

# Guns in America and shooting back: by Dr. Glenn Mollette

I'm an advocate of the right to bear arms. I own several nice pistols and a shotgun. I wouldn't mind adding a couple of more to my collection. I have never shot anybody or aimed a gun at a person. I hope and pray I never feel in such danger that I might feel the urgency to do so. Aiming a gun at someone means the possibility of taking that person's life. I would never want to be in that situation. However, I know I could do it if someone was intruding my home or threatening my family.

There are two major reasons why people want guns and they are the right for protection and to hunt animals. Some people like collecting them and some like to shoot at targets.

We try to imagine a society like America free of firearms. Some believe this might be utopia for our country. We then come back to the issue of people who enjoy hunting deer, elk, rabbits, bear, ducks, etc. The sport of hunting and the gripping fear of being vulner-

able to evil people will forever keep guns flowing in America. Of course, let's not forget the Second Amendment that is not going away.

Sadly, we are all vulnerable to being shot. This reality has existed since the founding of our country. Almost anybody at any time in this nation since the beginning could access a firearm and shoot somebody. We heard about outlaws and gunfights in the Wild West back in the 1800s. Welcome to the Wild West that now covers every inch of America and unfortunately our world.

We don't expect to be sitting at a coffee shop sipping a latte and lose our life to an evil person who walks down the street randomly shooting, like those poor people did in Paris. Nor do we anticipate going to hear some music at a concert and be gunned down which also happened in Paris. We don't dream of walking through an airport to pick up our baggage and then be randomly gunned down by an insane person. Nor do we ever dream of

sending our children to a school to be shot by someone who got access to a gun. We didn't used to expect such incidents but now we look around us. We check to see where the exit doors are at malls and theatres.

We look twice around us at restaurants and public events. We know that even in our houses of worship that an unlocked door means anybody might walk-in and begin eliminating lives.

Terrorism has successfully taken away our relaxed way of living and traveling in America and most of the world. This is why every effort must be made to eliminate such groups as ISIS and any hate group that encourages such violence.

We must also realize that while wackos might only be one in a million that it only takes one to kill five people like happened in Ft. Lauderdale International airport last week.

Don't live in fear. Don't die of a heart attack stressing out because that's what terrorists want. Yet, always be alert, wary and

legally carry a gun and shoot back if you get the chance.

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## Church News

### Community Bible Church

#### Parakletos – The Comforter

*John 16:7-8 (KJV)* 7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; it is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. 8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.

Parakletos is the Greek word for comforter which Jesus used in John chapters 14, 15, and 16. Parakletos means "one called alongside to help." Note that some versions of the Bible use Helper instead of Comforter.

In our Sunday morning service we are looking at the Holy Spirit and the impact it has on a believer's life and service to the Lord. The power and presence of the Holy Spirit in a believer's life can be a difficult subject to grasp, and yet, the work of the Spirit of God is vital to the spiritual growth and empowerment of the believer. There is much that can be understood with absolute certainty from the Bible about the Holy Spirit – foundational should be that the Holy Spirit does not work in contradiction to the Word of God. What we experience in regards to the Holy Spirit must be in line with what the Bible reveals about the Holy Spirit.

In *John 14:6* there are certain promises made regarding

the Holy Spirit. Verse 16 says, "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Comforter that He may abide with you forever." For the born-again believer in Christ, the Holy Spirit will be given to them and be with them forever. In verse 26 of chapter 14, the Comforter/Helper is designated as "the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in My name." *1 John 15:26* Jesus declared, "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of Me."

All this concerning the Holy Spirit was taught by Jesus after His last supper with the disciples where He told them that He was going away, that He would be betrayed by one of the twelve, that big, boisterous Peter would deny Him three times, and that the world would hate them – but in all these things there would be the Spirit to help them and comfort them. For the follower of Jesus there is a blessing – for that Comforter/Helper is there for us also. In the hardships of this life you need never be alone – for the Comforter, the Holy Spirit is there to help. Maybe it would be good to read John chapters 13-17.

God bless you, hope to see you Sunday.

In Christ,  
Pastor Dave

#### Ministry at CBC

Sunday  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Praise and Prayer 6 p.m.

Wednesday  
AWANA 6:15-8 p.m.  
Preschool – Grade 6

Community Christian Academy  
Preschool – High School

Senior Exercise Class  
Monday, Wednesday, & Friday  
9-10 a.m. in Dining Room

### Valley Evangelical Free Church

This past couple weeks have given me a better perspective on life as it is. As the snow started piling up, my first instinct was irritation. "This is going to put a damper in my plans. I have things that I need to do and I can't get out of my driveway." Then the power went out. Now I am really irritated! "Why is it taking so long to get it fixed so I can at least watch TV and find out what is going on in the world?" Morning comes and I can't even make coffee. The end of the world is near. "Oh well, I'll go to town and have breakfast." They're out of power too.

By now calls are coming in from

people who are in worse shape than I am; people that when it is all said and done won't have power or heat for a week. One couple unable to leave their driveway for a week and a half and unable to keep doctor appointments or get medication. I spent the morning getting people unstuck and then getting pulled out when I got stuck. I finally decided to go home and see what I could accomplish. The power was still out, but the camper had propane for heat and cooking and enough battery to make it work as long as I don't turn on the lights. Reading by candle light didn't take long before giving up but at least I had a hot cup of instant coffee.

As I sat in the candle light looking out at the snow I was reminded of *1 Timothy 6:6-8* "Now godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content."

