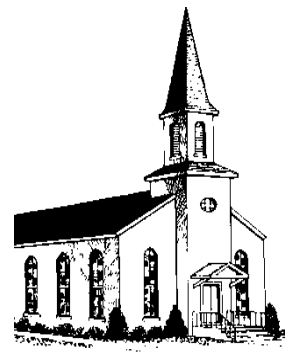


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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"What Did Jesus Do... About Worship"

By Jeff Nielsen, senior minister, Norton Christian Church

When you read through the gospels, one thing is pretty clear pretty quick: Jesus didn't say a whole lot about worship. For instance, He didn't focus on how to worship, where to worship, or even when to worship. He never discussed styles of music, use of instruments, the proper order for a service or the essential components for one. He didn't enter the discussion on the different expressions of worship like clapping, raising hands, sitting, bowing, standing, kneeling, singing, shouting, praying, or meditating, to name a few.

But, He was very clear about Who we worship. For example, He quoted Deuteronomy 6:13 to the devil, "Worship the Lord your God and serve him only" (Matthew 4:10). And He told the Samaritan woman we "worship the Father" (John 4:21). He also said the "worshippers the Father seeks" must "worship Him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:23-24). In other words, when we worship, the important elements are: the attitude of our own heart, consistency with Scripture, and the centering of our worship on Christ, the One Who reveals God to us (John 14:6-7).

So what do you think of when you think of worship? God? Maybe. Maybe not. Max Lucado says the word worship "conjures up many thoughts, not all of which are positive. Outdated songs. Cliche-cluttered prayers. Irrelevant sermons. Meager Offerings. Odd Rituals."

Honestly, sometimes it's hard to find God in some of the high-powered, high-tech, professionally produced, Hollywood-style services of many contemporary churches. Unfortunately, people can come away praising the hot worship band, awesome background set, gifted singers and worship leaders and a plethora of other

things all the while professing they came to worship God, not even realizing they've missed it altogether. To be fair, oftentimes, it's equally hard to find God in the under-prepared, unrehearsed worship services of churches where missed notes, forgotten words, misspelled slides, and lethargic worship leaders make you want to dive for the nearest exit.

But the greatest hindrance to our worship is not the people who lead us. If you want to see the greatest hindrance to our worship, look no further than the nearest mirror. If

our heart is right, our worship can be wonderful. When our hearts aren't right, it's going to affect our worship and sadly, may affect the worship of others. In His most famous sermon, Jesus warned that broken relationships can affect worship. He said "go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift" (Matthew 5:23-24).

Many people are surprised to discover that genuine worship involves sacrifice. It's not some casual, take-it-or-leave-it deal with a minimal investment. Quite the con-

trary. Josh McDowell says, "Worship of God has always involved the offering of a sacrifice. It began with the blood of bulls and goats and lambs and culminated with the blood of the perfect and spotless Lamb of God — Christ Himself. But burnt offerings and the shedding of blood is not what God wants from us. Paul admonished, 'Brothers and sisters, in view of all we have just shared about God's compassion, I encourage you to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, dedicated to God and pleasing to him. This kind of worship is appropriate for you' (Romans 12:1, GWT). A life of worship to God is about daily sacrificing your interests in all other things and making him your focused adoration."

Max Lucado says, "Honest worship lifts eyes off self and sets them on God. Worship gives God honor, offers him standing ovations. Worship places God on center stage and us in proper posture." God is to be the focus of our worship. Why? "He deserves it. If singing did nothing but weary your voice, if giving only emptied your wallet — if worship did nothing for you — it would still be right to do. God warrants our worship. God has never taken his eyes off you. Not for a millisecond. He's always near. He lives to hear your heartbeat. He loves to hear your prayers. He'd die for your sin before he'd let you die in your sin, so he did."

"What do you do with such a Savior? Don't you sing to him? Don't you celebrate him in baptism, elevate him in Communion? Don't you bow a knee, lower a head, hammer a nail, feed the poor, and lift up your gift in worship? Of course you do."

So worship God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength. But remember, great worship begins at home... in your own heart.

Back to School



It's that time again, the traditional beginning of a new school year. As this new year of learning begins, students start fresh with blank notebooks and freshly sharpened pencils. Teachers are ready with their lessons; there are exciting new things to learn. We may have experienced our last "back to school" season long ago or just recently. Even so, each fall we're reminded of a time of starting over, learning anew. No matter what our age, we continue to learn, long after our traditional education is complete. It has been said that true intelligence is realizing that knowledge is an endless pursuit.

Our house of worship is a place of learning, too. When we gather there we have another chance to enrich our lives... a chance to begin again. "Let the wise listen and add to their learning" (Proverbs 1:5). We can learn many lessons when we study God's word. He is the greatest teacher.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Timothy	2 Timothy	2 Timothy	Titus	Titus	Titus	Luke
2:14-26	3:1-17	4:1-22	1:1-16	2:1-15	3:1-15	6:17-36

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JENNINGS NEWS

By LOUISE CRESSLER
A son, Joseph Carson Dorenkamp, was born Aug. 17 to Michelle and Tony Dorenkamp, Hoxie. Siblings are Brooke, 7 years old and Ashlyn 5 years old. Grandparents are Janeil Dilling, Goodland; Rick and Karen Dilling, Kentucky; Joe and Laura Dorenkamp, Selden. Great-grandparents are Imogene Keenan, Jennings and Florence Vahling, Hoxie.

