

Attend Church Regularly

...and read your Bible daily



WEEKLY SERMONETTE "New Year's Resolutions"

By Pastor Terry Laughlin, CrossRoads Church

The Christmas celebrations are over. Now comes that time of the year when many people make New Year's resolutions. With fixed determination they try to achieve what they have announced at some party. However, they seldom keep those New Year's resolutions. Why not?

There are three powerful enemies that often work together to keep us from fulfilling those resolutions: 1.) The flesh, or better yet, the sinful nature. Paul specifically describes its power, "I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out." We inherited this sinful nature from Adam and Eve and it controls all unbelievers; 2.) The world, or this world's system, has a lot to draw us away from what is good and right — that is to worship God with all our lives; 3.) The devil. He is real. He was cast out of heaven for pride and rebellion, and he led other angelic beings to rebel with him. Peter warns us, "Your enemy, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour" (1 Peter 5: 8).

With these three adversaries constantly opposing us, it is easy to understand how most people fail to achieve or accomplish their resolutions and fulfill commitments.

Jesus warns us that apart from Him we can do nothing good. Instead, people

do what is right in their own eyes bringing grief, disappointment and destruction into their own lives and the lives of their families.

The apostle Paul wrote about struggling with sin and how to overcome it. Sin is overcome only by being born again, allowing God's Holy

Spirit to live in us and surrendering to Him (Rom. 8: 9). Paul described it best when he wrote, "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me" (Gal. 2:20). These words are true for every man, woman and child. A person must have Christ living in them before

they can begin to live a righteous life.

The Bible teaches that Jesus is able to sympathize with your weaknesses. He has been tempted in every way, just as you are, yet He was without sin. Jesus is able to help you overcome sin and set you free from the bondage of sin. Jesus said, "Everyone who sins is a slave to sin." However, He also said, "If the Son sets you free, you are free indeed." (John 8:34,36). Jesus is not only able to save you from hell but save you from your sins in this life as well. When you repent and confess your sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive you of your sins and purify you from all unrighteousness.

Jesus also taught that only a few will enter the narrow gate and walk the narrow road that leads to eternal life. (Matt. 7:14) Those who have chosen the narrow gate and walk on the narrow road are those who have accepted Jesus as personal Savior and Lord. They find themselves becoming more and more like Christ and living victoriously over the sin that desires to destroy them and their relationship with the Lord.

The only New Year's resolution that can withstand the flesh, the world and the devil, is to resolve to accept Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

Will you be one of the few and receive Him? He is waiting to set you free!



Special Moments in Time

How breathtaking! Mother Nature is dripping in dazzling diamonds! The sun is magically transforming the treacherous, gray landscape into a multifaceted display of fiery color...a unique exhibit of ice sculpture in every direction. Yet, one must look quickly, for within the hour the ice will melt from branches and wires and fences, and the display will disappear. We must carefully capture this special moment in time.

We live and work in a frantic society. Isn't this even more reason to pause and behold the wonders of God's handiwork? Do we not gain strength from His power and majesty? Indeed, Psalm 96:6 reads, "Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary."

May we worship the Creator each day as we behold His works and worship Him each week as we gather in our house of worship. Each moment with God is a special moment in time.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Zephaniah 3:8-20	Zechariah 9:9-17	Isaiah 7:10-25	Isaiah 9:2-7	Luke 1:1-25	Luke 1:26-56	Luke 1:57-80

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WILSONVILLE

By JOY STALDER

Ginger ten Bensel has been invited to sing her own song, "I Love Nebraska", at the Governor's Inaugural Ball on Friday. During her performance a music video of "I Love Nebraska" will be shown on a screen in the background.

Her parents, Carl and Ella Rae ten Bensel, are hopeful that weather and road conditions will improve so they can travel to Lincoln for her performance. Ginger has had a quarter of a million hits on her song over the internet.

Most area residents have been staying close to home this week due to snow, ice-packed roads and also the loss of electricity and long distance phone service until yesterday in some areas. Most skipped any New Year's plans they might have had this year.

Tim Palmer, son of Darrel and June Palmer, had surgery Tuesday at the hospital in North Platte.

Wednesday Marvin and Marlene Witte visited her brother and wife, Ed and Julie Koeperich, Venezuela, at the home of Jim and Marilyn Sutton of McCook. Other guests were Eileen Thompson, Viola Koeperich and Rose and Rolland Holliday of Topeka.

