



# The Messenger of Peace

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## From the Pastor:

### A Visit to the White House

Each year the winners of the NFL Super Bowl are invited to tour the White House and also get an opportunity to meet the President. Dreams do come true! 1) The dream of being Super Bowl Champions and 2) The dreams of a personal tour of the White House "behind the scenes" and meeting the President of the United States.

Super Bowl winners, the Green Bay Packers, were to make such a visit this month on August 12th. Green Bay's defensive safety, Nick Collins, said he couldn't wait to go behind the scenes in a place he's only seen on television. "Everybody wants that experience, to go in the White House and get the tour," Collins said. "That's a childhood dream for a lot of guys. I can't wait." Packers' linebacker Desmond Bishop said he hoped to meet the president, shake his hand and "possibly get a picture with him and post it on Twitter."

However several things occurred. First of all, one drawback for the timing of the late visit (due to the lockout) was that the Packers would not be able to invite players from last season who were no longer with the team. The second incident occurred when Desmond Bishop didn't get to join his teammates at the White House because he forgot his ID on the team plane.

Speaking to reporters in Green Bay on Monday, Bishop said he was sure he had his wallet when he got on a team bus bound for the White House. When security began checking IDs, Bishop suddenly realized he didn't have his. Security wasn't willing to make an exception to let him in without identification, so he had to stay on the team bus.

Big news story, but how does that apply to us? In thoughtful comparison Christ meets us outside the throne room, takes us by the hand, and walks us into the presence of God. Upon entrance we find grace, not condemnation; mercy, not punishment. Where we would never be granted an audience with the President, we are now welcomed into God's presence.

St. Paul reminds us that "since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God." (Romans 5:1,2). Because we believe and know Jesus, we have entrance to the throne room. He ushers us into that "blessing of God's grace that we now enjoy"

"And whosoever cometh, I will not cast him out."  
O patient love of Jesus, Which drives away our doubt,  
Which, though we be unworthy Of love so great and free,  
Invites us very sinners To come, dear Lord, to Thee!"  
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## From Your President:

Garry Laaker

Welcome to the summer edition of the Peace Newsletter.

We have again made it through a hot June and July. We had two pig roasts, a warm day to watch the Reds at Great American, and another successful VBS week. Thanks to everyone who participated in these events.

Please keep Jack and Dot Craven, who have moved to the Dayton area and David and Marilyn McIntyre, who have moved to Arkansas in your prayers. Both couples will be missed.

Please check out the other council member reports in the Newsletter so you won't miss out on any upcoming events.

As always, please continue to keep Peace and our members in your prayers.

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Christian Education Hour  
9:15 AM  
Worship Service 10:30 AM

