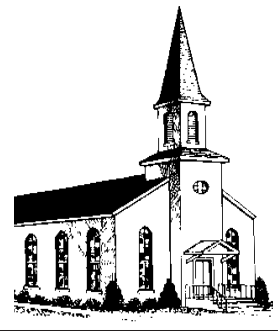


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...and read your Bible daily



WEEKLY SERMONETTE

“Walking Through the Fire,” Pastor Terry Laughlin, Crossroads Church

Being a true follower of the Lord Jesus Christ is not easy. It requires that we die to self and die to sin. It requires doing what's right when all around us are giving no regard to God or giving Him only lip-service. Our lives are not to mirror the world.

LOOK like they were complying. Who would know? Perhaps, then they would live more days to tell others about the One True God. After all, how would all these unbelievers ever have hope of eternal salvation unless they lived to tell them?
So the stage was set. But, when

the music sounded and all the people fell with their faces to the ground before the image, three young men yet stood.

King Nebuchadnezzar was furious but gave them one more chance saying, “If you do not worship it, you will be thrown immediately into a blazing fur-

nace. Then what god will be able to rescue you from my hand?”

The three young men, bold in belief and full of faith in God, replied this way, “We do not need to defend ourselves in this matter. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it, and He will rescue us from your hand, O king. But even if He does not, we want you to know, O king, that we still will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.”

Did you catch that? They knew that even if their understanding of the circumstances was faulty, their God was still perfect and worthy of their devotion and the sacrifice of their very lives, if required. They would not compromise truth for anything! They did not try to find “wiggle-room” in God's Word. They gave their lives and futures entirely to the Lord. They trusted fully. They obeyed fully.

You, too, must decide whether or not you will serve the Lord Jesus Christ. Commit your life to Him today. Trust in Him with all your heart and soul! The cost is high, but Jesus is worth it all!

And, for “the rest of the story,” read Daniel chapter 3!

The Book of Daniel records that King Nebuchadnezzar had a pride problem. He had a 90 foot gold statue made of himself and then told all the people of his kingdom that they must bow down and worship the idol. In his kingdom, however, were three young men who loved God and were forbidden by His commandment to worship anyone or anything other than the One True God.

In due time, the order was given, “When you hear the sound of the music, you must fall down and worship the image of gold that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up.” The disobedience of this order had dire consequences. “Whoever does not fall down and worship will immediately be thrown into a blazing furnace.”

The faithful young men could have come up with many good excuses and seemingly worthy justifications for following the king's order. Shouldn't they honor their earthly ruler? Perhaps they could fall to their knees, but not REALLY worship this image, just

A Style That Lasts



These bathing suits were the height of fashion at one time...they sure don't look like the ones we wear nowadays! Styles are always changing. Hairstyles, clothes, shoes, and bathing suits — what was worn decades ago won't be seen in the fashion pages of today.

Everything in life doesn't change like the bathing suit. Though we may look different on the outside, there are old truths and lasting principles that we still believe in. These truths and principles guide us through life and give us hope — they are taught through generations and motivate people all over the world. They are found in the Bible and spoken in God's house of worship. They are preached every Sabbath, practiced every day.

Even though styles may change, one thing is lasting — the strength and presence of God. Attend His house of worship that “...you may tell of them to the next generation. For this God is our God for ever and ever; he will be our guide even to the end.” (Psalm 48:13-14)

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| Hebrews 10:1-18 | Hebrews 10:19-39 | Hebrews 11:1-22 | Hebrews 11:23-40 | Hebrews 12:1-13 | Hebrews 12:14-29 | Ephesians 4:17-5:5 |

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WHISPERING PINES

By CINDY KINDALL
If you did not come to our annual coffee, July 23, you missed a treat. We had three kinds of homemade ice cream and too many kinds of cookies, made by our ladies here at Whispering Pines, to count.

Residents attending were Aggie Vehige, Mable and Carrie Malcolm, Violet Volgamore, Elton and Beth Bryant, Melvin Hanchett, Alice Vogt, Elfriede Kelly, Lucille Stackhouse, Elaine Tacha, Merle Applegate, Dorothy Bernard, Doris Stump, Hazel Bates, Betty Reid, John Vehige.

Guests were John Vogt, Helen McVay, Frances Burd, Janice Hanson, Laurena Klotz, Zeta Zellmer, Claudia Bridges, Ida Mae Drommer, Leroy and Lila Atwell, Allen Kindall, Connie Sanko, Jim Gordon, Cheryl Scott, Bonnie and Terry Laughlin, Norton; Marguerite Clark, Lula Hix, Dorothy Ward, and Carolyn Plotts, Norcat; and Don and Linda Malcolm, Gail and Doreen Harbors, Sonya Montgomery, Elaine Johnson and Lorraine Wolfe, Almema.

Debbie Kootz, Geneseo, visited Doris Stump. Also visiting were her daughter Susan and John Wise, Fort Worth, Texas; Frank and Beverly Koerperich, Hudson, Colo.; Sue De Voss, Dodge City; Ginger McMaster Denning, Manhattan; Sandra Ives Higgins, Joplin, Mo.; Peggy Archibald Machen, Phoenix; Bonnie Henderson Stackville, Miss.; Warren and Sandra Richards, Denton, Texas; Penny Seiler and Corey and Taylor, Belton, Texas; Art and Karen Bates, Edmond, Okla.; Sharon Hake, Olathe; and Ferne Kindall Demoret, Simi Valley, Calif.

Jan and Tom Long, Hays, stopped and visited with Beth and Elton Bryant.

