

# Make Church a Part of Your Life

## WEEKLY SERMONETTE

### "A Free Church In A Free Land"

By Darel Boston, Norton Christian Church, Retired

A free church in a free land!  
Blessed treasure, unspeakable gift!  
Ours to appreciate, ours to enjoy;  
But with it comes responsibility.

Some would make it a worrisome burden,  
Reminding us of our failure to fulfill the responsibility.  
They would not be all wrong.  
We've a long way to grow!

But God be praised! Some of that responsibility is being accepted!  
Free churches in this land ARE functioning productively!  
Without taxing the populace to support the church  
And without government controls over ministries of love,  
The church in this free land is alive and well! Functioning, solvent... & MORE!

WE ARE  
Preaching the gospel of salvation, at home and abroad;  
Caring for the widow & orphan, the homeless and hurting;  
Praying for the sick & sorrowing, the separated from God & each other;  
Honoring our Lord's command to teach our children from His word;  
Setting an example of generosity, gratitude, humility and

brotherly love.  
Call it inadequate if you will, far-from-enough, so-much-yet-to-be-done... True!  
But ADMIT there is a taste of victory in the Church here!  
She's ALIVE; she's recognizing her own deficiencies, seeking to overcome them;  
But she is NOT idle in the mean-

time; she's working, caring, suffering even...

In a land that is FREE, with a Constitution guaranteeing freedom for churches as well,  
The church prospers, but also suffers,  
By bonding with the lost, last & least anywhere in the world.  
And by training, sending, sustain-

ing sons & daughters "to the whole world" for Jesus.

God deliver us from pride that evicts You from Your throne!  
But deliver us from that whipped-dog, sour-puss disposition that  
Makes a sham of victories You HAVE secured (& ARE securing) among us!  
Our freedom is ours, not because we deserve it, or even fully understand or use it.  
But it is ours! Your gift to us!  
Help us to ACCEPT it, APPRECIATE it, RECOGNIZE the Source...  
And never diminish what You have accomplished through it (& continue to accomplish!).

THANK YOU LORD FOR THIS FREE LAND, AND FREE CHURCH of which we are a part.

REMIND US, Lord, of the COST of these freedoms:  
The blood of Christ  
The blood of others who gave their lives for a future we are now able to experience.  
Keep our vision up, our discouragement down, and our faith secure...  
May we have continual opportunity to share what we have with the other peoples of the world  
For Your praise and glory!

## Who Pushes Your Buttons ????



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A robot is nothing without the builder and the programmer... basically a pile of metal, circuits and bolts. But because its creators give it a "brain", the robot becomes useful, obeying every command. Unlike the creator of a robot, our Creator gives us the ability to make choices and a soul that can guide us in those choices. When we ask God to live in our "control center", our choices are wiser ones and we feel peace and joy in our lives. In Hebrews 11:10 we read that "the architect and builder is God". Visit His house this week; He is waiting to help you build your future.

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1 John 2:18-29
1 John 3:1-24
1 John 4:1-21
1 John 5:1-21
2 John
3 John
Jude

Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society



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