

National Day of Prayer held in Bird City

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On May 1, groups throughout the nation gathered together, in one accordance for the 63rd Annual National Day of Prayer and were united together forming one voice united in prayer. A small group of local residents of the community of Bird City gathered together at the Wesleyan Church to pray for America and our national leaders with this prayer: "So that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ," Romans 15:6.

The local group began by showing their patriotism by saying the Pledge of Allegiance and singing the National Anthem, The Star Spangled Banner, America the Beautiful.

Pastor Dan Carson began the program by giving a brief description on "What is the National Day of Prayer?" He considered it an honor to be

able to stand before this group of Americans. First, he said, we gather today – in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior-who promises to be with us as we do that.

Second: to be able to begin today's National Day of Prayer with an opportunity to challenge everyone here, he said, and give some history of the importance of this day.

After quoting the scriptures Matthew 18:18-20 he said; "These scriptures give us some amazing guidelines and promises for prayer."

After reading James 1: verse 5, Mr. Carson tells us to ask for wisdom when we lack and in verses 6 – 8 it tells us when we ask, we must believe by trusting in Jesus, have faith and not doubt, because when we pray and doubt we should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Pastor Dan compared us to a wave and sea, blown and tossed by the word and said, "We are double minded and unstable."

He brings that up today, because we have the opportunity to go to the very throne of almighty God and ask Him to intervene on behalf of our nation and the people that make up this nation!

Pastor Dan Carson points out that on this day of National Day of Prayer there is much rich history of people seeking almighty God. As he looks back, at our nation's history in July 20, 1775, the second Constitutional Congress proclaimed a "day of public humiliation, fasting and prayer" for the English Colonies.

George Washington acknowledged a second day of: "fasting, humiliation and prayer" on May 6, 1779, and again in April 26, 1780 Congress announced a day of "fasting, humiliation and prayer". The Senate report also states that – when the Constitutional Convention encountered difficulties in writing/forming the Constitution, prayer was called for to seek the Constitution.

In 1952, President Harry Truman signed a bill proclaiming a National Day of Prayer must be declared by each following Presidents at the appropriate date of their choice. In 1988 the law was

amended so that the National Day of Prayer would be held on the first Thursday in May. On April, 2011 a Federal Appellate Court unanimously dismissed an unsuccessful challenge as to the freedom from religion foundation and challenged the constitutionality of the National Day of Prayer.

Occasionally, Pastor Dan said, he questions himself on the political correctness of what he should say and he is reminded that Matthew 18:20 promises – "If we gather in Jesus name, he will be there..." Pastor Dan Carson said he took several youth/adults to a youth convention last weekend where he heard this quote: "Why would you want to be politically correct – when you could be right?"

From the latest issue of Decision Magazine he quoted Franklin Graham as writing, "God not only holds His followers to account, but all of mankind." The human race continues gulping the bitter water in the sea of immortality, rejecting truth and trying to silence God's people."

Pastor Adrian Rogers once said, "It is better to be divided by truth than to be united in error. It is better to stand alone with the truth, than to be wrong with the multitude." Mr. Carson added, "Today's National Day of Prayer

could come soon enough - and it is needed in our nation – now more than ever before! This year's theme for the National Day of Prayer is "One Voice Unified in Prayer," and the scripture reference comes from Romans 15:6, "So that with one mind and voice you may glorify the God and Father on our Lord Jesus Christ."

"Today, as we are united together in voice," he said, "praying God's word/His perfect will – over lives and over our nation, may we go to the almighty God with supreme confidence in Him and in faith that God hears his children when they call out to Him."

