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## WEEKLY SERMONETTE

“Pass It On” — By Jeff Nielsen, minister at Norton Christian Church

I have always loved the stories of Joshua and Caleb. Their courage to stand up against the other 10 spies and the people of Israel was incredible. Their faith that God would faithfully deliver the Promised Land into their hands never wavered. Their physical and spiritual vitality into what should have been their “waning years” is inspiring.

Israel served the LORD throughout the lifetime of Joshua and of the leaders who outlived him and those who had personally experienced all that the LORD had done for Israel. Joshua 24:31.

What a great verse to take as the target for your own life, leadership and influence.

Yet as powerful as this description is, Joshua, Caleb, and those they drew into their circle of leadership failed in one crucial area: their faithfulness, their experience of God, their physical and spiritual vitality was not passed on to future generations. When this circle of faithful leaders passed from the scene, God's people enter one of the darkest

eras of Israel's history — a period of repeated moral failure called the period of the Judges.

This observation should stir and humble each of us. In an era where patience is considered a weakness rather than a virtue and urgency dominates our every plan and perspective, we must hear the warn-

ing of Israel's history — even if it casts a shadow on some of our greatest heroes! We must live for more than just our own time.

The apostle Paul knew the heart of this issue. He urged his “son in the faith,” Timothy, to do the following.

Timothy, my dear son, be

strong with the special favor God gives you in Christ Jesus. You have heard me teach many things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Teach these great truths to trustworthy people who are able to pass them on to others. 2nd Timothy 2:2.

Paul heard the message of Israel's past. While he lived with passion and urgency in the present, he also lived intentionally to pass along faith into the future “generationally.” Notice in his message he urges Timothy to see four generations as the target of faith.

1. me (Paul)
2. you (Timothy) and many witnesses
3. reliable witnesses
4. others.

To put the principle into good ol' cornbread English, we are being challenged to live our faith so that our grandchildren's children have faith! That means we live with passion and urgency for today, but we also live intentionally to pass our faith along into the future “generationally.”

## Father Knew Best

“You know, it is hard to explain. When my youngsters were eighteen, they told me how little I knew and that I understood even less. Yet, when they were twenty-three, they began to admire my wisdom and marvel at how smart I had become. It was amazing that I could have improved so in those five years.”

How often fathers of grown children share this experience. Yes, it is clear that in most cases the father did not change at all. It was the son or daughter who learned in those five years... father knew best.

So it is with our Father in heaven. Many of us attended worship and bible classes as children. Perhaps in our late teens, some of us unfortunately veered away. This Father's Day, as we honor our earthly fathers, may we rededicate our lives to our Heavenly Father as we worship Him; remembering that He is wise even when we are not. God will smile upon you.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
John 21:15-25	Deuteronomy 6:1-9	Matthew 22:23-40	1 John 1:1-10	1 John 2:1-17	1 John 2:18-29	1 John 3:1-10

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# NORCATUR NEWS

By NORCATUR NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS

Guests of Lowell Sebaugh for Memorial Day weekend were Mark and Terry Cross, Heather Mogolov and son Parker, all of Olathe, and Ryan and Sara Cross of St. Louis, Mo. They came for Terry's class reunion.

Bob, Mary, Kyle, Tyler and Kayla Lough arrived early Sunday morning as Kyle had state track competition in Wichita on Friday and Saturday. His school placed second in the 4-A state track and field championships in Wichita. His 4x400 team placed third, and set a new school record.

On Sunday evening Lowell Sebaugh's guests got together for hamburgers, and were joined by Janice and Rodney O'Hare, and Linda and Monty Hunt. They had cake and ice cream to celebrate Sara's graduation from University of Kansas Medical School this year. She was to begin her four-year residency in emergency medicine at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Mo., on July 1. They also had cake for Kyle's graduation from Wamego High School. He has signed with the track team for Coffeerville Community Junior College. Everyone left for their respective homes on Monday, May 30.

Afternoon visitors of Lowell Sebaugh following the Norcatur Memorial Day services were Genevieve Brunk, and her daughter and husband, Barbara and Wilbur Stites, Hill City, and a daughter, Jerilyn, of Phoenix.

Memorial Day weekend visitors at Frank and Velda Ward's were Wava Reames, Cliff and JoAnn Saint of Hennessey, Robert Anderson, Marie Ritter, Gary and Terry Ritter, Keith and Linda Jurey, and Richard and Jason Jurey and family.

Sunday evening, May 29, Leslie and Lynn Ward grilled hamburgers for guests Frank and Velda Ward, Ruby Pflieger and Wava Reames.

Mr. and Mrs. Clason Rupp of Springfield, Mo., and Mr. and Mrs. Claire Rupp of Wilson were weekend guests of Beth Johnson. They all attended the Long Island alumni banquet. Claire celebrated his 50th alumni year. Additional guests Sunday noon were Mr. and Mrs. Chris Claussen of Olathe, Cale Claussen of Baldwin City and Cathy Claussen of Oberlin.

On Monday, May 23, a group of volunteers cleaned six truckloads of gravel off main street. Pitching in with hard work were Galen Wentz, Darren Wentz, Marvin, Millie and Scooter Matchett, Jim Plotts, Gerry and Sherry Hill, Carl Lyon, Mark Bailey, Mike and Matthew Helm, Larry Sumner, Troy Wentz, Pierre from South Africa, and Doug and Chris Dempewolf. Pierre said he had never seen anything like this.

