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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

Tis The Season For Praise — By Terry Laughlin, Crossroads Church

Psalm 118:1-4 says, "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good." Let Israel say, Let the house of Aaron say. Let those who fear the Lord say: His love endures forever."

The writer of this psalm is very careful to give recognition to the Lord and it is right that the whole Body of Christ gather in public worship and sing and give thanks unto the Lord. There should be no murmuring spirit and no forgetting to praise Him. All complaining should come to an immediate halt and all self-glorification is to be destroyed. The children of God should never tolerate one moment of unbelief, but rest upon what the Bible says about God, Christ and the Holy Spirit's influence.

"Love" is better translated as "loving-kindness" in the New American Standard Bible. "Loving-kindness" (Hebrew - hesed) meaning to give acts of kindness and show mercy on the repentant. The application is that the Lord God made an everlasting covenant of "loving-kindness" through the forefathers of Israel and goes on down to those who are Abraham's descendants by faith. (Ro. 4:11-12,16) Israel sinned.

This caused them to end up in Egypt and they sinned in Egypt. They provoked the Lord to anger in the wilderness, went astray again and again under the time of the judges, transgressed time and time again, and yet the Lord still regarded

them as His people. He was faithful to chastise them to draw them to repentance. God put His rod away every time Israel repented and He showed His compassion and His favor toward them. The Lord's "loving-kindness"

is the national hymn to all who know Jesus Christ as personal Savior and Lord. How many times has God looked upon your sin and still called you His child? How many times has the Lord laid upon you His chastisements, as a Father would discipline his son? (Hebrews 12:5-7) How many times have you been found walking in and enjoying the favor of God on your life when you really did not deserve it?

Psalm 118 teaches that just as the nation Israel was to praise God for His goodness so are Americans whose motto is "In God we Trust." It also teaches that just as the house of Aaron was to praise the Lord, those in the ministry are to praise God by teaching their congregations to worship in Spirit and truth. This song of praise also exhorts all who fear the Lord to praise God for His loving kindness because His love is promised to a thousand generations of those who love the Lord and keep His commandments. (Exodus 20:6)

Join the grateful. Bless the Lord this season with a life that expresses praise.

Planted in the House of the Lord

Winter is just around the corner. Reminders are all around. Mornings and evenings are colder, sometimes even cold enough to see your breath. Leaves have fallen from the trees after a brilliant blaze of color and bare, gray tree limbs make a silhouette against the sky. The grass has turned from green to brown, and summer flowers have disappeared.

The potted plants that sat outside all summer and fall have been carefully rescued and brought inside before the first frost. Now they shine like emeralds in the sunny window, oblivious to the season. They thrive in the house, warm and tended, lovingly watered and nourished.

As in nature, we also experience seasons of "winter" in our lives. From time to time we are overcome by cold winds of doubt, our hearts frozen with fear. We do not have to feel desolate. We, too, can be rescued.

Come into God's house. Warm your heart and nourish your spirit. Psalm 92:12-13 promises "...the righteous will flourish...planted in the house of the Lord."



SUNDAY 2 Chronicles 34:1-7	MONDAY 2 Chronicles 34:8-21	TUESDAY 2 Chronicles 34:22-33	WEDNESDAY 2 Chronicles 35:1-19	THURSDAY Psalm 92	FRIDAY Psalm 93	SATURDAY Psalm 95
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JENNINGS NEWS

By LOUISE CRESSLER

It was a windy day Saturday for opening day of pheasant season.

Mom's Lil Market served breakfast to about 30 people. Soup and sandwiches were on the menu for the noon meal.

Saturday afternoon the United Methodist Church ladies were busy preparing the evening meal. Over 150 people ate turkey, ham and all the fixings. Many of the hunters came to eat which was appreciated.

Several in the Jennings community have been ill. Rachel Carter has been in the hospital with viral bronchitis.

Emma Sanford enjoyed having her niece Carol Hartley, Columbus, Ohio, visit several days last week.

The school lunchroom was the scene of a Veteran's Day program Friday. A large crowd attended. The children Drake Rowh, Trevor Bruhn, Andrew Noone, Taryn Rogers, Tyson Bochert, Stephani Noone, Brecken Rowh, Malilah Green and Candace Taylor sang several songs. The pre-school gave a skit "Birth of a Flag". Stephani Noone sang a solo "Wouldn't It Be Nice". Veterans were honored. Those attending were Elmo Bailey, Larry Mizer, Martin LaRue, Roger Shimek, Wilfred Wagoner, Galen Carper, Lawrence Jennings, Eugene

Mrstik, Raymond Yahne, Daryl Hartzog, Jay Kump, Earl Hartzog, Bob Hartzog, Paul Welter, John Stanley, Bob Tacha and Kenny Krizek.

Sunflower Senior Citizens gathered Tuesday, Nov. 8 for potluck supper and bingo. As always, there was plenty of good food. Attending were: Jay Kump, June Vavroch, Bob Tacha, Neoma Tacha, Keith Muirhead, Helen Muirhead, Eleanor Morel, Imogene Keenan, Stan Shaw, Ramona Shaw, Mary Votapka, Arch Harmon, Vendla Tacha and Louise Cressler.

