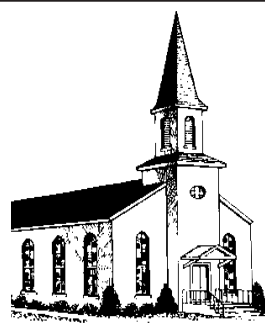


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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

SHOUTS OF PRAISE — By Pastor Terry Laughlin, Community Full Gospel Church

There is a loud declaration of our Lord's purpose for coming to earth at the triumphal entry. "As Jesus approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives... Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!... Hosanna in the highest!'" (Mark 11: 1, 8 - 10)

What was our Lord's mission as He made His way into the holy city? What should be in the hearts and coming out of the mouths of God's chosen people during this Easter season?

By the time Jesus had made this approach to Jerusalem, He had been traveling around three years performing miracles, teaching and ministering to all who would just come to Him. On this trip into Jerusalem, He would be wrongfully treated, brutally beaten and experience the sting of death of which no Christian will ever bear.

Just a few days earlier Jesus declared His mission, "For the Son of Man came to seek and save what was lost." (Luke 19:10) The word "Hosanna" means "save us." At that time, "Hosanna" had become a common shout of the Jewish people for the praises of God.

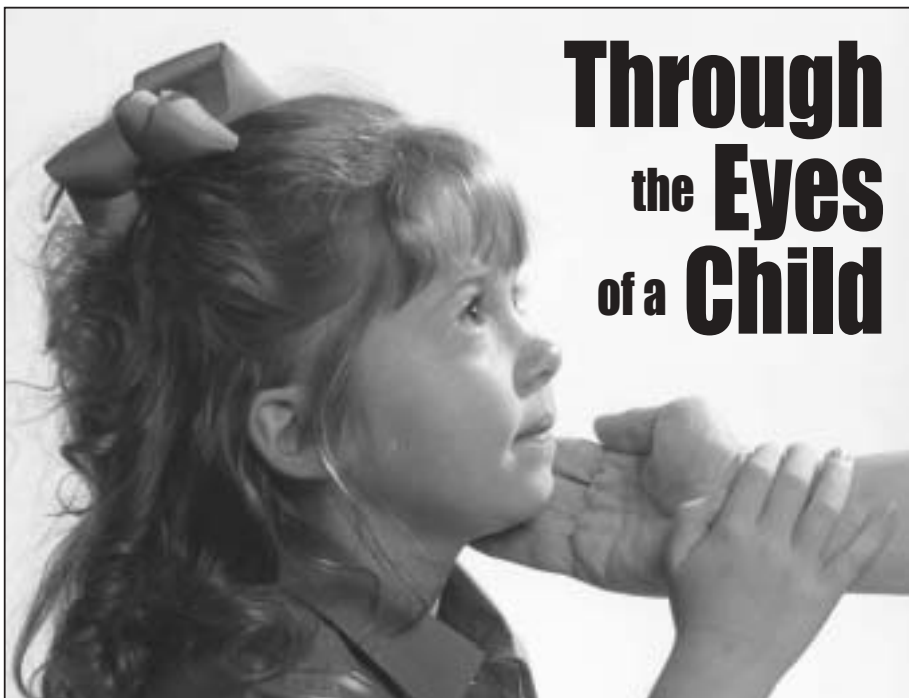
Jesus' purpose for going to Jerusalem at that time in history was to give His life, to allow His blood to be shed, He became the Paschal Lamb of God. He died to pay for the sins of the world. Think upon that; Jesus knew as He entered Jerusalem, that before the week came to an end, those shouts of "Hosanna" would

turn to "Crucify Him!" His death and resurrection makes the way for repentant sinners to be forgiven and receive a fresh clean start before God. Jesus' mission was completed on the Cross of Calvary.

Peter reminds Christians of their mission, they "are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that (they) may declare the praises of Him who called (them) out of darkness into His wonderful light." (1 Peter 2:9)

How can Christians proclaim the praises of God? First, we should make a joyful proclamation of who Jesus is. The crowd on the road to Jerusalem had no concern for what the Pharisees or the Roman soldiers thought about their praises. Second, we should tell people who are overcome by their sins how Jesus will not only forgive their sins, but can also break the dominion of sin in their lives through the Spirit of Christ. Thirdly, tell others what Jesus has done for you. In the region of the Gerasenes, as Jesus stepped ashore, he met a demon-possessed man. After casting the demons out of the man, our Lord said, "Return home and tell how much God has done for you." (Luke 8:39)

The Easter Season is upon us. Christians should be heard giving shouts of praise, not allowing the opinions of others to keep their praises to themselves. They should be telling those bound by sin about the saving power of Jesus Christ, and following the instruction of their Lord, "Go and tell what God has done."



