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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"Grace" — By Kirk Kasson, Congregational Church, Alma

John 1:16-17 (NIV)

From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

If I really knew you, do you think I'd like you? If you answered that question "No", ask yourself why. Why wouldn't I like you?

Let me make a bold statement, which I believe to be true. I think I am capable of loving just about anybody. Now that doesn't mean I don't disagree with people, or get mad, or even feel at times like "what you are about" is in direct opposition to "what I am about".

But because I have experienced grace, both from my God, and from people within the church, I can learn to love people, even when it feels like they don't deserve my love. I enjoy getting to know people, and I bet if I got to know you, really know you, I'd like you.

God knows you better than I do, and His love is unconditional.

In our society we have learned to keep our "guard up". Many of us have been hurt by others, and are suspicious of other people's motives. We don't want to be hurt again.

How many true friends do you have? How many people know you for who you are?

If there is one person in this world who truly knows you, knows your good traits and bad, knows you the way you really are, and loves you unconditionally, then you have a glimpse of what the Bible calls GRACE.

Bruce Larson wrote the following testimony, which gives a strong sense of what I, as a pastor feel regarding this topic.

"I was a student minister at a little church up on the Hudson River. I'd go up every weekend from Princeton, where I was in seminary. Then one weekend, I found out some shocking news: a teenage girl in the congregation had left the community to live with her older brother. She was pregnant.

I said to the woman who told me, 'Could I go see her?' 'Oh, no,' she replied. 'You're the last person she wants to know what's happened.'

Suddenly it hit me: That's what's wrong with the church in our time. It's the place where you wear only your best clothes; you sit in Sunday school, you worship, you have a potluck together, but you don't bring your life! You leave behind all your pain, your brokenness, your hopes, even your joys.

How tragic, that even those within the church (perhaps especially within the church!) have yet to experience grace and unconditional love. I am personally convicted to try to change that fact. First to change it in my own heart, then in our church, and then as far as that influence can reach.

My ability to love other people is itself, a gift from God. I cannot take credit for it, but am learning to allow God to help me do it. There are people in your life who can show you this kind of grace. I am praying you will find them, and having received grace, you will bestow that love on someone else.



Just keep On swimming

"Goldie, don't look now, but I think big trouble is lurking right over our heads. Just keep swimming and pretend you don't know. Maybe his head will get stuck in the bowl before we become cat food. Maybe he won't like getting his nose wet. Anyway, just keep on swimming..."

If goldfish pray, this is the time. If not, let's hope luck is in their fishbowl. You know, it is said we all live in a fishbowl. For example, access to personal information is as simple as pushing a button. It is not surprising that we feel vulnerable. We read of crime each day. Luck is seldom an effective deterrent. Are we helpless against evil that is lurking ... waiting to pounce?

Help is only a prayer away. As you worship God at your local church or synagogue, ask Him to surround you with His mercy and strengthen you with His love. You need not be afraid. Trust God's will ... and just keep on praying.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Samuel 2:1-11	Daniel 9:1-19	Jonah 2:1-10	Matthew 6:1-18	Psalms 51	Psalms 56	Psalms 57

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Treasurer's Quarterly Report

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**STATE OF KANSAS
COUNTY OF NORTON
TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT
AS OF JANUARY 31, 2005**

County Funds Budgeted	Fund Balance
County General	1,205,121.10
Road & Bridge	446,797.30
Special Bridge	71,651.25
Ambulance	56,446.55
Andbe Home	503.32
Appraiser's Cost	37,992.67
Bond & Interest	112.25
Bridge Bond	197,102.33
Community College	23,319.69
County Health	124,778.77
Economic Development	128,578.02
Election	30,234.16
Employee Benefits	624,092.32
Extension Council	1,974.78
Fair Building	903.30
4-H Maintenance	10,913.44
Historical Preservation	2,053.83
Hospital Maintenance	2,847.93
Mental Health	2,154.69
Mental Retardation	3,231.34
Noxious Weed	60,743.13
Noxious Weed Deficiency	73.16
Senior Citizens	89.29
Soil Conservation	290.70
Airports	511.69
Solid Waste	27,056.97
Landfill Closure	10,000.00
Special Liability	.53
Bridge Construction #2	612,898.97
Special Machinery & Equip	62,001.78
Co Health Capital Outlay	125,526.38
Ambulance Capital Outlay	97,953.19
Noxious Weed Capital Out	54,070.98
Clayton Cemetery	434.78
Edmond Cemetery	312.36
911 Tax	18,616.56
Bridge Bond 2004	2,754.62
Bridge Construction 2004	654,371.16

