



WEEKLY SERMONETTE

Fall Festivities — By Cody Shepherd, Youth Minister at Norton Christian Church

Autumn is my favorite time of year. I enjoy when I get to start wearing "hoodies" and drinking hot chocolate. That time when the leaves begin to change colors, but before the fear of winter sets in, is one of the most glorious times for me. However, it's not just because of those things that I just mentioned. There is one more special

reason I love this time of year; football. If God were a sports fan, I'm sure he'd agree with me that football is something extra special. Think about it, there are 11 players on the field (very similar to the camaraderie Jesus would have had with 12 disciples).

Along with football nowadays comes a very beautiful invention called "fantasy football". I enjoy fantasy football. You get to choose those people or teams that you feel will best get you to that much anticipated position of "top dog". There you find yourself gloriously gloating over the rest of those who were foolish enough to try to match themselves against your allknowing wisdom of football.

Although God may like football (which I still hold fast to), I'm glad he's not much of a fantasy player. God's team does not have A Chance to "Make It Big"

ave you dreamed of "making it big"? Perhaps you desire your own successful company or to patent a wrinkle cream that works "indefinitely". Would you like to win the gazillion dollar lottery or the supersweepstakes?

I would invite you to think of that which is even more valuable, such as job you really love or a hug when vou need it the most. Some things are truly priceless... such as being a grandparent.

Despite all the attention paid to "eternal youth" and removing our wrinkles, we read in Proverbs 17:6... "Grandchildren are the crown of the aged." That is

priceless... a crown to dim the wrinkles and the sagging of age. Just when we need them most, we have grandchildren who know none of our faults... a new beginning... a new chance to "make it big". We pass on to them the words of our grandparents, knowing that although they hear them now, one day they will also understand and pass them on the future generations. Isn't that a form of immortality?

You have a chance to teach your grandchildren about the love of their Heavenly Father. A Bible is a precious gift that will be cherished forever. If possible, worship with them as well. Your presence in their lives is priceless.

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| Psalm | Psalm | 1 Corinthians | 1 Corinthians | 1 Corinthians | James | James |
| 1 | 19 | 1:18-31 | 2:1-16 | 3:1-23 | 1:1-27 | 2:1-13 |

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a cap in which only so many players can be on His team. God does not want anyone to sit on the bench (and that includes in church). And most importantly, God will never kick you off the team for somebody else or because you were injured. How can God do all these things? It comes down to one easy answer. God does not need to prove Himself be-

cause He has already won. He doesn't want you for what you can do for Him, He wants you on His team because He loves you.

Remember, however. that I said before that he doesn't want anyone on the bench. We were not called to be bench-sitters, we were created to play on the team in our own roles. Some of us are linemen, some of us are running backs, some of us are quarterbacks, etc. We need to find our purpose and roles that Christ has for us and get in the game. Norton Christian Church is going through 40 Days of Purpose and we invite anyone (and I mean anyone) to join up in a small group and learn more about your purpose in life. There is no commitment to being a part of Norton Christian Church (you don't have to step foot in our church), we just want you to "get in the game" for God.

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By NORCATUR NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS

Teresa Reeves and Dwight Wood report that things are going well in McCook. They don't miss the long drives to dialysis at all; it only takes five minutes now. Teresa has been hired by the Obrecht; Steve and Debbie McCook school district as a paraprofessional at the special education center. She enjoys it very much. They do miss their friends attend this year for health reasons. in Kansas, and invite them to stop by if up their way.

On Saturday, Sept. 25, at 3 p.m., Teresa Reves and Dwight Wood will be married at their home at 611 E. 5th St. in McCook. Anyone wishing to come and celebrate is welcome. There will be a reception to follow, also at their home.

There were 15 in attendance at the Senior Citizens on Friday night, Sept. 3. Winners were Juanita Eckhart, Irene Jolly, Glenn Alexander and LaVerne Milner. Next meeting is on Friday, Sept. 17, at 7 p.m.

Friday evening, Sept. 3, Veda Wood traveled to McCook to visit Teresa and Dwight Wood, to help them with a garage sale. She spent the night and Saturday took Dwight to dialysis so that Teresa could stay at the sale.

Pat Schwab's birthday was Sept. 8. Mail will reach her at RR1, Box 31, Norcatur, Kan. 67653.

Vearl Sparkman of Norton: Her homa, and Charley and Carolyn family held a cookout at the park Kelley and Bula Kelley came in in Norton on Aug. 28 for Grandmother and Great-grandma Vearl Sparkman, John Risewick (Vearl's great-grandson), and granddaughters Deb and Michele. The birthday cake was decorated for John's 10th birthday, and "Grandma", or "Mom, for her 92nd birthday. They enjoyed a fun and loving time. "Grandma Vearl" said it made her day.

ECKHART REUNION

The 24th annual Eckhart re-Leichliter's over Labor Day Weekend; Sept. 3-6.

Five campers and three tents were spread around the farm. Forty-one people enjoyed the Ruby Cook, Clayton; Randy food, games and talking.

were Ron and Cheri Porter, Katy and Jessy; Shawn Hart; DeJay and Dana Monson, Deseray, David, Grace and Joseph; Craig Eckhart; some blue grass music by Bob and Kevin and Nathan Eckhart; Jer- Lea. emy Eckhart; Amber Eckhart;

Enoch and Coburn Vandever: Chris and Donna Eckhart.

