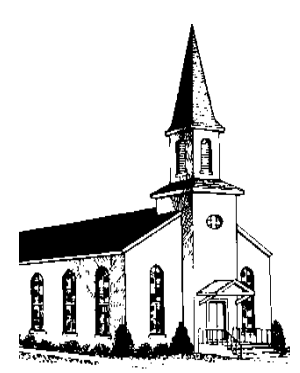


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...and read your Bible daily



## WEEKLY SERMONETTE

### Word of Comfort — Heaven

By Pastor Terry Laughlin, CrossRoads Church

Benjamin Franklin has often been quoted as saying, "In this world, nothing is certain but death and taxes." Many have figured out ways to get out of paying taxes, legal or otherwise, but no one has yet been able to avoid the certainty of death. Sooner or later you are going to experience the pain that comes along with death. You will assuredly lose loved ones by swift tragic loss, the slow progression of disease or just the process of aging. You also will face your own death in one of these ways. But, if you are a born again Christian, you need not fear death, for Christ took the sting of it on Himself when He died on the cross for your sins. And Jesus has words of comfort to all who will accept Him as Savior and Lord.

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in Me. In My Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with Me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going. I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." (John 14:1-4, 6)

The Bible teaches six powerful truths about heaven. They are: 1.) Heaven is a real place; 2.) Heaven is a permanent place; 3.) Heaven is a per-

sonal place; 4.) Heaven is a holy place; 5.) Heaven is for those who are born again; and 6.) Heaven is a place of reunion.

When tragedy comes to any household due to a death in the family, it is best to, "Trust in God; and trust also in [Christ]." Think on that place where those who, out of love

for the Lord and having lived an obedient life unto Christ, will now have uninterrupted everlasting fellowship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Christian's heart rejoices with King David who wrote, "Even though I walk through the valley of death, I will fear no evil, for you are

with me; your rod and staff, they comfort me." (Psalm 23:4) This powerful truth has brought comfort to many who lay on their death beds. To the born again Christian, death is not the house in which they are going to live but only the porch to the heavenly dwelling Christ has prepared for them. Death is not the final end of a Christian who has suffered long with some dreadful illness but only the passageway to the place where that child of God will be in the presence of Jesus. The apostle Paul had a Holy Spirit revelation about the Christian's heavenly dwelling for he writes, "Now we know that if this earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands." (2 Corinthians 5:1) Paul also comforts us with these words, "We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord." (2 Cor. 5:8)

Over the next several weeks we are going to take a clear Biblical look into that glorious place that awaits all who have repented from sin and invited Jesus Christ into their hearts and lives to be both Savior and Lord.

Heaven is a prepared place for prepared people where the born again will have everlasting fellowship with God.

Are you prepared to go there?



## T.G.I.F.

We look forward to the start of the weekend all week long. Friday! Finally...some time to play or sleep late. We've worked hard all week, so whatever the pleasure we deserve it! God has been at work all week, too...keeping the universe running in the right direction, making sure the sun rises every morning, caring for all His creatures, not to mention answering a multitude of prayers. God doesn't take a single day off...ever.

Do you really "Thank God It's Friday"? Then spend some time with God on His day. Praise Him and tell Him of your love. Share your needs for the week ahead. God is waiting to welcome you to His House. "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever." (Psalm 106:1)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Acts 10:34-48	Acts 3:1-26	Acts 4:1-22	Acts 4:23-37	Luke 10:25-37	Leviticus 19:1-18	Deuteronomy 6:1-9

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# NORCATUR NEWS

**By NORCATUR NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS**  
The Norcaturn Christian Women held an organizational meeting Sunday, Jan. 28, at the Educational Building. All ladies of the community were invited to attend.

**Birthdays and anniversaries:** Gerry New - Jan. 26; Gerry and Devona New, Dennis and Judy Shirley - Jan. 29; Larry Dick - Jan. 31.

Former Norcaturn area residents, Donald and Goldie Stapp of Oberlin, celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Jan. 21. The couple have three sons, Rodney and Delores Stapp, Norton; Garry and Barb Stapp, Ord, Neb., and Larry and Marcia Stapp of Holcomb, Neb. Their extended family consists of 10 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and one step-great-grandson.

Kenneth and Pansy Price spent Christmas with their daughter, Marlene Wolf and family, in Kensington.

On Thursday, Jan. 11, Marlene and Ron Wolf took Kenneth and Pansy Price to Hays for Kenneth's doctor appointment. While in Hays, they had lunch with grandson Mathew Wolf.

Kenneth and Pansy Price enjoyed the Christmas cheer basket of goodies from the Prairie Dog 4-H Club, which was delivered to them at Whispering Pines by the whole Greg Vanover family, who stayed and visited with them.

