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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

The Wise Man vs. the Fool — by Terry Laughlin, Crossroads Church

The Bible says Jesus was one who taught with authority. That amazed the crowds because their own teachers did not. (Matt. 7 : 28) The Lord's parable of the "The Wise and Foolish Builders" found in Luke 6: 46-49 is specifically directed to those who profess to follow Jesus.

Jesus began by asking the question, "Why do you call Me, "Lord, Lord, and do not do what I say?"

It is not enough to simply hear the sayings of Christ; but we must apply them. It should be our heart's desire to obey Him. Christ is mocked and scorned when professing Christians call Him, "Lord, Lord," and do not seek to do His will.

Of the wise builder, Jesus says, "I will show you what he is like who comes to Me and hears My words and puts them into practice. He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built." This true believer takes his Christianity seriously. He puts his faith in Christ, the Rock of ages. He allows the Holy Spirit to wash his heart clean with the Word of God and walks in obedience. King David wrote, "You Have laid down precepts that are to be fully obeyed." He then added, "How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to Your Word." (Psalm 119: 4, 9)

Jesus says such a man is like the house that

cannot be shaken by the torrent of flood waters because his faith is resting on the solid Foundation. True disciples stand firm when the storms of life rage. No Christian is exempt from sickness, disappointment, accident, abuse or any other trauma the

world or the devil can throw their way. But, these storms of life will cause true born-again believers in Christ to simply dig deeper into God's Word, to pray more and to stand more firmly on the promises of Christ. Their faith will not be shaken, nor will

it fail.

But of the foolish builder, Jesus says, "The one who hears My words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a solid foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete."

This false disciple lays no foundation in Christ. He ignores the Word of God, he applies himself elsewhere, he lets himself get overly busy in worldly matters and does not consider the consequences. He often hears the instructions of the Master Builder through church, Christian relatives and friends, radio or books. Day after day, week after week, year after year he hears; yet, he never actually follows the instructions on how to build his spiritual life. The firm foundation is never laid. Of this person Jesus will say on Judgment Day, "I never knew you."

The false disciple falls under the storms of life and eternity. The true disciple stands firm and lives a life worthy of the gospel he professes, and he reaps eternal life.

Which foundation are you building on? "Those who obey His commands live in Him and He in them." (1 John 3: 24) Start today. Accept Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Then begin to build your spiritual house on the Solid Rock. Don't live foolishly. Live in a manner worthy of the gospel of Jesus Christ!

Some homes have a lamppost set away from the house at the place where the front sidewalk meets the road. The lamppost is decorative, but it also serves a purpose. When the sun goes down and it's too dark to see, the light from the lamppost illuminates the path and guides us into our home.

At times, we enter dark periods in our lives and we don't know where to go — we can't see the way ahead of us. We have nothing to guide us. In times like these, we need a light for our path. In Psalm 119:105 we read that God's Word "is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

How can we walk in the light of God's Word? Visit God's house of worship and learn about His Word. Find His light to guide you through the darkness; your path will glow!

A Light For Our Path



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Corinthians 11:17-34	Exodus 20:1-21	Exodus 23:1-13	Leviticus 19:1-37	Leviticus 25:1-34	Leviticus 25:35-55	Numbers 27:1-11

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WILSONVILLE

By VELMA HOLTZE and LAURIE LAWS

Delbert and Laurie Laws recently visited their daughter Shelly Anderson and family in Minden. Delbert and Laurie got to meet their new foster granddaughter. She is a beautiful little three-year old (because she is in the Foster Care System we don't want to print her name) and she is fitting in nicely to her new home with Mommy Shelly, Daddy Rick and Big Brother Austin. Delbert and I are very proud of our daughter and her family for being Foster Care parents and sharing their love and home with children who need a safe place to be." Laurie said.

Twelve Baptist-Christian Women members, seven of the church men and guest Cheryl Smith from the Child Saving Institute from Omaha met at the Baptist Christian Church on Sept. 1 for a noon luncheon. Virginia Rice, lesson leader, gave a few opening remarks and introduced Ms. Smith before the meal. The blessing was given by Kendall Rice. During the meal, Ms. Smith showed many pictures and told of

the work at the institute. Some of the figures and stories were almost unbelievable. Do you realize that there are 5,000 children placed in foster homes in Nebraska each year? The agency has placed over 17,000 children for adoption in the 113 years they have served in Nebraska.

Following this presentation, Becky Holtze, worship chairman, gave a short meditation using the worship center depicting pictures of the women's grandchildren.

During the business meeting, volunteers offered to bake cookies for the association meeting on Sept. 18. Help was offered to the tenBensel family as they plan for an open house for Earnest's 90th birthday that will be observed on Nov. 5 at the church. Mention was also made of the shower for Brian Holtze and Lyndzie Clouse which was Sept. 11 and also the 5th Sunday evening planned for Oct. 30 when Steve Jurgensen, former minister, will be sharing about his mission trip to Ghana. Baptist State Convention was the weekend of Sept. 10.

