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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

A Grateful Heart — By Terry Laughlin, Crossroads Church

Luke 17: 12 - 18 says this, "As Jesus was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"

When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests, And as they went, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus, feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan." Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?"

Tinder-dry, dusty, brown, livestock grazing on the parched pastures, winter wheat barely finding enough moisture to struggle to the surface. Just last fall and even early this spring, this described Norton County. As the winter proceeded without any plentiful moisture, some were beginning to despair of their livelihoods. The local economy was looking pretty bleak. Some began to be hopeless, but others began to call prayer meetings. They called out to God to grant us the necessary rains to save the crops.

Now, look out your window. Everything is lush, green and almost

miraculously alive! The flowers were never so abundant nor smelled so sweet as this spring. We, too, called out "Jesus, Master, have pity on us," and God in heaven answered yes to our prayers!

The lepers cried out for help "in

a loud voice." The one who returned praised God "in a loud voice." Have you thanked Him and praised Him as much, as often and as loudly as you prayed for His blessings? Are you in church regularly on Sunday mornings as a thank offering to

Him, praising Him and trusting Him for the harvest?

Isaiah 29: 13 says, "These people, honor me with their lips but their hearts are far from me." Although giving verbal praise to God is good, the highest praise you can give to God is to give Him your life with NO restrictions, whatsoever. Receive the Lord Jesus Christ. Know and obey His Word.

A precious hymn of the church records this verse, "O give us homes where Christ is Lord and Master, The Bible read, the precious hymns still sung; Where prayer comes first in peace or in disaster, And praise is natural speech to every tongue."

Can you be the one who will come to God and say, "Lord, I am SO grateful that you have given me life and that your mercies are new every morning. I am so grateful that your beloved Son Jesus Christ came to earth to die in my place so I can receive forgiveness of my sins when I repent and believe in Him. Father God, help me to live a life of gratefulness and repentance that will honor you in all ways by turning from going my own way to pursuing Your way as proclaimed in the Holy Scriptures. From here forward, may my life be a thank offering to you!"



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Psalm 46	Psalm 85	Genesis 1:1 - 2:4a	Genesis 2:4b-25	Psalm 104	Psalm 105	Psalm 107

"Thank you for picking up your toys." "Thank you for remembering to get milk." "Thank you for putting gas in the car." "Thank you for making your bed."

Small routine matters? No! Because when a "thank you" is said, it provides a link of love for those involved. If we work on these small links of love, we can make life happier for those around us. It is encouraging to be thanked for the things we do.

The personal "thank you" also reminds us that a thank you to God is in order. In 1 Thessalonians 5:18 we are reminded to "...give thanks in all circumstances". We can thank Him in prayer as we acknowledge His love and presence. We don't have to stop and close our eyes and bow our heads each time; we can just say a simple "thank you". Our prayers of thanksgiving link us to God with love.

As we pray, each day and weekly at our house of worship, we can say thank you for everything, big and small. With each "thank you" we can acknowledge God's love for us and our love for Him!

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JENNINGS NEWS

By LOUISE CRESSLER

The Tuesday Study Club toured the Minor family sod house located north of Brewster for the October meeting. It was built in 1907, and was occupied until the early 1950s.

A description of the family history of the house was given by Lesa Juenemann, a descendent of the family. The antique sod house was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2005, due to a post office operating out of it at one time and the fact that it was an original soddy. Bed and breakfast accommodations are available.

Lunch was enjoyed in the kitchen. Roll call was answered by Rachel Carter, Ruth Chance, Joan McKenna, Helen Muirhead, Kathy Nauer, Lynn Tacha, Neoma Tacha and Vendla Tacha.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mader; and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Mader, Kansas City, Mo., toured New York City from Wednesday to Sunday last week. They attended the wedding of Jim's nephew, Chris Gizza on Friday evening.

Doyle and Kay Brown; Bill and

Janiece Dowell enjoyed a trip to the eastern states of the United States. They stopped to visit John and Janell Tacha at Lawrence; Steve and Cindy Brown, Oskolossa, Iowa; Charles Brown; Bill and Linda Bywater, Iowa City, Iowa, on their way.

Sunflower Senior Citizens potluck supper will be Nov. 8 at 6 p.m. Bingo will be played following the supper. Bring a \$3 prize and come join us.

Jennings City Council meeting will be Thursday, Nov. 3 at 7:30 p.m.

Louise Cressler worked at the Jennings Post Office the week of Oct. 24. Karen Washburn of Norton, postmaster at Jennings, went with a church group to Mexico.

