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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

By Jerry Cummings, Pastor of Living Hope Fellowship in Norton

In I Corinthians 1: 18 we read, **"For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."** Although all Christians will recognize the blessing we receive through what Jesus did when He died on the cross, yet few understand this statement that **"The message of the cross is the power of God"**

We must first look at what is the source of power for Satan, our enemy. We do not have to look far in the world, or even in our own lives to see his power and destruction at work in the world. It was in the beginning that God gave man dominion over the earth (Gen. 1:26). Man was as it were, God's agent of care and authority for planet earth. This was so as long as man walked in fellowship and obedience with his creator.

But as we know, things changed when the first man and woman were tempted by Satan and made a choice to listen to and obey his call to disobey God. Through sin, Satan gained access and authority in the earth, and the affairs of men. He has

come to promote the opposite of every good thing God intended for the earth and man. He then had the tools of fear, death, sickness, poverty, and every form of evil influence. God's heart toward us has always been for good, and if this situation

had not arisen, then the earth would still be the wonderful place God intended. Sin is the power that Satan has in the earth.

But then in God's wisdom, a plan was devised where God the son became the son of man, Jesus. What the first

man, Adam failed to do, that is obey, Jesus did. He obeyed all the law of God, as well as God's voice, and even went to the cross in obedience to His Father. On the cross, he took all the guilt, and all the penalty for all the sin of all mankind. So through the cross sin was dealt with, and so the source of Satan's power in the earth was taken from him. In Colossians it says that Satan was **d i s a r m e d** through the cross.

It is as Corinthians says, **the message of the cross** which has power, because only those who hear about the cross and respond in faith, have the opportunity to receive it's benefits. Those who hear and respond can begin to find power in the cross to deliver them from all that Satan has used against us since the beginning. By the cross, and our faith in it, we are taken out from the dominion of the one who hates us (Satan) and are moved into the kingdom of the one who loves us and gave himself for us (Col. 1: 13). That is real power.



Our Changing Lives



The changing of the seasons reminds us of the changes that constantly occur in our own lives. Each new season reminds us that we can't hold onto time...we must give up one season and move on to the next. Fall arrives and vacations are over. School begins and reminds us that we are another year older. How do we let go of one season and successfully move on to the next?

Church worship and fellowship can help us experience and accept the change of "seasons" in our lives. We can share the joys and sorrows of life with others on the same journey: birth, youth, marriage, parenting, grand parenting, and growing old. With help, we can embrace each phase of our life and prepare for the next. The church can give us the support we need to weather each "season" with confidence and hope.

"... be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage - with great patience and careful instruction." (2 Timothy 4:2) God's wisdom can guide us through the "seasons" and help us be prepared. Worship at His house this week and share your journey with others.



Happy Grandparents Day!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Psalm 1	Psalm 19	Psalm 37	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	1 Corinthians 2:1-16	1 Corinthians 3:1-23	1 Corinthians 6:1-20

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NORCATUR NEWS

By NORCATUR NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS

Sympathy is extended to the family of Hope Arlene Fitzgerald, 84, a native of Norcat, who died Sept. 1, at Imperial, Neb. She was the daughter of Walter William and Florence Edna (Venrick) Ward. Survivors include two daughters, Martha and Steve Chartier, Paonia, Colo., and Cathy and George Hoff, Cheyenne, Wyo.; and families. Funeral Mass was held Sept. 3 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Imperial. Burial was at Fort McPherson National Cemetery, Maxwell, Neb.

Among those attending the services were Frank and Leslie Ward of Norcat and three of Marion Albin's family, Judy, Anita, and David Albin and wife from Colorado, and Hope's family.

The Decatur County Chamber of Commerce is hosting a spaghetti supper benefit for the preschool, library, highway fund and museum of Norcat from 6-8 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 24, at the Norcat School.

Jim and Carolyn Plotts are planning a mission trip to Mexico. There is room for two or three more. They will leave Oct. 22 and return the following weekend, Oct. 29. Cost is \$300-350 with transportation provided. Call (785) 693-4544 for more information.

Marian Dempewolf of Oberlin and R.D. Thornton of Norcat were united in holy matrimony on Saturday, Aug. 13, in Las Vegas, Nev. Attendants were Don and Laverne (Thornton) Allmer of Madera, Calif., and Dean and Eloise Thornton of Rush Center. Others attending were Jerry and Debbie (Allmer) Keltner, daughter of Don and Laverne Allmer of Lancaster, Calif., and sons Matthew and Michael Craig Keltner of Lancaster, Calif., and Skip and Donnie Allmer and his friend, Kathy, of Livermore, Calif. Following a six-day stay in Las Vegas, R.D. and Marian are making their home at 613 S. Cole Ave. in Oberlin.

There were 20 players at Senior Citizens on Sept. 2. Winners were Glenn Alexander, Terry Gade and Elden Long. The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Friday, at the Educational Building.

Labor Day weekend guests of Dave and Patty Stapp, Kaitlyn and Sam were Kortney Stapp and Jerrod Poire, Emporia. Sunday supper guests on Sept. 4 were Kortney, Jerrod, Dewaine Stapp, Leone Purton, R.D. and Marian Thornton, Bob Dempewolf and Rose Riffle of Oberlin, and Dave and Linda Schliep and Spencer of McCook.

