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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

Heaven — A Real Place By Pastor Terry Laughlin, CrossRoads Church

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)

Sooner or later you are going to experience physical death. You have a specific quantity of days to inhabit this earth and God alone knows their number. God's Word is clear, "Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment." (Hebrews 9:27)

Physical death is part of the curse that has come upon man since Adam and Eve. God told them after their sin, "You [will] return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return." (Genesis 3:19) Until Christ returns, all of mankind will experience physical death. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23) and "the wages of sin is death." (Romans 6:23) However, Jesus shares a powerful truth that is for all who have accepted Him as Savior and Lord.

Twice in today's text, Jesus refers to heaven as being a "place". Heaven is

not a surreal, fairy-tale kingdom. It is literal and more real than the house you live in. The New American Standard Bible has the best translation when saying "In My Father's house are many dwelling places." "Places" (Greek topos) means places in which one dwells, an abode or a home. These are per-

manent habitations of eternal rest and peace.

Revelation Chapter Seven records the beloved John's vision of seeing a "great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language standing before the throne of God and in front of the Lamb [Jesus

Christ]." Matthew Henry in his exposition of heaven in Revelation 7: 15-17 says, "[Christians will be] happy in their employment, for they serve God continually, and that without weakness, drowsiness, or weariness. Heaven is a state of service, though not of suffering; it is a state of rest, but not of sloth, it is a praising delightful rest."

Jesus is faithful. When He says He is preparing a place for Christians that is what He means. He also states another compelling fact that is a blessing to those who have lost loved ones who were born again Christians and for the children of God who are facing the trial of death. Jesus declares, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die," [spiritually, to be raised physically at the resurrection of believers]. After saying these words, the Lord asked a question of His listeners that is still relevant to us today, "Do you believe this?" (John 11:25-26)

It is important to note, Jesus said, "whoever lives and believes in Me." This promise is only for those who have made the transition from the old life of sin-centeredness to Christ-centeredness, the born again, "those who are led by the Spirit of God." (Romans 8:14) So the question lingers today.... "Do You Believe This?"

Please Attend this Seminar



How often do we receive notices of opportunities to attend special seminars? You've probably seen those glossy, colorful brochures. How about "Peace through Meditation", or "Up the Corporate Ladder with Yoga"? Juggling countless activities between home and work keeps us moving. We all seek to better our performance and stay calm and composed under all the pressure.

Keep the faith...literally. In Isaiah 26:3-4 we read, "You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you." As we go about performing our daily tasks, we can be enveloped in a special serenity when we carry our faith in God with us.

Secular seminars are indeed valuable to our personal and professional well being, but remember to take advantage of the spiritual "seminar" at your house of worship each week. It will bring you peace.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Luke	Colossians	Colossians	Colossians	Psalms	Luke	Luke
4.1-15	1.1-23	2.6-23	3.1-17	116	11.1-13	18.1-18

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ALMENANEWS

By ESTHER MARBLE
Betty Baker called Esther Marble a few days ago and said she was coming home Wednesday. The Haneses are going after her. Bill Godfrey visited Esther Marble Sunday morning. Saturday afternoon Audrie Burge brought Esther Marble her Girl Scout cookies. When she arrived,

the wind was really blowing and Audrie said, "Those birds are really loud." It was discovered that a large bunch of geese were flying nearby at tree-level. The leader began turning the flock around and heading back southwest. The noise came from the flock's honking.

JENNINGS NEWS

By LOUISE CRESSLER
Jennings got the strong winds Saturday but very little snow. We are seeing the robins now, so maybe spring is around the corner. Wayne and Louise Cressler enjoyed their grandson Jason Collins and wife Tiffani, Port Orchard, Wash., visiting them Friday and Saturday. They were driving from Washington to North Carolina where they will live. Jason has been in the Navy the past five years and will be getting out in March. Bring your water sample to the meeting being held March 12 at

the Sunflower Senior Center at 11:30 a.m. It's a chance to voice your concerns about (WRAPS) Water Restoration and Protections Strategies. The meal will be provided at no charge. Reservations are appreciated by March 5. Call 785-877-2623 ext. 37. United Methodist Women will meet March 7 at 2 p.m. Roll Call will be "An Answered Prayer". Kathy Nauer will have the program and Rachel Carter will give devotions. The hostess will be Lila Jennings.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Places and Dates to Register for the General Election