County Funds Non-Budgeted	Fund Balance
Co Treas Capital Outlay	34,109.96
Co Clerk Cap Outlay	10,667.26
Dist Court Capital Outlay	10,899.52
Reg of Deeds Cap Outlay	12,989.20
Sheriff Capital Outlay	8,963.26
Appraiser Capital Outlay	2,375.88
Election Capital Outlay	44,566.60
Solid Waste Cap Outlay	273,748.63
Special Drug & Alcohol	17,810.28
Spec Parks & Recreation	6,317.48

Revenue Funds	Fund Balance
Current Tax	85,055.18
Vehicle Tax	13,465.11
RV Tax	341.17
Redemptions Real Estate	10,867.19
Escrow Account	7.88
Compensation Sales Tax	20,821.16

City Funds	Fund Balance
Clayton City - General	100.65

Trustee Fund	Fund Balance
Court Trustee - State	2,618.17
Court Trustee - Local	35,161.45
Case Management	30,525.21
Juvenile Just Authority	34,003.48
JAIBG - JJ Intake	6,978.70
Juvenile Director	2,280.03
Parent Training	1,404.82
Family Education	27,992.26
JAIBG/Case Mgmt Intake	744.30
Community Mobilization	26,578.98
JISP	30,136.27
Diversion	27,782.33
Juvenile Intake	17,335.99
Judicial Capital Outlay	14,224.00

Miscellaneous Specials	Fund Balance
Lenora City Mowing	512.50

TOTAL CASH IN TREASURY 5,682,878.60

I do solemnly swear the above statement is complete, true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, so help me God.

Cynthia J. Linner, County Treasurer
Subscribed and sworn before me this 31st day of January, 2005.

Robert D. Wyatt, County Clerk

Notice of Sheriff's Sale

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS
CIVIL COURT DEPARTMENT
CENTEX HOME EQUITY COMPANY, LLC, Plaintiff,
v.
FIDELIS D. MILLAN, et al., Defendants.
Case No. 2004-CV-50
Court No. K.S.A. Chapter 60

TITLE TO REAL ESTATE INVOLVED
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me out of the said District Court in the above-entitled action, I will on Friday, the 18th day of February, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. of said date at the front door of the Courthouse in Norton County, Kansas, in the City of Norton, Kansas, offer at public sale and sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, the following described real property, to-wit:

Lot Forty-eight (48) and the West Thirty-one (31) feet of Lot Fifty (50) in Block Twenty-six (26) of Norton Town Association Addition to the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas.

More correctly described as:
Lot Forty-eight (48) and the West Thirty-one (31) Feet of Lot Fifty (50), all in Block Twenty-six (26) of Norton Town Association Addition to the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas.

The above-described real estate is taken as the property of the defendants Fidelis D. Millan, et al, and is directed by said Order of Sale to be sold, and will be sold without appraisal to satisfy said Order of Sale.

Troy Thomson
Sheriff of Norton County, Kansas

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NOTICE

Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. Section 1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

The Estate of Jack D. Sheley

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS
In the Matter of the Estate of JACK D. SHELEY, deceased,
Case No. 2005-PR-3

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on January 26, 2005, a petition was filed in this Court by Betty A. Sheley, heir, devisee and legatee, and named executrix of the Last Will and Testament of Jack D. Sheley, deceased, dated August 22, 2003, praying that the will filed with the petition be admitted to probate and record, that she be appointed as executrix without bond, and that she be granted Letters Testamentary.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before February 22, 2005, at 9:00 a.m., with this Court, in the City of Norton, in Norton, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months from the date of first publication of this notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Betty A. Sheley, Petitioner

Submitted by:
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The Estate of Harry A. Meyers

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS
In the Matter of the Estate of HARRY A. MEYERS, Deceased
Case No. 03-P-06

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT
The State of Kansas To All Persons Concerned:

You are hereby notified that a petition was filed in this Court on February 2, 2005 by Richard W. Meyers, Executor of the Estate of Harry A. Meyers, praying for final settlement of said estate, approval of his acts, proceedings and accountings and allowance of fees and expenses, determination of heirs, devisees and legatees entitled to the estate and assignment to them of the remaining estate assets in accordance with decedent's will.

You are notified that you are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before March 1, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. in the District Magistrate Court, in the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

RICHARD W. MEYERS
Executor

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