The Jennings Housing Board meeting was held last night.

Jennings City Council met Nov. 3 with all members present. Karen Griffith, an attorney from Norton, explained to the council areas under consideration for annexation to the city. Paperwork will need to be done by the council. Work is being done on the sewer to pass inspection in January. Plans are being made to move the information board from the Highway Park to the Community Hall. Some late utility bills were discussed. Mayor Bob Jones spoke of the meeting he and Mrs. Cressler attended at the Gateway in Oberlin Monday evening. The guest speaker was Toby Prine, Northwest Kansas Regional coordinator, Kansas Homeland Security.

NORTON MANOR

By DORIS MIZELL

Rex Knapp visited Anetta Knapp a week ago Sunday.

Doris Mizell and her son, Lester, attended the funeral for Velma York at Russell, Nov. 5. Velma's husband, Raymond York, was the minister in Clayton years ago. The Mizells and Yorks spent a lot of time together. After returning home they took in the 60th anniversary celebration for Denzel and Ruth Loggreen and the supper at the United Methodist church.

Joleen VanKooten of Hays came Tuesday to show Manor residents how to cut down on sweets and fats over the holidays. The pumpkin bread she served us was made this way and you would never know the difference.

Les Loker from Midwest Energy came Monday to discuss how to conserve on heat. He also gave several hints on how to save on electricity.

Linda Keith visited Mary Keith several evenings last week.

A week ago, Marie Delimont

was an after-church guest of the Walter Hoovers for a dinner and afternoon.

Jan and Cherry Martin of Hays, formerly of Norton, returned her father Raymond "Lefty" Stephenson after a weeks visit in Hays. He also visited his granddaughter Kayla who is a senior at Fort Hays State University.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Greving and Ed Keith took dinner with Mary Keith and visited last Sunday.

Mary Keith attended a birthday party for Loree Slavik, Nicki Nasvarus and Cher Greving at the Slavik's home in Long Island.

Doris Mizell thoroughly enjoyed the high school play Sunday afternoon. Of course, having a grandson as one of the characters might have helped.

Saturday evening she went to the Jennings pheasant hunters supper so she could get to see another grandson, Jared Foster. He was home for the weekend from Kansas State University to hunt pheasants.

LYLE NEWS

By DEANNA SUMNER

Toots Magers was a dinner guest at Lynn Scivner's on Nov. 5. Other guests were his daughter Sondra and Dustin from Ogallala, Neb.

The Community Potluck was held at Lyle Sunday.

Karla Clason and Ruth Vise, both of Beaver City stopped by to see their Aunt Toots Wednesday evening.

Tuesday Toots went to Hays to be with Judy Easton, while Judy's husband, Charlie Easton, had surgery.

Liberty Star Club Thanksgiving Supper was Wednesday evening at the Lyle Community Building. Members and guests present were: Toots Magers, Kathy Van Meter, Veda Wood, Adrienne Vacura,

Tracey Pershing, Carol Moye, Virgil and Joyce Price, Cathy and Gary Anthony, Bill Schwab, Lynn Scivner, Angie and Roger Wilson, Carolyn and Jim Plotts, Deanna and Todd Sumner Brooke and Brady.

Marguerite Fullerton died Thursday at the Good Samaritan.

Kathy Van Meter and guest, Helen Helm recently attended the Security First Gold Club party.

Friday Kathy Van Meter enjoyed the Veterans Parade in Norton.

Sunday was the Lyle Bazaar and it was a beautiful day for it. Lots of people donated their time and talents to this yearly fund raiser for the church. Duane McEwen, Norton, was the auctioneer.

ALMENA NEWS

By ESTHER MARBLE

Alberta Geil drove to Elkhorn, Neb., to the Sidney Geil home on Oct. 27. She helped Carissa celebrate her fifth birthday on Oct. 29. Mrs. Geil also attended her pre-school party and ice skating performance. Sunday, they all went to Woodbine, Iowa, to pick apples from Alberta's sister, Erma Grosvenor's, apple orchard. Alberta came home Monday morning. She noticed farmers were very busy getting their corn picked.

Bud, Lila and Dan Engelhardt and Jean Leuszler attended the church supper at Prairie View Wednesday evening, Nov. 9.

Bill Godfrey was a dinner guest last Friday evening of Brant and Esther Marble. It was to celebrate Bill's birthday and so the boys could visit.

On Friday, Nov. 4, Rita Bieber

drove to Ness City, then she and her daughter Barbara Wassinger left for Camp Carson, Colo., to spend the weekend visiting Meghan and Tyler Rupp. Tyler is with the Army and was recently transferred to Camp Carson from Hawaii. The weather in Colorado was so beautiful, even the snow that fell Saturday morning.

Saturday morning Barbara and Rita went grocery shopping with Meghan. That evening they and Tyler attended a movie. Sunday morning they went to mass in Colorado Springs at St. Joseph Church. Sunday afternoon they drove back to Ness City. Rita spent the night there then drove home Monday morning.

Dale Stiffler of Meriden, Kan., came last Friday to Blaine Marble's home to hunt pheasants with Blaine, Chance and Bryce.

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