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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

“Shouts of Praise”, By Terry Laughlin, Pastor CrossRoads Church

There is a loud declaration of our Lord's purpose for coming to earth at the triumphal entry. “As Jesus approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives... Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, ‘Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!...Hosanna in the highest!’” (Mark 11: 1, 8 - 10)

What was our Lord's mission as He made His way into the holy city? What should be in the hearts and coming out of the mouths of God's chosen people during this Easter season? By the time Jesus had made this approach to Jerusalem, He had been traveling around three years performing miracles, teaching and ministering to all who would just come to Him. On this trip into Jerusalem, He would be wrongfully treated, brutally beaten and experience the sting of death of which no Christian will ever bear.

Just a few days earlier Jesus declared His mission, “For the Son of Man came to seek and save what was lost.” (Luke 19:10) The word “Hosanna” means “save us.” At that time, “Hosanna” had become a common shout of the Jewish people for the praises of God.

Jesus' purpose for going to Jerusalem at that time in history was to give His life, to allow His blood to be shed, He became the Paschal Lamb of God. He died to pay for the sins of the world. Think upon that; Jesus knew as He entered Jerusalem, that before the week came to an end, those shouts of “Hosanna” would turn to “Crucify Him!” His death and resurrection makes the way for repentant sinners to be forgiven and receive a fresh clean start before God.

Jesus' mission was completed on the Cross of Calvary. Peter reminds Christians of their mission, they “...are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that [they] may declare the praises of Him who called [them] out of darkness into His wonderful light.” (1 Peter 2:9)

How can Christians proclaim the praises of God? First, we should make a joyful proclamation of who Jesus is. The crowd on the road to Jerusalem had no concern for what the Pharisees or the Roman soldiers thought about their praises. Second, we should tell people who are overcome by their sins how Jesus will not only forgive their sins, but can also break the dominion of sin in their lives through the Spirit of Christ. Thirdly, tell others what Jesus has done for you. In the region of the Gerasenes, as Jesus stepped ashore, he met a demon-possessed man. After casting the demons out of the man, our Lord said, “Return home and tell how much God has done for you.” (Luke 8:39)

The Easter Season is upon us. Christians should be heard giving shouts of praise, not allowing the opinions of others to keep their praises to themselves. They should be telling those bound by sin about the saving power of Jesus Christ, and following the instruction of their Lord, “Go and tell what God has done.”



Signs That Guide

Residents of a given locality become so acquainted with all the routes around town that they pay no attention to the signs posted along the way. For the traveler, the signs are very important. A stranger looking for the way to get where he's going is watching for information. His eyes are open to pointers; he is searching for guidance. Jesus said, “For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds....” (Matthew 7:8). Signs are everywhere for us to follow, we only have to look and ask. We can receive spiritual direction in our lives, all we have to do is pay attention, look and ask questions. There are many signs that will point us in the right direction. Just look for your local house of worship, it is a place to ask for guidance and instruction. It is also a place to praise the One who guides us!

SUNDAY Acts 4:1-31	MONDAY Ephesians 1:1-23	TUESDAY Ephesians 3:1-21	WEDNESDAY Philippians 1:1-11	THURSDAY Philippians 4:2-23	FRIDAY Colossians 4:2-18	SATURDAY 2 Chronicles 30:1-12
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WHISPERING PINES

By CYNTHIA KINDALL

We will miss Suzi White as she and her family have moved. Those joining in for her farewell party were: Don Moody, Merle Applegate, Lucille Stackhouse, Betty Reid, Doris Stump, Dorothy Bernard, Priscilla Johnson, Melvin Hanchett, Elfriede Kelly, Lois Hildebrand, Marie Ritter, Alice Vogt, Phileda Nelson, Carrie Malcolm, Mabel Malcolm, Violet Volgamore, Elva Lindenman, Beth Bryant and Claire Hemphill.

On Super Bowl Sunday Phileda Nelson went to home of her daughter Karen Cox for supper and the evening entertainment. On Feb. 5 Kennis McClelland was here and visited with Beth Bryant and took his aunt to the hospital to see Elton Bryant.

These Andbe Home residents: Julia Cutting, Wava Hickert, Paul Ballinger, Velva McClain, Elda Schalansky and Evelyn Lyon came to visit with the following residents: Elfriede Kelly, Violet Volgamore, Elva Lindenman, Phileda Nelson, Carrie Malcolm, Margaret Richards, Dorothy Bernard, Beth Bryant, Melvin Hanchett, Dick Hemphill and Alice Vogt.

Valentine's Day found us celebrating with royalty. The new King for 2006 is Merle Applegate and the Queen is Violet Volgamore. Those joining them for the event were: Lois Dietz, Lois Hildebrand, Carrie and Mabel Malcolm, Doris Stump, Phileda Nelson, Hazel Bates, Priscilla Johnson, Elva Lindenman, Lucille Stackhouse, Alice Vogt, Dorothy Bernard, Melvin Hanchett and Elfriede Kelly. Queen Violet received a long stemmed rose from the staff at Whispering Pines and King Merle received the Valentine ball.

loon. They both received Whispering Pines gift certificates.

