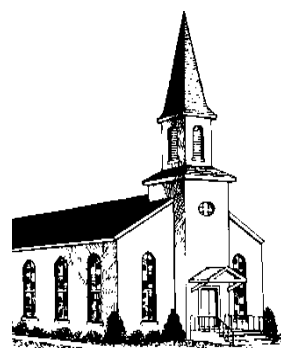


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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"Pastoral Appreciation"

By Pastor Terry Laughlin, CrossRoads Church, Norton

Pastors are very thankful to the Lord for every worker that God has given to the church of Jesus Christ. There is no greater blessing than to see obedient Christians exercise their gifts under the guidance of agape love. Whether it be the gift of helps, administration, evangelism or any of the other gifts clearly described in the Bible, each one is equally important to God, useful to Jesus Christ and can be empowered by the Holy Spirit.

In 2 Corinthians 1: 11 there is a very special person that pastors are especially thankful for, prayer warriors. The greatest missionary of all time, the apostle Paul wrote, "As you help us by your prayers, then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many." Paul writes this as a statement of fact proclaiming that it was the power of God in answer to prayer that enabled him and the ministry team he was working with to complete all that God had for them to do.

Paul's life was often in danger and it was only by the hand of God that he had been delivered out of it. Paul also wrote "...But this happened that we might not rely upon ourselves but on God." Yes, Paul knew that it was God who protected them through and delivered them out of their great perils. He also was not so foolish as to deny or undervalue the secondary cause.

Having first praised God earlier in this chapter, 2 Corinthians 1:11 shows how Paul remembers with great gratitude the earnest prayers of many loving prayer warriors.

The greatest ministry to the pastor of any Bible-believing church is the ministry of fasting and prayer. The church


that looks past the world's way of doing business and gets serious about praying for their spiritual leaders is the church that God will use to reach the lost and make true disciples of Christ. Your pastor faces great perils every day, the flesh often tempts him, the world continually

draws him and the devil attacks in many different ways. Most pastors every week search desperately for times of fasting, prayer, Bible reading and study. Spending time alone with the Lord is the pastor's food for strength to fulfill God's calling. Pastors, now and especially in the near future, need the faithful prayers of those they oversee for the Lord.

An American preacher became the pastor of a London Church. On the first Sunday there were many converts. For the next year the Lord's messages were delivered with power and many lost souls came to Christ. At the end of that first year this pastor was called to the bedside of a very ill member of the church who told him how she had passed through a period of rebellion and spiritual darkness because of poverty, lameness and sickness. Upon repentance, God revealed to her that He had given her the privilege of intercession. On the Saturday night before the pastor's first Sunday this woman spent the entire night in prayer and had done that every Saturday night since. As her weak voice ceased, the pastor knew that this wonderful child of God had most certainly ministered to him and the Lord.

October is pastoral appreciation month, will you be the one to uphold your pastor in agape love? Sacrificial prayer warriors have the most appreciation of their pastors.

A Friend for Life



Do you have a special relationship in your life, one which really and completely fills your needs?

Does that relationship also honor the needs of another? Perhaps it is one which revolves around the spontaneous exchange of affection... one which thrives on the togetherness of those who care. Most probably, that relationship asks little, yet gives much. The successful ingredients of such a twosome are likely to be such singular qualities as total faith, complete trust, absolute love, and unsurpassed joy.

Do you have the need for such a bond in your life? God is waiting for you in His house. Take advantage of this opportunity to make His acquaintance. You will begin the most special relationship!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Proverbs	Exodus	Exodus	Leviticus	Leviticus	Numbers	Numbers
8.1-36	20.1-21	23.1-19	25.1-34	25.35-55	27.1-11	36.1-13

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JENNINGS NEWS

By LOUISE CRESSLER
The Jennings American Legion and the Auxiliary hosted a meeting on Sept. 24 in the former Royal Neighbors of America Building with some of the Sixth District officers attending. Present were: District Vice Commander, Mary Beth Valcoure; Dept. Service Officer, Damon Christensen; Sixth District Auxiliary President, Lisa Valcoure; Sixth District Parliamentarian, Gwen Frost and several local Legion and Auxiliary members. Following the meeting a tour of the museum was enjoyed. Coffee, tea and cookies were served.