Winners of the pool tournament at the Cardinal Bar and Grill on Aug. 29 were Larry Sumner, first; Lawrence Marshall of Oberlin, second; and Stan Miller, third.

Dwight Wood is slowly showing improvement. His mother, Veda Wood, returned home Sept. 5, from a six-day stay with him in Lincoln. She reports they planned to move him from the intensive care unit that week to the Lincoln Madonna Rehabilitation Center. He is eating, talking and walking some. He had been using a pad and pencil to converse.

The Cardinal Bar and Grill is collecting donations for the Hurricane Katrina disaster refugees. Bottled water, food, and personal health items are needed, as well as cash to pay for shipping. Call (785) 693-4499, or (785) 202-0456 (cell), if you can help.

Lula Hix is recuperating after a recent hospital stay at Norton. Larry Hix had visited and left for Maryland on Aug. 22. He built a new set of steps for the home of Lula and Wilbur.

Lynn and Ed Wedow of Phoenix came for the Kintigh reunion in Norcat at the Educational Build-

ing, and on Sunday went to the 65-years-plus wedding anniversary celebration several Andbe Home residents. Lula and Wilbur will be celebrating their 68th anniversary in October. Lynn and Ed picked up Wilbur from the Andbe Home for daily outings and supper at home, which he enjoyed. En route home, they visited in Colorado with her sister, Linda and Bill Young.

Glenn Alexander entered Norton County Hospital on Sept. 3, but hoped to return home on Sept. 6.

Birthdays: Millie Matchett, Joyce Price, Alice Shirley - Sept. 7; Retta Hare, Sept. 8; Lula Hix, Louis Anderson, Dennis Leichter, Wayne McCallister - Sept. 9; Nan Cook - Sept. 11; Lacey Roe - Sept. 12.

Bill Craig suffered a heart attack and has been in Swedish Medical Center, Englewood, Colo.

Kenneth and Pansy Price went to Logan on Sept. 1, to view the house and furnishings from the 1920s located at the Dane Hansen museum. On Sunday evening, they visited at the Dennis Leichter home, where they were having a reunion of the Leichter-Eckhart families.

A group of people who had roomed at the C.W. Chappell residence during the 1930s and 1940s, during their school years, were recently recalling the good times that were had. They added the following to the list of boarders: Velma Temple Rogers; Muriel West Christiansen, Rosa Wertemberger Brown, Rex Wertemberger, Rex Wendel, Irene Wertemberger LeCount, George (Victor) Bishop, Genevieve Crabill Anderson, Nadine Brown Dick, Velma Lee Alexander Wycoff, Neva Butler Van Otterloo, Velda Fullerton Ward, and Vanetta and Treva Rydquist (lived with grandparents).

PRE-SCHOOL CHANGE

The name of the Norcat Pre-school is being changed to Cardinal Kids Connection, but the program will not change. The change is for insurance reasons, since the company no longer covers preschools. After talking to the inspector, she suggested we change our name and become classified as a group home for kids, then insurance would be optional instead of mandatory. All parents will need to sign a waiver stating they are aware Cardinal Kids Connection and/or the City of Norcat cannot be held liable for any accidents that may occur, since we are in the Norcat City building.

Cardinal Kids Connection will operate from 9 to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We will have five children attending, and Lois Wentz is the teacher and on-staff director. Deb Marshall will remain the head director. If you have any questions or know of a child who might like to attend, please contact Deb at (785) 693-4344, or Lois at (785) 693-4558.

MUSEUM UPDATE

The cabinet originally from the Norcat Depot has been purchased and is on display in the museum. Everyone is urged to stop by and take a look at our new addition. Janet Morgan Gonzales sent a donation for the cabinet and said her mother, Eileen Morgan, used to take cream to the depot when Janet was little, back in the 1960s. We are also looking for any information on the Norcat Depot, when it was built and torn down, names of depot agents, etc., and any pictures of agents or the depot itself.

Did you know the picture of St. Mark's being moved appeared in newspapers in Germany and Wales? Leone Purton brought copies of pictures she took of the church being moved, and Ragena Carter Bone brought pictures she had of Norcat as well as school pictures.

Cards with the Norcat High

LYLE NEWS

By DEANNA SUMNER

Monday, Aug. 29, Toots Magers went to Norton and accompanied Jane Engelhardt to Quinter to Judy and Charlie Eastons for Charlie's birthday.

Friday, Sept. 2, the Lyle ladies sewed.

Labor Day weekend guests at Toots' were: Kevin Engelhardt and friend Catherine from Omaha, Neb., Richard and Jane Engelhardt, Norton.

Monday Toots and Kathy Van Meter attended Keith Anthony's cook-out in Norcat.

Friday, Sept. 9 the Lyle ladies sewed.

Saturday lunch guests at Toots Magers were: Dale Fleischer and sons Troy and Todd from Topeka, J.T. Guy and Kurstin, Abilene, and John Guy, Sidney, Neb.

Sunday, June Jolly and Toots Magers attended party pitch at the American Legion in Norton.

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