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## WEEKLY SERMONETTE

### Bar Room Brawl

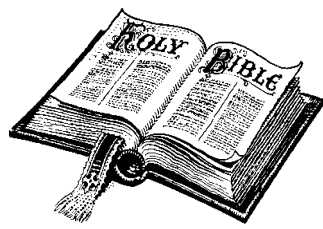
By Rev. Lew Van Der Wege, Norton United Methodist Church

I was watching an old western on TV the other day and couldn't help but laugh when the barroom brawl scene came up. Two cowboy's began to punch it out and in an instant, everyone in the bar was fighting. What I laughed at was how no one lost his hat during all that punching and chair breaking.

The barroom brawl mentality is certainly nothing to laugh about and, in real life hats fly, blood flows, and innocent lives are lost. Violence begets violence. As Galatians 6:8 teaches: we reap what we sow.

The same principle applies to kindness, forgiveness, compassion, generosity and all the fruits of the Spirit. However, when violence is prevalent in the world, it seems like sowing the seeds and bearing the fruit of the Spirit becomes extremely difficult. Even Christians begin to promote the sword as the standard by which we live.

Jesus continues to call you and me and our world to a different life. Sometimes it's hard to hear him calling because of the noise of the brawl. Today is the day we sow the seeds for tomorrow's harvest. Be careful not to lose your hat.



## Be Prepared

**T**he weather report is warning that a big storm is on the way. We might lose power! What can we do to prepare? Head to the grocery store; it's good to stock up on emergency supplies and food. We need water, bread, milk, batteries and flashlights. Do we need fuel for the car? We don't want to run out of anything.

We take such pride in preparation for emergencies but what about spiritual preparation? Have we prepared our souls as carefully? Are they fueled with faith and fed with the Word of God? Is our spiritual battery charged for those times we must go that extra mile? Have we stored in our hearts the love of God that comforts us through life's disasters? What can we do to prepare our souls for life's storms?

We can prepare our souls with worship, prayer and the study of God's Word. We can be ready for whatever "storm" heads our way. "Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you...." (1 Peter 1:13) Visit God's House each week and learn how to be prepared.

<b>Sunday</b> Proverbs 24:1-34	<b>Monday</b> Proverbs 25:1-28	<b>Tuesday</b> Proverbs 26:1-28	<b>Wednesday</b> Proverbs 27:1-27	<b>Thursday</b> Proverbs 28:1-28	<b>Friday</b> Proverbs 29:1-27	<b>Saturday</b> Proverbs 30:1-33
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## NORTON MANOR

By **DORIS MIZELL**

Correspondent Doris Mizell is back home after visiting her daughter and husband, Carolyn and Roger Linsenmeyer, in Beatrice, Neb., for two weeks. Of course, they spent a lot of time working on quilts. They also went to Branson, Mo., on the weekend to the Second National Mizell Reunion. Mizells came from Washington, North Carolina, Texas, Alabama, Arkansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas. There were 85 in attendance. The genealogist was David Mizell from Vienna, Ill.

Last week visitors of Mary Keith were Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Glenn of Boise, Idaho, Mr. and Mrs. Joy Glenn, Norton and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Keith.

Alma Schulze and her daughter, Donna Thoma, went to Salina to visit Lonnie Schulze and his family on Labor Day. Lonnie is Alma's son and Donna's brother.

Joshua Otter visited his grandmother, Anetta Knapp on The Manor's coffee day. She was very surprised.

Sunday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Greiving of Prairie View visited Mary Keith.

## LYLE NEWS

By **DEANNA SUMNER**

The Lyle ladies sewed on Tuesday. Saturday, Margaret Magers, Kathy Van Meter and June Jolly helped with the Prairie Land Food distribution in Norcatur. That afternoon, Kathy attended the Hoxie Homecoming parade and open house. The Lyle Benefit Potluck Supper was held Saturday night with almost 50 guests attending. Lots of people helped with the evening contributing food and entertainment. The Prairie Dog Band of McCook played lots of bluegrass music.

## JENNINGS NEWS

By **LOUISE CRESSLER**

Sharon Matthews, Red Boiling Springs, Tenn., visited her mother, Frances Bader, this past week. On Thursday they went to Hastings, Neb., to visit relatives and get acquainted with Frances' great-grandson, Tyrese Maxwell Bader, son of Allison Bader.

Alan Hill, Dresden, started work on the Community Hall. A new door was put on, replacing the one damaged at the alumni dance. A bulletin board will be worked on, the threshold of the Senior Center door, forms for cement base to put the generator, the propane tank and the library propane tank is also being done.

