

Christian Church of God Newsletter



The Pastor's Pen

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Hello My Brothers & Sisters in the Lord,

What year of milestones... not millstones.... for Linda and me. June 1st we celebrate our 35th wedding anniversary. This too is the 25th year anniversary for our business and the Christian Church of God.

Linda and I just returned from our Mediterranean cruise celebrating this event. We sailed the Adriatic, Aegean, Ionian and Mediterranean on our journey, which followed some of the same sailing journeys of the Apostle Paul. We were oft reminded and quite moved by walking where Paul walked and touching what Paul touched.

In Rhodes, Greece, we visited Lindos and viewed the beautiful harbor where Paul took refuge.

While in Athens, Greece, we toured the Acropolis and Parthenon. Scaling the steep walkway to the mountaintop,

we stopped at the Areopagus, a hill where the supreme court of justice was held; one of the most sacred and reputable courts that had ever existed in the Gentile world. It was also called Mars Hill, the spot where Paul confronted the philosophers of Athens going up and down the hill to the Temple of Minerva. The Temple was built by the Greeks in worship of their goddess Athena, but the Romans admired the structure too much to destroy it upon conquering the Greeks, so they re-dedicated it to their goddess, Minerva. Paul upbraided them for their idol worship and maintained that the "Unknown God," whose altar Paul had observed along the way, was the God they knew not, the true God, Lord of heaven and earth. Some men joined him and believed, among them Dionysius the Areopagite, a woman named Damaris, and others with them. (Acts 17:22-33)

While in port at Kusadasi, Turkey, we traveled to and toured the |cont. insert>

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Special points of interest:

- Church Anniversary
- Pastor's Class
- Anniversary Celebration
- Our sermons broadcast on KGRO Radio 9:05 AM Sunday. www.pan-tex.net

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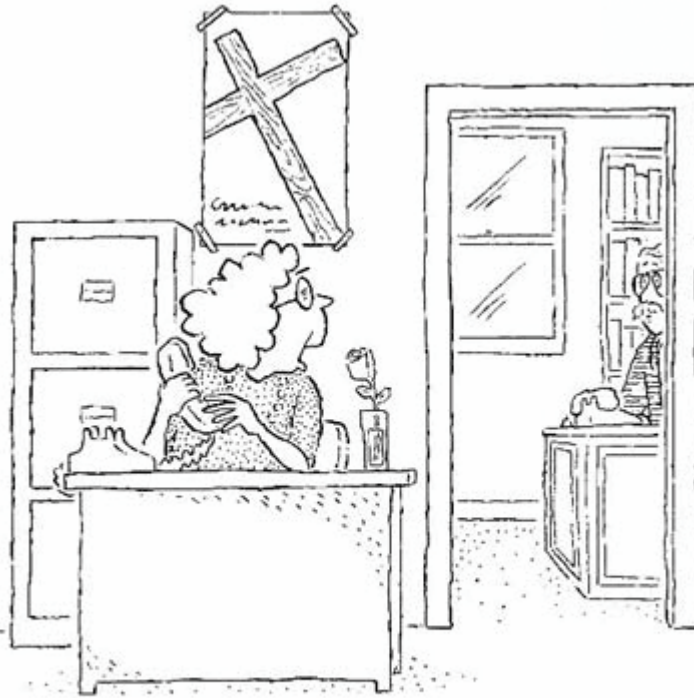
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G I hear by the Grapevine



Dear Friends in Christ,
 We are sorry that you won't be hosting a Feast this year. We always enjoyed getting together with you all at the Feast. Our son, Zach, that was born during your first FOT in Colorado Springs, will be graduating from Friends University on May 14. How time flies, huh. Hope everything is well.
 In His Name,
 Chet Jones.



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"A man from 'Ripley's Believe It or Not!' want a picture of someone on fire for the Lord."

On the Lighter Side

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.



- Amber & Dylan Clark:** Grandchildren of Betty Clark, cerebral palsy.
- Vickie Crevoi:** Sister of Linda Booth, Chronic Progressive MS.
- Dan Copenhaver:** Brother of Betty Clark, disabled, chronic pain.
- Lea Cryer:** Underwent surgery for removal of malignant colon tumor.
- Nell Foster:** Friend of Betty Clark, in nursing home suffering from dementia and cancer..
- Velvet Green:** Gary's wife, schizophrenia.
- Randy Gnessett:** Friend of Candace Seller, pulmonary hypertension, improved but still awaiting a lung transplant.
- Carrie McClenan:** Awaiting kidney transplant.
- Judy McKinney:** Completed radiation treatments; pray for complete recovery.
- Brian McDaniels:** Friend of Steve & Teresa Cryer, suffering from emphysema; awaiting a lung transplant.
- Dollie Meil:** Cerebral palsy.
- Ralph Moore:** Uncle of Francis Carlson, colon cancer; much improved.
- Patton Pugh:** Grandson of Bonnie Cryer, lungs & bones not fully developed.; suspect hormone problem.
- Ted Rankin:** 6 herniated disks; is in extreme pain. Also diagnosed with MS.
- Kathryn Scott:** Friend of the Baileys; severe MS, losing use of arms and swallowing ability.
- Katie Warnecke:** Friend of Shannon Stephen's family, Hodgkins Lymphoma - she is 12 years old.
- Bob Wertz:** Achalasia, a disorder of the esophagus.
- Rickey Wright:** Tracie Strahan's cousin, has suffered a stroke.
- Sandy Booth:** Ovarian cancer has returned; undergoing chemo.