New Year's Eve guests of Marvin and Marlene Witte were Tyler, Jake and Erin Witte.

Football and dinner guests of Doug and Kristy Witte and family on New Year's Day were Marvin and Marlene Witte.

Dale and Mary Wilson spent Thursday through Monday in Topeka with their daughter and family, Julie and Tom Stanek and children, celebrating the New Year's holiday. Greg Wilson and family of Lincoln joined them. They opened their Christmas gifts while they were there. Mary commented

that the weather was very nice while they were there; it was around 50 degrees.

Guests of Gary and Lori Leibbrandt were Luke and Amanda Leibbrandt, Kennedy and Carter, Jennifer and Jeremy Hoard and Ava. They arrived on Friday to celebrate Christmas and left for their homes on Monday.

Carl and Nancy Wolfe and girls of Phoenix, Ariz., arrived at the home of his mother, Avis Wolfe, a week ago Friday to help her celebrate her 90th birthday, and spent a week here visiting with relatives and friends. They left for their home this Friday and got as far as Dalhart, Texas, before they had to stop due to storms and icy road conditions. They spent two days in Dalhart before the weather improved enough for them to travel home.

Carl and Nancy Wolfe and girls, Avis Wolfe and Irene Neumann of McCook were Christmas Day guests of Arlyn and Judy Wolfe of Holdrege.

Ice and snow changed plans for people both Christmas weekend and New Year's weekend. Wilsonville reported over 4 inches of moisture for the two weekends and 10 inches of snow. There were no church services on Dec. 31. Although there were power outages the first weekend, people in the area are thankful they have electricity. Many in central Nebraska do not.

Supper guests on Dec. 26 in the Jim and Becky Holtze home were Janene Holtze, Brian and Lyndzie Holtze, and Justin, Jolene, Braxton, Baylee, and Breelle Miller of Cambridge.

Braxton and Baylee Miller were overnight guests of their grandparents, Jim and Becky Holtze. They enjoyed sledding on the hill in Wilsonville.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Annual Meeting of Sunshine Learning Center

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Notice of Annual Meeting of the Norton Area Child Care Association (Sunshine Learning Center) to be held Monday, January 15th, 2007.

Norton Area Child Care Association will be held January 15th, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. at the Sunshine Learning Center, 110 N. State, Norton, KS for the purpose of election of a Board of Directors and officers of the Association and for such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

You are hereby notified that the annual meeting of the members of the

Dated at Norton, KS this 4th day of January, 2007. Leslie Pfannenstiel, Secretary

Notice of U.S.D. 326 School Election

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Notice of School Election Unified School District No. 326

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 25-2018 (b) that an election of Board Members of Unified School District No. 326 will be held in Phillips County, April 3, 2007. Positions to be voted on are Member Positions #1, #2, #3 and #7. Candidates may file by paying a fee of \$5.00 or by petition. Each such filing must be made before noon, January 23, 2007 and must be made with the County Clerk. Notice is

further given that if there are more than two qualified candidates for any one member position in a member district, a Primary Election will be held February 27, 2007. The names of the two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes for any member position at the Primary Election, if one is held, shall appear on the ballot in the General Election.

Signed and sealed this 3rd day of January, 2007. Linda McDowell Phillips County Election Officer

Estate of Vernon B. Archer

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

Case No. 2005-P-33

In the Matter of the Estate of VERNON B. ARCHER, Deceased

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

You are hereby notified that a petition was filed in this Court by an heir of Vernon B. Archer, deceased praying for the determination of descent; and you

are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before January 24, 2007 at 1:00 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.

Mary Halvarson, Petitioner
Submitted by:
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Estate of Veronica H. Urban

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

Case No. 2005-P-31

In the Matter of the Estate of VERONICA H. URBAN, Deceased

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that Larry Urban filed a Petition for appointment of an Administrator in this Court as an heir of Veronica H. Urban, deceased and that he be appointed as executor without bond that he be granted letters Testamentary. This case shall be heard on January 24, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. You are required to file your written

defenses thereto on or before January 24, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. of such day, in this Court in the City of Norton in the District Court of Norton County, Kansas at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within four months from the date of the first publication of this notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Larry Urban, Administrator
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