

Christian Church of God Newsletter



The Pastor's Pen



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Happy Thanksgiving!

This is the month when we in America set aside a Day of Thanksgiving and we do indeed have so much to be grateful for in this most blessed nation. Sometimes, I think we are so blessed that we just take for granted the bounty of incredible gifts we enjoy.

Just one of the blessings is living in this free land. November 2nd we will choose our next President, the leader of the Free World.

What an awesome responsibility befalls the citizens of this great land!

I urge each and every one of you to pray about the ballot you will cast and remind you that as Christians, we must follow our conscience and vote for the candidate most likely to lead America righteously and justly. These are frightful & significant times in which we live.

I believe that the war declared upon us by Islama-Fascists places us at one of those touchstone moments

in history. Shall America stand tall and remain the home of the free and the land of the brave, or shall we shrink in cowardice and assure our children and our children's children of forever living in the shadow of terror?

Let us give thanks for our freedoms, our bounty, our brave men and women in harm's way engaging the enemy of not only freedom and democracy, but I believe, of Christianity as well!

And thank God for your family,

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Special points of interest:

- Thanksgiving
- A little bird told me [Ecl. 10:20]
- Don't Forget to Pray

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

Our Home Page:
www.christianchurchofgod.org

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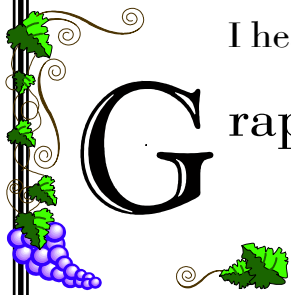
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Announcements

CHURCH BOARD MEETING

Oct. 30th 12:45 p.m. / Primary Business: Building & Maintenance Projects; Election of Board Members.

MUSIC WORSHIP SERVICE Nov. 6th 2:30 p.m. / hosted by Amarillo WCG, 1822 S. Manhattan.



I hear by the
Grapevine

IF YOU HAVE A TIDBIT OFF THE GRAPEVINE YOU WANT TO SHARE WITH OUR READERS, YOU CAN SEND IT TO ME AT jdmrnc@arn.net or c/o Christian Church of God, P. O. Box 33134, Amarillo, TX 79120 or hand it to me (please don ' t just tell me, I ' m addicted to notes, yea I needeth them very much!).

~ The Editor

Meeting new, but friendly, faces	But soon took on a welcome sound.	Other times " did our own thing "
Men and women, girls and boys	All who lingered in their bedrooms	But always we came back to worship
Blessed times of deep reflection	Rushed to join the group they ' d found.	Hear great sermons, pray and sing.
Others filled with joyful noise.	Rising up to viit gladly	Those of us who met new people
Those of us who don ' t live nearby	With the others where we ' d stayed—	Soon began to slowly place
Stayed with someone else a while,	The smell of coffee, eggs and pan-cakes . . .	All the puzzle parts together—
And their gracious warmth extended	Getting dressed and beds all made.	A certain name with a certain face.
" Instant hospitality style. "	Chatting, laughing, sharing moments	After just one week of feasting—
Guests were made to feel at home, here	Catching up on long-lost friends.	All too quickly it flew by—
Giving hands we know so well;	" How ' s he doing? " " Pass the salt, please. "	Those of us who once were strangers,
Some of us were with the Chesneys,	A quilt of joy-filled memories blend.	At the thought of parting, sigh.
Others at " The Wertz Hotel. "	Soon we ' re off to join the others,	How we love to be together.
Sometimes in a caravan	" Where ' d you say we ' re going, today? "	Fellowship is oh so sweet!
We would travel to our host	Possibilities graced each day, here;	But, alas, the Feast is ending,
Three or four all staying together—	Perfect weather every day!	To our homes we ' ll soon retreat.
" Missing—Lights " we feared the most.	Feasting on the memories made here,	[portion omitted due to space]
Other times we ' d head out bravely:	Loving hues and faces bright.	So here ' s to Harrisburg, our host church,
" We can find it on our own! "	Feasting on the foods presented—	Now you ' ve hosted your first feast;
" Was that north or south on 15? "	Early morn ' ' til late at night.	Now you know the time and money—
" It ' s the signs! They ' ve made ' e m wrong! "	Feasting on the vast agenda	Patience, certainly not least. "
No names here will ere be mentioned,	Set for us by those so dear.	So since it ' s been your blessed privilege
Sworn to secrecy I am!	Possibilities were endless—	To host this Feast we ' ve held so dear,
But words of " Jesus Is Our Pilot " came to mind when in that jam!	Much to do, both far and near.	Why is it that I have a feeling
Quiet mornings started slowly,	Sometimes we ' v e been all together	That soon, so soon, a mouse might hear:

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.



Vickie Crevoi — chronic progressive MS (Linda Booth's sister)

Vic Crosby — prostate cancer (friend of John Stickel)

Sam Kiser — multiple myeloma cancer; doing better (friend of Jeff and Linda)

Hank Unruh — two-year battle with cancer (friend of John Stickel)

Dollie Meil — cerebral palsy

Carrie McClenan — scheduled to receive kidney transplant October 29th

Audrey Strahl — irregular heartbeat (Jeff Booth's mother)

Kathryn Scott — severe MS, losing use of arms and swallowing ability (friend of Baileys)

Randy Gnessett — pulmonary hypertension and awaiting a lung for transplant (friend of Candace Sellers)

Velvet Green — suffering from schizophrenia (Gary's wife)

Amber & Dylan Clark — cerebral palsy (grandchildren of Betty Clark)

Nell Foster — nursing home, dementia and blood clots in leg

Ralph Moore — colon cancer (Francis Carlson's uncle)

Virgil Cline — diagnosed with cancer; undergoing radiation

Bob Wertz — achalasia, a degenerative disorder of the esophagus

Dan Copenhauer — disabled; chronic pain (Betty Clark's brother)

Rickey Wright — severe stroke; to undergo therapy; needs complete rehab of speech and mobility (Tracie Strahan's cousin)

CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday!

