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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

“Mothers of Influence”, by Pastor Terry Laughlin, CrossRoads Church

It is a great privilege and responsibility to be a mother. No one has a more profound and enduring influence upon those around them than a mother raising her children in the fear and wisdom of the Lord.

Timothy, was one such young man who was greatly influenced by the God-given women in his life, and he became a great preacher of the gospel. It seems clear that Timothy had been converted to Christianity during the apostle Paul's first missionary journey at Lystra. He had matured so well as a Christian that only two years after his conversion he was ready to become an apprentice to the great apostle Paul and soon became one of his most trusted helpers. (Philippians 2:20) Eventually, as Paul's personal representative, young Timothy was asked to remain in Ephesus to oppose the false religious teachers.

Paul referred to Timothy as being "...faithful in the Lord." (1 Corinthians 4:17) Timothy's faith was no mere dry creed, no mere outward show of piety. He did not "do church" for appearance's sake. His faith in the risen Christ could endure persecution and suffer loss; he could live or die for the sake of Christ with the sure hope of eternal life. Paul had the highest confidence in Timothy's fine track record as a Christian worker. Paul writes, "But you know that

Timothy has proved himself..." (Philippians 2:22)

Paul saw a firm foundation in Timothy's life. "I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also." (2 Timothy 1: 5) Timothy's grandmother and mother were staunch believers who had

taught him the Scriptures from his earliest years of childhood. (2 Timothy 3:15) Paul exhorts Timothy to "...continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it." (2 Timothy 3: 14)

How often Christian mothers have been used of God to raise sons for the ministry of God's church!

The "Burning Bush" records the testimony of a mother who sacrificed things of this world and her own desires so that she could spend much time raising her children in a Christian home. She writes, "I had no time to indulge myself in many things. I was busy cultivating their hearts with affections. I could not adorn their bodies in fine clothes, though I kept them neat at all times. I have my reward now. My sons are ministers of the gospel. My grown-up daughter is a Christian woman. I have a thousand beautiful memories. I have the sweet consciousness of having done all I could to make them ready for whatever work God called them to do."

Proverbs 22: 6 promises, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it."

Mothers who want a positive eternal influence on their children will teach them about genuine faith in Christ and make sure they get true teaching from God's Word. This is a firm foundation to lay down for your children.

Mothers... first, make doubly sure you have a close and growing personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. Then, do all in your power to pass that on to your children!



SUNDAY Hebrews 6:13 - 7:10	MONDAY Hebrews 1:1-14	TUESDAY Hebrews 2:1-18	WEDNESDAY Hebrews 3:1-19	THURSDAY Hebrews 4:1-13	FRIDAY Hebrews 4:14 - 5:10	SATURDAY Hebrews 5:11 - 6:12
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Spring is in the air! As the days become warmer and longer, we begin working in our yards, cleaning out flowerbeds that have lain dormant through the long winter months, and putting in new plantings.

Inside our homes we begin cleaning windows, doors and floors. Drapes and carpet undergo professional cleaning. New paint goes on the wall. For some, even the silver gets polished. It's spring!

But as we spring-clean our houses and yards, let's not forget our inner selves. Spring is also a time when we have celebrated several of our most "holy" religious holidays. It's equally as important for us to take careful inventory of ourselves, so we, too can be better prepared for worship and service.

Prayer, fasting, meditation and worship are good "tools" for spring-cleaning our own selves. "Let us draw near to God... having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us..." (Hebrews 10:22) Visit your chosen house of worship this spring and be cleansed and renewed!

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Important facts you should know about mumps

Since there is a mumps outbreak in Kansas with a few cases reported in western Kansas to date, here is a simple, but good, review of what we should know about mumps.

Description: Mumps is an acute viral illness caused by the mumps virus.

Symptoms: Common symptoms may or may not include fever, headache, muscle aches, tiredness, a loss of appetite; followed by swelling of salivary glands. The parotid salivary glands which are located within your cheek, near your jaw line and below your ears are most frequently affected.

Complications: Severe complications are rare. However, mumps can cause:

- inflammation of the brain and/or tissue covering the brain and spinal cord (encephalitis/meningitis)
- inflammation of the testicles (orchitis)
- inflammation of the ovaries and/or breasts (oophoritis and mastitis)
- spontaneous abortion
- deafness, usually permanent

Transmission: The mumps virus replicates in the upper respiratory tract and is spread through direct contact with respiratory secretions or saliva of through fomites. The infectious period or time that an infected person can transmit mumps to a non-infected person is from three days before

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symptoms appear to about nine days after the symptoms appear.

