serves as a type of the Christian's walk in the world. (1 Cor. 10:6).
2. The 1<sup>st</sup> Adam is a type of Christ, the second Adam "who was to come" (Rom 5:14).
3. The salvation of Noah and his family through the flood points to its antitype

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"You have made known to me the path of life;  
you will fill me with joy in your presence,  
with eternal pleasures at your right hand." —Psalm 16:11



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Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens. —Psalm 150:1

Church is a gift from God. Some assembly required.  
(Don't forget to read the Instructions.)



I rejoiced with those who said to me,  
"Let us go to the house of the LORD." — Psalm 122:1

YOU ARE WELCOME TO MEET WITH US EACH SATURDAY:  
11 A.M. Christian Education / 11:45 A.M. Worship Service  
801 QUAIL CREEK DRIVE



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Our Home Page: [www.christianchurchofgod.org](http://www.christianchurchofgod.org)

# His Powerful Word

God means what He says. What He says goes. His powerful Word is sharp as a surgeon's scalpel, cutting through everything, whether doubt or defense, laying us open to listen and obey.

~ Hebrews 4:12, The Message

God is the source of the Bible. The Bible is not a collection of stories, fables, myths, or merely human ideas about God. It is not a mere human book. Through the Holy Spirit, God revealed his person and plan to certain believers, who wrote down his message for his people (2 Peter 1:20-21). This process is known as inspiration. The writers wrote from their own personal, historical, and cultural contexts. Although they used their own mind, talents, language, and style, they wrote what God wanted them to write. Scripture is completely trustworthy because God was in control of its writing. Its words are entirely authoritative for our faith and lives. The Bible is "God-breathed." (2 Tim. 3:16). Read it, and use it to guide your conduct.

"I am but a foreigner here on earth; I need the guidance of your commands. Don't hide them from me!" (Psalm 119:19)

The Bible is a map to guide us. The psalmist says that he is a "foreigner here on earth," and so he needed guidance.

Almost any long trip requires a map or guide. As we travel through life, the Bible should be our road map, pointing out safe routes, obstacles to avoid, and our final destination. We must recognize ourselves as pilgrims, travelers here on earth who need to study God's map to learn the way. If we ignore the map, we will wander aimlessly through life and risk missing our real destination.

"It is God's way of preparing us in every way, fully equipped for every good thing God wants us to do." (2 Tim. 3:17)

The Bible is basic equipment. In our zeal for the truth of Scripture, we must never forget its purpose—to equip us to do good. We should not study God's Word simply to increase our knowledge or to prepare us to win arguments. We should study the Bible so that we will know how to do Christ's work in the world. Our knowledge of God's Word is not useful unless it strengthens our faith and leads us to good works.

—Handbook of Bible Application

## Charles Haddon Spurgeon

"Happy art thou, O Israel;  
who is like unto thee, O  
people saved by the Lord!"  
[Deuteronomy 33:29](#)

He who affirms that Christianity makes men miserable, is himself an utter stranger to it. It were strange indeed, if it made us wretched, for see *to what a position it exalts us!* It makes us sons of God. Suppose you that God will give all the happiness to His enemies, and reserve all the mourning for His own family? Shall His foes have mirth and joy, and shall His home-born children inherit sorrow and wretchedness? Shall the sinner, who has no part in Christ, call himself rich in happiness, and shall we go mourning as if we were penniless beggars? No, we will rejoice in the Lord always, and glory in our inheritance, for we "have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but we have received the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father." The rod of chastisement must rest upon us in our measure, but it worketh for us the comfortable fruits of righteousness; and therefore by the aid of the divine Comforter, we, the "people saved of the Lord," will joy in the God of our salvation. We are married unto Christ; and shall our great Bridegroom permit His spouse to linger in constant

grief? Our hearts are knit unto Him: we are His members, and though for awhile we may suffer as our Head once suffered, yet we are even now blessed with heavenly blessings in Him. We have the earnest of our inheritance in the comforts of the Spirit, which are neither few nor small. Heritors of joy for ever, we have foretastes of our portion. There are streaks of the light of joy to herald our eternal sunrising. Our riches are beyond the sea; our city with firm foundations lies on the other side the river; gleams of glory from the spirit-world cheer our hearts, and urge us onward. Truly is it said of us, "Happy art thou, O Israel; who is like unto thee, O people saved by the Lord?"

—Morning and Evening



**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: Serious health problems. Julie McKinney's daughter.**

**C. D. McKinney: Heart arrhythmia. Julie's husband.**

**Sandy Booth: Ovarian cancer. Jeff Booth's sister-in-law.**

**Amber and Dylan Clark: Cerebral Palsy. Betty Clark's grandchildren.**

**Vickie Crevoji: Chronic Progressive MS. Linda Booth's sister.**

**Vic Shaklee: Broken pelvis plus surgery; home recuperating. Linda's father.**

**DeAnne DeLuna: Breast Cancer. Larry Lyles' stepdaughter.**

**Velvet Green: Schizophrenia. Gary's wife.**

**Randy Gnessett: Lung transplant. Friend of Candace Sellers.**

**Anna Law: Lupus and kidney failure.**

**Dollie Meil: Cerebral Palsy.**

**Glenda Rankin: Hodgkins Lymphoma. Rudolph Rankin's niece.**

**Ted Rankin: Back surgery, now in therapy, but ongoing vision problems. Rudolph's son.**

**Kathryn Scott: MS, critical stage. Friend of the Baileys.**

**Emma Searl (less than one year old): Spina Befida, staph infection.**

**IF YOU HAVE UPDATES OR NEW REQUESTS PLEASE INFORM THE EDITOR.**

Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Rom. 12:15.

