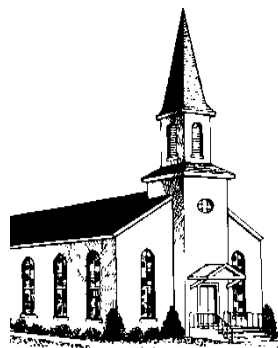


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WEEKLY SERMONETTE "Selecting a Christmas Gift"

By Pastor Terry Laughlin, CrossRoads Church

It is that time of the year when people really start to get serious about selecting Christmas gifts.

When purchasing Christmas gifts one must first remember what is being celebrated. "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

The key thrust surrounding the first Christmas was proclamation. The angels proclaimed, "Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ, the Lord" (Luke 2:11). After the shepherds heard the good news they went into Bethlehem and found Joseph, Mary and the baby Jesus. When they had seen Him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about the child; all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them (Luke 2:16-18).

It has been over two thousand years since this historical event and there is just as much need today as there was then to proclaim the birth of Christ. The Christmas celebration is the perfect time to remind or tell people about God's plan of redemption. After all, it is the time of year we have chosen to celebrate the birth of the Savior who came into the world to save people from their sins.

Before you can select the perfect Christmas gift,

one that will proclaim the message of the birth of Christ, you must first understand who Jesus is and the purpose of His coming to earth. Jesus is God's perfect gift to the world. He is fully God and fully man. "In Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form" (Colossians 2:9). He is God in the flesh. The beloved John tells us, "In the beginning was the Word,

and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning" (John 1:1,2). "The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14). Mark Lowry wrote about the incarnation wonderfully when he wrote these

words, "Mary, did you know, that when you kissed your little baby, you kissed the face of God? Mary, did you know?"

Jesus' key purpose for coming into this world is for the redemption of fallen man. The price He paid on the cross meets the need of all mankind, "...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God and are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus" (Romans 3:23, 24).


The perfect Christmas gift that will proclaim the gospel message meets two qualifications: 1.) It must represent the personality of the giver, and 2.) It meets the need of the recipient.

Even people of this world know the value of a thoughtful gift. When Pastor John Bisagno was working as chaplain to the Houston Oilers, the players gave him an autographed football which every player had signed inscribed with a Scripture from the Bible. Whenever he looks at the football, it reminds him of every player to whom he ministered the Word of God as chaplain.

Christians, among the gifts you give this year, give some that reflect the Christ who lives in you and expresses the need of the recipients to receive Christ as Savior and Lord.

Have a Joyous Christmas celebrating the Greatest Gift!

Through These Doors



Through these doors walk young and old, rich and poor, men and women. Through these doors walk people with differing occupations and varied opinions about the world in which we live. Some are in glowing health. Others are infirm. Yet, in spite of all of these differences, they are all children of God...all joined in faith and in hope because they are brothers and sisters in God's kingdom. Do you yearn for those who will accept you as you are...those who will become as a second family to you...a home away from home? In Matthew 11:28, the Lord says, "Come to me, all ye who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest." This week, give God a chance to give you peace of mind. Won't you walk through these doors?

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Psalm 146	Psalm 147	Psalm 148	Psalm 149	Psalm 150	Jeremiah 33:1-13	Jeremiah 33:14-26

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NORCATUR NEWS

Birthdays: Troy Wentz - Dec. 1; Ruth Dickey - Dec. 2; Scooter Matchett - Dec. 5; Terri James Dec. 7.

Monday, Dec. 18, will be the last pool tournament at the Cardinal Bar and Grill.

Thanksgiving guests of Vi Gallentine, Norton, were Connie Lewis, Olathe; Val Gallentine, Goodland; Judy Menges, Colby; Phil Rogers, Beaver City, Neb.; and Sharon Anderson and Veryl VanDerWege, both of Norton. Janel Andrews and grandson of Colby were dinner guests of Vi Gallentine and Connie Lewis at Pizza Hut.

Lynn Jeffries visited town last week on her way back to Los Angeles after putting on a puppet show in Boston. She enjoyed an early Thanksgiving dinner at the Cardinal Bar and Grill with Bee Nelson, Bob Sawdon, and Ron and Jerry Temple, then dropped in on Nan Cook in Norton for coffee and visited St. Mark's Church on its new site at the Decatur County Museum. It looks beautiful, all freshly painted.

Thanksgiving visitors at the home of Veda Wood and Dennis were Beth Johnson and Fred Molzahn, Carol and John Moyer, Dwight and Teresa Wood and Sheryl Patterson.

Guests arriving at the Stan Millers on Wednesday, Nov. 22, were Mr. and Mrs. Curt DeDonder, Topeka; Joel Miller, Emporia; Justine Miller and fiance, Casey Tuttle, El Dorado; and Casey Morris, Lawrence. Others who joined them for the holiday were Mr. and Mrs. Chad Applebury, Eli and Karyssa, Colby; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Miller, Oberlin; Bev Morris, Hoxie, and fiance Rocky DeLano, Wellington, were also guests for the holiday. R.D. Thornton, Oberlin, stopped in for a visit.