The incubation time, which is the period from when a person is exposed to the virus to the onset of any symptoms, can vary from 16 to 18 days (range 12 -25 days).

Diagnosis: A diagnosis should be made by your physician and laboratory testing may be required.

Prevention: The mumps vaccine, which is contained in the MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) vaccine, can prevent this disease.

If you have further questions, please contact your local doctor, your local K- State Research and Extension Office or e-mail to: twatts@oznet.ksu.edu.

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PRAIRIE VIEW

By VIVIAN JANSONIUS

The Gleaners of the Prairie View Reformed Church met April 13. Chairman Darline Brown conducted the meeting with seven members present. Julianna Lasniewski gave the Devotions; Wauneta Schemper gave the lesson from the books of Ruth and Esther. Everyone read the Ponstien letter. Those attending were Wauneta Schemper, Long Island; Darline, Goldie Barker, Erma Jean Nyland, Julianna Lasniewski, Hazel Jansonius and Vivian Jansonius, all of Prairie View. Vivian Jansonius was the hostess and served lunch.

Easter Sunday John and Sally Jansonius entertained with a dinner at the farm. Guests were David and Marilyn Bener of Longford; Iris Shanon, Miltonvale; Jodi, Aaron and Skyler Wolf, Hays; Fairie Gaines, Opal Philbrick and Jim and Kayla Keller all of Phillipsburg; and Vivian Jansonius of Prairie View.

Courtney and Megan Leydig came to spend Easter weekend with their grandparents, Burdett and Belva Leydig. Tammy and Gene Tillotson, Sydney and Colin came Saturday.

The group met Karla Klinetobe and Thomas from Loveland, Colo., Mary Walters, Kirwin, and Joyce Schemper, Long Island at Republican City for supper Saturday.

Burdett and Belva Leydig hosted a potluck dinner on Easter Sunday at the Prairie View Senior

Center. Those attending were Norman and Queenie Leydig, Kirwin; Tammy and Gene Tillotson, Sydney and Colin; Mike and Lisa Leydig, Courtney and Megan, Kearney; Tom and Lela Morgan, Dennis and Carla McClelland and Jacob, Glade; Brian and Brenda Chance, Gladys Pfost, Phillipsburg; Jeff and Diana Gross, Lesi and D.J., McCook; Gail and Doreen Harbors. Bob and Donna McClelland, Alma; and Doug and Wanda Brown, Atwood.

Afternoon visitors were Eric and Susan Witmer, Malorie, Kyle and Macey of Phillipsburg.

The Prairie Homemakers Family ad Community Education Unit met March 27 at the Prairie View Center. Wanda Schemper opened the meeting with 10 members and one guest present. Roll call was answered by "Your Favorite Spring Flower".

During the meeting members learned they would serve appetizers for the Hospice supper on April 29. Bev Schemper, Anissa Kats, Wanda Schemper, Gloria DeWitt, and Belva Leydig volunteered to help.

Tonya Williams gave the lesson reading food labels and what to look for.

Door prizes were won by Mrs. Kats and Sue Newland.

Mrs. Newland and Judy VanDerVeen were co-hostesses. Others present were Beth Ponstien, Belva Leydig and Vivian Jansonius.

JENNINGS NEWS

By LOUISE CRESSLER

For the April meeting, the Tuesday Study Club toured the Barton Concrete Works Plant at Colby. An informational talk described the different steps involved in designing and molding concrete yard ornaments. The group enjoyed the displays of the many different water fountains, bird baths, planters, tables, benches and walkway stones as well as several other items that are available for purchase. Lunch was at the China Buffet Restaurant. Roll Call was answered by Rachel Carter, Lynn Tacha, Joan McKenna, Vendla Tacha, Helen Muirhead, Kathy Nauer and Neoma Tacha.

The ladies will be making poppies Tuesday May 9 at the Legion Hall about 10 a.m. to decorate the graves on Memorial Day. All help is welcome and appreciated. Ruth Chance is doing well and she has returned home after hav-

ing heart by-pass surgery April 21 at a Kearney, Neb., hospital.

Jennings City Council meeting was held Thursday at the Sunflower Senior Center. Jennings Clean-up Day begins at 10 a.m. Saturday.

United Methodist Women will be going to Cedar Living Center in Oberlin to provide the birthday party at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Winning Saturday night's card game at the Senior Center were Alice Mizer and Vendla Tacha. The group enjoyed playing "Call For A Card" which is a 5-handed pinochle game.

Sunflower Senior Potluck Supper will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the center. Remember bingo will be played, so bring a bingo prize. Everyone is welcome.

The Jennings school children will present the program "Whacky Spring Fever" in the school lunchroom at 2:30 p.m., May 11.

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