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# ChaNge...

Change is a word that will create an uproar faster than the speed of light. It is scarier than any imagined monster. Why? What is it that makes people so afraid of change? We as humans, like our comfort zone. We get into a routine of doing things a certain way and at a certain time. Think back to when you first worked on a computer. You still printed paper copies, because you always need paper. You used certain keystrokes, until someone finally showed you a shortcut. As technology continues, we find so many things that change has helped; the automobile, the telephone, computers and televisions. Let's also not forget the microwave. These changes no are such a part of life that we do not know how we could have survived without them.

While change is good, it has to be for the right reasons. What is the reason for the change? Will the change benefit most people or just a few? I know that change is good most of time, in fact here is one of my sayings, "if it weren't for change, we would still be reading by candle light." I also understand the concerns and fear associated with change. One of the first things that should happen is research. It is amazing the ideas you can get from talking to your co-workers or the group affected. There are people out there that have some really great ideas. For the most part when we try to stay in our comfort zone, we want to surround ourselves with people who think like us. I agree that everyone should have the same end goal, but I do not agree that everyone should blindly say "yes sir." For a great example, think of Hans



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??...Hmmm...??



Can you find the hidden tiger?



**Apples, not caffeine,**



**are more efficient at waking you up in the morning.**

**The will of God will never take you where the Grace of God will not protect you.**



# Goode Thoughts



Eileen and I spent Valentines weekend in Tucson just playing. We had a great, restful time but after the trip it dawned on me that it was a weekend with the dead. That sounds more morbid than I really mean it. We spent all day Saturday doing the Tombstone and local area thing. We toured the courthouse, walked up Allen Street, checked out the souvenir shops and the antique stores. We did not pay for any of the gunfight shows but we saw plenty of folk walking around in vintage costume. It is obvious that even now, the nineteenth century has more impact than the twenty-first century on the culture there. It was also obvious that plenty of others liked it that way because there was a pretty good crowd of us tourists.



The following afternoon and Monday morning, we spent hours at the Pima Air and Space Museum. Talk about planes! They have acres and hangars of aircraft, mostly military. I have little experience in flying, except commercial, but I love anything mechanical so I was in hog heaven (not to be confused with the Harley Davidson hog heaven). With few exceptions, all of their aircraft are original models from the early years of flight to recent. It was intriguing to follow the development of human's conquering of the skies. Like tombstone, many of the exhibits carried you back to the ethos of the time.

If you have been to our house or walked into my garage you would immediately realize that we are collectors of old stuff, valuable and otherwise. Why do we have such a fascination with history? Our Tucson trip led me to ponder that one. Here are some of my thoughts.

The past informs the present and the future. I was amazed at the amount of design and engineering in a 1930's airplane that showed up in a plane fifty years newer. I was equally amazed that a handgun fight between two pilots would spawn the arming of an airplane that would lead to the precision of the weaponry on our modern fighters and bombers.

# Goode Thoughts *cont...*

The past also provides a personal connection and in some ways, a place to escape. In Tombstone, we visited an exhibit of old mining equipment and technology. In that exhibit was a collection of the carbide lamps that miners used in underground. In my early childhood, my father and grandfather were miners, which necessitated my family to live in remote mining camps. One of the things I have strong memories of is those carbide lamps. The exhibit gave me time to reminisce.

The past also provides inspiration for the present. One of the stories highlighted in the Tombstone courthouse is of Pastor Endicott Peabody who came to the lawless town of Tombstone and established a thriving church largely through boxing and through officiating a baseball league.



His story gives encouragement to ministering in a resistant setting. The history of military aircraft at the air museum is inadvertently a history of our nation through wars and difficult social and economic upheaval. Through it all, our nation has proved resilient.

These lessons have credibility when we consider the hundred years of history of Central Baptist Association. What we are now, what our churches are now, is built on that history. For those with a long history here, the memories provide some solace and sense of accomplishment. Finally, the endurance of our churches through the best and worst of those times encourage us in our own challenges. The years ahead are unpredictable but the confidence of God's activity through us is not. That brings confidence to the next hundred years.


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NM Ministry  
Assistants Annual  
Conference

  
Save this  
Date: April  
21st, Annual  
Mission  
Tour

March 2009						
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Block Party  
Trailer  
Training



Ojo Encino is in need blankets, beds, mattresses, or wood burning stoves. The weather has been very cold in the area and there is a need of these donations.

If you are to help or would like to donate items, please contact Carl Russell at 980-6010.

Dear Church Leader,

The Kirtland Air Force Base Chapel is looking to fill two contracted positions at our worship services. The first position is a Praise and Worship Leader, and the second is a hand bell director. Both contracts are open for bids. If you have someone in your congregation who has the talents and gifts to fill one or both of these positions, please prayerfully consider encouraging them in our direction. The worship at the chapel is a powerful tool in deepening the spiritual lives of Christians often faced with deployments. The ministry is to children, youth, adults, and senior adults who are hungry to grow in their faith.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the contracts and the bid process. Thanks for your prayers and support of our nation by supporting the men and women serving at Kirtland Air Force Base.



Blessings in our  
Lord Jesus Christ,

Chaplain David Mansberger, Major USAF

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*“Look at the birds of the air;  
they do not sow or reap or store  
away in barns, and yet your  
heavenly Father feeds them.  
Are you not much more  
valuable than they?”*



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## Biblical Treasure Answer

February

A book of many axioms ~ Proverbs

Pawns of the game ~ 16 pawns on a chess  
board = 16

In the U.S. Supreme ~ US Supreme Court  
justices = 9

Proverbs 16:9 ~ In his heart a man plans  
his course, but the Lord determines his step.

## Jan. Riddle Answer

Which table is bigger?

**They are the same  
size!!!**



## Change... cont. from page 2

Christen Anderson's "The Emperor's New Clothes." The emperor was surrounded by yes men. He had some new clothes made for him, which was a fake. The emperor walked around showing his fake clothes when finally one young boy had the courage to tell him he was naked. Each of us have a responsibility to speak up. We must speak up when something seems wrong and as the leader we must listen. I am not saying nit pick it to death, but constructively.



If you are in a time of change the first and most important thing is to pray. God will tell you His plan and direction. Remember to ask God for guidance, not pray your request. Second talk to others. When a group of believers get together and plan work for the glory of God, it is an awesome time.

I would love to stay and give some more thoughts, but I have to go and change my ink cartridges... wow change can be good!

"The world hates change, yet it is the only thing that has brought progress."  
Charles F. Kettering



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# Biblical Treasure

The following are clues to a bible verse. Solve the clues to find the verse:

I am musical,

Signatures of Declaration

MCMLXXII - MCMLXXIX and + |



We are starting a column about what is happening in the CBA Churches. We will feature one church a month with ideas and what's happening.

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