# Make Church a Part of Your Life WEEKLY SERMONETTE

# "Prince of?"

## By Darel Boston, Retired Minister, Norton Christian Church

#### **PRINCE OF ?**

Pearl Harbor Memorial in Honolulu. I came were expanding their influence into Southeast Asia, hoping to control China and the countries that had been under control of western powers. The US was determined to stop that expansion, stopped shipping materials and oil, influenced other countries to do the same. Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941 was the climax of that stand-off. There seems to be

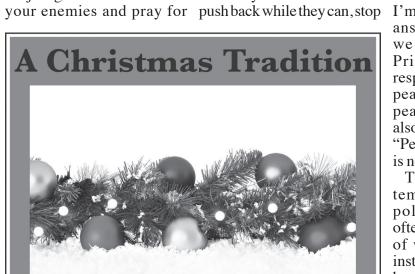
a "prince of war" that is continually orchestrating differences between nations to become wars. Whose fault? Call it human nature, or evil persons reaching positions of control, or whatever title you want to give. The result is endless carnage, displaced persons, upheaval at all levels of life, not only in the war zone, but everywhere there are relatives or loved ones of those directly involved.

The "prince of war" eyes events in the Middle East, in Korea, in Iraq and Afghanistan, In how many other "hot spots" around the globe? His zeal for war the heartache multiplies.

away reflecting on war isoneofjoy and praise; God's me, deny yourself, take up and peace. The Japanese Son has come, and a fitting your cross and follow me." name for Him is Prince of

is undying, and the results of them that despitefully use evilwhen they're able, give I recently toured the war never seem to diminish; you." "If someone demands their sons and daughters to your coat, give him your cloak This season, for Christians, also." "If you would follow

How would you apply that at Peace! His counsel on our PearlHarbor? Or at 9/11 New subject goes like this: "Love York City? Should Christians



Lt's no wonder that parties abound at Christmas when our homes are transformed with glittering decorations. It is as if we have been transported to a land of enchantment. We feel transformed...our spirits lifted with feelings of love and generosity toward all mankind. This transformation does not have to end when Christmas is over! In 2 Corinthians 5:17-18 Paul promises... "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God...." Come to know God as you worship this Christmas and throughout the year. Let God, through His Son, Jesus Christ, transform your life.

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Weekly Scripture Reading								
	Isaiah	Isaiah	Isaiah	Malachi	Malachi	Mark	Luke	
	60.1-22	61.1-11	62.1-12	3.1-12	3.13-4.6	1.1-13	1.1-25	
Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society								
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sacrifice self to protect their country from marauders? Is it evil to kill the killers before they overcome societies that offer freedom and opportunity?

peace. "Blessed are the peacemakers." But He also warned against crying "Peace, Peace, when there is no peace."

The next time you're tempted to lambast the politicians who are so often faced with decisions of war and peace, pray instead. There will always be a critic who can see what's wrong with their choice, and history will eventually confirm which way was the better. But in the meantime, let's admit that the "prince of war" is persuasive and devious. The Prince of Peace will ultimately succeed; there will be PEACE, but it comes to those who seek it, and are willing to sacrifice for it.

> Merry Christmas. Darel Boston

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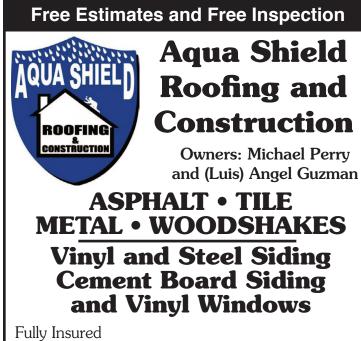
### PUBLIC NOTICE **NOTICE OF HEARING ON** AMENDING THE 2013 BUDGET

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		Robert Wyatt, County Clerk
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Fund	Expenditures	Expenditures
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	2013 Adopted	2013 Proposed
the Clerk's office and wi	ll be available at this hearir	ng.



Heavy questions, and I'm better at asking than answering them. But if we claim Christ as our Prince, we also accept responsibility to promote

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