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NOTICE OF PLACES AND DATES OF REGISTRATION FOR GENERAL ELECTION
In compliance with the provisions of K.S.A. 25-2310, notice is hereby given that the voters of NORTON COUNTY, Kansas may register during regular hours at the following locations: Norton City Office, Almena City Office, Clayton City Library, Lenora City Office, Norton County Health Department and the Norton County Clerk's Office. The books for registration of voters will close at the end of business hours on the 19th day of March and will remain closed until the 4th day of April, 2007. A citizen of the United States who is 18 years of age or older, or will have obtained the age of 18 years at the next election, must register before he or she

can vote. Registration closes 14 days prior to every election. When a registered voter changes residence from one precinct to another precinct, such voter must re-register in order to be eligible to vote. Any person may apply in person, by telephone, or mail to the county election officer to be registered. Application forms shall be provided by the county election officer upon request by the applicant. Such application shall be signed by the applicant under penalty of perjury. In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 9th day of February, 2007.
SEAL:
County Clerk,
Norton County, Kansas
SIGNED:
Robert D. Wyatt
Norton Co. Election Officer

Application for water well permit for Northern Valley

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Northern Valley Schools has filed with the Division of Water Resources, Kansas Department of Agriculture one (1) application for permit to appropriate water for beneficial use, identified as File No. 46,526. The application proposes to appropriate such unappropriated ground water as may be available from the Alluvial Aquifer in Prairie Dog Creek drainage basin, from one (1) well as follows:
one (1) well located in the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SW 1/4 SW 1/4 NE 1/4) of Section 8, for a total of 5 acre-feet per calendar year for irrigation use, to be diverted at

a maximum rate of 50 gallons per minute in Township 2 South, Range 21 East, Norton County, Kansas. The water will be used for irrigation use within a 3.33 acre football practice field. Any interested party is invited to submit to this office on or before April 16, 2007 written comments as to whether Application File No. 46,526 should be approved or not approved. Persons submitting comments should specifically indicate their interest in the application(s) in a clear and concise manner. Application File Nos. 46,526 are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Chief Engineer, Division of Water Resources, Kansas Department of Agriculture, 109 Southwest 9th Street, Second Floor, Topeka, Kansas 66612-1283.

Estate of Ruth Verda Somers

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS
Case No. 2007-PR-08
In the Matter of the Estate of Ruth Verda Somers, Deceased.
NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The State of Kansas To All Persons Concerned:
You are hereby notified that on February 22, 2007, a petition was filed in this Court by Beverly Ann Kohfeld, an heir, devisee and legatee, and Executrix named in the Last Will and Testament of Ruth Verda Somers, deceased, dated October 13, 1977, praying that the Last Will and Testament filed with the petition be admitted to probate and record, that she be

appointed as Executrix without bond and that she be granted Letters Testamentary. You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before March 16, 2007 at 3:30 p.m. of such day, in this Court, in the City of Norton, 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 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.
Beverly Ann Kohfeld
Petitioner
Daniel C. Walter, #09431
RYAN, WALTER & McCLYMONT, Chtd.
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Norton, Kansas 67654
785 877-5183
Attorney for Petitioner

Estate of Dale O. Retke, Sr.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS
Case No. 2007-PR-7
In the Matter of the Estate of DALE O. RETKE, also known as DALE O. RETKE, Sr., deceased
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that a petition was filed February 21, 2007, in this Court by Lucile M. Retke praying that the Last Will and Testament of Dale O. Retke, also known as Dale O. Retke,

Sr., be admitted to probate and record and Lucile M. Retke be appointed executor without bond. All creditors of the above-named decedent 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.
Lucile M. Retke, Petitioner
Submitted by:
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