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## WEEKLY SERMONETTE

**Pastoral Appreciation — by Terry Laughlin, Crossroads Church**

Pastors are very thankful to the Lord for every worker that God has given to the church of Jesus Christ. There is no greater blessing than to see obedient Christians exercise their gifts under the guidance of agape love. Whether it be the gift of helps, administration, evangelism or any of the other gifts clearly described in the Bible, each one is equally important to God, useful to Jesus Christ and can be empowered by the Holy Spirit.

In 2 Corinthians 1: 11 there is a very special person that pastors are especially thankful for—prayer warriors. The greatest missionary of all time, the apostle Paul wrote, "As you help us by your prayers, then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many." Paul writes this as a statement of fact proclaiming that it was the power of God in answer to prayer that enabled him and the ministry team he was working with to complete all that God had for them to do.

Paul's life was often in danger and it was only by the hand of God that he had been delivered out of it. Paul also wrote, "But this happened that we might not rely upon ourselves but on God." Yes, Paul knew that it was God who protected them through and delivered them out of their great perils. He also was not so foolish as to deny or undervalue the secondary cause. Having first praised God earlier in this chapter, 2 Corinthians

1:11 shows how Paul remembers with great gratitude the earnest prayers of loving prayer warriors.

The greatest ministry to the pastor of any Bible-believing church is the ministry of fasting and prayer. The church that

looks past the world's way of doing business and gets serious about praying for their spiritual leaders is the church that God will use to reach the lost and make true disciples of Christ. Your pastor faces great perils every day, the flesh often tempts

him, the world continually draws him and the devil attacks in many different ways. Most pastors every week search desperately for times of fasting, prayer, Bible reading and study. Spending time alone with the Lord is the pastor's food for strength to fulfill God's calling. Pastors, now and especially in the near future, need the faithful prayers of those they oversee for the Lord.

An American preacher became the pastor of a London Church. On the first Sunday there were many converts. For the next year the Lord's messages were delivered with power and many lost souls came to Christ. At the end of that first year this pastor was called to the bedside of a vary ill member of the church who told him how she had passed through a period of rebellion and spiritual darkness because of poverty, lameness and sickness. Upon repentance God revealed to her that He had given her the privilege of intercession. On the Saturday night before the pastor's first Sunday this woman spent the entire night in prayer and had done that every Saturday night since. As her weak voice ceased, the pastor knew that this wonderful child of God had most certainly ministered to him and the Lord.

October is pastoral appreciation month. Will you be the one to uphold your pastor in agape love? Sacrificial prayer warriors have the most appreciation of their pastors.

## Whatever Tomorrow Brings

Christopher Columbus had trouble recruiting sailors for his early voyages. Men were afraid, but the bravest enlisted and sailed off into the unknown — to the wonders of a new world.

Most of us are afraid of the unknown. We have our fears and doubts about anything new, a new job or school, a move to a strange city, beginning a marriage, or simply facing the uncertainties of tomorrow. We do not know what lies ahead, and we worry about being able to cope with it. In this ever-changing world, we instinctively yearn for that which does not change.

Whatever tomorrow brings, we can have the peaceful conviction that the love of God for His children is trustworthy and everlasting. "Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." (Matthew 6:34)

Discover an abiding security and a faith that whatever tomorrow brings, it will be all right. Worship this week; spend time with God in His house. He will take care of you today and tomorrow.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Deuteronomy 15:1-18	Deuteronomy 16:9-22	Joshua 22:1-20	Joshua 22:21-34	2 Kings 6:8-23	2 Kings 8:1-6	Habakkuk 2:1-20

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## NORTON MANOR

By DORIS MIZELL

A family and friends get-together was held at the Norton Manor Community Room Sept. 24, honoring Falster and Aileen Johnson for their 63rd wedding anniversary which was Sept. 27. Falster's sister, Opal Cogdill, who had her 85th birthday Sept. 21. Those present were Falster and Aileen, Goodland, Ken and Becky Johnson, Stacey, Jenny, Jack and Joel Johnson, Hays; Harry and Patricia Johnston, Arvada, Colo.; Jim and Barbara Johnson, Aurora, Neb.; Lowell and Velma Cochran, Syracuse; Vera Schra, McPherson; Nate and Shawna Weis, Denver; and Opal Cogdill, Goodland, Eva Wendel, Lucille Miller, Karla Anderson, Marie Engelhardt, Norton; and Alberta Geil, Almena. After dinner callers were Mildred Engelhardt, Norton; Steve Engelhardt, Hays; Delwyn Engelhardt, Acima, Wash. Opal Cogdill was a Saturday overnight guest of her sister, Marie Engelhardt. She went home Sunday.

Guests of Doris Mizell during the week to visit with her son, Lester Mizell, were Carolyn and Roger Linsenmeyer, Beatrice, Neb.; Roberta and Dennis McAllister, Clayton; Connie Lillich, Atwood and Ray Mizell, Norton. Wednesday afternoon the

Linsenmeyers, Lester and Doris visited at Jennings with Patty Foster.

The Silver and Gold had their dinner at the community room with 21 in attendance. After the dinner Richard Martin showed a film about moving the Spruce Goose from California to Oregon.

The Manor welcomes Evalene Schulze and Kenneth Hoyt back after their time in the hospital and convalescing.

