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## WEEKLY SERMONETTE

**Blessed Are The Peacemakers — By Terry Laughlin, Crossroads Church**

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God." (Matthew 5:9) There is a commission from God that is available to every obedient Christian today and that is to be a peacemaker.

Argument and discord is a great waste of energies better spent on more productive activities. Nothing wears men and hardens hearts like that of strife.

In His opening on the "Sermon on the Mount," Jesus gives us something to do, not just something to be, in the seventh Beatitude. Mature Christians are not to shut themselves up in seclusion, indifferent to the evils of the world around them. They are to interfere for its betterment through peacemaking.

Those who are truly blessed are Christians who labor hard in Christ's work. Their first and utmost endeavor toward mankind is to tell all who will listen, about Jesus, for He alone can bring reconciliation and peace between man and God. Until this happens there can be no true lasting peace among mankind. No man can know God's lasting peace nor guide others to it until he accepts Christ as personal Savior and Lord.

Who is a peacemaker? 1.) The person who strives to make peace with God. "... We have peace with God through [the] Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 5:1); 2.) The person who strives at every opportunity to make

peace between others. "Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification." (Romans 14:19) "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit but in humility consider others better than yourselves." (Philippians 2:3)

Peacemakers love peace but they do not passively accept

trouble brought about by sin. There are those who claim to love peace, yet they remove themselves from all trouble. They ignore and flee problems and threatening situations, and they often evade issues. They make no attempt to bring true peace. The peacemaker (of whom Jesus speaks) faces all trouble that

stands against the righteousness of God, no matter how dangerous and he works to bring true lasting peace, regardless of the struggles. All peacemakers have had struggles in obtaining true peace.

Peaceable and peacemaking are to be the character of the children of God and they will be looked to for help. Biblical Museum records this statement about such a peacemaker: John Dickinson was often called, by way of distinction, 'the peacemaker' and such was his heart to keep the bonds of peace from being broken, such was his desire to heal the breach when made, that he would stoop to any act but that of meanness, make any sacrifice but that of true principle, endure any treatment. From the high estimate in which his character was held, he was often called upon to act as umpire in cases of arbitration; and it was but rarely, that the equity of his decisions was impeached. On one occasion, two men were disputing in a public-house about the results of an arbitration, when a third party said 'Had John Dickinson anything to do with?' 'Yes' was the reply. 'Then all is right, I am sure.' And the dispute ceased.

All eight of the Beatitudes taught by Christ come as the result of the supernatural working of the Holy Spirit. All who are surrendered to His leading can become known as peacemakers and be called the children of God.

### That These Dead Shall Not Have Died In Vain...



**Memorial Day is a time for honoring those brave men and women who died for their country, that we might continue to live in peace and freedom. How best can we honor them? Certainly, it is important to hold ceremonies, to place flowers on the graves of those near and dear to us. These are public displays of private grief.**

**There is another way that we can honor these great men and women, however, that is in upholding the principles that they gave "the last full measure" to defend. Study the Constitution — here we find the principles upon which this nation was founded. Then make every effort to live by these principles.**

**This Memorial Day pay tribute to the brave men and women who have died for America and continue through the year to honor them by upholding those values that they died to protect.**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Corinthians 12:1-11	1 Corinthians 12:12-31	Galatians 5:16 - 6:10	Romans 12:9-21	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	2 Corinthians 8:1-15	2 Corinthians 9:1-15

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## NORCATUR NEWS

**By NORCATUR NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS**

Elden Auker wrote to the *Norcatur News* to request a 2-year renewal. He says, "The *Norcatur News* is my lifeline to my 'childhood.' I look forward to receiving each issue. Give my 'best wishes' to all and to 'the volunteers, keep up the good work!'"

Erin Ankenman, Aurora, Ind., and friend, Caroline Wright, Cincinnati, Ohio, were overnight guests of the Oran Milners, Friday, May 13. They were on their way to Salt Lake City, Utah, where they will both complete a 2-month internship to receive their degrees in Physical Therapy. They will both graduate in August.

The *Norcatur* summer reading program is almost here. The theme is "Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds." Get ready to set off on an adventure in fantasy, and "Joust Read!" Program will run May 31-June 3, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. We will need cookies each of four days. If any group or individual would like to help, please let Chris Dempewolf know.

Wayne McCallister helped Bill Nelson get his planter ready for milo planting Friday and Saturday, May 13 and 14. Norma and Bee were called in for helpers. They all had pizza Friday evening from the Cardinal Bar and Grill. Saturday, Bee prepared supper for them.

Guests of Dewaine Stapp for the week of May 8-14 were his grandchildren, Chris and Kim Stapp, and Matt, a friend of Kim's. The Stapp children are son and daughter of Randy and Karen Stapp, Mt. Vernon, Ind. Sam Stapp and Kaitlyn Stapp were in and out all week. Supper guests Thursday, May 12, were David and Patty Stapp, Sam and Kaitlyn Stapp, and Leone Purton. Donald Stapp and Alice Shirley also stopped by for a visit. A lot of golf was played.

**ALUMNI REUNION SCHEDULE UPDATE**

Friday, May 27, schoolhouse open all day. Refreshments served at 7 p.m. in the all-purpose room.