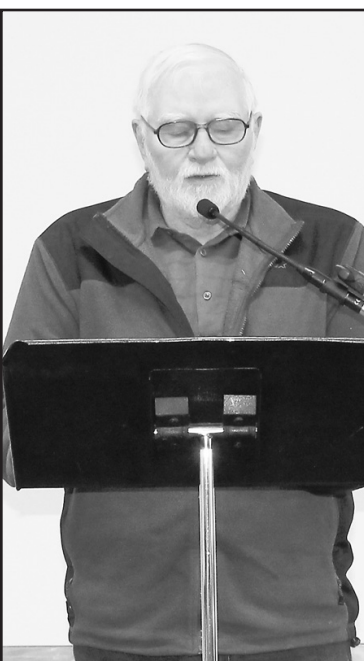
Following this description of the National Day of Prayer, Velda Wright prayed for our government leaders, Judy Fisher for our military, Pastor David Rossbach for business, Ken Beogher for the church, Marcia Hickert for the family, Pastor Mark Adams for education, Eleanor Swihart for our youth and Trish Willis for the persecuted and imprisoned.

The service was ended with singing "God Bless America". Everyone from different faiths ended the gathering by fellowshiping together with coffee and rolls.



ED CARSON and Lonnie Willis were among the group who attended the National Day of Prayer at the Wesleyan Church to pray for America and it's national leaders. Pastor Dan Carson led the prayer meeting.

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KEN BEOGHER prayed for the church following the description of the National Day of Prayer.

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Emergency response training

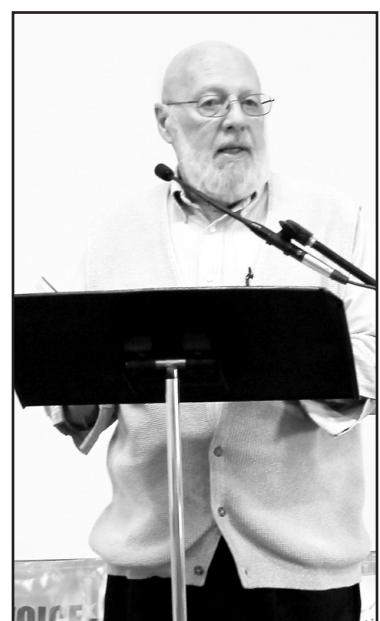
On Saturday Cheyenne County hosted the final training, disaster drill, and graduation for Northwest Kansas Community Emergency Responder Training. Fifteen volunteers participated in the Federal Emergency Management Agency 20 hour basic training course.

Cheyenne County Emergency Management received a grant to help fund the initial training and pilot project of a multi-county Community Emergency Responder Training team. Members are from Cheyenne, Rawlins, Sherman, and Thomas counties; each county hosted a portion of the training.

Community Emergency Responder Training volunteers received basic training and skills to safely respond and assist their communities and emergency responders during a state of emergency or disaster declaration. Some of the skills learned were basic first aide, light search and rescue, fire suppression, disaster psychology, traffic control, among other skills. Volunteers may also be called upon to assist with incidents involving evacuations, sheltering, or fire fighter rehab. Saturday, May 3, as part of the final sessions, Ryan Murray took the group to the Good Samaritan Village for the disaster drill and exercise. The Village staff instructed the volunteers how to assist and safely evacuate residents during an emergency situation.

"I am thrilled with the success of our first round of training, and very impressed with the dedication and commitment these volunteers have shown to better prepare and serve their communities in times of emergency or disaster. I would also like to thank the instructors and organizers from Cheyenne, Rawlins, Sherman and Thomas counties, who helped make this pilot project a success," said Ryan Murray, Emergency Management Director for Cheyenne, Rawlins, and Sherman counties.

There are plans to host the 20 hour Community Emergency Responder Training course again in the fall of 2014. If anyone is interested in volunteering on Northwest Kansas Community Emergency Responder Training they can contact Stacy Kaup, Cheyenne County Emergency Services Assistant at 785-332-2560.



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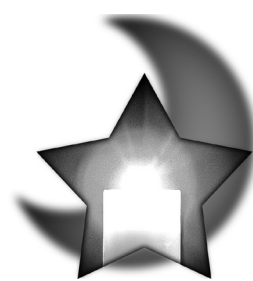
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