

**THE "WRITTEN WELCOME" OF
THE WEST END BAPTIST CHURCH
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JAN 30, 2011

Tom Mooty - Very Senior Pastor

Welcome to "Wonderful Worship" today; we pray that you will be truly blessed and want to return. If you are visiting with us, please take a moment and complete the "Visitors' Card" included in your Newsletter; and then please place it in the offering plate.

It is also our joy to remember you in our PrayerTime; so please use the reverse side of the Visitors' Card to give us your PrayerTime information.

If you are looking for a spiritual church home for you and your entire family, we offer you our services; and ask that you please consider us. Brother Tom will be happy to discuss this with you at your convenience.

SUNDAY MORNING

Continental Breakfast - 9:00

Choir Practice - 9:30

Bible Study for all ages - 10:00

(Church announcements on the screens)

MORNING SERVICE BEGINS AT 10:57

Praise and Worship Music

(Congregational singing led by Matthew Maynard)

Cheryl Presnell - MUSICIANS - Omega Jackson

Charlie Ownby, Jerry Thomas, Larry Strange

(God has blessed us with these talented musicians)

"THE SONSHINE FOR SHUT-INS BROADCAST" OVER WLIK (1270 AM) and WORLD WIDE WEB (SUNDAYS 11:00-12:00 EASTERN TIME)

Great Special Music and Singing

(Directed and coordinated by Charlene Johnson)

Worship with Tithes and Offerings; and Prayer Time

(Conducted by Rita McNabb)

Preacher Papaw's Kids' Korner

Brother Tom's Morning Message:

"The Back Door to Genuine Happiness"

THIS AFTERNOON AND TONIGHT

"IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS" BROADCAST

(EVANGELIST R V MAYNARD)

SUNDAYS ON WLIK: 1:00 - 1:30

Activities and Coffee Club at 4:30
Choir Practice at 5:00
Church in the Chapel at 6:00
MESSAGE BY R V MAYNARD

"OUR GI's EARN ENOUGH"

(An e-mail to this effect has been circulating; but it is inaccurate. This version has been checked for accuracy.)

Ms. Cindy Williams (not the actress) was a presidential appointee as Assistant Director for National Security in the Congressional Budget Office from 1994 to 1997. She is currently a senior research fellow at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In January, 2000, she wrote an editorial in the Washington Post entitled "Our GI's Earn Enough" about an impending military pay raise.

The column started with the following two paragraphs (the facts and figures stated are hers, and have not been checked for accuracy - Tom Mooty):

"This month every member of the U.S. military is getting a 4.8 percent pay raise, the biggest inflation boost the military has seen in 18 years. The ink on the paychecks is not yet dry, but already some politicians and lobbyists are clamoring for bigger raises in future years. Just this week the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) reported that most military people feel they are not paid fairly.

"Proponents of additional hefty raises argue that even after this month's raise, the military suffers a 13 percent "pay gap" relative to the private sector. But in fact there is no pay gap worthy of the name; our armed forces are already paid very well compared with the rest of America. It makes no sense to pour money into outsized pay raises. The 25 percent pay hike that some proponents are backing would cost taxpayers more than \$12 billion a year".

(The remainder of her published article is here condensed and edited by Tom Mooty):

“An eighteen year old Army private earns about \$21,000 a year in pay and allowances, with a tax advantage of about \$800; a master sergeant with 20 years in the Marine Corps typically earns more than \$50,000 a year; a twenty-two year old college graduate starts at \$34,000 as an ensign in the Navy; and a colonel with twenty-six years experience makes more than \$108,000.

“In addition to basic salaries, there are cash bonuses for special skills; four weeks of paid vacation, comprehensive health care, discount groceries, tuition assistance, as much as \$50,000 for college after enlistment, and reenlistment bonuses can run to \$20,000 and more.

“We might get better results by reducing the frequency of deployments, relaxing antiquated rules, and improving working conditions” by reducing the demands of frequent overseas deployments and unmet expectations for a challenging and satisfying military lifestyle.

The following is a response to her article from a young airman stationed (at that time) in Utah:

"Ms Williams:

"I just had the pleasure of reading your column, "Our GI's earn enough" and I am a bit confused. Frankly, I'm wondering where this vaunted overpayment is going, because as far as I can tell, it disappears every month between The Defense Finance and Accounting Service and my bank account. Checking my latest earnings statement I see that I make \$1,117.80 before taxes per month. After taxes, I take home \$874.20. When I run that through the calculator, I come up with an annual salary of \$13,413.60 before taxes, and \$10,490.40 after.

