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## WEEKLY SERMONETTE

### Blessed Are The Persecuted

By Pastor Terry Laughlin, CrossRoads Church, Norton

Matthew 5: 10 - 12 says, "Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

□ We are not to be surprised if people in the world hate Christians. (1 John 3: 13) Matthew Henry wrote, "Whom Christ blesses the world curses. □ The heirs of heaven have never been the darlings of this world, since the old enmity was put between the seed of woman (Eve) and of the serpent (Devil). □ Why did Cain hate Abel? □ Because Abel's works were righteous."

□ Persecution is a great paradox and a part of Christianity. □ herefore it is put last of the eight Beatitudes. □ Jesus gives mention of it twice in His opening statements in the Sermon on the Mount because persecution is certain. □ In fact, "...everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted..." (2 Timothy 3: 12)

□ Righteousness, proper living before God, is an offense to people who live for the flesh, the world and the Devil. □ True holy living by the children of God convicts those who live for themselves. □

□ Persecution, which is

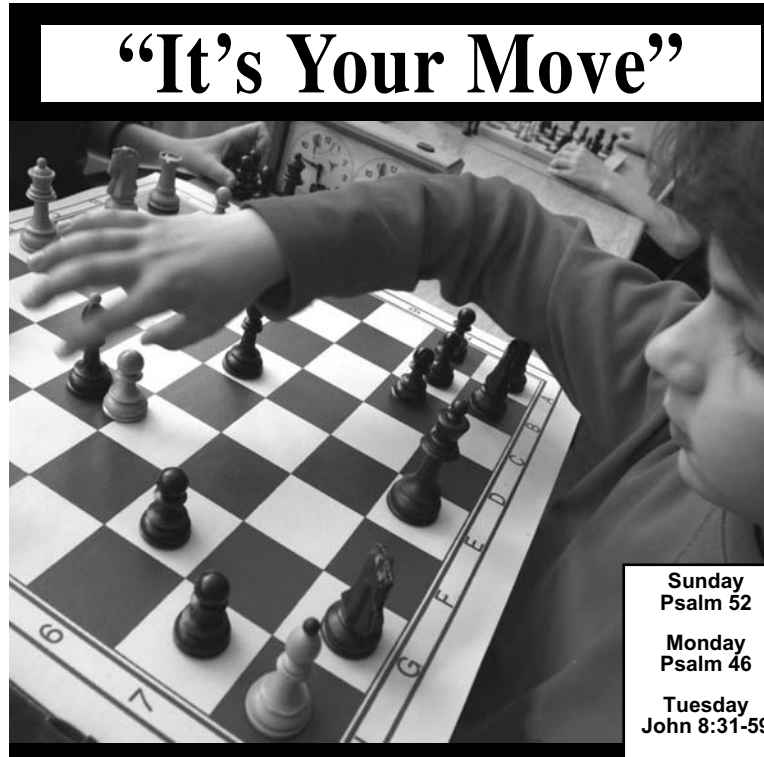
seen by an all-knowing God, comes in many forms and is found in every nation. □ Christians have been fined, imprisoned, banished, stripped of their estates, scourged, tortured, falsely accused, and killed. □ There is no evil so black and horrid as false accusations and the persecution of Christians who

truly walk uprightly before God. □ Today's text does not encourage Christians to seek persecution. But, neither does it permit retreating from it, sulking, or retaliation. Christians who are persecuted because of righteousness will have a great reward in heaven. □ They may not understand the purposes

nor see the benefits of it down here on earth, but there will be a great reward in the future life. □ Persecuted Christians who are fully surrendered to the Holy Spirit, can be like Peter and the other apostles when they left the Sanhedrin "...rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name [of Christ]." □ (Acts 5: 14)

□ Dayna Curry and Heather Mercer were the two American Christian aide workers being held by the Taliban under threat of death during the Sept. 11, 2001 attack on America and the resulting U.S. attack on Afghanistan. □ They open their book, "Prisoners of Hope" with these words, "To the Afghan people whom we so dearly love." □ These words reflect the heart of Christians who are willing to risk persecution and perhaps death for the sake of taking the gospel to the lost, those who are without Christ as personal Savior and Lord. They also wrote; "To our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. □ Your everlasting love healed our hearts and set us free. □ May we honor and love you with all that we are for all of our days." □ Having the "Righteousness" of God is to have a surrendered heart to His will, □ regardless of the cost.

□ Blessed are those who will undergo persecution for the sake of the righteousness of Christ.



### "It's Your Move"

All is quiet. Concentration is thick. Making a good move takes careful consideration.

Life is like a game. Each of us is responsible for our own moves, whether in response to another's or whether we make the first move. Whatever the situation, we take action based on what we know of the rules and what we have learned from experience. Where can we turn for wisdom and guidance?

In Proverbs 2:6 it says, "For the Lord gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding." We are responsible for our own moves, but we are not alone. We can turn to God for guidance.

Visit your house of worship this week and learn how God's wisdom can help you in the game of life. It's your move.

- Sunday Psalm 52
- Monday Psalm 46
- Tuesday John 8:31-59
- Wednesday Psalm 8
- Thursday Ezra 5:1-17
- Friday Ezra 6:1-22
- Saturday Nehemiah 8:1-

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## ALMENANA NEWS

By ESTHER MARBLE

Janet and Dick Porter of Lenora took Alice Kuiper along on trips to see their children. One weekend was spent in Scott City visiting the Hawkens family. Sara and husband, Clint, and children, Clare and Gus. They live near enough to make a weekend trip.