I had food, clothing and heat as well which is more than many had. I needed to be thankful for what I had, not complaining about what I didn't have.

I understand in a tiny way what the Apostle Paul meant when he said in *Philippians 4:11-12* "I have learned in whatever state I am,

to be content. I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need."

I am one of the lucky ones, the power came on later that evening and the main troubles were over for me. I hope the lesson on contentment will remain. For now, I am really sick of shoveling snow! Oops, I need to be thankful I have health and strength to shovel snow.

In Christ,  
Pastor Marvin

### Seventh-day Adventist

#### Snow Bound with Jesus!

We've lived here for 17 years and never seen a snow storm like this before. From reports it has been the biggest snow storm in the history of Southern Oregon since 1917! On New Year's Day when we first looked out the windows our reaction was "Oh how beautiful! What a pretty white winter wonderland!" We measured the snow at 25 inches.

Since it was too deep to get out our driveway, we each chose books to read or some project to do at home. After several days it occurred to me that now would be perfect time to

do an in-depth study of the Word of God. One of the studies I did was on the selling time – beginning in *Revelation 7:1-3* that was a huge blessing to me. Then I began studying how to press into the presence of Jesus. Texts like *Jeremiah 29:11-13* were a great blessing to me. "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then shall you call on Me, and you shall go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you shall seek Me, and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart." What a blessing!

Then *Psalms 16:11* "In Your presence is fullness of Joy." I was beginning to understand that even though we were snow bound the presence of Jesus through His Word was a joyful experience.

We began praying that God would melt the snow so we could get out of our driveway and keep a Bible Study appointment we had. He answered our prayer in a different way, when our friend's sons came over to plow the snow out of the driveway. Praise the Lord! That week holds sweet memories of being snow bound with Jesus!

## Places of Worship

**BRIDGEVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
5181 Holland Loop Rd., CJ  
541-592-3923  
"Come Join the Worship!"  
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Pastor Sonny Moore  
[www.bridgeviewcc.org](http://www.bridgeviewcc.org)

**7th DAY ADVENTIST**  
265 S. Old Stage Rd., CJ  
Sabbath School - 9:30 a.m.  
Saturday Worship 11 a.m.  
Pastor Christian Martin  
Church (541) 592-3218  
Madrone Adventist School  
541-592-3330

**IMMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
200 Watkins St., CJ  
Phone 541-592-3876  
Pastor Charles Chase  
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.  
Sunday Worship - 9:15 a.m.  
Child-care for small children

**Illinois Valley Praise Center**  
28569 Redwood Hwy. CJ  
Non-denominational  
Bible-believing Church  
Sunday school - 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.  
Thursday Seekers 7 p.m.  
Youth group Thursday - 7 p.m.  
[www.ivpraisecenter.com](http://www.ivpraisecenter.com)

**COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH**  
Pastor Dave Gordon  
113 S. Caves Ave., CJ  
Office: 541-592-3896  
Email: [cbcca@gmail.com](mailto:cbcca@gmail.com)  
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
Christian Academy  
Pre-K to 12th grade  
Awana - Wednesdays - 6 p.m.

**ST. PATRICK OF THE FOREST CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
407 W. River St., CJ  
541-592-3658  
Fr. William Holtzinger, Pastor  
Mass - Sunday 11 a.m..  
Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Sunday - 10:30 a.m.  
Holy Days TBA

**TAKILMA BIBLE CHURCH**  
10343 Takilma Road, Takilma  
Pastor Dan Robinson  
Bible Study / Prayer Time  
9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m  
Wednesday Bible Study  
7 p.m

**First Baptist Church of Selma**  
18285 Redwood Hwy., Selma  
541-597-4169  
Pastor Monty Pope  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Worship - 11 a.m.

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
East River Street  
& Lewis Court, CJ  
Annemarie Richardson  
Lay Pastor.  
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.  
Sunday Worship - 10 a.m.  
Church Phone: 541-592-2290  
[www.goodshepherdlutheraniv.net](http://www.goodshepherdlutheraniv.net)

**VALLEY EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH**  
498 Laurel Road, CJ  
P.O. Box 1248  
Pastor Marvin Porter  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service - 11 a.m.  
[evfree@frontiernet.net](mailto:evfree@frontiernet.net)  
541-592-6160

**FOUNTAIN OF LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
451 S. Junction Ave., CJ  
541-592-3956  
Pastor Mark McLean  
Morning Worship  
9:30 & 11 a.m.  
Wednesday - 7 p.m.  
Adult Bible Study

**ST. MATTHIAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
25904 Redwood Hwy., CJ  
541-592-2006  
Rev. Bryant Bechtold  
Sunday Worship  
Service 10:30 a.m.

**THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS**  
209 S. Junction Ave., CJ  
Sacrament Meet - 10 a.m.  
Sunday School - 11:20 a.m.  
Priesthood, Relief Soc. - 12:10 p.m.  
Bishop  
Larry Hammersmith  
541-592-3919

**Illinois Valley Baptist Church**  
541-592-6149  
102 S. Redwood Hwy.  
(in the County Building)  
Pastor Steve Root  
Sunday Worship 10:30 AM  
Wednesday Bible Study, Prayer  
& Youth Program 7:00 PM  
Friday Ladies Bible Study  
11:00 AM



**BINGO FOR ALL AGES WEDNESDAYS**  
EARLY BIRD 6 - 6:30PM  
17 GAMES 6:30 - 9:30PM  
HAMBURGERS FOR SALE  
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