Wayne and Louise Cressler went to Council Grove Saturday to visit their daughter, Gwen Anderson and her husband, Jeff; granddaughters Megan Faris; Jessica Lemmons and husband Ben of Manhattan. They returned home on Monday. Sharon Gaston, Ames, Iowa, also came to visit.

LYLE NEWS

By DEANNA SUMNER

Toots Magers stayed with J.T. Guy and family in Abilene, Oct. 3-11, while June Jolly went to New Mexico.

Kathy VanMeter was on a 10 day trip to San Carlos, Mexico. They visited a pearl farm, a cactus garden, and train ride up the Copper Canyon.

Liberty Star Club ladies met at the Rose of Sharon in Norton for their meeting. Those members present for the tour were: Angie Wilson, Carolyn Plotts, Cathy Anthony, Toots Magers, Veda Wood and Kathy VanMeter.

Wednesday, Oct. 19, Kathy and Joyce Sumner took a car load of clothing to Garden City to the Mission. Thursday, Kathy attended a wine tasting party.

Friday the Lyle ladies sewed and cleaned up the community building in preparation for the Lyle Bazaar at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 13. That evening the ladies played cards in Norcatur.

Saturday evening June Jolly and Toots Magers attended the Norcatur Supper and Bazaar.

Judy Easton came up from Quinter on Thursday to visit with

Toots Magers. Later they went to visit Coleen Rippe at her home.

Friday the Lyle ladies sewed.

Kathy Van Meter returned from Jueraz, Mexico, where she helped the team of the Norton Christian Church with the "Houses for Christ". The team members were: Jim and Carolyn Plotts, Bob Kelley, Kathy Van Meter, Sue Conard, Charla Sprigg, Scott Collins, Karen Washburn, Alicia Worthington, Ed and Melba Witt. The house they built was 11 feet by 22 feet with a stucco exterior. A family of three, Raphael, his wife Alma, and 6-year old son, Kevin will live there. A learning experience everyone should get involved with.

Sunday, Toots Magers and Veda Wood accompanied Kathy to the Norton Christian Church where the team was given recognition for their work. That evening Toots, June Jolly and Kathy played party pitch at the Norton American Legion.

There will be a Lyle community potluck luncheon Sunday, Nov. 6, at 12:30 p.m..

Everyone is invited to the Lyle Bazaar, Sunday, Nov. 13 at 2 p.m.

NORTON MANOR

By DORIS MIZELL

Sunday visitors of Mary Keith were Mr. and Mrs. Colby Greving, Caley Christian, Colton and Camryn; Audrey Wiltfong, Josh VanSike and Clara Shewey.

Maxine Brooks and Dorothy Woods, Oberlin went to WaKeeney to their Rebecca Lodge's 100th anniversary Saturday.

A week ago guests of Lena and James Skrdlant were their grandson Jay Howell and wife Rhonda and two little daughters. They also brought lunch. They live at Ft. Riley.

Georgia O'Neill went to her

daughter's, Deb Bowen for Sunday lunch.

Doris Mizell visited Nancy Heaton Tuesday afternoon.

Thursday Missy Bowen stopped by to see her grandmother Georgia O'Neill.

Katherine Kohr's visitors joined her in attending the Manor dinner last Thursday.

Patty Foster and Doris Mizell made a trip to McCook last Monday. Mrs. Mizell had an appointment with her optometrist.

Rena Garwood is in the hospital at this time. We hope she'll soon be able to return to the Manor.

NEW ALMELO

By BETTY OTTER

Family spending the weekend of Oct. 22 at the home of Marion and Lorraine Long were Mary and Gerry Baalman, Grinell; Frank and Letty Long, St. Elizabeth, Mo.; and Joe and Rose Ann Long, Leawood.

Charles Otter, Saige and Cury,

Salina, spent the weekend of Oct. 30 with Alfred and Betty Otter. Tom Otter, DeSoto, came to his parents home on Saturday to spend the week and do some hunting.

Gilbert Bollig is in the Norton County Hospital with injuries received in a farm accident.

ALMENA NEWS

By ESTHER MARBLE

Jean Leuszler and Linda Malcolm drove to Salina Oct. 26 where Jean met with family at Amy Magdeburg's home. She spent the night with Twila Lindfors in Marquette. On Oct. 27 they attended the funeral services for Wilma Magdeburg. Linda vis-

ited her niece Tisha Morrill and family in Lindsborg.

Blaine and Susie Marble went to Wamego to the State Cross Country Meet on Saturday where their son Bryce was competing. Afterwards, they went to Topeka to pick up Brant Marble who is back from a year in Iraq.



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