### Splendor

and majesty are before him; strength and joy in his dwelling place.

~ 1 Chronicles 16:27



# I hear by the Grapevine

4 The Kirkpatricks and McClenagans will fellowship with the Wertz's and church friends in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania during the Feast of Tabernacles, hosted by the Church of God, pastors Bruce Chesney and Bob Wertz.

Amarillo Tri-State Fair still tries to follow the traditional purpose of such fairs — the judging of cattle, sheep, canned goods, baked goodies, arts and crafts, and quilts. Our own Martha McClenagan, whose fingers bring a piano to life, has also used those nimble fingers to garner some more awards for her quilts: four blue ribbons and one red!

We hope you're as excited as we are about our

newsletter **Premier Full-Color** with its new design and format!

## CELEBRATIONS

### Birthdays:

Tiffany Pollack	10/4
Patricia Hamilton	10/9
Julia McKinney	10/11
Jason Kirkpatrick	10/24

### Anniversaries:

Merle & Joe Beth Vines	10/5
J.R. & Norma Hamilton	10/12



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### EDITORIAL

I suppose I could tolerate more than fifteen minutes of media news if it weren't for the blame game. All of the name calling and haranguing is like trying to drive in a heavy fog: you shouldn't drive any faster — you might run into someone going slow, or even stopped; you can't stop or someone might run into you. What a game politicians and pundits play!

Even worse, many of them play the game without genuine concern for the security of our nation or the support of our values and freedom. They are wrapped up in their own garb of selfishness and personal agendas. And probably have a book to sell.

Hard to disagree with Paul: "evil men and seducers shall grow worse." — 2 Timothy 3:13 The Message has it, "Unscrupulous con men will continue to exploit the faith. They're as deceived as the people they lead astray. As long as they are out there, things can only get worse." Of course his topic is preachers; but the principle applies: "unscrupulous con men will continue to exploit" the innocent, the naïve, the gullible, the unsuspecting. We experience it over and over again. They rob our joy and stifle our enthusiasm for life.

So, Charlie, maybe we shouldn't blame it on society. But I must admit, the disease is catching: I'm tempted to blame those who play the blame game!

~ JDM

# Announcements

Rejoice in  
the Festivals  
of God!

## FEAST OF TABERNACLES

You are invited to join us for a weekend Festival of Tabernacles retreat in Angel Fire, New Mexico, October 6th through 9th. We will be staying at the Bison Lodge on Aspen Street next to the Ski Slopes. We will have a study discussion on the book of Revelation Saturday and Sunday mornings at 10 A. M. Meals, get-togethers and activities will further enhance our fellowship time. The phone number there is 505-377-6805.

Pastor Jeff Booth

The total charges are \$1,200. A deposit of \$675.37 has been made. The transaction has been made by Pastor Booth through Resort Properties of Angel Fire, at the Gold Creek Condos on Aspen Street. 505-377-2312.

DIRECTIONS from Hwy 434, N. Exit Angel Fire Rd., go east to El Camino Real, south to Aspen. From S. Angel Fire Rd, NE to Aspen, east on Aspen.

THE LAST GREAT DAY will be in Amarillo at the Christian Church of God.  
Classes 11 A. M./ Service 11:45 A. M.

## Hymns for Him Hymns for Him

Sing songs from your heart to Christ. Sing praises over everything, any excuse for a song to God the Father in the name of our Master, Jesus Christ. ~ Ephesians 5:19-20, Msg.

Our theme of JOY for this issue is highlighted by this old hymn: JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE, was written by Henry van Dyke in 1907. Born in 1852, Henry had a varied life: pastor of a church, professor of English literature at Princeton, American Ambassador to the Netherlands and Luxembourg, Lt. Commander in the U. S. Navy Chaplain Corps during WWI, Commander of the Legion of Honor, President of the National Institute of Arts and Letters,

He handed a piece of paper to the president of Williams College where he was fulfilling an invitation to preach. He said, "Here is a hymn for you. Your mountains [the Berkshires of Massachusetts] were my inspiration. It must be sung to Beethoven's 'Hymn of Joy.'"

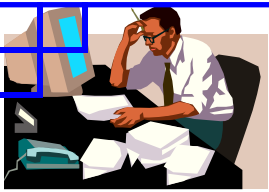
Later, he added, "These verses are simple expressions of common Christian feelings and desires in this present time—hymns of today that may be sung together by people who know the thoughts of the age, and are not afraid that any truth of science will destroy religion, or any revolution on earth will

overthrow the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, this is a hymn of trust and joy and hope."