Claudine Bennett remains in Denver after having surgery. She is doing well.

Nick Wahlmeier, Hays; Jeff and

Mary Wahlmeier, rural Clayton; and Stan and Ramona Shaw met Kevin and Colleen Wagoner, Sharon Springs and Zach and Katie Golemboski in Colby Saturday evening and enjoyed supper together to honor Stan on his birthday.

Stan and Ramona Shaw visited his mother, Carol Shaw, Selden, Sunday afternoon.

United Methodist Women met Wednesday, Oct. 3 for Bible study led by Vicki Bailey.

Sunflower Seniors Potluck Supper will be held Tuesday, Oct. 9 at 6 p.m.

Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish and join.

Men from Norton Correctional Facility worked in Jennings Monday and Tuesday.

Outside work or play has built-in problems

Hot summer months pose special hazards for outdoor workers who must protect themselves against heat, sun exposure, and other hazards.

One challenge is Lyme Disease and other tick borne diseases. These illnesses (i.e., Rocky Mountain spotted fever) are transmitted to people by bacteria from bites of infected deer (blacklegged) ticks. In the case of Lyme disease, most, but not all, victims will develop a "bull's-eye" rash. Other signs and symptoms may be non-specific and similar to flu-like symptoms such as fever, lymph node swelling, neck stiffness, generalized fatigue, headaches, migrating joint aches, or muscle aches. You are at increased risk if your work outdoors involves construction, landscaping, forestry, brush clearing, land surveying, farming, railroads, oil fields, utility lines, or park and wildlife management. Protect yourself with these precautions:

- Wear light-colored clothes to see ticks more easily.
- Wear long sleeves; tuck pant legs into socks or boots.
- Wear high boots or closed shoes that cover your feet com-

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pletely.

- Wear a hat.
- Use tick repellants, but not on your face.
- Shower after work.
- Wash and dry your work clothes at high temperatures.
- Examine your body for ticks after work.
- Remove any attached ticks promptly and carefully with fine-tipped tweezers by gripping the tick.
- Do not use petroleum jelly, a hot match, or nail polish to remove the tick.

If you have further questions, please contact your local family physician or your local K-State Research and Extension Office.

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EVER-FLOWING STREAM OF GRACE

PART 6

Walk and Not Be Faint: Isaiah 40:31 says, "But those wait for the Lord will gain new strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint"

Christians who have close communion with God "...will walk and not be faint." "Faint" (yaep) is a verb meaning exhausted, fatigued or just plain tired out. The application is not that exhaustion or fatigue will come to us, but in those times of exhaustion and fatigue, when a child of God calls upon the Lord, He will give a supernatural strengthening that enables His faithful child to complete the task.

In Luke we read of the time when Jesus prayed on the Mount of Olives. This was the night before His calling and purpose were about to meet their climax, when the sins of the world were about to be laid upon Him. As He was praying, the Bible says, "An angel from heaven appeared to Him and strengthened Him..." (Luke 22:43) Jesus did not faint from His calling but found strength from His Father to accomplish what He was sent to do.

Jesus being fully God and fully man, shows us who to call to in times when the weight of our callings fall upon us. He shows us our only source for help in fulfilling His ordained task. We can look to Jesus because He is the "...high priest who is [able] to sympathize with our weaknesses, however... [when] ...tempted in every way, just as we are—[He remained] without sin. [Therefore, we can] approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." (Hebrews 4:15-16)

We are the children of God. Our Lord Jesus said that He would not leave us as orphans. (John 14:18) The Holy Spirit of God is promised to us so we have the power to walk and not faint.

There is an "Ever-flowing Stream of Grace," which was purchased by the blood of Christ and is promised to the children of God, those who trust completely in Him.

You Must Know Christ as Personal Savior and Lord!!!

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