Attending from Colorado were Terry and Darcy Robbins; Brooke, Tamez; Adam and Jonis Deane; Kyle and Kathleen Obrecht, Maverick; Kent Obrecht; Kami Obrecht; Lela and Trish Brooks; LeaAnn Davis, Jeremy. Vene and Phyllis Leichliter were unable to

Those from Kansas were Karen Reeser; Kenny Leichliter; Ruth Gill.

Jake Leichliter came from Montana and Kathryn Orr from California.

Sunday evening, Sept. 5, visitors for homemade ice cream were Bill LaSalle, Lora Arnold, Norm and Julie Gallentine, Bill and Grace Eckhart, Lee Eckhart, Tami Shaw and Dante, and Kenny and Pansy Price. Special thanks to Gene and Kelsey Gallentine, whose photography skills enabled a group photo.

PRICE FAMILY GATHERING

Virgil and Joyce Price enjoyed a great Labor Day weekend with the family reunion and birthday celebrations. That Thursday, Bob and Lea Price arrived in their motorhome from Chicago. On Friday, Keith and Linda Jurey came from Albuquerque. Saturday Ri-The News received a letter from chard Jurey arrived from Oklatheir motorhome that evening. Saturday noon guests were Doris Klingensmith and Sue Crockett of Lakewood, Colo., and Nila Murrain of McCook. On Sunday a reunion was held at the education building with 39 present.

In addition to the ones listed above were: Virginia Britton and Abie Smith and Verl and Noreen Crabill of Norton; Ron, Marlene, Erica, Matthew, and Craig Wolf of Kensington; John, Dana, Jairus, union was held at Denny Joshua, and Anna Kelley of Clay Center; Jack and Anne Kelley, Junction City; Kenneth and Pansy Price of Clayton; Shannon Cook, Werner, Koby and Dylan and Crabill of Denver; Margaret Those attending from Nebraska Kelley of Denver, and Julie Kelley of Wichita, and Margaret Magers of Lyle. It was a fun day with lots of visiting, picture taking and even

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By ESTHER MARBLE

MENA NEWS

Almena Community Center on chard, Mariah Richardson and September 4. Lila and Dan Engelhardt hosted the event. Those present were from Colorado Springs: Curtis and Kathy Hanlon, Josh and Grace; Gene, Jason and Erin Engelhardt; Phil Engelhardt; John, Sharon, Jared and Ryan Butts; Danbury, Neb.: Ardith Berry; Pueblo, Colo.: Cody Abeyta, Devin and Austin; Hays: Amy McMillin and Andrea; Green, Kan.: Lora Stone, Brad Stone, Fagen Rogers; Norton: Cindy Brown, Mildred Engelhardt, John, Dana and Joyce Eckhart visited Jean Michael Hanlon; Topeka: Colette Leuszler and Donna who had Craig, Tjay and Neil Evenson, brought birthday cake to help Garran Evenson and Brant Joyce and Jean celebrate their Evenson; Almena: Zita Jean birthdays which are on the same Fisher, Bud and Lila Engelhardt, Dan Engelhardt, Mark and Chaim McMillin, Fleta Hanlon; Bennett, his grandmother Esther Marble on Colo.: Bill Richards; Sylvan Saturday.

Grove, Kan.: Steve and Patty A large crowd gathered at the Engelhardt; Denver: Kipena Ri-Carrie Engelhardt; Munjor, Kan.: Braden and Corbin Engelhardt and Brad McMillin; Delia, Kan .: Joe and Virginia McMillin; Centennial, Colo: Lyle and Nancy Engelhardt, Sam Engelhardt, Kyra and Lyle Bryant; and McCook, Neb.: Linda Hanlon. Everyone had a good time.

Josh and Betsy Betts and daughter Harley of Beaverton, Ore., were Saturday and Sunday guests of their aunt Alberta Geil.

August 31, Sue Jackson and day.

Chance Marble ate dinner with

By VIVIAN JANSONIUS of Overland Park recently spent was held. They are Darline Brown, the weekend at the home of his chairman; Goldie Barker, vicemother, Hazel Jansonius. They chairman; and Wauneta also visited his brother, Rodney Jansonius.

Paul and Mary Ann Winchell of Orange City, Iowa, spent last weekend at the home of John Kats and relatives. Saturday evening they visited at the home of Dick and Anne Jansonius.

Sept. 2, The Gleaner's Circle of the Prairie View Reformed Church met at the church with seven members present. Chairwoman Darline Brown conducted the meeting and Wauneta Schemper gave the devotion. Hazel Jansonius gave a lesson entitled, "How Can We Imitate Jesus' Attitude? We Must Be United With Christ". Correspondence

from LaVon Ponstein was shared LeWayne and Marcia Jansonius by members. Election of officers Schemper, secretary/treasurer. Hostess was Mrs. Schemper. Others attending were Linda Van Der Weele, Julianna Lasniewski and Vivian Jansonius.

> The Phillipsburg Red Cross Blood Drive was held Tuesday in the Community Church of God.

