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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

A PASTOR'S PRAYER — By Pastor Terry Laughlin, Community Full Gospel Church

The National Day of Prayer originally was set up to be observed during the noon hour and was an opportunity for Christians to deny the flesh, fast a meal and pray for this nation.

Often when the prophets of God prayed for the nation of Israel they started with praise followed up with confession of sin then petitioned God for His mercy and guidance. That is the correct order in which we are to come to God and pray for this nation.

About ten years ago I had the privilege to meet and pray for a wonderful man of God, Pastor Joe Wright. Just a few years ago he opened up the new session of the Kansas Senate with a very heartfelt Holy Spirit led prayer.

His prayer was read on Commentator Paul Harvey's "The Rest of the Story" and received one of the largest responses he ever had on one of his programs. Within six weeks Central Christian Church where Rev. Wright was pastor, logged more than 5,000 phone calls with only 47 negative responses. The church is now receiving international requests for copies of this prayer from places such as India, Africa and Korea.

When Pastor Wright started this prayer everyone was expecting the usual generalities, but this is what they heard. "Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask Your forgiveness and to seek Your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says "Woe to those who call evil good" but that is exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and

reversed our values. We have ridiculed the absolute truth of Your Word and called it pluralism. We have worshipped other gods and called it multiculturalism. We have endorsed perversion and called it alternative lifestyle. We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery. We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare. We have killed our unborn and called it choice. We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable. We have neglected to discipline our children and called it self-esteem. We have abused power and called it politics. We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition. We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression. We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment. Search us, O God, and know our hearts today, cleanse us from every sin and set us free... In the Name of Jesus Christ, Amen."

We live in a wonderful county and most certainly it is an excellent place to raise a family, to work and worship the Lord. However we must not look at this area through rose-colored glasses. Men of God are becoming concerned for we are seeing the curses of Deuteronomy 28 proclaimed on those who disobey God's Word falling upon this area as well as the rest of this United States of America.

Only God can bring true repentance and truly turn mankind to the Lord. Only prayer and fasting can bring a true spiritual awakening.



Making Way for Spring

"I can hardly wait 'til February is over and spring is really there"...certainly not an unusual exclamation. The snow, which was novel in November and welcomed in December, is merely tolerated in January, and declared a nuisance in February.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are captured on film and New Year's Eve is but a memory. Still, we must bear the ice and freezing temperatures, at least through February in many parts of our country.

Yet, toward the end of February there may be a most unusual day when the air is not quite so cold, and the sun seems to touch the earth with teasing, tantalizing fingertips of warmth melting the winter snow. God is making way for spring, giving us a day to lift our spirits.

Does it sometimes seem like your winter will never end; that you have more than your share of trouble and sorrow? Learn to know God. Psalm 46:1 promises us that God is "...a very present help in trouble." Accept Him and let His love touch your life like the revitalizing warmth of an "earlier than spring" day. Spend time at your house of worship this week.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Psalm 28	Psalm 30	Genesis 15:1-21	Genesis 16:1-16	Genesis 17:1-27	Genesis 18:1-15	Genesis 18:16-33

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NEW ALMELO

By BETTY OTTER

Funeral services were held Feb. 8 for Delores (Gallentine) Slipke at St. Joseph Church, New Almelo with Fr. Vincent Thu Laing and Deacon Stan Chapin officiating. Burial was in the St. Joseph Cemetery.

She attended school in Clayton, graduating from high school there in 1951.

She was an accomplished musician, playing the piano and organ as well as other instruments. She began playing the organ at church and school functions when she was 12 and continued to share her gift throughout her life. After her sons were raised she became a licensed practical nurse.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Francis and her parents, Ivan and Thelma Gallentine. She is survived by her two sons and their wives, John and Bridget Slipke, Simpsonville, S.C., and Curtis and Paula Slipke, Batavia, Ill.; two brothers and their wives, John K. and Ann Gallentine, Clayton, and Jerry and Shirley Gallentine, Rapid City, S.D.; three grandsons and two granddaughters.

On February 10, funeral services were held at St. Joseph Church, New Almelo for Alfred Mindrup, 76. Burial was in St. Joseph Cemetery, New Almelo, with military services by Harmonson-Redd American Legion Post No. 63.

He was drafted into the army in 1950. He was with the mortar division of the 2nd Infantry Division of Korea. He was with the men who fought at Heartbreak Ridge. During his stint in Korea he earned two Purple Hearts, a Bronze Star, the Combat Infantry Badge for

bravery under fire and the Korean War Medal. After returning to the States, he worked in the oil fields as a driller and a pumper. He farmed and with his electrical knowledge helped friends and neighbors solve their electrical problems. After a winter storm, he would spend hours on his tractor clearing roads, driveways and the church yard. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy, his two sons and their wives, D. Mike and Arleen Mindrup and David and Mary Mindrup all of Olathe; four grandchildren, two brothers, Bernard Mindrup, and Bob and Myrna Mindrup, all of Lenora; five sisters, Rosalie and Doral Allen, Agnes and Dale Lyon, Jennie and Elmer Van Fleet, Mary Ann Grawey, Bernice and Dennis Miles; and one brother-in-law, Joe De Santi.