The following weekend the Porters and Alice drove to Manhattan to attend Jacob Porter's fourth

birthday. The visit with Stuart and Angie Porter, Jacob and Abbie, made the weekend complete. It is good to have family close enough to enjoy.

Esther Marble visited Betty Barker Saturday.

Blaine Marble and Esther Marble went to Kearney, Neb., last Thursday to see Harold Shearer. Mr. Shearer was admitted to the hospital the day before.

## JENNINGS NEWS

By LOUISE CRESSLER

Mary Votapka heard from Betty Kelley, a former Jennings resident. She called to see how everyone was and to say hello to all.

The community extends sympathy to the family of Tom Bevington, Hermiston, Ore., a former resident of Jennings. He was an uncle of Violet Foster.

A benefit soup supper held Sunday evening for Tony and Marlene

LaRue was well attended. Tony is at Good Samaritan Hospital, Kearney, Neb.

City Council met Thursday evening.

The annual Pheasant Hunters Supper will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday at the United Methodist Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Remember to get out and vote Nov. 7. The election will be held in the Sunflower Senior Center.

## NORTON MANOR

By DORIS MIZELL

Bozie and Deloros Bozarth spent the weekend of Oct. 14, in Plainville, at the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Whisman. Saturday they attended the wedding of their grandson, Mark Waggoner and Danielle Moos, both of Plainville. The ceremony was held at the United Methodist Church. Parents of the bride are Brian and Lisa Moos. Parents of the groom are Michael and Sharon Waggoner and David and Patty Basgall, all of Plainville, and the late Marla Basgell. At the beginning of the ceremony, the groom and his twin brother Mat-

thew lit a candle in memory of their mother.

On Saturday Doris Mizell attended the Hays District United Methodist Women's meeting in Hays. She was able to visit with her sister-in-law Ivalee Munsinger who lives at Hays and was also helping with the meeting. That evening she was invited to the Ray Mizell home for a chili supper. Stephen was home from college for the weekend.

Lester Mizell spent Sunday afternoon with his mother Doris Mizell. He is trying to help her understand her computer better. I might emphasize the word trying.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### Estate of Ivan L. Hendricks

Published in The Norton Telegram on Friday, November 3, 10, 17, 2006. (3T) IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS Case No. 2006-PR-23

In the Matter of the Estate of Ivan L. Hendricks, a.k.a. Ivan Leroy Hendricks, deceased

NOTICE OF HEARING THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this Court by Janet Faye Meany, a beneficiary of Ivan L. Hendricks, deceased, praying that: the foreign will of Ivan L. Hendricks, deceased, dated January 17, 2001, be admitted to probate and record in this Court; no administration of the estate is necessary; the will be construed, and the following Kansas real estate owned by the decedent, situated in Norton County, Kansas:

The Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section Three (3) and the Southeast

Quarter of Section Four (4), Township Five (5) South, Range Twenty-four (24) West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Norton County, Kansas,

be assigned in accordance with the terms of the will.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before November 22, 2006, at 1:30 o'clock p.m. in the District Court, in the city of Norton, Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

Janet Faye Meany, Executrix

Submitted by: Mark C. Whitney WHITNEY LAW OFFICE 112 S. Kansas, P.O. Box 208 Norton, KS 67654 (785) 877-2661 Fax (785) 877-3868 Attorney for the Executrix

### Estate of Vera M. Hubbard

Published in The Norton Telegram on Friday, November 3, 10, 17, 2006 (3T) IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION Case No. 2006-PR-24

In the Matter of the Estate of VERA M. HUBBARD, Deceased

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR REFUSAL OF LETTERS THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed on October 30, 2006, in said Court by William Prather, an heir of Vera M. Hubbard, Deceased, praying for an order refusing to grant Letters of Testamentary to Shirley Malcolm in said estate on grounds that said estate

consists of property valued at an amount less liens and encumbrances, less than \$35,000.000. You are hereby required to file your written defenses to such petition on or before the 27th day of November, 2006, at 1:30 o'clock p.m. of said day in said court in the City of Norton, in Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place said causes will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon such petition.

William Prather, Petitioner

R. Douglas Sebelius, #09157 SEBELIUS & GRIFFITHS, LLP 105 South Norton Street P.O. Box 10 Norton, KS 67654-0010 785-877-5143 Attorney for Petitioner

### Estate of Margarete CeDoris McMullen

Published in The Norton Telegram on Friday, November 3, 10, 17, 2006. (3T) IN THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, DISTRICT COURT, NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS Case No. 05-PR-38

In the Matter of the Estate of MARGARETE CEDORIS MCMULLEN, Deceased

NOTICE OF HEARING The State of Kansas to All Persons Concerned:

You are hereby notified that on the 30th day of October, 2006, a petition has been filed in said Court by Darlene C. McEwen and Donald J. McMullen praying for final settlement of the estate of Margarete CeDoris McMullen; for approval of their acts, proceedings and accounts as Co-Executors thereof; for compensation for their attorneys and accountant; for a decree of said Court adjudging who are the heirs, devisees,

and legatees of said decedent; for the assignment of the assets of said estate by decree of said Court to those entitled thereto; and for all other proper relief; and you are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 28th day of November, 2006, at 9:30 o'clock a.m. of said day, in said Court, in the City of Norton, in Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

Darlene C. McEwen and Donald J. McMullen, Petitioners

Tamara L. Davis Tamara L. Davis, P.A. 100 Military Avenue, Suite 214 Dodge City, Kansas 67801 Ph. (620) 225-1674 Attorney for Petitioners

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