Jody Kirkpatrick	November 7th
Marvin Cryer	November 15th
Steve Cryer	November 18th
Kathy Carlson	November 25th


Happy Anniversary!

Julia & Vic McKinney	November 9th
Francis & Roy Carlson	November 11th
Wendy & Gary Green	November 11th
Reba & James Bailey	November 15th

Change of Address?

Please Notify Jeff Booth Of Any Change Of Address Or Phone Number.

We Want To Know Where You Are!


MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP AND FOOD. THANKSGIVING LUNCH ON THE SABBATH OF NOVEMBER 27TH / 1 P.M.

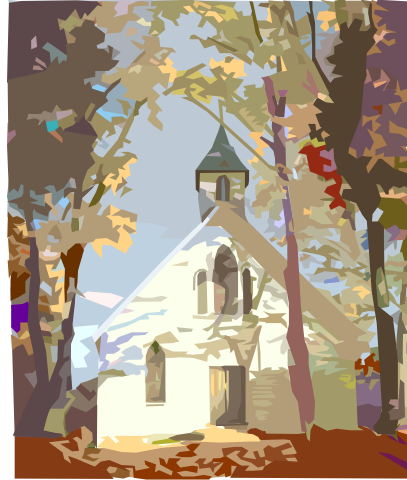
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Praise the LORD.

Praise God in his
sanctuary;

praise him in his
mighty heavens.

PS 150:1



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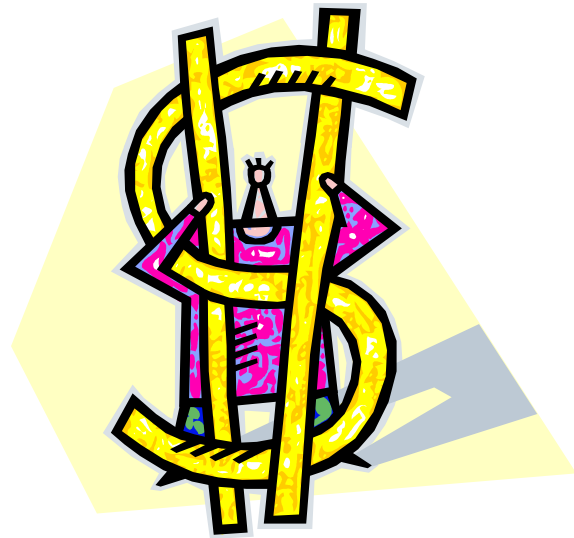
OUR CHURCH IS IN NEED OF
FLOOR, CEILING, WALL, TRIM RE-
PAIRS AND PAINTING

Church Painting Project

. . . AND THIS TAKES
MONEY: **\$2,500.00.**

IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE
CONTRIBUTE TO THE PAINT-
ING PROJECT FUND.

THIS WILL HELP MAKE OUR
CHURCH HOME FRESH AND
BRIGHT!



Thank You

. . . SO MUCH FOR YOUR PRAYERS, VISITS,
CARDS, CALLS AND MEALS DURING THIS TIME OF
LINDA'S SURGERY AND RECOVERY. LINDA IS RECOVER-
ING AND YOUR LOVE AND CONCERN MEAN MORE TO US
THAN YOU CAN IMAGINE.

JEFF & LINDA BOOTH

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your friends and your brethren, for they are priceless.

I thank each and every one of you for your faithfulness, tireless service and support in this ministry. I thank each and every one of you in our tiny army of volunteers keeping this ministry going and keeping our House of Worship so delightfully shiny, bright & beautiful. The music— oh my, the music; the sermons; the publications; the Outreach Tape Ministry; the Bible Class lessons; and the fellowship— all such blessings to us in our mission and spiritual walk.

In reading the story of Elisha and the poor widow (II Kings 4:1-7) we find a great lesson of gratitude. Her husband's death had left her deep in debt and her sons are about to be taken as slaves to pay the creditor. She has no food, only one small jar of oil. Elisha instructs her to borrow as many jars as she can and start pouring the oil into them. Miraculously, the oil flows and flows as if from some bottomless vessel filling every jar that is found. The oil keeps flowing until her sons tell her that there are no more vessels, at which point the oil finally stops flowing. She then has enough oil to sell and pay off her debts, freeing her sons.

The lesson here, as Rabbi Harold Kushner points out, is that our ability to enjoy God's blessings is more a function of our capacity to receive them than of any limitations on God's ability to bless us. Want to feel that your life is more blessed? Get a larger cup to receive God's blessings. Once we see that God is the Giver of all good gifts and our lives are an accumulation of the gifts He has bestowed upon us, once we see what we have and not what we have not, the blessing of gratitude is bestowed upon us bringing the joy and peace we all so crave.

Happy Thanksgiving indeed!

May God continue to bless you and America.

Jeff Booth

NEW TRENDS IN BIBLE STUDY

The "Turtle Race Method" for selecting a book to study is a real crowd pleaser, despite minor flaws.



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