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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

By Kirk Kasson, Almena Congregational Church

Do you like baseball? It seems the older I get, the more I appreciate the game. There are so many facets to the game: hitting, running, catching, throwing.

I just finished my first season as a little league coach. Boy did I enjoy it. The kids are so much fun. All they want to do is do their best.

Part of my job as coach is to find out what each player does best. Some are big hitters and some are good fielders. Some can throw far and some can throw accurately. Some throw hard and some don't. Some are fast and some are slow.

As coaches we meet all the time to decide where to position our players, both in the field and in the batting order, so their strengths are used most to our advantage, and their weaknesses are exposed the least. This is one of the most difficult things we do, especially considering that where we want to play a kid is not always where he wants to play.

You know, church life is very similar. God has made your church (His church) from a wide variety of people who share different gifts. Paul said in 1 Corinthians chapter 12 "There are different kinds of gifts." Then he

goes on to list various gifts that Christians have been given and tells us that not only is it ok that we are different, but it is a good thing.

As a pastor (or even as a parent) it is my job to help people (or my children) find their strengths and weaknesses, their areas of giftedness and their areas of "not so giftedness", and help them find places where they can be most successful, most useful to God.

But like baseball players, we can't just focus on our strengths. When a good batter is in the field, he must do his best at fielding. When a good thrower is up to bat, he must do his best to hit the ball. Likewise, just because I am gifted at teaching doesn't mean I can't evangelize or give. And there are times when a gifted giver will have the opportunity to witness or teach.

We are all in this together, and God has given you talents, experiences and passions that are unique to you. He needs you, and will equip you to do whatever it is he has called you to do. What can you do today for Him?

On Waves of Faith



How strong and how steady are the waves of the sea! When we look at the ocean we can glimpse the nature of God's mighty power and love. It is predictable. It is dependable. The waves will crash upon the shore with the rhythm that has continued from the time the seas were created, this we do not question.

Perhaps the question we must consider is one concerning our faith in God and in His Word. Is it as steady and as strong as the waves of the ocean? Does our faith in God shape our consciousness as the waves shape the line of the shore? In Isaiah 48:18, God proclaimed, "...your peace would have been like a river, and your righteousness like the waves of the sea."

Worship each week in God's House, and learn such trust in Him that your faith will flow with the strength and constancy of the waves of the sea.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Ezekiel	Ezekiel	Ezekiel	Ezekiel	Ezekiel	Ezekiel	Daniel
11:14-25	20:33-44	33:1-20	36:1-15	36:16-38	39:21-29	6:10-28

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JENNINGS NEWS

By LOUISE CRESSLER

The Jim Wahlmeiers, Jess Carters, Becky Carter, Stan and Daryl Hartzog, William and Rachel Carter had dinner at the Ken Carters Tuesday. They were celebrating the Fourth of July and Rachel's birthday.

Rachel and William Carter went with Jane, Jim and Amanda Wahlmeier of Phillipsburg to Kansas City on Friday. Saturday they attended the wedding of Missy Carter and Adam Crawford. Missy is the daughter of Allan and Sherry Carter. Several other relatives from Jennings community attended the wedding also.

Logan and Bowen Black, sons of Cindy and Danny Black, Carlsbad, N. M., are spending summer vacation with grandparents Stan and Ramona Shaw. Also visiting with Mary and Jeff Wahlmeier, Clayton; Katie Wahlmeier, Colby; Kevin and Colleen Wagoner, Sharon Springs; Chris Gillespie and Tom Neff, Marion.

Norton Correctional men were in town July 13-14 trimming trees hanging over into the streets.

Jennings City Council met July 13 in the Senior Center. They learned that work is progressing at the school yard. Sewer and water lines will be laid to the back of the property for the Sardo Upholstery building to be built. County crews are working to level the yard for paving.

The Sunflower Seniors Potluck Supper was held July 11. Thirty people enjoyed the evening with lively music by the "Swingin' Seniors" and good food. Those attending were Stan and Ramona Shaw; Jim and Wilma Mader; Merl and Ruth Chance; Vendla Tacha; Arch Harman; Cheryl Roberts, Norton; Mary Votapka; Jay Kump; June Vavroch; Claudine Bennett; Bob and Neoma Tacha; Emma Sanford; Louise Cressler; Dale Leopold, Colby; Barbara Black, Hoxie; Carroll and Edie

Reed, Seibert, Colo.; Bert and Vonna Basgall, Sharon Springs; Lawrence and Shirley Miller, Genoa, Colo.; Kathy VanMeter and Toots Magers from the Lyle community; Marion Wenger, Oberlin; Robert and Gertie Zweygardt, St. Francis.

Men from Norton Correctional Facility were in Jennings Thursday and Friday trimming trees over-hanging the streets. We appreciate all of their work for our community. Zodrow Construction moved the Highway Park bulletin board to the Community Hall yard. The city will be doing some work on it to make it usable. They will be removing a large, dead tree from the park also.

Jennings City Council met July 13. Council members present were: Bill Gawith, Rick Foster and Louise Cressler. Absent were Stann Hartzog and Don Bolt. Guests were Sue Goldt, Anna Shaw, Therese Shaughnessy and Mirla Coleman. Oberlin, who came to give information on plans to repair or replace the Oberlin swimming pool. Do you want this on county taxes? Let them hear from you. Steve Hirsch, the city's attorney from Oberlin, reviewed the 2007 budget. The council approved it. A budget hearing will be held Aug. 3 at 7:30 p.m. The council discussed the trash billing. Bill Cathcart is asking for a \$2.12 per month raise on family rate and a \$1.06 per month raise on single rate. The council approved the rate increase beginning Aug. 1. A concern of the Jennings community about the election voting site being at the Gateway in Oberlin and no voting site in smaller communities was expressed. It was suggested we write to our county officials. No word on when the damaged door at the Community Hall might be repaired. It was broken at the alumni dance. Council learned it is illegal to have sheep at the sewer yard. They have been removed.



Tuesday, July 25, 2006

8:00 P.M. in the Grandstands

Sponsored by the Norton County Ministerial Alliance

Big Al Weekly

At

The Norton County Fair

Blue Grass Christian Concert
(Freewill Offering)

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Big Al began his career in public radio at Ohio University and in 1990 produced his own syndicated bluegrass radio show which was carried by 14 radio stations. In August of 2005 he received the "Hometown Hero" award from KNOP-TV and in February 2006 he was presented the "Nebraska Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Highway 83" award.

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