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,  
Opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
Drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,  
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays;  
Stars and angels sing around Thee,  
Center of unbroken praise'  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blest;  
Wellspring of the joy of living,  
Ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,  
All who live in love are Thine;  
Teach us how to love each other,  
Lift us in the joy divine. [vs. 1, 2, 3]



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the Christian baptism (1 Pet 3:21).

- 4. The priesthood and sacrifices of the sanctuary are a "shadow" and "type" of Christ's sacrifice and heavenly ministry (Heb 8:5).

The annual festivals of ancient Israel serve a typological function by the use of their themes to depict the unfolding of salvation history. The sacrifice of the Passover lamb is seen in the New Testa-

ment as a type of the sacrifice of Christ, our Paschal Lamb (1 Cor. 5:7). The Festival of Pentecost celebrated fifty days after Passover was once the celebration of the grain harvest ingathering and is now seen as a type of the ingathering of God's peo-



ple, consisting of "all that are far off, every one whom the Lord our God calls to him" (Acts 2:39). And it was indeed on the Day of Pentecost that the Holy Spirit came as the promised "Comforter" & the New Testament Church was thereby established (Acts 2:1-4).

The Festival of Trumpets points to that day when "...the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be

with the Lord. "(1 Thess 4:16-17). The Day of Atonement illuminates God's saving grace through the atonement made by our Savior (Rom. 5:11). The Festival of Tabernacles points us to that time of hope's consummation when God will "tabernacle" with man in the Kingdom (Rev. 21:1-4)

The Spring and Fall Festivals of ancient Israel were more than mere ceremonies designed to meet the immediate religious needs of the Church in the Wilderness. They were divinely designed prefigurations (types) of the divinely designed plan of salvation. The Spring Festivals of Passover, Unleavened Bread, and Pentecost typify the inauguration of

Christ's redemptive ministry and the Fall Festivals of Trumpets, Atonement, and Tabernacles represent the consummation of His redemptive ministry. From Passover, the Festival of Redemption, on to Tabernacles, the Festival of the ultimate restoration of the new earth.

Through the typology found in these Holy Days, God takes us out of darkness to light, teaching us of the redemptive ministry of Jesus Christ divinely ordained from inauguration to final consummation.

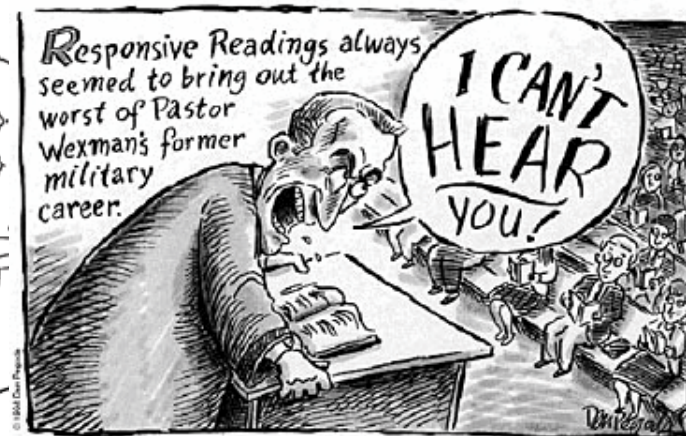
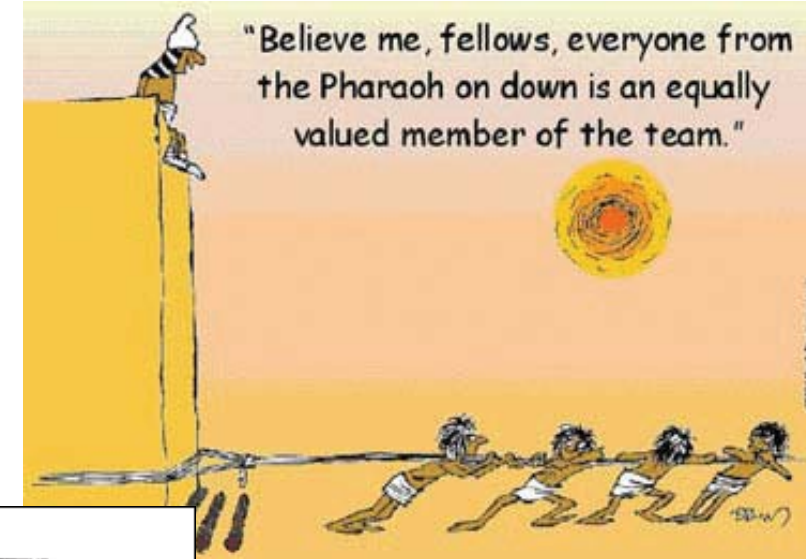
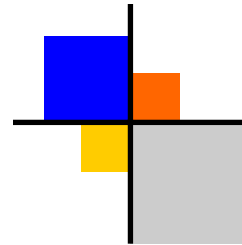
God is Great & Grace is Good!

Jeff Booth

# chuckles

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A cheerful disposition is good for your health;  
gloom and doom leave you bone-tired.



"According to my horoscope, this is a good week to preach against false doctrines."