Through the Eyes of a Child

The love and trust shown through the eyes of a child remind us daily of the responsibility of teaching and sharing so many things...honesty, compassion, dependability, and caring to mention a few. Taking hold of the hand of one that shows that trust reminds us of how important it is to teach our children and grandchildren about the responsibilities facing them throughout their life - not only in words of encouragement and wisdom, but also by our actions.

In the daily lives of so many families, time with our children and with God becomes set aside for other chores and personal activities. This sometimes allows children to miss out on gathering the knowledge and teachings of the religious heritage that our forefathers fought and struggled to give to all future generations. The eyes and hearts of our children are alert and ready to absorb so many facets of the teachings of our Heavenly Father. Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it."

We can share our faith in God and help our children learn about the teachings of their religious heritage by attending a church or synagogue of choice each week. The doors to a loving faith are always open to God's children.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Genesis † 21:1-21	Galatians † 3:1-14	Galatians † 3:15-4:7	Galatians † 4:8-20	Galatians † 4:21-31	Romans † 4:1-12	Romans † 4:13-25

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NORCATUR NEWS

By NORCATUR NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS

Sympathy is extended to the family of Francis R. Strayer, 90, of Norton, who died at the Andbe Home on Feb. 16. He was the son of Norman and Laura Elizabeth (Ward) Strayer, and was born Feb. 2, 1915, on the family farm north of Reager.

Survivors include a brother, Ralph and Evelyn Strayer, Atwood; a sister, Gladys Taylor, Salina; and a sister-in-law, Ruby Strayer, Norton. Funeral services were held Feb. 18 at Enfield Funeral Home in Norton with Jeff Nielsen officiating. Burial was at the Norton Cemetery.

There were 21 in attendance at Senior Citizens on Feb. 18. Winners were June Jolly, Margaret Magers and Marilou Long. The next meeting will be on Friday. The Royal Neighbors will entertain with a soup and pie supper beginning at 6 p.m. and cards will follow at 7 p.m.

Harold Curran moved to Abilene to be close to family while he recuperates. His address is Sterling House #2, 1102 N. Vine, Abilene, Kan., 67410, and he may be reached by phone at (795) 263-1817.

Guests the weekend of Feb. 19-20 of Bob and Leona Schoenrad were their son, Ed Schoenrad, and his friend, Dana, Dacono, Colo.

Mark and Debby Ward were guests the weekend of Feb. 19-20 of their parents, Dorothy and Kenneth Ward. Grandsons K.J. and Brandon had school activities and were unable to come.

Bob Schoenrad is recovering from a recent bout with pneumonia.

Esther Miller entertained the Monday Bridge Club on Feb. 14. Winners were Alice Shirley, Merle Shirley and Beth Sebaugh, all of Oberlin. Guests were Mary Horney and Annette Miller of Oberlin.

Gerald and Judy Jackson sent greetings to everyone from Austin, Texas. They are looking forward to the class reunion in May and have enjoyed fishing in San Benio and Rio Honda.

On Feb. 15, Marguerite Clark shared her Christmas roast at a carry-in dinner attended by Frank and Velda Ward, Wava Reames, and Leslie Ward.

Wava Reames was a guest for lunch of Bev (Ritter) Miller on Feb. 16. Bev's son, Rusty, joined them for the meal. On Thursday, Wava and Mary (O'Hare) Morris met with Sharon (Jackson) Schulze at her Rose-O-Sharon Bed and Breakfast to plan their 40th class reunion.

The board of directors for the Norcatour Citizens Alliance held their annual meeting on Feb. 17. Members present were Kristi Gallentine, Darren Wentz, Bob Strevey, and Dennis Leichter. The treasurer reported the Alliance had \$8,547.54 in assets as of Jan. 1. Total money disbursed in the calendar year 2004 was \$3,237. Total money received since start-up was \$76,307.