Bee Nelson had a houseful during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Guests for Thanksgiving dinner included Todd, Denise and Garrett Nelson from Wichita; Tara Nelson and Anita Volskay and Wiggles from Independence, Mo.; and Bob Sawdon, Dorothy Ward and Marguerite Clark from Norcatour. Friday guests were her brother, Don Ward, and his son Bart and Sharol Ward and Ali, Kansas City. They, along with Wayne and Norma McCallister, enjoyed pizza at the Cardinal Bar and Grill. Don spent the remainder of the weekend and returned to Kansas City on Sunday. Tara, Anita and Wiggles also returned home on Sunday.

Thanksgiving company arrived at Rea and Dee Magers's on Nov.

22, including grandson Matt Pomeroy, Greeley, Colo.; grandson and wife, Zach and Brenda Pomeroy and daughter and husband, Bob and Cheri Pomeroy, Lakewood, Colo. Son Jeff Magers, Cedar Bluffs, came on Thanksgiving Day. The day was spent cooking, visiting, eating, watching football, and playing Scrabble. On Friday, the guys went hunting and the gals made jelly. On Saturday, the group went to Lyle to have another Thanksgiving with Toots Magers's family. Saturday night Kent, Joanie, Madison and Cody Killen of Dade City, Fla., stopped by for a visit. Joanie is a niece. The families returned to their homes on Saturday and Sunday.

Thanksgiving guests of Virgil and Joyce Price were Kenneth and Pansy Price, Clayton, and Freeman and Carrie Price from Walnut Grove, Mo. They had come to help their parents move into Whispering Pines in Norton.

Dave and Patty Stapp, Kaitlyn, and Sam went to Emporia on Wednesday, Nov. 22. They spent Thanksgiving Day with Jerrod and Kortney Poire and returned home on Thursday, Nov. 23. Dave, Patty and Sam went to McCook Saturday, Nov. 25, and enjoyed turkey dinner at the home of Dave and Linda Schiep and Spencer. Other guests were Bob Dempewolf, Marian and R.D. Thornton, Oberlin.

Correction: It was not the Norton FFA boys who helped with the Gail Bailey and Larry Lyon benefit, as stated previously in the Norcatour News, it was Lucas Bailey's teammates on the Norton football team, including Nathan Broeckelman, Blake VanEaton, Pat Burton, Brian Juenemann and Nic Lewis.

The Norcatour Christmas Drawing will be held Saturday, Dec. 23, at 2 p.m. at the Norcatour City Building. Please get all donations to Chris at the Norcatour City Office or to Deb Marshall at RR 1, Box 27, Norcatour, Kan., 67653. These need to be received by today, Friday, Dec. 1. We need donations to have a drawing.

Turkeys, hams and roasts are \$12 each, and other donations such as gifts, gift certificates, baked goods, etc., are gladly accepted as well.

If your organization is interested in having a fundraiser that day, such as a bake sale or supper after the drawing, please let Deb or Chris know right away.

Spending Thanksgiving weekend with Gerald and Judy Jackson were their son, Brian and Patty Jackson, and grandson, Thad.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Estate of Della L. Wright

Published in The Norton Telegram on Friday, December 1, 8, 15, 2006. (3T) IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS

PROBATE DIVISION Case No. 2006-PR-29

In the Matter of the Estate of DELLA L. WRIGHT, 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 Gwendolyn Pohlman Tanber, as daughter and one of the heirs of Della L. Wright, also known as Della Wright, Deceased, praying for the determination of the descent of the following described real estate:

An undivided one-eighth (1/8) interest in the Northeast Quarter (NE/4) and the East Half of the Southeast Quarter (E/2 SE/4) of Section Twenty-two (22), and the West Half of the Southwest Quarter (W/2 SW/4) of Section Twenty-three (23), all in Township Four (4) South, Range Twenty-four (24) West of the Sixth P.M.,

in Norton County, Kansas; and

An undivided one-eighth (1/8) interest in the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section Twenty-three (23), Township Four (4) South, Range Twenty-four (24) West of the Sixth P.M. in Norton County, Kansas;

and all other property, real and personal, or interest therein owned by the decedent at the time of death and you are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before December 27, 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 cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

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Estate of Raymond Ankenman

Published in The Norton Telegram on Friday, November 17, 24 and December 1, 2006. (3T) IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS

Case No. 2006-PR-27

In the Matter of the Estate of RAYMOND G. ANKENMAN, Deceased

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

You are hereby notified that on November 14, 2006, a petition was filed in this Court by Elta M. Ankenman, an heir, devisee, legatee and named fiduciary in the last will and testament of Raymond G. Ankenman, Deceased, dated May 20, 2005, praying for informal administration and to admit the will to

probate.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before December 12, 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.

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