Dorothy Ward, Marguerite Clark and Wava Reames decided to relieve cabin fever by jaunting to McCook on Wed., Jan. 17. As they headed towards Oberlin and snow started drifting across the highway, they changed plans—just go to Oberlin, eat lunch, and visit Frank and Velda Ward, and Lora Linn Leichter. As they got near Oberlin, plans changed again; just

get groceries, eat, and come back home. In Oberlin, plans changed yet again. They quickly got just what they needed at the store, "scarfed down" the special at the Frontier, then scurried as quickly as conditions allowed back to their safe, warm little "cabins." It's amazing how fast roads can deteriorate with blowing and drifting snow. It was ten times worse coming home, and they stayed in Oberlin barely an hour. It wasn't even snowing. The blowing snow had fallen the day before.

Jacob Helm, son of Mike and Deb Helm of Norcaturn, won the local Geography Bee competition on Friday, Jan. 5. The entire seventh and eighth grade took 105-question written tests, which narrowed it down to 10 finalists. Jacob will take a written test of 70 questions, which will be sent to the National Geographic Society. He may be one of approximately 100 students from across the state who will qualify for the state competition.

Guests of Dave and Patty Stapp and Sam the weekend of Jan. 20-21 were Jerrod and Kortney Poire, Emporia; Travis Crooks, Manhattan; and Dylan Poire and Dan Poire of Colony. The men spent the weekend pheasant hunting and Kortney and Patty went to Kearney to watch Kaitlyn participate in the college indoor track meet at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. Kaitlyn accompanied them home Saturday, and all the guests returned to their respective homes Sunday.

From the *Norcaturn News* volunteers: Do you mean the people of this area didn't do anything more this past week? Report your activities to the newsheet people, so your friends will know what you have been up to! Out-of-town readers can also report by email or send a note by regular mail.

## NEW ALMELO

**By BETTY OTTER**  
On Jan. 20, the Knights of Columbus held their annual membership supper. Although snow did interfere with the attendance, there were several who braved the weather.

The students from the New Almelo area that attend school in Lenora, helped their classmates collect 100 cans of food to celebrate the 100th day of school on Jan. 25.

The cans of food will be donated to God's Pantry in Norton.

Sunday morning, Jan. 28, Ella Marie Juenemann, daughter of Dustin and Tonya Juenemann, was baptized by Father Vincent Thulaing at St. Joseph Catholic Church, New Almelo. Her godparents are Darren Juenemann and Stacie Juenemann. The family gathered at the Parish Hall afterward for some lunch and visiting.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### Notice of Lenora Public Hearing for Performance of Grant Agreement

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**PERFORMANCE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**  
The Lenora City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 19, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 125 E. Washington, Lenora, Kansas for the purpose of evaluating the performance of Grant Agreement Number 05-PF-439 which was for the construction of a new building to serve as a community center/public library. This project was funded,

all or in part, from the Kansas Department of Commerce, Small Cities Community Development Block Grant funds. All aspects of the grant will be discussed and oral and written comments will be recorded and become a part of the City of Lenora's CDBG Citizen Participation Plan.

Reasonable accommodations are available for persons needing assistance. Requests for accommodations should be submitted to the office of the City Clerk, by Friday, February 16, 2007.

### Estate of Jerry S. Minchew

Published in The Norton Telegram on Friday, February 2, 9, 16, 2007. (3T)  
**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS**  
**PROBATE DIVISION**  
Case No. 2007-PR-1  
In the Matter of the Estate of Jerry S. Minchew, Deceased (Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)  
**NOTICE OF HEARING AND FOR NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:  
You are hereby notified that on January 4, 2007 a petition was filed in this Court by Charles E. Worden, the named executor of the Last Will and Testament of Jerry Minchew dated December 26, 2006, praying that the will filed with the petition, be admitted to probate and record, that he be appointed as executor without bond,

and that he be granted Letters Testamentary.  
You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before February 22, 2007 at 9:30 a.m., with this Court, in the City of Norton, in Norton, 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.  
All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months from the date of first publication of this Notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.  
Charles E. Worden  
Petitioner  
Submitted by:  
Charles E. Worden #7417  
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Norton, Kansas 67654  
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### Estate of Alois J. Ryan

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS**  
Case No. 07-PR-04  
In the Matter of the Estate of Alois J. Ryan, A.K.A. Alois Ryan, Deceased  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED: You are notified a Petition was filed in the above named Court by William J. Ryan as one

of Decedent's Heirs praying determination of descent of all stocks, securities and other property interest owned by Decedent at the time of her death and you must file your written defenses thereto on or before March 1, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. in the above named court at the Courthouse in the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas at which time said cause will be heard and should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.  
WILLIAM J. RYAN  
Petitioner