Pastor's Class

Continues each Sabbath at 10:45 a. m.

Jesus: Man or God?

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

CELEBRATIONS

June

Birthdays:

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| James Bailey | 6-2 |
| Henry Sellers | 6-10 |
| Zack Lujan | 6-24 |
| Bill Dufur | 6-30 |

Anniversaries:

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| Jeff & Linda Booth | 6-1 |
| Ken & JoAn Westby | 6-1 |

CONVENIENT MOTELS FOR OUR VISITORS

Located on I-40
Between Bell & Coulter
{Church is at 801 Quail Creek Drive, midway
between Bell & Coulter,
north of 9th}

Rates are basic weekend charge. Most give
10% discount for AAA & AARP:

- Fairfield Inn of Marriott, 6600 I-40 West, 806/351-0172 / \$80+tax
- Motel 6, 6030 I-40 West, 806/359-7651 / \$50+tax for two, 17 under in same room free.
- Quality Inn & Suites, 6800 I-40 West, 806/358-7943 / \$90+tax

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Praise the LORD.

Praise God in his
sanctuary;

praise him in his
mighty heavens.

PS 150:1



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The Harvest
of Pentecost

A Bumper Crop



“He who gathers crops in summer is a wise son, but he who sleeps during harvest is a disgraceful son.” ~Proverbs 10:5.

The long drive from Amarillo, Texas to Enterprise, Alabama provided my wife and I a vista of wild flowers from brilliant violet to dazzling yellow-gold. The panorama of trees evolved with each segment of the trip as we drove through Louisiana into Mississippi, across the great River, and into Alabama.

The fields of wheat captivated our attention as well, particularly on the return trip. For the chameleon-like change from green to hints of yellow-orange on the first leg of the trip were strikingly different in just a few days. Now the waves of swaying crops were a mix of okra green and bronze. The ripening harvest, waiting for the warmer sun of June, struck a strong nostalgic chord in this long-ago farm kid.

Having grown up on a dry-land (as opposed to irrigated) farm in the Oklahoma Panhandle, my memories were of sparse crops for the most part. Yet, etched forever in the hard drive of my mind, is the memory of the few times we had an abundant crop of wheat. Work. Oh how we worked. Combines. Trucks. Elevators. And back-breaking shoveling.

But with it came the joy. The joy of a good harvest.

With this reminiscing I had to ask myself, How about the harvest of my life?

How many crop failures? How many times have I known the joy of the Spirit's harvest?

“The Spirit . . . brings a harvest of love, joy, peace; forbearance, kindness, benevolence; good faith, meekness, self-restraint.” (Gal. 5:22-23, Weymouth.)

The very nature of farming requires patience and perseverance. In the next chapter, Paul states: “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” (6:9, NIV.)

As our initial Scripture states, “He who gathers crops in summer is a wise son, but he who sleeps during harvest is a disgraceful son.”

You've sown. You've fought the weeds. You've endured the storms.

Now it is time to reap the harvest!

Don't give up now! God in heaven, as “Sunshine in the soul,” is beaming down on your life. The changes are subtle and slow, but the harvest is on the way! The wonderful, exciting bumper crop is nearly yours!

~ JDM





The Pastor's Pen continued

ancient city of Ephesus and as we walked about the amphitheater there we thought of the riot provoked by Demetrius, a silversmith who merchandised in idols of the Ephesian goddess of Diana. As they gathered and chanted, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians" there in the amphitheater, it was only thanks to intervention of Alexander that the mob was restrained from killing Gaius, Aristarchus and Paul. (Acts 19:21-41)

Finally, we sailed to Malta and as we took in the beauty of this "rock in the sea", we thought of Paul's shipwreck enroute to his hearing before Caesar and imprisonment in Rome. The story is still told of the hospitality of the natives and God's preservation from the deadly bite of a viper that crawled out from the firewood used to warm Paul and the ship's survivors. The superstitious natives went from believing Paul was a murderer that the gods had sent to kill, to trying to worship Paul as a god when he showed to be impervious to the deadly viper. (Acts 27:13- 28:10) Paul seized the opportunity to bring Christ to the Maltese.

Paul spoke lovingly and fondly to the churches he visited and wrote letters to.

We celebrate our church's 25th anniversary on Pentecost, June 12th. Calvin Burrell, editor of the Bible Advocate magazine and Director of Ministerial Training for the Church of God Seventh Day, is coming down from Denver and will be our guest speaker. We will have some special surprises for our children and all of us can enjoy the "Chuck Wagon" steak dinner following services.

As Pastor, lo these many years, I've been reflecting on the high points and low points and would like to echo the words of Paul as he concluded his epistle to the church at Corinth...

2 Cor 13: 11 Finally.... Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

*12 Greet one another with a holy kiss.
14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen. (NKJV)*

Well done you good and faithful servants!

In The Service of Our Lord

Jeff Booth



Planning Meeting

There will be a final 25th

Anniversary Celebration

planning meeting

following services June 4th

25th Anniversary

Celebration

Sabbath, June 11th

Classes at 10:45 a.m.

Worship Services at 11:45 a.m.

Pentecost, June 12th

Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

Worship Services at 11:30 a.m.

Guest Speaker:

Calvin Burrell

Chuck Wagon Steak Dinner

Following Services.