To help with the cleanup, Tom and Betsy Jakowski lent the use of their tractor, Wentz Enterprises their Bobcat, and CW Welding had scraped the gravel away from the curbs beforehand. Momma Millie's Cafe provided a delicious free supper afterward.

Didn't the high school look great over the weekend? Deb and Andrea Marshall and Inez Jackson took a lot of time to make the building shine again.

Over 180 people signed in at the Norcatur Museum over the weekend. Many more came in but didn't stop to sign the guest book. Several items were donated, including a 1920s community band uniform, United Methodist Church plate, scrapbooks and pictures. If you have something for the museum, let Chris Dempewolf know.

The next church board meeting will be Monday, July 18, at 8 p.m. at the educational building.

Memorial Day weekend guests of Alice Shirley of Oberlin were daughter, Pam and Gary McClelland, Shawnee, Okla., who arrived Thursday, May 26. Son, John and Joan Shirley of Scott City came Saturday, May 28. They all attended the Norcatur Alumni Banquet on Saturday evening, May 28, and Memorial Day services on Sunday, May 29, in Norcatur. Sunday evening all were entertained by a barbecue at Herb and Carol Shirley's home in Oberlin. Herb's daughter, Jeni and Robbie Hennington, Nolan and Ganon, of Norcatur, and Tiffany and Sam O'Toole, Payton and Parker, of McCook, also attended. The McClellands and Shirleys returned home on Mon-

day, May 30.

Kenneth and Pansy Price went to Norcatur to visit at Virgil and Joyce Price's home to see their family, Bob, Lea and Kate Price, LaGrange, Ill.; Keith and Linda Jurey, Albuquerque, N.M.; Jason, Kathy, Connor and MacKinze Jurey, Kennard, Neb.; and Richard Jurey, Edmond, Okla., for the Norcatur Alumni Banquet on Saturday, May 28.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Pansy Price, Kenneth and Pansy Price - June 8; Cheryl Hill - June 10; Ethel Miller, Arnold Jackson - June 12; John and Laurie Milnes - June 14.

Anyone wanting to rent the educational building of the United Methodist Church in Norcatur should contact Lois Wentz.

Dewaine Stapp went to Wichita for the State Track meet held Friday, May 27, to watch his granddaughter, Kaitlyn Stapp, compete in the high jump and the 4x100 relay. He also watched the rest of the Oberlin boys and girls track teams compete. All did very well. He returned Saturday, May 28, to attend the Norcatur High School Alumni banquet. Guests of Dewaine at the banquet were his sister and husband, Delores and Dick Longworth.

Dewaine Stapp's daughter, Elaine, and grandson, Aaron Kingsley, from Allen, Texas, arrived Saturday evening, May 28. All attended church Sunday, May 29, with Dave Stapp and his family, Leone Purton, and her sister, Mary Lee Aguilar and Dick Higgins. All had lunch at the school, then attended Norcatur Memorial services.

Guests of Dewaine Stapp Sunday evening, May 29, for a barbecue were daughter, Elaine, and her son, Aaron; Dave and Patty Stapp, Kaitlyn, Courtney and Sam; Leone Purton; Leone's sister, Mary Lee Aguilar; Delores and Dick Longworth; and Bev Morris. Sam stayed all week at his grand-father's while Aaron was here. Aaron and Sam played golf every day.

Elaine Kingsley and Aaron, and Patty, Dave, Kaitlyn and Sam Stapp were Monday evening, May 30, guests of Dewaine Stapp for a pizza party. Visiting Dewaine Tuesday afternoon, May 31, were Nancy Votapka and Bev Morris. Bev, Nancy and Elaine enjoyed a “girls” lunch at the LandMark.

On Wednesday morning, June 1, Elaine visited with Don and Goldie Stapp and Tillie Shirley. That afternoon she visited Chuck and Joy Votapka and daughter, Nancy.

Supper guests of Dewaine Stapp Wednesday, June 1, for a hamburger fry were Elaine and Aaron Kingsley, Dave and Patty Stapp, Kaitlyn and Sam, and Leone Purton.

Thursday morning, June 2, Elaine and Aaron Kingsley, Sam and Kaitlyn Stapp, and Dewaine Stapp met Tillie Shirley at the Frontier Restaurant for breakfast. They visited with Steve and Sammie Miller and Richard, and Venietta Miller, in Hays on the way back home. Aaron was also to visit with his other grandparents in Hays Thursday. Aaron and Elaine Kingsley returned home to Allen on Friday, June 3.

We are trying to purchase an original wooden ticket cabinet from the Norcatur Depot, which is for sale at an antique store, for the Norcatur Museum. This is what the train tickets and information were put in. On the back it says, “Agt: Norcatur Ks.” On a drawer there is a man's name, and there are papers in the drawer. If you would like to help us bring Norcatur items back home, please send donations to Chris Dempewolf, Box 89, Norcatur, Kan., 67653 or to the Norcatur Citizen's Alliance, c/o Dennis Leichter. Be sure to mark your checks as museum donations.

Veda Wood was happy to have her brother, Dean Van Gundy, as a house guest during Memorial Day weekend. Among those attending the Norcatur Alumni banquet were Dean Van Gundy, and friend Chris Cain, Veda Wood, Ona Van Gundy, Dixie and Elvin Wood, and Dwight and Terese Wood. Other guests of Veda Woods during the weekend were Bonnie and Dina Klein, Carol and John Moyer and Sandy and Larry McNames. Everyone enjoyed the banquet, open house, Sunday dinner, and the Norcatur, Lyle, and Lebanon, Neb., Memorial services.