"I work in the Air Force Network Control Center where I am part of the team responsible for a 5,000 host computer network. I am involved with infrastructure segments, specifically with Cisco Systems equipment. A quick check under jobs for "Network Technicians" in the Washington, D.C. Area reveals a position in my career field, re-

quiring three years experience in my job. Amazingly, this job does NOT pay \$13,413.60 a year. No, this job is being offered at \$70,000 to \$80,000 per annum; and I'm sure you can draw the obvious conclusions.

"Given the tenor of your column, I would assume that you never had the pleasure of serving your country in her armed forces. Before you take it upon yourself to once more castigate congressional and DOD leadership for attempting to get the families in the military's lowest pay brackets off of WIC and food stamps, I suggest that you join a group of deploying soldiers headed for Afghanistan; I leave the choice of service branch up to you. Whatever choice you make though, opt for the six month rotation: it will guarantee you the longest possible time away from your family and friends, thus giving you full "deployment experience".

"As your group prepares to board the plane, make sure to note the spouses and children who are saying good-bye to their loved ones. Also take care to note that several families are still unsure of how they'll be able to make ends meet while the primary breadwinner is gone.

"Obviously they've been squandering the "vast" piles of cash the government has been giving them.

"Try to deploy over a major holiday; Christmas and Thanksgiving are perennial favorites. And when you're actually over there, sitting in a foxhole, shivering against the cold desert night, and the flight sergeant tells you that there aren't enough people on shift to relieve you for chow, remember this: trade whatever MRE's (meal-ready-to-eat) you manage to get for the tuna noodle casserole or cheese tortellini and add Tabasco to everything. This gives some flavor.

"Talk to your loved ones as often as you are permitted; it won't be nearly long enough or often enough, but take what you can get and be thankful for it. You may have picked up on the fact that I disagree with most of the points you present in your open piece.

"But, I will defend to the death your right to say it."

"You see, I am an American fighting man, a guarantor of your First Amendment right and every other right you cherish on a daily basis, and my brother and sister soldiers worldwide ensure that you and people like you can thumb your collective noses at us, all on a salary that is nothing short of pitiful and under conditions that would make most people cringe. We hemorrhage our best and brightest into the private sector because we can't offer the stability and pay of civilian companies.

"And you, Ms. Williams, have the gall to say that we make more than we deserve?"

"Rubbish!"

A1C Michael Bragg, Hill AFB, Utah

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

Wednesdays are really special at West End. We begin at 4:30 with activities and fellowship in the Family Life Center and "Lion 'n Lamb Café" and continue at 6:00 with classes for all age groups: Children's Church, Youth Group, and The Old People. All sessions have a time of prayer and Bible Study; and everyone is cordially welcome and encouraged to attend these informative sessions.

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Brother Tom's newspaper column can be read in the Thursday edition of the "Newport Plain Talk" or accessed on line at from our Church website: www.webbaptistchurch.org and clicking on the link to the "Pastor's Blog". For this location, the column can be forwarded at the speed of "live" to friends and family around the world. We get many written responses and comments through the website (locations unknown) and personal comments from local readers - some of them even favorable!

HERE ARE SOME MORE PEOPLE WHO DO THE WORK OF GOD HERE AT WEST END BAPTIST CHURCH

(More next week)

Cheryl Presnell - CHOIR - Carolyn Layman
Nicole Wiley, Betty "Petunia" Sperry, Joy Strange
Joyce Ogle, Irene Ownby, Loretta Ball
Tiffany Sun, Lisa Ottinger, Vickie Ogle
Margaret Shelton, Kelli Strange, Gereia Van Dyke
Billie Ellen Ogle, Rita McNabb, Tammy Lewis
Peggy Walker, Sharon Ellison, Penny Miller

Larry Strange, R V Maynard, Bill McMahan
Steve Johnson, David Bible, Jamie Wilson
Matthew Maynard, Tom Mooty, Roger Lewis
Bill Ogle, Wayne Ball, Jordon Williams
Nick Ogle, Tom Mooty