Cecelia Kotchwar and Don Hickert, McCook, visited at Rea and Dee Magers Sunday evening, Feb. 20. They are first cousins to Dee.

Rea Magers recently began his fourth week of radiation treatments at Hays. For variety's sake, he and Dee ride a bus that picks them up in Norton on Mondays and Thursdays. They also stay overnight sometimes, and drive other days. The treatments are 10-12 minutes long, and the session is to last nine weeks. Does anyone need a ride to Hays?

Jeff Magers and Joy Luota visited Rea and Dee Magers after all attended an auction at Norton on Feb. 19.

Virgil and Joyce Price spent Feb. 17 in McCook visiting her brother, Melvin and Carlotta Thielbar.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Gail and Denise Bailey - Feb. 23; Juanita Eckhart - Feb. 24; Mike Helm - Feb. 25; David Hare, Robert Schoenrad, Andrea Marshall -

Feb. 26; Bill Nelson - Feb. 28.

Four Norcatour Rural High School classmates: Velda (Fullerton) Ward, Dorothy (Dick) Ward, Norma (Sebaugh) Ward, and Pansy (Wiltfong) Price, met recently at the Ward home for a get-together. The women decided in high school that they would get together each year and they gathered on Feb. 11 for the 65th time.

Bill and Bee Nelson were visited by their children, Todd Nelson, Wichita, and Tara Nelson and friend, Anita Volskay, Independence, Mo., the weekend of Feb. 19-20. They all visited Iee Eckhart at the hospital in Oberlin on Sunday evening.

Momma Millie's will have their Easter dinner of glazed ham, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, corn, salad bar, rolls, dessert, and coffee or tea, on March 20. There will be karaoke on March 12, with homemade pizza for supper, and on St. Patrick's Day corned beef and cabbage will be served for lunch.

The Norcatour Museum is collecting obituaries and memorial cards, as well as pictures of any events held here. Pictures, etc., can be scanned so you can have the originals back. Other town memorabilia would be welcome. An open house is planned for Memorial weekend.

Alumni and spouses, spouses of deceased alumni, their companions, any attendees of the grade school or high school, or former administrators or teachers, are invited to attend the Norcatour Rural High School Alumni Reunion. The banquet will be served at 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 28, followed by a dance at 9 p.m.

For reservations and tickets to the banquet, contact Von Johnson, treasurer, 117 West Legend Drive, Pueblo West, Colo., 81007-1714, or email v2535@hotmail.com. Cost will be \$15 per person, and tickets must be purchased by May 1. Admission for the dance with DJ music will be \$5 per person at the door.

A separate lunch will be served Memorial Day Sunday at the Norcatour Grade School for \$5 per person. Please indicate if you will be attending, so an estimate of food can be made.

Allen and Lee Sebaugh write to say they both enjoy reading all the happenings in Norcatour. He has been gone for many years, but plans to be here for Memorial weekend and the Norcatour Rural High School Reunion.

Momma Millie's will serve Easter dinner on March 20.

Birthdays: Mary Fern Gregory - Feb. 20; Lucas Bailey - March 2; Gene Gallentine - March 5; Lance Roe, Galen Wentz - March 7; Betsy Jakowski, Mary Long - March 8.

Virgil Price will be retiring on April 1, after working for the City of Norcatour for nearly eight years.

The New Harvesters Singers and the Norcatour United Methodist Church held a benefit supper for Randal and Kim Mayo, who suffered damage to their home in a recent fire.

Congratulations to Dorothy Breiner, postmaster at the Norcatour Post Office, who received her 25-year service pin on Feb. 23. Dan Taylor, manager of post office operations from Salina, personally handed Dorothy her pin and a nice award certificate.

Winners of the pool tournament at the Cardinal Bar and Grill for the week of Feb. 7 were: Keith Alstrom, Oberlin - first; Chad Kier, Clayton - second; and Les Ward, Norcatour - third. Winners the week of Feb. 21 were: Les Ward, Norcatour - first; R.D. Thornton, Norcatour - second; and Bill Brooks, Clayton - third. The next available tournament will be the week of March 21.

Wayne and Norma McCallister brought ice cream and strawberries Sunday evening, Feb. 27, to help Bill Nelson celebrate his Feb. 28 birthday.

Virgil and Joyce Price enjoyed having Max and Doris Thielbar, Lincoln, Neb., as guests the weekend of Feb. 25.

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