Andy and Tiffani Glaze, Joshua and Helen, Kaysville, Utah, spent from Aug. 10 to 13 at the farm of Mary and Tom Votapka. They enjoyed going to the fair in Oberlin. They had a great time at the Demo Derby and on the rides. Andy is a grandson of Frances Votapka Monteith.

Kurt and Valerie Brown, Millie and Dashiell, Quinter; Gordon and Kara Kuntz, Katie and Zach, Hays; and Doyle and Kay Brown visited Mildred Tacha at Cedar Living Center, Oberlin, on Saturday evening. John Tacha, Lawrence, spent several days visiting Doyle and Kay Brown and Mildred Tacha. Mildred's birthday is Aug. 20.

Doug Cressler was seriously injured in an accident at work last Thursday morning. His right arm was pinned between two trucks. He works for Kansas Department Of

Transportation and was working east of Grainfield. He was flown via Flight For Life to Wesley Medical Center in Wichita.

The Jennings community extends sympathy to the Leroy and Betty Brown family on the loss of their grandson, Tim, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Brown.

Keith and Helen Muirhead flew to Chicago to visit their daughter, Teffani and Joe Zadeh, Natalia and Dylan. They enjoyed a concert Aug. 17 at the Millenium Park and on Saturday the Air Show along the Lake Shore Beach. The grand finale was an amazing performance by the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds.

Firemen's Fun Day, held Saturday, was a huge success. The weather was beautiful. The theme of the parade was "Welcome BCI". BCI employees participated in the team barrel competition. All the kolaches were sold. The ladies baked over 100 dozen on Friday in the kitchen of BCI.

Sunday dinner guests of Stan and Ramona Shaw were Chris Gillespie and Tom Neff, Marion.

Men from Norton Correctional Facility worked Aug. 15, 16 and 21 in Jennings. The south fence row at the Athletic Field was cleared and the fence put back. Several intersections were also cleared.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Estate of Emereth E. Wray and Beth Lavern Williams

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

Case No. 2007-PR-32
In the Matter of the Estate of EMERETH E. WRAY, deceased, and BETH LAVERN WILLIAMS, deceased

NOTICE OF HEARING

The State of Kansas To All Persons Concerned:

You are hereby notified that a **Petition For The Determinations Of Descent As To Emereth E. Wray, Deceased And Beth Lavern Williams, Deceased**, has been filed in this Court by Steven L. Williams, an interested party, requesting this Court to make said

determinations of descent; further, you are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 21st day of September, 2007, at 9:00 o'clock a.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.

Steven L. Williams

Petitioner

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Estate of Darleen A. McClelland

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS

Case No. 2007-PR-33
In the Matter of the Estate of DARLEEN A. McCLELLAND, Deceased

NOTICE OF HEARING

STATE OF KANSAS)

COUNTY OF NORTON)ss:

The State of Kansas To All Persons Concerned:

You are hereby notified that a **Petition For Admission Of Foreign Will To Probate And Record Without Administration** has been filed in this Court by Kennis R. McClelland, an heir of Darleen A. McClelland, deceased, praying that the Foreign Will of Darleen A. McClelland, deceased, be admitted to probate and Record in this Court; that

no administration of this estate is necessary; that the Will be construed; and that the property described in that Petition be assigned in accordance with the terms of the Will. You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 21st day of September, 2007, at 9:15 o'clock a.m. of 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 the Petitioner.

Kennis R. McClelland

Petitioner

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Morgan Chase Bank vs. Wilfahrt

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Case No. 07CV10 Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. Plaintiff,

vs.

Jared L. Wilfahrt a/k/a Jared Lee Wilfahrt; Unknown Spouse, if any, of Jared L. Wilfahrt; John Doe (Tenant/Occupant); Mary Doe (Tenant/Occupant); John A. Wolf, Trustee in Bankruptcy, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

THE STATE OF KANSAS, to the above-named defendants and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of any defendants that are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of any defendants that are or were partners or in partnership; the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability; and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any person alleged to be deceased, and all other persons who are or may be concerned.

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Norton County, Kansas, praying to foreclose a

real estate mortgage on the following described real estate:

Lot Three (3) and the East Half (E1/2) of Lot Four (4), Block One (1), Chesbro's Addition to the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas; and a tract of land commencing Twenty (20) feet West of the Northeast corner (NE/c) of Lot Four (4), Block One (1), Chesbro's Addition to the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas thence South Forty (40) feet, thence West One (1) foot, thence North Forty (40) feet, thence East One (1) foot to the place of beginning, commonly known as 329 W. Lincoln Street, Norton, KS 67654 (the "Property")

and you are required to plead to the Petition on or before the 4th day of October, 2007, in the District Court of Norton County, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

NOTICE

Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Joe Baca (KS Bar No. 21707) South & Associates, P.C. 8621 E. 21st Street N, Suite 170 Wichita, KS 67208 ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF (72308)

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