A luncheon guest of Lois Dietz on Feb. 22 was her daughter and son-in-law Joyce and Hal Scott of Lenora and her grandson Dan Scott and friend Ronelle Welch of Denver, Colo.

Ardie Grimes came from Baldwin City on Feb. 23 to see Dorothy Bernard. They went to Kearney on Friday, visiting Dean and Adelia Wilnerd in Almena on the way back.

On Saturday, Dorothy's visitors were Joan Riemann of Norton, Karen Walters, Renee and Alex Christo of Albion, Neb. In the afternoon Dorothy and Ardie ran errands, then went to Logan to visit Wayne Bernard and others at Logan Manor then stopped by to see Summer Suhr. Ardie went home on Sunday.

Birthdays this month are March 2 - Melvin Hanchett; March 3 - Lois Dietz and Jenni Glennemeier; March 17 - Mr. Hanson; March 28 - Kerri Donhey; March 29 - Allen Tacha.

Some events of this month - we have everything from the sound of the big bands of Glenn Miller to penny ante bingo with the Busy Beavers 4-H Club. Irish Music on the March 16, Phileda Nelson reads to a group every Wednesday at 2:15 p.m.

Kerri Donahey will be bringing her twins for our residents to spoil on the 30th.

For our monthly coffee at 7 p.m., March 26, Karen Cox and Lois Meyers will be joining their mother Phileda Nelson showing a film on their lives in Burma before WW II.

This will be our monthly coffee and the public is invited to come share with our family in seeing this film.

JENNINGS NEWS

By LOUISE CRESSLER

United Methodist Women met March 1 for a Bible study “The Power Of A Clean Heart” led by Glenda Johnson. Those attending were: Rachel Carter, Helen Rhodes, Kay Brown, Lila Jennings, Violet Foster and Glenda Johnson. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Brown.

The Tuesday Study Club met for the February meeting at the Pure Prairie Natural Foods Store, Norton, for lunch. In the afternoon Liza Deines gave a tour of her home that is furnished with antiques. She gave a history of the start of her hobby, making references to articles that give her special memories. Roll call was answered by Rachel Carter, Ruth Chance, Wilma Mader, Lynn Tacha, Vendla Tacha, Joan McKenna, Helen Muirhead, Kathy Nauer, Helen Rhodes, Lucille Stackhouse and Neoma Tacha. One guest, Eleanor Morel, a cousin of Liza's, shared the afternoon with the group.

Jennings City Council met March 2. In the absence of Mayor Bob Jones, Council President Louise Cressler called the meeting to order. Guests were Helen Rhodes, City Librarian, and Dona

and Eugene Mrstik. Helen gave a financial report of the library. Dona and Eugene expressed their concerns about water supply and also curbs that need cleaned out. One member told the council the water dock is not the right height. This will be looked into. Sue Long, City clerk will contact Duro-Last about the Community Hall leaking.

The council discussed a propane tank for the generator to be put at the Community Hall in case of an emergency. The Emergency Preparedness Plan Phone List was reviewed. Work is being done at the sewer location to correct several problems recently brought to the council's attention. Maintenance jobs were discussed and it was decided a work day needs to be set.

An update on the sale of the school building was given. A Francise Agreement with Rural Telephone was read. The next meeting will be April 6.

Reminders: Change of addresses are needed for the Alumni paper. Please contact Mary Votapka.

The Sunflower Senior potluck Supper will be March 14 at 6 p.m. A program will follow.

LYLE NEWS

By DEANNA SUMNER

Monday the Lyle ladies sewed. Wednesday, Kathy Van Meter went to Logan to have lunch with her brother and sister-in-law, Keith and Karen Hilburn.

Thursday, Margaret Magers and Kathy had dinner with Helen Helm in Cambridge, Neb.

Friday, June Jolly, Toots and Kathy played cards in Norcatur and were treated to a soup and pie dinner and prizes from the Royal

Neighbors.

Saturday, Toots had dinner with Richard and Jane Engelhardt, Charlie and Judy Easton, Mike and Pam Hornung, and Tyler in Norton.

Sunday was the potluck luncheon at Lyle, there were 20 guests. That evening June and Toots played in the pitch tournament in Norton.

Ernest Huff is home and doing well.

ALMENA NEWS

By ESTHER MARBLE

Alberta Geil's niece, Connie Betts from Oregon, arrived Wednesday, March 1 afternoon to spend some quality time with her aunt Bertie, uncle Vic Delimont from Long Island and uncle Maynard Delimont from Norton. It was great to see all her cousins

and meet some new ones. Alberta and Connie traveled to Oxford on Saturday, March 4 to celebrate Connie's dad, Bill Holland's 80th birthday.

Alberta and Connie were guests of Penny and Maynard Thursday night. Penny Delimont prepared a delicious chicken dinner.

The paper you read for the news you need!