Ed Keith drove Mary Keith and James Skrdlant to Kearney to be with Lea Skrdlant. Her daughter Dawn Pauley and husband Bob met them there. Lena is in the Good Samaritan Hospital. We wish Lena a speedy recovery.

Rena Garwood's son, Tom, and grandson John, joined her at the coffee. It was also Rena's birthday. We wish her many more.

We had 17 attend the coffee this morning and Laci and Chris. The rolls Laci made were delicious.

Maxine Brooks' three kids were all here over the weekend. Frank from Greeley, Colo.; Barry from Atlanta, Ga.; and Shirley and husband Jerry Gallentine from Rapid City, S.D. They all attended the bazaar at Clayton Saturday night. Sunday they were all at Bill and Dorothy Woods in Oberlin for dinner. They all left for home Monday.

## PRAIRIE VIEW

By VIVIAN JANSONIUS

Several from the Prairie View Reformed Church went to Logan Manor Sept. 20 to entertain. They were Norman and Rose Erickson and Bart and Erma Soodsma, Phillipsburg; Melvin Breathouwer, Long Island; Gary Mulder, Logan; and the Rev. Jeffrey Van Der Weele, Vivian Jansonius and Rodney Jansonius, Prairie View. After the meeting, Gary Mulder stayed to visit his brother, Darrel Mulder.

A carry-in dinner was held Sept. 21 at the Prairie View Community Center. Attending were John and Doreen Hoff, Logan; Glen Hultgren, Marvin Harbers, Burdett and Belva Leydig, Wilmer and Marie Hogan, the Rev. Jeffrey and Linda Van Der Weele, Faith Van Diest, Berta Van Diest, Rodney Jansonius, Vivian Jansonius, Gertrude Erickson and Erma Jean Nyland, Prairie View.

Hazel Jansonius recently spent two weeks at the home of LeWayne and Marcia Jansonius at

Stillwell, Kan. She spent time with Jennifer and Joni Jansonius, Dustin and Faye.

Sept. 22, Glen Hultgren and Vivian Jansonius went to Hays for the High Plains Mental Health meeting. While there, they met Jennifer DeBoer, Kelsie and Taylor, Lisa Freven and Megan and Lora Bogart, Alex and Kambri, all of Hays.

Zachary and Trisha Van Diest are the parents of a son, Benjamin. He was born Sept. 15 at the Mary Lanning Hospital in Hastings. He weighed 6 pounds 11 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are: Michael and Diana Van Diest, Prairie View; Dennis and Catherine Bachman, Giltner, Neb.

Great-grandparents are Jerry Goscha, Logan and the late Jeanne Goscha; Tom and Berta Van Diest, Prairie View; Bernard and Nellie McMahon and Verla Bachman, all of Giltner and the late Earl Bachman.

Great-great-grandmother is Marguerite Brown, Norton.

## NEW ALMELO

By BETTY OTTER

Family coming to spend time at the home of Marion and Lorraine Long last week was Gary Long, Hill City. On the weekend Bill and Ria Barker, Hays, were visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Long received word of the death of their nephew, Irwin Hahn, 76, Englewood, Colo., on Sept. 20. He was born in Norton County and attended school in New Almelo. The family moved to Colorado in 1952.

Roger and JoAnn Long and Marion and Marilyn Otter are cousins in the New Almelo area. Mr. Hahn's sister, Dee Magers and husband, Rea, live in Norcatatur. He is survived by his wife, Mary, and her two daughters, nine brothers and sisters.

Rosella Stephens is receiving therapy for her back at Good Samaritan Center, 1101 Spruce St., Ellis, Kan. 67637 and would enjoy

hearing from people.

Recently, Joe Long, Leawood, spent time with his parents, Marion and Lorraine Long. Their daughter, Rita Barker, Hays, came on Friday and spent the day. Floyd and Karen Long and Sammy, Kimball, Neb., spent the weekend with his parents. JoAnn Long and her daughter, Renee Cella, Rachel and Clair, Denver, visited with Marion and Lorraine.

Family coming to the home of Roger and JoAnn Long over the Labor Day weekend were their daughter, Renee and Jack Cella and family, Denver. The men did some hunting.

Family coming to the home of Alfred and Betty Otter over the Labor Day holiday were, Tom Otter, DeSoto; Mark Otter, Anna and Marshall, Ulysses; Karl Otter, Great Bend; and Charles Otter, Saige and Curly, Salina.

## NORCATATUR NEWS

The Senior Citizens Potluck on Friday, Sept. 30, was attended by 22 people. Winners were Elden Long, Juanita Eckhart and June Jolly.

Virgil and Joyce attended the carry-in dinner at Lyle Sunday, Oct. 2, and enjoyed visiting with everyone after the long summer recess.

Upcoming church bazaars include those at Lyle on Sunday, Nov. 13, 2 p.m.; Almena, Saturday, Oct. 15; and Norcatatur, Saturday, Oct. 22.

Marguerite Clark, Dorothy

Ward and Bee Nelson attended the dedication of St. Mark's Church at the Decatur County Last Indian Raid Museum on Sunday, Oct. 2. Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler from Faith Lutheran Church in Oberlin was in charge of the service, representing the Bishop. Bee Nelson handed over the records from St. Mark's Lutheran to Pastor Charlotte before the dedication in a simple but beautiful service. This closed the St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Norcatatur, Kan.

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