Saturday, May 28, schoolhouse open 12 noon to 8 p.m.

At 2 p.m., at the museum, Verle Francis and friend will demonstrate the telegraph he has donated. The telegraph was taken from a train depot in the area. *Norcatur* had one in their depot.

Refreshments served at 2:30 p.m. in the all-purpose room at the schoolhouse. Tickets for the banquet may be picked up, also in the all-purpose room, beginning at this time. The count for the banquet, as of May 17, is 291.

At 3 p.m., *Norcatur* history discussion led by Ron Temple at schoolhouse. Please bring your pictures and stories to share.

Banquet begins at 7 p.m. Free dance, 8 p.m.-12 midnight, at the high school gym. *Norcatur* Commercial Club is sponsoring JAM Session will provide the music. Donations accepted for the club's scholarship fund.

People with campers are allowed to park their vehicles behind the school building, if it is not muddy. There are no electricity or water hookups.

Volunteers are needed for *Norcatur* Rural High School alumni officers for the year 2010, especially the secretary-treasurer's office. If you have any questions, please call Bev Miller

at Norton, (785) 877-3746.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Area Decatur Community High School graduates for 2005 are salutatorian Anthony Marshall, Justine Miller, and Kelsey Gallentine.

Cathy Claussen graduated from the Colby Community College registered nurse program and was pinned on Saturday, May 14.

Megan Rhodes, daughter of Jerry and Lisa Rhodes, graduated Saturday, May 14, from Fort Hays University. Those attending were Jerry and Lisa Rhodes; Ron and Jerry Temple; Tracey Hartzog, *Norcatur*; Jessica Rhodes and Caden, Colby; Bud and Helen Rhodes of Jennings, Ryan and Corey; Noah Graie, Wamego; and Chris Cullinson, Hays. A reception followed.

**MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE**

This will be the 116th consecutive year for observance of Memorial Day in *Norcatur*, and the 33rd consecutive year the "Avenue of Flags" will be displayed.

As in the past all veterans, in uniform if possible, as well as Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and school children are requested to meet at the bank corner at 1 p.m. to form up for the march to the cemetery.

There will be chairs available at the cemetery on Memorial Day for any veterans that would like to use them.

The parade will start from the bank corner at 1:30 p.m. The order of business at the cemetery will be as follows, beginning at 2 p.m.: formation at Tomb of the Unknown Soldier; "The Star-Spangled Banner," sung by Andrea Marshall; opening prayer by Pastor Kathy Aeillo; special Memorial Day address by Major Barry Brooks; decoration of Tomb of the Unknown Soldier; "Taps" and "Echo"; salute fired over most recently buried veterans.

The "Avenue of Flags" was first flown in 1972 and has been a beautiful addition to the color and ceremony always displayed at the *Norcatur* observance, which is one of the longest continuous observances in the nation.

There will not be a Memorial Day band this year, as we have a volunteer soloist who will sing the national anthem. We will continue with the band tradition next year.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Jeannie Pelkey, Esther Miller, Janice O'Hare, M.J. Dempewolf - May 18; Virgil and Joyce Price - May 19; Kenneth Price - May 21; Dewayne and Aurelia Jackson - May 23; Inez Jackson - May 24.

Guests of Dorothy Ward the weekend of May 14 were Mark and Debby Ward of Hugo, Colo. Lora Linn Leichter was an additional supper guest on Saturday evening.

The Educational Building of the *Norcatur* United Methodist Church will be open to the public for refreshments after Memorial Day ceremonies on Sunday, May 29.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE**

Memorial service for Lee Eckhart, Class of 1940, will be held Saturday, May 28, at the United Methodist Church at 1:30 p.m. Inurnment will follow at the *Norcatur* Cemetery. Memorials may be designated through the *Norcatur* Citizens Alliance.

## LYLE NEWS

**By DEANNA SUMNER**

Margaret Magers went to Abilene to visit J.T. Guy and family and on Mother's Day. They all went to Hays where they met Judy and Charlie Easton.

Liberty Star Club met May 11 at Kathy Van Meter's. Members present were Veda Wood, Angie Wilson, Cathy Anthony, Toots Magers, Deanna Sumner and Brady and Kathy Van Meter. Deanna had the program on "Herbal and Organic Gardening". Cathy had the activities, mind games.

Thursday, May 12 was the funeral for Dwight Vise in Beaver City. The burial was at Lyle. Afterwards the Lyle Ladies served lunch. That evening Toots and Kathy were dinner guests of Marguerite Fullerton's at the Good Samaritan Home in Oberlin.

Meter went to Quinter to visit Tim, Jolene and Clinton Nejdil.

The Lyle Ladies have been quilting again on Mondays.

Wednesday, May 18, June Jolly, Toots and Kathy went to Cambridge, Neb., to have lunch with Helen Helm. They toured her apartment at the Plaza.

Saturday, May 21 was SHARES in *Norcatur*. That evening June, Toots and Kathy played cards there.

Sunday, May 22, June and Toots played party pitch at Norm Walters home in Norton.

Kathy Van Meter attended the American West Dinner Theatre at Republican City with the Security First Bank of Holbrook. There they saw "Grandpa Sol" and "Geritol". Fun was had by all. Afterwards she visited with Irene Vandement of Arapahoe.

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