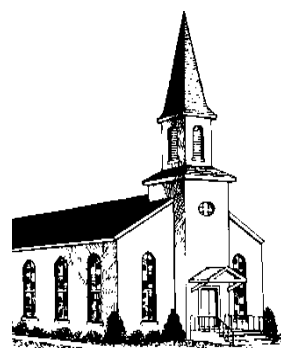


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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"Forgiveness"

By Pastor Terry Laughlin, CrossRoads Church, Norton

All men stand guilty of having broken the law of God, and the penalty for breaking the law is death. "For the wages sin is death..." (Romans 6:23)

Sin deserves death for two very clear reasons. 1.) Sin is acting against God and His very nature. Sin attempts to tear down God's nature of purity and morality, of holiness and glory, of justice and righteousness and of love and grace. 2.) Sin is rebellion against God, causing people to reject Him, ignore Him, disobey Him, refuse to live for Him according to His written Word, and even deny Him.

During the "Lord's Supper," Jesus made a glorious statement, "This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26: 28) In the Greek, forgiveness means remission, to forgive, the wrong is cut out, sent off and sent away from the wrongdoers. The sin is separated from the sinner.

There are four main ideas in the Biblical concept of forgiveness. 1.) Forgiveness is needed because of wrong doing and guilt. "...For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23) 2.) There is the idea of total forgiveness. "Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins

are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will never count against him." (Romans 4: 7, 8) 3.) There is the idea of forgiveness that maintains fellowship with God. When the child of God slips into sin, fellowship is disturbed and even broken. The condition for restoring

the fellowship is confessing and forsaking the sin. "He who conceals his sin does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy." (Proverbs 28: 13) 4.) There is the idea of a releasing from guilt. This is the main difference between man's forgiving

man and God's forgiving a man. A man may forgive a person for wrongdoing him, but he can never remove the guilt that his friend feels. And often he cannot remove the resentment he feels within his own heart. Only God can remove the guilt of wrongdoing and assure the removal of resentment, and God does both. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1: 9)

Many a born again Christian knows the joy that King David felt when he wrote, "For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us." (Psalms 103: 11,12)

All who confess their sins to Christ and receive Him as Savior and Lord will be forgiven and given a fresh clean start before God. They will also be given the ability to overcome sin and to forgive others. (1 John 5: 4 / Ephesians 4: 32)

Will you accept God's total forgiveness found through Jesus Christ? "In Him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sin, in accordance with the riches of God's grace." (Ephesians 1:7)



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People who are sailboat buffs look down their noses at powerboats. Conversely, those who prefer powerboats think there is too little action in the sport of sailing. It's a matter of personal preference.

Fortunately, there is enough water in the world to permit both kinds of boating. There is enough of everything on this earth to enable us to live in dignity while doing personally what we like best, if we use our resources carefully and remember to consider our fellow man.

Personal preferences...consideration. These two things apply to boating. They also apply to choice of a mate, where to live, kind of occupation, and where and how to worship. We have freedom of choice, we just have to use it! Choose to worship this week.

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1 Thessalonians 4.1-18	1 Thessalonians 5.1-28	2 Thessalonians 1.1-12	2 Thessalonians 2.1-17	2 Thessalonians 3.1-18	1 Timothy 1.1-20	1 Timothy 2.1-15

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Norton Ordinance Incorporating the Uniform Public Offense Code

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ORDINANCE NO. 1563
AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PUBLIC OFFENSES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF NORTON, KANSAS; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE "UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE FOR KANSAS CITIES," EDITION OF 2007, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE #1556.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF NORTON, KANSAS:

Section 1. INCORPORATING UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE. There is hereby incorporated by reference for the purpose of regulating public offenses within the corporate limits of the City of Norton, Kansas, that certain code known as the "Uniform Public Offense Code," Edition of 2007,

prepared and published in book form by the League of Kansas Municipalities, Topeka, Kansas. No fewer than three copies of said Uniform Public Offense Code shall be marked or stamped "Official Copy as Adopted by Ordinance No. 1563", and to which shall be attached a copy of this ordinance, and filed with the city clerk to be open to inspection and available to the public at all reasonable hours.

