

72nd STREET CHRISTIAN NEWS

No, don't groan, it's not another newsletter to read, making readers feel guilty if we just don't have the time. My favorite sources of news and commentary simply have TOO MUCH content, so I have to do the inevitable - delete, delete, delete - even though it pains me to pass it up.

"72nd Street Christian News" is the very first mailing of my dad's first writing after leaving churchianity behind. As you can see on the left, the date is October 27, 1964. At that time, my dad, Gommel, as we came to call him, had just recently graduated from Christian Theological Seminary.

While at seminary, he was assistant minister of Central Christian Church in downtown Indianapolis (2 years) and then became the senior minister at Broad Ripple (now Allisonville) Christian Church in suburban Indianapolis (3 years). He came to see that too many in the churches were simply playing church or occupying pews without living their commitment and obedience to God. As minister, he knew he must challenge people to follow God with abandon, seeking His will and trying to do it unconditionally. He also knew that many people didn't really want to hear that message, given with expectation of changed lives.

Instead of splitting the church he was leading and getting stuck with a building, he left. He packed up his family, found a suitable house, and he and others began to meet there. Then - well, he tells this best in "The 72nd Street Christian News", so please read the two short articles below, one by Gommel and the other by my mother, Barb Gommel.

In answer to two questions that may occur to you from reading the articles: what became the permanent name of the little paper? -- "The New Light". What name did the tiny church group take on? Church of Our Lord and Savior, which still meets together, but here in California. The New Light morphed into a website, which is kinda static but tells our individual stories.

Anyone with the courage to be unconventional is welcome to join us, either on Sunday morning at 8AM or Wednesday evening at 6PM. If you're interested, contact Bill or Jan or Linda at this store.

Linda Gommel



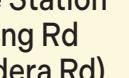
Dec. 11 & 18 / 10am - 3pm

FREE FLU VACCINES (while supplies last)

For more information or to set up an appointment, call (909) 878-8246. Accepts IEHP

Lucerne Valley Residents: HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Sat. Dec. 20, 2025
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.



Behind Lucerne Valley Fire Station
33269 Old Womans Spring Rd
(Enter through gate on Ladera Rd)

CAN ONLY TAKE:

- Antifreeze
 - Batteries
 - Fluorescents
 - Medical Needles
 - Latex and Oil based paint (max 15 gallons)
 - All Electronic Wastes (E-Waste)
 - Oil and Filters (max 15 gallons)
- No Containers Larger than 5-gallons and No Business Waste Accepted.**

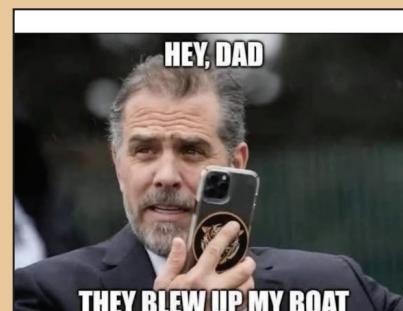
NO TRASH - NOTHING ELSE

On The Lighter Side of Serious Stuff . . . from the Web

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Isaiah 41:10

THE PATRIOT POST IS CLOSED ON SUNDAY



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LVM Commentary - Dec. 11 - 17, 2025

I'm at that age where my mind still thinks I'm 29, my humor suggests I'm 12, while my body mostly keeps asking if I'm sure I'm not dead yet.



From The Babylon Bee

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