LYLE NEWS

By DEANNA SUMNER

Ernest and Donna Huff traveled to Sheridan, Mont., to visit Gary Huff, Sept 6-14. Along the way home they stopped in Grand Junction, Colo., and visited Donna's sister, Bobby Strauss.

Kathy Van Meter was an overnight guest of Sylvia and Jack Lovin of Wichita. Kathy and Sylvia flew to California, and stayed with Kathy's daughter, Erlene and Daniel Chavez, of San Jose, Calif. They also stayed with Kathy's granddaughter, Katrina, Nathan, Jason and Andrew Trujillo of Livermore, Calif. They did a lot of sight-seeing. They returned to Wichita and Kathy came home Monday.

Thursday, June Jolly and Kathy Van Meter met Leone Purton and Joyce Sumner in Norton and took off on their "Quilt Shop Hop." Their quilt shop stops were: Norton, Smith Center, Hays, Colby and Oberlin.

Saturday was Heartland SHARES in Norcat. That afternoon Kathy attended homecoming in Hoxie where she celebrated her 55th class reunion. Her brother Keith Hilburn of Logan celebrated his 50th and her sister Gladys Williams, Cimmaron, celebrated her 40th. They enjoyed the parade and barbecue and the open house.

Shirley May from Evergreen, Colo., stopped by to visit her Aunt Toots.

Saturday, Sept. 24, Toots Magers and June Jolly attended the spaghetti supper benefit in Norcat.

Sunday visitors at Toots Magers

were Dorothy Schmit and friend Gary from Beaver City. They called on Kathy Van Meter to come visit and they learned a new card game.

Lyle Church services are now at 9 a.m. and the first Community Potluck was held Oct. 2. The potlucks will be the first Sunday of each month.

Wednesday, Sept. 28, Kathy Van Meter and Toots Magers went to Quinter. Toots went to visit with Charlie and Judy Easton and Kathy had lunch with Tim, Jolene and Clinton Nejd.

Friday the Lyle ladies sewed. That evening June Jolly, Toots and Kathy Van Meter went to the potluck in Norcat and played cards.

Saturday Veda Wood and Kathy Van Meter went to Oberlin to the open house at the St. Marks Lutheran Church. They enjoyed the ice cream social and Ron Temples' Gospel Music. They toured the museum and the craft exhibits. Afterwards they visited Marguerite Fullerton at the Good Samaritan.

Twenty-five attended the first Sunday fellowship dinner.

Kathy Van Meter received word that Darrell Pachner, Golden, Colo., had passed away. His mother is Marian Pachner of Akron, Colo. His father is the late Jimmy Pachner, his sister is Barbara and Dan McCall, Denver. They were former residents of Oberlin.

There will be no church at Lyle Oct. 9.

The Lyle Bazaar will be Sunday, Nov. 13 at 2 p.m.

JENNINGS NEWS

By LOUISE CRESSLER

Teffani Zadeh and daughter Natalia from Chicago, are visiting several days with her parents Keith and Helen Muirhead.

Kara Kuntz, Katie and Zach, Hays, visited over the weekend with her parents, Kay and Doyle Brown.

Dave Haury came to the Votapka farm to help with corn harvest over the weekend.

Alice Mizer, her sisters Mabel Brendt, Page City and Myrtle Kropp, Colby and brother Ed Germoreth took a two-week trip to eastern states where many of their relatives live. They visited in Scranton, Pa., with Alice's niece. They visited another brother Arnold Germoreth, in Fredrick, Md. Alice went to Berryville, Va., to see her son, Gary Foster and family.

For their September meeting the Tuesday Study Club toured the Northwest Kansas Research Area Extension station in Colby. Landscape supervisor, Rodney Zimmerman conducted the tour of the All American selections in the display gardens, sharing hints on flower production. Included in the garden exhibit was the Prairie Star annuals performance test plot of bedding plants and flower variety trials. This list of results can be found at the local extension offices. The rose garden plants located at this location are compliments of the Jackson Perkins

Company.

A brief business meeting was held. Roll Call was answered by Ruth Chance, Wilma Mader, Naomi Carter, Joan McKenna, Helen Rhodes, Neoma Tacha, Vendla Tacha, Rachel Carter, Helen Muirhead and Kathy Nauer. Mary Smith, Sharon Springs, sister of Naomi and Rachel was a guest. Lunch was enjoyed at Borquin's Old Depot in Colby.

If you did not purchase a dog tag Saturday, please contact Louise. City council met Oct. 6.

Don Ammons, Hoxie and Rosie Hartman, Grainfield, will entertain Tuesday evening, Oct. 11 at the Sunflower Senior Center. Potluck supper is at 6 p.m.

Rural Telephone Customer Appreciation Day will be held Thursday, Oct. 13 at the Jennings Community Hall. A free barbecue and Nex-Tech product demonstrations will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Jennings Post Office as well as some other businesses will be closed Monday, Oct. 10 for Columbus Day.

Roger Tacha, Oakley, had the misfortune of being kicked by a horse Saturday. He was working with their horses in the pen at the south edge of Jennings. The ambulance took him to Norton hospital where he was transferred to Kearney. He had surgery Sunday morning to repair two broken bones in his leg.

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