Section 2. REPEAL. Ordinance number 1556 is hereby repealed.

Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the official city newspaper.

PASSED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE City of Norton, Kansas, this 15th day of August, 2007.

David N. Corns, Mayor
ATTEST:
Darla R. Ellis, City Clerk

Norton Ordinance Attesting to an Increase in Tax Revenues

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ORDINANCE NUMBER 1562
AN ORDINANCE ATTESTING TO AN INCREASE IN TAX REVENUES FOR BUDGET YEAR 2008 FOR THE CITY OF NORTON.

WHEREAS, the City of Norton must continue to provide services to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of this community; and

WHEREAS, the cost of providing essential services to the citizens of this city continues to increase.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Governing Body of the City of Norton:

Section One. In accordance with state law, the City of Norton has scheduled a public hearing and has prepared the

proposed budget necessary to fund city services from January 1, 2008 until December 31, 2008.

Section Two. After careful public deliberations, the governing body has determined that in order to maintain the public services that are essential for the citizens of this city, it will be necessary to budget property tax revenues in an amount exceeding the levy in the 2007 budget.

Section Three. This ordinance shall take effect after publication once in the official city newspaper.

Passed and approved by the Governing Body of this 15th day of August, 2007.

David N. Corns, Mayor
ATTEST:
Darla R. Ellis
City Clerk

Estate of Norma E. Hager

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS

Case No. 2007-PR-12
In the Matter of the Estate of **NORMA E. HAGER, 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 Rodney D. Hager, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of Norton E. Hager, Deceased, praying that his acts be approved; that his account be settled and allowed, that the will be construed and the estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; that fees and expenses be allowed; that the costs be determined and ordered paid; that

the administration of the estate be closed; that the Executor be discharged and that he be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before **Tuesday, the 4th day of September, 2007, at 4:30 o'clock p.m.** of said day, in said Court, in the City of Norton, 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 the Petition.

Rodney D. Hager, Executor
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Estate of Dolores Frances Baldwin

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS

PROBATE DIVISION
Case No. 2007-PR-25
In the Matter of the Estate of **DOLORES FRANCES BALDWIN, Deceased**

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

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on July 20, 2007, a Petition for Probate of Will and Issuance of Letters Testamentary was filed in this Court by Monty J. Baldwin, an heir, devisee and legatee, and executor named in the Last

Will and Testament of Dolores Frances Baldwin, 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.

Monty J. Baldwin
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Estate of Martin J. Ross

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS

PROBATE DIVISION
Case No. 2007-PR-29
In the Matter of the Estate of **MARTIN J. ROSS, Deceased**

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

You are hereby notified that on August 2, 2007 a PETITION FOR ISSUANCE OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION was filed in this Court by TERRI VALENTINE, as Petitioner, having an interest in the Estate of **MARTIN J. ROSS, Deceased.** All creditors of the Decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against

the Estate within the later of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, thirty (30) days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

TERRI VALENTINE, Petitioner

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Estate of Rosalia Uhrich

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS

PROBATE DIVISION
Case No. 2006-PR-30
In the Matter of the Estate of **ROSALIA UHRICH, deceased.**

NOTICE OF HEARING
ON PETITION
FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT
STATE OF KANSAS

COUNTY OF NORTON ss.

The State of Kansas To All Persons Concerned:
You are hereby notified that a **Petition for Final Settlement** was filed in this Court by Virgil Leo Uhrich and Valerie Rose Babcock, as Co-Petitioners of the Estate of Rosalia Uhrich, deceased, praying for a final settlement of the estate approval of their acts,

proceedings and accounts as Co-Executors, allowance for attorneys fees, determination of heirs, devisees and legatees entitled to the estate and assignment to them in accordance with the Will of Rosalia Uhrich, deceased.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before August 27, 2007, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., on such day, in such Court, in the City of Norton, in Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place such cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

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Valerie Rose Babcock
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