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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"Christian, or Christ Follower?"

By Pastor Kirk Kasson, Almena Congregational Church

Shakespeare's Juliet says, "What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet". Shakespeare meant that changing the name of an object does not change its fundamental qualities. If it is beautiful, changing the name will not change what it is.

Unfortunately, many ugly things have been done under the name "Christian". I consider myself a Christian, but there are those who also call themselves Christian (Fred Phelps, the Ku Klux Klan, Adolf Hitler, etc.) with whom I'd rather not be categorized.

What is a Christian? I did an internet search on just that question and got a variety of answers. From the most broad "any person or group who sincerely believes themselves to be Christian" (from religioustolerance.org) to the most narrow (a listing of specific creeds, of which the omission of a single one disqualifies one's self), the definitions are varied and contradicting.

I believe a historical look at the term is beneficial. The first recorded use of the term "Christian" is nearly 2,000 years old and can be found in the book of Acts. Acts 11:26 states "The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch."

It is interesting to me that before they were called "Christians", they were called "disciples." It

seems to me that the terms are equivalent. What they have in common is being a follower, that is, learning underneath someone (namely Christ).

I call myself a Christian. So did Adolf Hitler. So do most people I know. God, who is never deceived, knows who the Christians are far better than we do.

In my view, one of the scariest passages in all of scripture is at the end of the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 7:21-23).

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'"

The question I need to ask myself is not

"Do I call myself a Christian?", but "Am I a follower of Jesus?"

Do I follow where He leads?
Do I obey His teachings?
Do I love as He loved, forgive as He forgives, teach as

He taught, live as He lives?

Do you? May we be a fragrant offering to Him, no matter by what name we are called.

A Head Above the Rest

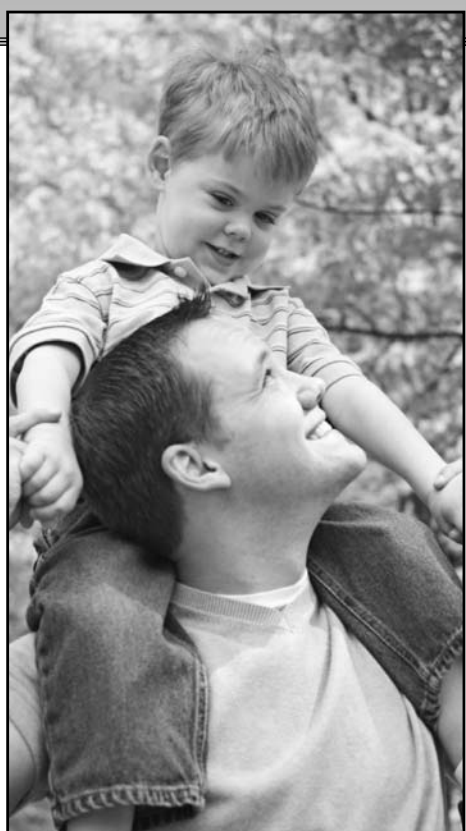
As Father's Day approaches, we think of the times when our fathers made the difference....

The colorful crowd lining Main Street was animated with laughter and enthusiasm as the parade marched by. Standing on tiptoe, a small boy searched for an opening through which he could see the festivities.

"Here come the clowns!" cried someone in the front row. The little boy craned his neck and cried to his father, "Daddy, I can't see the clowns, help me see!"

Dad knew what to do. He scooped his son up and put him on his shoulder. Now a head above the rest, his son clapped his hands and laughed with glee as the clowns went by.

God is there for us, like a father is for his son. When life crowds in around us, and we can't see what's going on, God can lift us up on His shoulders...a head above the rest. "For He will command His angels concerning you...they will lift you up in their hands...." (Psalm 91:11) Be raised up with God in worship this week.



Sunday Genesis 18.1-15	Monday Genesis 18.16-33	Tuesday Genesis 21.1-21	Wednesday Genesis 22.1-19	Thursday Genesis 28.1-22	Friday Genesis 35.1-15	Saturday Genesis 48.1-22
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JENNINGS NEWS

By LOUISE CRESSLER

Harriett Casey of Sulfur Springs, Texas, sister of Rachel and Naomi Carter, fell and broke her hip.

William Carter had surgery in Hays Friday. He came home that evening.

Terri Hanke and Tom Votapka took Mary Votapka to Goodland on Thursday to see her new great-grandbaby. Brady Cameron was born April 17 to J.D. and Angie Brumbaugh, Owasso, Okla. They were visiting at the home of Jean Lee and Rollie Halligan, Brady's grandparents.

United Methodist Women went to Cedar Living Center in Oberlin on Wednesday, June 6 for the birthday party. Vicki Bailey, accompanied on the piano by Kay Brown, sang several old time songs. Helen Rhodes and Louise Cressler served cupcakes. Others attending from Jennings were:

and Joan Long, Logan; and Mark and Gerry Baalman, Grinnell.

Stephanie Kirk, Jonathan, Phillips and Luke, Keller, Texas, arrived at the home of her parents, Roger and JoAnn Long, on June 1. They were able to take in the last day of the reunion. Roxie and Ed Schuster and family arrived at the Long home on June 2 for a several day visit.