World Marriage Day was celebrated during Mass on Feb. 13 at St. Joseph Church. All married couples were acknowledged and asked to stand when their year was announced. The couples were blessed by Fr. Vincent Thu Laing. The couples married 50-60 years were given a red rose. Those couple were Gilbert and Mathilda Bollig, 58 years; Emie and Mary Lou Long, 57 years; Stan and Sonya Chapin, 50 years; Marion and Lorraine Long, 66 years; Allie and Ruth Vahling, 61 years; and Jim and Wilma Mader, 60 years.

Tom and Jan Long, Hays, visited Marion and Lorraine Long on Sunday. Connie and Charlotte Otter, McPherson, came to New Almelo to attend the funeral for Alfred Mindrup and to visit his mother, Sophia Otter in the Norton hospital.

PRAIRIE VIEW

By VIVIAN JANSONIUS

Six people from the area took time out of their busy schedules to donate blood in Phillipsburg on Feb. 3. They were: Todd Slavik, Long Island; Rodney Jansonius, Willard Jansonius, Derek Kats, Donna Kats and Kenneth Schemper, all of Prairie View.

Sam and Donna Stuteville, Hillsdale, came last Friday to spend some time at their home here. They have sold the house and will be missed.

Feb. 14, Vivian Jansonius went to Phillipsburg to attend the Phillips County Home Health Advisory Board meeting. Rodger Van Loenen, also of Prairie View, attended as a member of the Phillips County commissioners.

Lone Prairie 4-H Club met Feb. 14 in the Prairie View community center with Tim Jansonius presiding. Roll Call was answered by "I Love Who/What". Twenty-one members, eight parents, six leaders and two visitors were present.

Members discussed the gun show, the 4-H Carnival and 4-H Club Day. Demonstrations were given by Samantha Tien on how to wrap a present and Jordan Girard on how to make a paper spring. Tim Jansonius gave a health talk, Ireland Voss gave a project talk on cooking and Renee Becker talked on crafts. Regan Kats spoke to the club about his bucket calf project and Mitchell spoke about safety around wildlife. The Johnson family provided refreshments.

Feb. 15 several members of the Prairie View Reformed Church went to Logan for a program at the Manor. They were: Norman and Rose Erickson, Bart and Erma Soodsma and Marilyn Whitsitt of Phillipsburg; Gary and Doris Mulder, Logan; the Rev. Jeffrey Van Der Weele, Rodney Jansonius, Hazel Jansonius and Vivian Jansonius,

Prairie View. While at the Manor, Mr. and Mrs. Mulder visited Darrell Mulder.

A carry-in dinner was held at the Prairie View Senior Citizen Center on Feb. 16. Attending were: John Hoffman, Logan; Marvin Harbers, Stanley and Maxine Harbers, Burdett and Belva Leydig, Rodney Jansonius, Glen and Linda Hultgren, the Rev. Jeffrey and Linda Van Der Weele, Vivian Jansonius, Julianna Lasniewski, Faith Van Diest, Goldie Barker, Clazine Engelsman, Hazel Jansonius, Gertrude Erickson and Erma Jean Nyland.

Kenberlea Van Der Veen of Irving, Texas, arrived Feb. 11 at the home of her parents, Jay and Judy Van Der Veen. She came to be with her family during the first anniversary of the death of her son, Chaston, on Feb. 14.

On Feb. 12, members of the Van Der Veen family and friends met at Rainbow Lanes in Norton to visit with Kenberlea. Others attending were Marie Pakkebie, Larry Pakkebie, Kenny, Becky, Allyson and Mark Pakkebie of Denismore; Sandra Van Kooten, Destiny Shaw, Clifford and Helen Van Kooten, Melinda, Christian and Noah Van Kooten, Phillipsburg; Marla Tyler and Taryn Kuhn, Norton; Shane, Stacie, Alyssa and Gage De Boer, Edmond; George, Sue and Sean Newlan, Marvin and Wauneta Van Der Veen, Curtis Van Der Veen, Cory Van Der Veen, Kristi Jansonius, Jay and Judy Van Der Veen of Prairie View.

During her visit Kenberlea also spent time with her brother, Steve, of Prairie View and her grandmother, Marie Delimont, Norton.

The February meeting of the Family and Community Education unit will meet at 7:30 p.m., Monday in the Community Center. Pat Hammond and Diana Greving will be hostesses.

ALMENA NEWS

By ESTHER MARBLE

Joe Anderson and son visited Esther Marble Saturday morning.

Lyle Engelhardt and granddaughter Carolyn were Saturday overnight guests of Fleta Hanlon, Almena.

Lyle came to attend the 40th anniversary celebration of Bruce and Marilyn Colip. Sunday, he visited with his nephew, Mark McMillin and son Chaim, also

with his niece Cindy Brown and husband Mike. They left Sunday afternoon for their home in Centennial, Colo. Lyle called Monday to say they arrived home safely and to report they had heavy snow Sunday night but it was melting fast Monday morning.

Bryce Marble ate dinner Saturday with his grandmother Esther Marble and Harold Shearer.

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