

Make Church a Part of Your Life

WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"Like Yesterday's News"

By Pastor Terry Laughlin, CrossRoads Church, Norton

"But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God-- having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them." -- 2 Timothy 3: 1 - 5

The apostle Paul's laundry list of characteristics of the last days was written nearly two thousand years ago but truly reads like yesterday's news. In our "civilized" country alone, these are the days of corporate greed and accounting scandals, dishonest, unethical and immoral politicians, terrorism and murderous threats, panic over the stock market losses and declining retirement funds, the brutality, rape and murder of young children, atheists legislating nonsense from the judicial bench, persons crying out for their rights... the right not to be offended, the right to die, the right to clone themselves, the right to choose to give birth to only a wanted and perfect baby, the right to indulge themselves in every perversion known to man and the right to expect tolerance and acceptance from everyone who disagrees with their sinful choices.

Jesus also spoke of the end

days saying there would be "... wars and rumors of wars... nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places." Again, sounds like the news.

Many people ignore or ridicule the idea that Jesus will return to earth very soon. The Bible speaks even to that attitude.

"...In the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. They will say, 'Where is this coming He promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.'" --2 Peter 3: 3, 4

There is a day set for Jesus' return but you must be ready for

it now. You cannot wait to receive Jesus as your Savior and Lord until that day because it will be too late for you. "How shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation?" --Hebr. 2: 3

"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come... So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him." --Matthew 24: 42, 44

"For you know very well that the Day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, 'Peace and safety,' destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape." -- 1 Thess. 5: 2, 3

Why does the Lord wait? Why has He waited this long?

"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance... make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with Him. Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation..." -- 2 Peter 3: 9, 14b, 15a

Don't ignore such great love in these last days! Come to Christ in repentance today. He will receive you and cleanse you completely from all sin. Grasp God's amazing grace for you!



Proper Maintenance

Have you ever driven along a country road and noticed, out in a field, an old automobile squatting in the tall grass? Once it was lovingly polished and cared for; now it sits broken down and abandoned. Maybe as you passed by, its headlights, like eyes, seemed to follow you. What stories it could tell of past adventures!

The long miles and bumpy roads that we travel in life take their toll on us. Without proper maintenance, we can find ourselves in disrepair; maybe we have been abandoned, too. How can we keep ourselves in good condition?

"Those that are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fresh and flourishing" (Psalm 92:13-14). Visit your house of worship each week for regular maintenance; keep well tuned!

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
| James | James | James | James | James | Proverbs | Proverbs |
| 1.1-27 | 2.1-26 | 3.1-18 | 4.1-17 | 5.1-20 | 1.1-33 | 2.1-22 |

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•PUBLIC NOTICE• NOTICE OF PLACES AND DATES OF REGISTRATION FOR GENERAL ELECTION

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In compliance with the provisions of K.S.A. 25-2310, notice is hereby given that the voters of NORTON COUNTY, Kansas may register to vote at the following places during regular office hours: Norton City Office, Alma City Office, Lenora City Office and the Norton County Clerk's Office.

At 5:00 p.m. on the 20th day of October, 2008 the books for registration of voters will close and will remain closed until the 5th day of November 2008.

A citizen of the United States who is 18 years of age or older, will have attained 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 by 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.

When a registered voter fails to vote in two consecutive general elections, such voter's name may be removed from the registration books and party affiliation lists. Such voter must re-register in order to be eligible to vote.

In Witness Whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal this 18th day of September, 2008.

Robert D. Wyatt
Norton Co. Election Officer

•PUBLIC NOTICE• ORDINANCE NO. 1580

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ORDINANCE NO. 1580
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING NORTON CITY ORDINANCE NO. 1570
RELATING TO THE OPERATION OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES
ON THE STREETS OF THE CITY OF NORTON, KANSAS.

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

Section 1. That Section 5 of Ordinance No. 1570 of the City of Norton, Kansas, shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 5. OPERATION OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES.

(a) All-terrain vehicles may be operated upon the public highways, streets, roads and alleys within the corporate limits of the City with a driver of at least 18 years of age.

(b) "All-terrain vehicle" means any motorized non-highway vehicle 48 inches or less in width, having a dry weight of 1,000 pounds or less, traveling on three (3) or more low-pressure tires, and having a seat to be straddled by the operator. As used in this subsection, "low pressure tire" means any pneumatic tire six (6) inches or more in width, designed for use on wheels with rim diameter of 12 inches or less, and utilizing an operating pressure of 10 pounds per square inch or less as recommended by the vehicle manufacturer.

(c) No all-terrain vehicle shall be operated on any public highway, street, road or alley unless such vehicle shall comply with the equipment requirements under the provisions of Article 17, Chapter 8 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated.

(d) Every person operating an all-terrain vehicle on the public highways shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to a driver of a vehicle imposed by law.

(e) A person operating an all-terrain vehicle shall ride only upon the permanent and regular seat attached thereto, and such operator shall not carry any other person, nor shall any other person ride on an all-terrain vehicle, unless such all-terrain vehicle is designed to carry more than one (1) person, in which event a passenger may ride upon the permanent and regular seat if designed for two (2) persons, or upon another seat firmly attached to the all-terrain vehicle at the rear or side of the operator.

(f) A person shall ride upon an all-terrain vehicle only while sitting astride the seat, facing forward, with one leg on each side of the all-terrain vehicle.

(g) No person shall operate an all-terrain vehicle while carrying any package bundle, or other article which prevents such person from keeping both hands on the handlebars.

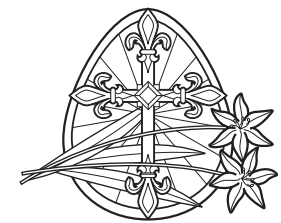
(h) No operator shall carry any person, nor shall any person ride in a position that will interfere with the operation or control of the all-terrain vehicle or the view of the operator."

Section 2. PUBLICATION, EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the official City newspaper.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF NORTON, KANSAS, on this 17th day of September, 2008.

David N. Corns, Mayor

ATTEST: Darla R. Ellis, City Clerk



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•PUBLIC NOTICE• IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS HOUGHTON, Deceased

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS
PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of
THOMAS HOUGHTON, Deceased
Case No. 2008-PR-39

NOTICE OF HEARING AND
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL
PERSONS CONCERNED:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on the 8th day of September, 2008, a Petition was filed in this Court by Patricia Wallace, praying that the Court issue Letters of Administration, that the matter proceed to intestate probate, that Patricia Wallace be appointed Administrator, and that she be granted Letters of Administration.

YOU ARE REQUIRED to file your written defenses thereto on or before Friday, October 3, 2008, at three o'clock (3:00) p.m., of said day, in this Court, in the City of Norton, State of Kansas, at which time and place said 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 (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.

Patricia Wallace, Petitioner
Karen L. Griffiths #09919
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