

Attend Church Regularly

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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

Blessed are the Merciful, By Terry Laughlin, Cross Roads Church

In the Sermon on the Mount, we notice that Jesus's subject was not on how people are to be saved, but on the fruit of those who allow the Holy Spirit to work in their lives. One of the signs or evidences that a person has been converted is that he is now merciful. Showing mercy in a way that brings glory to God, not to oneself or anyone else, is a mark of true Christianity.

Jesus said, "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy." (Matthew 5: 7) Nowhere do we imitate God more than in showing the same mercy that He has shown us. God showed His mercy to us by giving His Son to die for us, by expressing His willingness to pardon and save us, and by sending His Spirit to renew and sanctify our hearts. Each day of our life, each hour and each moment we partake of His mercy. The Bible says the Lord's compassions never fail, they are new every morning. (Lamentations 3: 22b, 23a) If we, then, show mercy to the poor, the wretched and the guilty, it shows that we are being changed into the image of Christ, and that we have His Spirit in us.

Christians who seek God will be given an abundance of opportunities to show His mercy, for this world is full of guilt, sorrow and poverty of godlessness. Christians must have sympathy and partake of the afflictions of others by helping them Biblically overcome sin, feeding the hungry, and

clothing the needy. We are not to have pity only in our thoughts, but we are to be merciful in purposeful action.

One church that shows God's mercy to those who have been overcome by sin, feeds the hungry and clothes the needy is Times Square Church in Man-

hattan, New York. God has enabled them to start several Christ-centered ministries that point people to Christ through the Word of God. They give people a safe place to begin to grow in Christ and they train people to live in manner worthy of the gospel which enables

them live productive lives. They started Teen Challenge which is now a highly successful ministry helping those addicted to drugs and alcohol obtain freedom. They are also affiliated with Front Porch, a place for runaway teens, and Mount Hope Camp, ministering to destitute women and children.

We all must be spending time in prayer, seeking God to make a way for us to show God's mercy in practical ways. The ignorant must be instructed, the careless warned and those imprisoned in sin shown the way to be truly set free from the bondage of sin. The Bible teaches, "If the Son sets you free you are free indeed." (John 8: 36) Christians need a plan of action to help and clothe the needy, feed the hungry and show the man bound by sin the joy of walking in step with the Holy Spirit. Less money and effort needs to be spent on Christian entertainment and more on true discipleship. Being merciful is not encouraging the lazy or making it easy for people to continue in sin, but directing them to that abundant life that is only found in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Then we must help them get on their feet, teaching them through the Word of God on how to live according to God's will for them.

Our Biblical mandate is to lift up Christ. We can start with being merciful. This Beatitude comes with a wonderful final promise, "...the merciful will be shown mercy."

Hope for a Tree



A tree is reassuring. Withstanding the summer heat and the cold of winter, buffeted by countless storms, it stands firm. It is a survivor, towering over time, its branches spiraling in space.

Though assaulted by the elements, a tree will survive provided its roots remain strong. If a tree's roots are grounded in fertile soil, they will bring life to the entire length of its structure. Apparently, God made provisions for the tree.

Likewise, God made provisions for our survival. If our roots are grounded in His Word, we too shall tower over life's tempests. Romans 11:16 assures us, "...if the root is holy, so are the branches."

Root your life in God as you worship each week. There is hope for a tree. There is hope for you.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Psalms	Psalms	Hebrews	Hebrews	Hebrews	Hebrews	Hebrews
103	113	10:19-39	11:1-22	11:23-40	12:1-13	12:14-29

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NORCATUR NEWS

By NORCATUR NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS

Phillene Weets wrote in to say she really appreciates the Norcatcur Museum, and is glad of a nice place to leave the things collected by her mother, Johanna Hansen, who had lived in Norcatcur most of her life. She and her husband, Jim, retired in Rapid City, S.D., almost 10 years ago and love the Black Hills. The Weetses had their 50th wedding anniversary this year, and in June they went to Hastings, Neb., for her 50th anniversary since she graduated from nurse's training. Phillene graduated from Norcatcur Rural High School in 1952.

Bee Nelson was accompanied by Lula Hix of Norton on a trip to Hastings, Neb., on July 17, where Bee had a cataract removed from her right eye. They returned home Tuesday, July 18, after Bee's checkup with the doctor. They did get in some shopping, even if Bee was wearing an eye patch.

On Tuesday, July 18, visitors at the Dave and Patty Stapp home were Myron and Dianne Kleidosty, Semi Valley, Calif. Myron and Diane are Patty's uncle and aunt.

Dave and Patty Stapp attended the Comstock Rock Concerts held at Comstock, Neb., July 13-16. Some of the bands that performed were Jackly, Kansas, Styxx, Poison, Cinderella and Ted Nugent.

Kortney Stapp arrived at the Dave Stapp home on Friday, July 21, to finalize wedding plans. Kortney will marry Jerrod Poirer on Saturday, July 29.

Norcatcur Cardinal Kids Connection preschool is looking for students for the fall classes. If you have a child ages 3-5 and would be interested in sending them, contact Lois Wentz at (785) 693-4558, or Deb Marshall at (785) 693-4344. The school must have a minimum of three children in order to operate.