Also visiting with Merle Applegate was his daughter Debbie Kootz, Geneseo and son Rod Applegate, Junction City.

Don and Linda Malcolm, Almema, were here to visit with Carrie on July 23.

Steve Albright went to Ann Lacy's to visit on July 23.

July 11 Tana Christensen, Laural and Weston, Orleans, Neb., and Carol Hrabe, Almema, visited Beth and Elton Bryant. Julie Neff visited on July 12 and John Kingham on July 13.

Ed Whitney called on his sister, Mabel Malcolm.

On July 16, Kendra Anderson, St. Paul, Neb., and Kennis McClelland, Beaver City visited Beth and Elton Bryant.

Ann Lacy and Connie Glenn took Steve Albright to Ann's house for an evening July 19.

Ann McClelland and Nancy McClelland Beaver City called on Beth and Elton Bryant on July 21.

Kennis McClelland, Beaver City, called on Beth and Elton Bryant on Thursday, July 25.

June 24 was the monthly bus ride.

Beth and Elton Bryant, Steve Albright, Betty Reid Alice Vogt, Merle Applegate and Phileda Nelson went. Elton got to see a field of his wheat getting cut. Some of the other residents got to see where people had once lived, along with a lot of dirt roads. They were glad it was not raining, as we would have gotten stuck and no one wanted to push.

On June 28 we played Bingo. You talk about serious Bingo players, this group is.

Beth and Elton Bryant, Melvin Hanchett, Aggie and John Vehige, Carrie and Mabel Malcolm, Phileda Nelson, Alice Vogt, Doris

Stump, Elaine and Allen Tacha, Lucille Stackhouse, Priscilla Johnson, Hazel Bates and Elma Yunt all played. Hot items were paper towels, pop and lots of knick-knacks, commonly called dust collectors.

Kennis and Darleen McClelland, Beaver City, and Kaine McClelland, Grand Island, Neb., visited Beth and Elton Bryant on July 5.

On July 10 Julie Neff visited the Bryants.

On the July 10 John Vogt took his mother out for supper.

Dorothy Bernard's grandson Jeff Grimes, came down from Lincoln, Neb., and took Dorothy to Great Bend for a family reunion and early birthday celebration on the July 3. All her children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren were present with only one grandson-in-law unable to attend.

After the reunion she went home with her daughter Ardie, and spent a week with her in Baldwin City. On the way back they stopped at Logan to visit Wayne Bernard, Henry Lohrmeyer and Geneva Altman of the Logan Manor. In Norton they visited with Joe and Rosetta McFarland. Ardie stayed for lunch on Dorothy's birthday and then returned home.

Some of the activities the women have enjoyed were listening to music and talking about Pikes Peak; word and ice cream searches; person, place or thing; famous July birthdays; The Tour de France; and the history of Independence Day, which is brought home to us each and every day that freedom is not free. We have made cream puffs and are getting garden stuff now as we have had our first cucumber and a tomato. Friday, July 29 we made banana splits for supper.

As usual Liza comes and reads to our residents and we have exercise class three times a week.

Another new thing — once a month the Rev. Lew Van Der Wege comes from United Methodist Church for communion and we have hymn sings twice a month. Some of the residents have good voices.

Birthdays this month were July 1, Betty Reid; July 7, Elaine Tacha; July 13, Dorothy Bernard; July 14, Aggie Vehige; July 20 brought Margaret Richards' birthday and then came Elton Bryant's on July 30.

August birthdays will be Aug. 2, Nancy Carlton; Aug. 23, Alice Vogt; Aug. 24, Violet Volgamore; Aug. 26, Carroll Hall; and Aug. 28, Sue Jacobs.

We bid our good friend Ione Jordan farewell at her memorial. You would have to look long and hard for a friend like we all had in Ione, her shoes will be hard to fill.

The first time I ever knew Ione she was working at Bower Drug. At that time we still had a draft board where the 18-year-old boys had to register with the state and Ione was the person to register with in Norton County.

When I joined Rebekahs, I greatly admired how she squared her corners and knew her charge without reading out of the book. We all have those special memories, but as much as we miss her she is at home with her Sandy. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to her family. We were so blessed to have her part of our family for so little time.

I am sure she would have made a comment here like, “Life is short grab a hold and hang on tight. Make every day count like it is your last, as you never know what the next day holds.”

JENNINGS NEWS

By LOUISE CRESSLER
July 23 a fire, of unknown origin, started southwest of Jennings.

It burned into the trees and brush in “Lover's Lane”. Firemen worked hard to keep it under control with winds and temperatures more than 100 degrees. The county dozer was brought down to help out.

Rachel and William Carter baby-sat Clayton and Anna Carter, daughters of Jesse and Megan Carter, Oberlin, while Jesse helped fight the fire.

Guests at the Mary and Tom Votapka home were the children of Bert Huff, Larry and Verna Huff, Iuka; their son Mike, Hays; Linda DeMichel, Farmington, Minn.; and Larry and Mary Sapp, Aurora,

Also visiting were Mary's two sisters, Elaine McKinley, Tulsa, Okla., and Ethel Taylor, Hays, and Mary's daughter Sue Long. They toured the area on the Nebraska line and around Lyle where their grandparents came from. They also spent a day at the Oberlin museum and had lots of fun doing family history.

Glenda Johnson had back surgery Friday at Salina.

Jeff Rowilson and Dawn LaRue attended the Rowilson reunion at Cottonwood Ranch near Studley.

Roofers have been busy in Jennings after the July 5 hail-storm.

If you have news for the paper please call or e-mail me.