



# The Liberty of Christ Newsletter

Proverbs 22:6 KJV "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

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## "Teach"

by Gwen Pielstick

Since we began homeschooling this year, we have received a very mixed reaction to what we've undertaken, from people who have had their doubts, to those who were happy for us, and called me "Teach!".

I must say that Homeschooling has been a challenge, but one that we have really enjoyed. We decided to homeschool Sarah since this year, she would have entered 6th grade at our public middle school. We new situations existed in the public schools that we did not want our children to have to deal with. The peer pressure to do drugs, drink, etc. was a major issue. Another major issue for us, was the curriculum, namely the teaching of Evolution. We believe that our children should be taught that this theory exists, so that they know what we are fighting against, but not that it is fact. With the Christian curriculum that we are using this year, studying has been a joy. The kids are learning history, dating back to Noah, for example. Science has been taught from the view of what God has made, not that things just "exist".

We also feel more connected to our children and more in tune with what they are learning. We know exactly what each child is learning, how well they are learning, etc. If we have to go back over material, we can; compared to the public school's philosophy, of having to "move on". If, on the other hand, the children are advanced in a certain area (above their appropriate grade level), we can give them more challenging



## Learning In The House

By: Sarah Pielstick

This year we have started home schooling (2000-2001). It has been a very new experience for all of us. Nathan, Hannah, and I love being with mom.

Being home schooled has lifted our spirits and we can't wait till the next day! It has really helped our spiritual life. Homeschooling has showed me that it is a big ticket to college.

**Read on!**  
**It's sooooo cool!**

The work is more challenging but a fun experience. One of my new experiences is starting this paper! I have had a lot fun working on it. Nathan, Hannah, and the rest of the family have agreed to write for the paper too.

I hope you enjoy reading it. We are going to try to publish a monthly newsletter, but if we are unable to, we will include events from the previous month(s). Hope you

## Newly Elected Council President Jackie Pielstick

I recently had an interview with my grandma, the newly elected City Council President, about her view points on G. I.:

Q. What are your goals for G. I.'s future?

A. I wish to see some good high paying jobs in town. Several businesses have closed where we have lost some high profile jobs. No one has come in to start any good paying jobs. I would like to see some economic development.

Q. How will you try to fulfill your duty as Council President?

A. My duty as Council President is to stand in for the Mayor when he's out of town. I will have to meet with dignitaries coming into town and welcome them into G.I.

Q. Are you planning on running for a third term?

A. I'm not sure at this time. People have asked me if I would run for Mayor but I want to make it through this year as being Council President.

Q. What would you say to kids thinking of getting involved in law and government?

A. I think not only kids but adults should spend at least one term (4 years) in City government or County government. This is our community and I think we have the right to know how it works. When I first ran for City Council there were many things I wanted to do different. I wanted to make sure this was done and that was done. There are just some things you can't do, but you can still try to make a difference in other avenues.

Q. What has being on the City Council taught you?

A. To be patient. You don't just walk in and expect things to be accomplished. You have to wait for the issues to go through a legal process before you make decisions on them.

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*What's a History  
teacher's favorite  
fruit?*

***"I stand up for the  
people. And I stand for***

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Q. Has your being on the City Council affected your family members?

A. I would hope not. Before I ran for City Council I visited with all my family members. Everyone of them encouraged me to do this. My granddaughter loves going to City Council meetings with me.

Q. What made you want to be on the City Council?

A. We got involved in a fight with the school board about closing our neighborhood school. I got acquainted with several people in the community who encouraged me to run for City Council because I stand up for the people, and I stand up for that which is right. I prayed about it and the Lord lead me to say "yes". And I have enjoyed it since. □

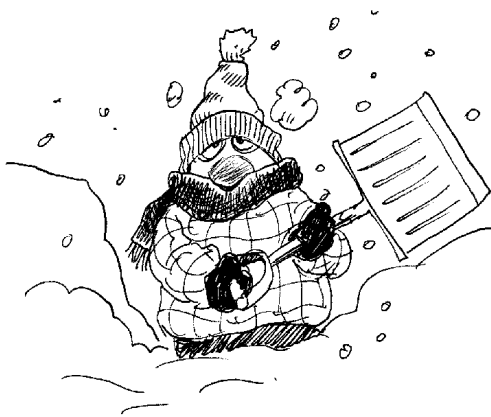
## "The Gift"

by Nate Pielstick

Once upon a time, in 1940, there was a big party. It started at 7:00 P.M. and ended at

3:00 A.M. They were singing Christmas songs, and dancing too. I was just sitting, thinking about when Jesus would return. It was present time and they all prayed they would get something good. This one little boy had never had a present before.

He prayed and said, "Dear Lord, I want not a toy, but for You to come into my heart." He didn't get a box but he got what he asked for. God said, "You now want me, to come into your heart?" The boy said, "Yes." God answered his prayer, and that was his gift. The little boy said, "I said this little prayer tonight, and that's what got me saved. Thank you for giving me the best gift



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Another thing we enjoy about homeschooling is flexibility. We are able to go on field trips when we want to, (as long as we get our work done, of course!). And we recently went to the MONA, Museum of NE Art, in Kearney. That was a fun field trip and even the younger ones thought the art was interesting and it made for good conversation as we listened to the kids talk about which pieces they liked and why. They were required to write reports as well.

We have joined our local homeschooling group, and they too, occasionally offer field trips and have Physical Ed. at the YMCA on Fridays. All three kids have PE in the mornings, and the PE classes also offer the occasional outing such as Ice Skating in Kearney or Bowling. The kids and I all look forward to these times. We have all made friends in the group and it helps to be reminded that you're "not the only ones" homeschooling.

One project we had this year, was adopting a Praying Mantis. Sarah was studying insects in Science, and it so happened that we found a Mantis outside! We kept her and named her "Mannie". Learning about the Mantis first hand was a wonderful experience. Sadly, as I write this article, we have lost Mannie. But she was fascinating to watch and kind of became another family pet! We didn't know before this year that Mantises look right at you

## L.B.A. Student Council

*As part of our Homeschooling endeavor, we have established our own student council!*

*The officers are as follows:*

*President: Gwen (Mom)~~Vice President: Sarah~~Secretary: Nathan~~Treasurer: Hannah  
(of course, our Principal will have final say in our activities!)*

*During the remainder of this school year and all of next year, we will be working towards buying new things for our school, such as: a Globe, simple PE equipment, Books, etc.*

*To do so, we will be having sales of smaller items, such as: pens, pencils, etc. to earn our money.*

*We will keep you posted as to when & what we decide to sell, and if you would like to purchase anything*

We hope you have enjoyed reading our first issue of The Liberty of Christ Newsletter.