Gen Brunk accompanied her daughter, Barbara and Wilbur Stites, to Colorado on Friday, July 14. Barb and Wilbur were flying out of Denver to hook up with a group taking a cruise to Alaska. Gen spent time with a daughter, Malea and Tom, in Lakewood, Colo. Malea took Gen to Parachute, Colo., to visit a classmate, Marie "Moler" Miller. Gen and Marie graduated with the Norcatcur Rural High School class of 1940, and hadn't seen each other for several years.

Saturday, July 22, guests of Marguerite Clark were Harold Clark, Greensburg; Harold's daughter, Anita Whiteside, and son, Jon, Saskatoon, Canada; Loyal Temple, Disney, Okla.; Mr.

and Mrs. Bob Pinsince, Manhattan; Jim and Shelley Clark and daughter, Courtney, Lawrence; Dick and Betty Lynch, Claypool, Ind.; and Janet Rippe and children, McCook. They were here for the funeral services of Harold's wife, Margaret Clark.

Bee Nelson, Marguerite Clark, Lula Hix and Betty Reid attended the "75th Birthday Festivity" for Helen McVay on Sunday, July 23, at the Catholic Church parish hall in Norton.

Dwight Doggett of Apopka, Fla., and his daughter, Julie and Phil Working, are here visiting relatives. They arrived Thursday, July 20.

Lee and Lora Arnold and Dwight Doggett, Julie and Phil Working had supper at the Cardinal Bar and Grill in Norcatcur Thursday evening, July 20. Afterward they toured the countryside of special interest to all. Friday morning, July 21, they toured the Norcatcur Museum and found many items of interest. Dwight is the grandson of Samuel Arnold.

Saturday evening, July 22, Lee and Lora Arnold hosted a supper at the Cardinal Bar and Grill.

Guests were Dwight Doggett, Julie and Phil Working, Julianna, Mark, Nathan, Marissa, and Jordan Baker and Tiffany Wheeler, Mary Arnold, Dianna and Michael Ayles, Dorothy Ward and grandson Brandon Ward, and John and Brenda Arnold. Frank and Velda Ward and Leslie Ward were dinner guests of Wava Reames on Thursday, July 19. Frank was doing some chores around their house and Velda got tapped into "Wava's Husking Bee." The roasting ears, from Woodruff, were among the tastiest corn we've ever had. Marguerite Clark helped with the husking then missed the fruits of her labor when she went with Oran and LaVerne Milner to Norton, visiting with Betty Reid and Lula Hix where she got in on another husking bee. So if you need some corn husked, call the expert - Marguerite!

Birthdays: Doris Auker - July 27; Kaitlyn Stapp - July 28; Carolyn Kelley-Plotts - Aug. 1; Claire Leslie - Aug. 2.

Senior citizens met Friday, July 21, with 18 players present. Winners were Joyce Price, Margaret Magers and Mary Sedlmayer. Next meeting will be Friday, Aug. 4, at 7 p.m. at the Educational Building.

Ted and Jean Lee, Louisville, Ky., were Monday afternoon visitors on July 24 of Oran and LaVerne Milner. On Saturday, July 22, Rob and Brenda Schwarze, Marian, Ind., stopped by the Milner's for a short visit.

PUBLIC NOTICES

City of Edmond budget hearing

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of the City of Edmond will meet on the 17th day of August, 2006 at 5:00 P.M., at the Methodist Church for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of 2006 ad valorem tax.

Detailed budget information will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2007 Expenditures and the Amount of 2006 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2007 budget. Est Tax Rate* is subject to change depending on final assessed valuation.

Fund	2005		2006		Proposed Budget 2007	
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Estimate of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Amount of 2006 Ad Valorem Tax	Est Tax Rate*
General	5,799	21.642	16,828	20.799	16,829	6,737
Special Highway	1,341		1,370		1,370	
Totals	7,140	21.642	18,198	20.799	18,199	6,737
Less: Transfers	0		0		0	
Net Expenditures	7,140		18,198		18,199	
Total Tax Levied	3,847		6,594			
Assessed Valuation	177,754		317,039		536,031	

* Tax Rates are expressed in mills.

Jnell Conkey
Clerk

Gail E. Boller vs. Jackrabbit Services & Towing

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS
Case No. 2006-CV-10
GAIL E. BOLLER, Plaintiff

vs. JACKRABBIT SERVICE & TOWING, INC., ET AL., Defendants
NOTICE OF SALE

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS AND TO ALL PERSONS WHO ARE OR MAY BE CONCERNED:

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me out of the District Court in the above entitled action, I will on the 30th day of August, 2006, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m. of said day in the lobby of the Courthouse in the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas, offer at public sale and sell to the highest and best bid for cash in hand, the following described real estate, to-wit:

A tract of land commencing at a point 65.6 feet North of the Southeast Corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SE/4 NE/4 NW/4) of Section Thirty-five (35), Township Two (2) South, Range Twenty-three (23) West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Norton County, Kansas, which point is the North right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 36, thence East along the North right-of-way line to the place of beginning, together with all improvements thereon including a used 1974 Shangri-La 68' x 14' mobile home, serial number 1468741292.

The above described real estate is being sold as the property of defendant, Jackrabbit Service & Towing, Inc., and is directed by said Order of Sale to be sold, and will be sold without appraisal to satisfy said Order of Sale, subject to rights of redemption according to law.

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