Norton Correctional Facility men worked Thursday painting the old fire house that is now used for the city shop.

City water meters were read Saturday, Sept. 23. Residents were asked to post their meter readings on their front doors that morning.

The Jennings City Council met Sept. 7. Mayor Bob Jones, City Clerk Sue Long, council members Bill Gawith, Stann Hartzog and Louise Cressler were present. Rick Foster and Don Bolt were absent. Guests were Ross Stover, Colby, Roofmasters Roofing; Abby Hissong, Oberlin, from Fredrickson Insurance; Fred Washburn, Hoxie, city certified water and sewer operator and Joseph Carter. Mrs. Hissong explained to the council changes in the insurance policy since adding the football field and the new tractor. She also answered questions the council had. Ross Stover demonstrated material we might want to use on the roof of the Community Hall to replace the Duro-Last roof. The four layers of shingles now on the roof would have to be torn off. The council voted to have Roofmaster's do the work. Fred Washburn spoke of the class he attended at Colby for water managers. He discussed the possibility of drilling a back up-well a short distance from the present well and the city's water loss each month. He will contact Jim Zodrow. Joseph Carter asked about working for the city since Justin quit. The council decided to wait until spring before hiring a part-time worker. The weather lab has not yet been installed on the community hall roof. Bill Heilman is working on this. Clearing trees at intersections was also discussed. Dog tags will be sold in October. Residents are asked to watch as the date will be posted.

Paving on the highway from Jennings to Clayton is near completion. Dirt work is still ongoing.

Elmoine and Marguerite Bailey have moved to Wheatridge Apartments in Oberlin. Their daughter, Marcia Hejny, Grand Junction, Colo., spent the week helping them.

Chris and Eric Green are the parents of twins born Sept. 11 at Hays. Madilyn Joan weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces and Maddix Lauren weighed 5 pounds, 12 ounces. Malila and Mason welcomed them home on Thursday. A babies shower for the twins was held Saturday at the United Methodist Church.

Guests of Vendla Tacha recently were Donna Hampton and Marilyn Linn, Wichita. Additional supper guests on Wednesday were Cheryl Roberts and Don McClelland, Norton; Arch Harman, Warren and Lynn Tacha.

Thursday, Donna, Marilyn and Vendla met the following relatives for lunch at the Frontier Cafe in Oberlin: Fern Borsheim, Green Cove Springs, Fla.; Linda Diamond, Pueblo, Colo.; Cecil Hess, Mary Lou Olson, Marianna Bendon, Karla Jones and Ivis Hanson, Oberlin.

Vendla Tacha visited Elmoine and Marguerite Bailey at the Wheat Ridge Terrace Apartments in Oberlin. It was also nice to see their daughter, Marcia Hejney of Grand Junction, Colo. Marcia had come to help her parents move to Oberlin.

Senior Citizens enjoying the potluck supper Sept. 12 were: Ruth and Merl Chance, Jim and Wilma Mader, William and Rachel Carter, Keith and Helen Muirhead, Stan and Ramona Shaw, Vendla Tacha, Arch Harmon, Eleanor Morel, Emma Sanford, Jay Kump, Mary Votapka, Agnes Walthmeier, Marilyn Linn and Donna Hampton, Wichita, Bob and Neoma Tacha and Louise Cressler.

The city of Jennings has been replacing water meters and putting them outside homes. Water meters were read recently.

Norton Correctional Facility men came Thursday and Friday to paint the City Shop building. It looks really sharp. They will be painting the community hall door and the bulletin board next time they work in Jennings. Their work is much appreciated.

Stan and Ramona Shaw attended the wedding of Tawny Rice and Cody Shaw in Medicine Lodge on recently.

## ALMENA NEWS

By **ESTHER MARBLE**

Alvin and Carroll Bryant of Canon City, Colo., stopped by Saturday morning to visit Rita Bieber at Calvert. Alvin is the son of the late Leo Bryant who grew up in the Calvert and Almena area. Alvin's great-grandfather was Leonard Bieber and Leo's mother was Nona (Bieber) Bryant. It was a fun time to reminisce on what they knew. They had been to the Calvert Cemetery and also the Norton Cemetery. They both seem really interested in genealogy.

Bryce Marble ate dinner Saturday with his grandmother, Esther Marble. Blaine and Susie Marble had a supper Sunday evening for Bryce's birthday. Those attending were Chance Marble, Esther Marble, Larry and Vicki Henderson and Julia Roeder, Norton, and John and Anita Hildebrand and Tony, Lenora.

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