Will and Tina Ritter and family were weekend guests at the home of Alfred and Betty Otter. They attended the wedding of Aaron Dempewolf in Colby on Friday evening and on Saturday visited Will's grandmother, Anna Reinert, Sequin.

Vendla Tacha, Lila Jennings and Rachel Carter.

Men from Norton Correctional Facility will worked in Jennings June 13-14.

Jennings City Council has hired Terri Hanke and Becky Carter to read the water meters monthly. A date for June reading has not yet been set.

The McKenna Family Reunion was held on Sunday, June 10, at the Parish Hall in New Almelo. It was attended by many of the descendants of the Edward and Sarah (Dunlap) McKenna family, who homesteaded near Allison, in 1878. After a pot-luck meal at noon, the group toured the Allison and New Almelo area, visiting the original homestead site of Edward McKenna, 1/2 mile east of Allison, and the homestead of the Dunlap family, west of New Almelo.

WILSONVILLE

By JOY STALDER

On Saturday Mike and Roxy Lang visited and decorated family graves at the Beaver City, Deaver and Wilsonville cemeteries.

Monday Mike Lang attended the Wilsonville Memorial Day services and following the services he joined his mother, Mrs. Lelia Lang, and brother, Chris, for lunch.

Thursday afternoon Brittany Brown of Kearney visited Dean and Margaret Brown. Keith Theobald was a Sunday afternoon visitor of Dean and Margaret Brown.

Peyton Lang arrived at the home of her grandparents, Mike and Roxy Lang, Thursday night and spent four days with them. On Sunday afternoon they visited Peyton's great-grandmother, Lelia Lang.

Carl and Ella Rea tenBensel and Jan and Jody tenBensel were Sunday dinner guests of Jody's parents, Neal and Sue Johnson of Blue Hill.

Bob Woodruff and Ginger tenBensel spent Monday and Tuesday visiting Ginger's parents, Carl and Ella Rea tenBensel. They were here to celebrate Ginger's birthday.

Saturday Jean and Bob Gardner and Virginia Rice went to their grandsons' piano recital in Arapahoe. Austin and Ryan Rice took part in the recital.

Sunday Kendall and Virginia went to McCook to watch their grandsons, Austin and Ryan Rice, take part in the Junior Olympics track meet.

At 6 p.m. Sunday the Bible Study group weeded flower beds and trimmed the grass for Twila Yost. Afterwards they had their Bible Study and also made plans for their rodeo float.

Kelsee Meissner, McCook, granddaughter of Dale and Theda Beth Stanley, was in Omaha Saturday. She placed seventh and brought home a medal in shot put for the McCook School. She is the daughter of Tim and Ellen Meissner of McCook. Kelsee has had a very good record at the track meets her junior year.

Tim Baca spent from Thursday until Monday in Denver visiting

his children and grandchildren.

Karen Brown and Kathy Lewis left Friday to go to a family wedding in Albert Lea, Min. On the way, they picked up Karen's daughter, Alicia Brown, in Lincoln. On the way home from the wedding, they left Alicia in Lincoln and brought Andy Lewis home with them. He stayed at the home of his parents, Bill and Kathy Lewis, until Thursday.

Ernesten Bensel stopped into visit Darrel and June Palmer on Saturday. Thursday night Laverne Hosea from New Jersey had dinner at a Cambridge restaurant with Darrel and June Palmer, Ruth Ruf, Ila Potter of Cambridge and Mavis Olson, Bartley.

Marlene Witte, Adeline Ballou and Norma Smith went to the May breakfast for the Busy Bee Club at the Take Five restaurant in Arapahoe Monday. Marvin and Marlene Witte went to the softball game at Cambridge Monday night and watched their granddaughter, Erin Witte, play.

Alice and Joe Kasson went to the soccer game in Norton Saturday and watched their granddaughter, Micah Kasson, play.

Sunday evening Alice Kasson attended the piano recital in Norton. Her grandson, Macy Kasson, was a participant. Sue Stutheit is his piano teacher.

Sunday evening Joe Kasson attended Bible Study at the Baptist-Christian Church.

The I Help Others Club met May 9 at the Wilsonville Library with Margalee Ruf as hostess. Each member shared "Something about May".

Margalee Ruf had the devotions for the meeting. A card had been received from Nadeane Haag, a member, that was shared. They also signed a card for Carol Volker who is in Wahoo. The members enjoyed a time of visiting after their meeting.

Debbie Cobb and Ellen Wilson went to Lincoln on Mother's Day and had lunch with Jason and Lyndsey Cobb and family. The lunch was in celebration of the baptism of Kendal Cobb, youngest daughter of Jason and Lyndsey.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of Velda E. Brewster

Published in The Norton Telegram on Friday, June 8, 15, 22, 2007. (3T)
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS
PROBATE DIVISION
Case No. 2007-PR-20
In the Matter of the Estate of
VELDA E. BREWSTER, Deceased

Last Will and Testament of Velda E. Brewster, Deceased.

All creditors of the above-named decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four (4) 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.

Gloria Jean Cole
Petitioner

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THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on June 7, 2007, a Petition for Probate of Will and Issuance of Letters Testamentary was filed in this Court by Gloria Jean Cole, an heir, devisee, legatee, and the Executor named in the

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