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The truth worth grasping in these passages of Scripture is that Joseph was a righteous man. "Righteous" (*dikaiois*) in this passage of Scripture means to be merciful, kind and tender. The application is that Joseph was not a man given to passionate vengeance, rather he had a right relationship with God. Joseph lived in accordance with God's compelling standard.

In his natural man Joseph's response in regard to being engaged to a woman of God who told him she was now pregnant would have been shock, thinking his bride to be pure having a heart only for him. He would have had deep sorrow. His dreams to marry a Godly woman, surrender to purity of the Lord and raise children in God's perfect will now be shattered. In his natural man there would have been anger. Joseph very well could have felt betrayed. No one would have blamed him if he would have laid the full blunt of the written law upon Mary and done all he could to save face in the community. Not only would Mary be subject to accusations of giving in to sin, but Joseph as well. In the natural it takes two to bring about pregnancy.

At this time in history we have two people called of God to play a very important part of the Christmas story, and they are both being tested in their faith in God. Mary had been told ahead of time that she would be with child by the power of the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:31) and Joseph knew the consequences of being accused of adultery, public disgrace and the possibility of being stoned to death.

Joseph knew the whole counsel of God's Word. Therefore, he knew of God's mercy, compassion and tenderness. This enabled him to subdue the flesh so he could do his part in reflecting God's mercy, kindness and tenderness before all who knew of their marriage engagement. Choose courage and do your part in the Christmas story!

Reflect God Righteousness!

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# BLESSINGS AT CHRISTMAS TIME

## CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, ALMENA

**Kirk Kasson, Pastor**  
e-mail: [congo@ruraltel.net](mailto:congo@ruraltel.net)  
SUNDAY — 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Church Services  
6 p.m. Bible Study at Kim and Kirk's  
7 p.m. Teens For Christ  
TUESDAY — 7:15 a.m. Teen Women's Discipleship  
THURSDAY — 7:15 a.m. Teen Men's Discipleship

## ALMENA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Larry Danforth**  
669-2554  
SUNDAY — 8:30 a.m. Worship  
WEDNESDAY — 7 p.m. Bible Study in Fellowship Hall  
TUESDAY and THURSDAY — 9 a.m. Vita Band Exercise Class, Everyone Welcome  
7 p.m. Bible Study at Grace Reeves

## CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Larry Danforth**  
669-2554  
SUNDAY — 10 a.m. Church School  
11 a.m. Worship Service, Choir

## EDMOND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**The Rev. Herman Lambrecht**  
SUNDAY — 9 a.m. Worship Service

## LENORA CHURCH OF GOD

**Pastor Maurita Lymer**  
785-567-4459  
SUNDAY — 9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
THURSDAY — 7 p.m. Evening Bible Study

## UNITED PARISH OF LENORA

**The Rev. Gary Dudder**  
140 E. Iowa, 567-4420  
SUNDAY — 9:30 a.m. Social Hour  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

## FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF LOGAN

**Pastor Troy Buss**  
SUNDAY — 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Church services  
WEDNESDAY — 7 p.m. Bible Study

## ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, LOGAN

**Father Ben Saw**  
SUNDAY — 8:30 a.m. Mass  
MONDAY — 5:30 p.m. Mass

## LOGAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**The Rev. Dean Gilbert**  
303 W. Church, 689-4350  
SUNDAY — 9:15 a.m. Worship  
10:30 a.m. Sunday School  
9:15 a.m. Fifth Sunday song service  
FIRST & THIRD WEDNESDAYS — 6:30 p.m. UMYF  
SECOND WEDNESDAY — 1:30 p.m. United Methodist Women  
THIRD WEDNESDAY — 7:30 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting

## LONG ISLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**The Rev. Dean Gilbert**  
554 Washington, 854-7626  
SUNDAY — 11 a.m. Morning Worship  
FIRST SUNDAY — 12 noon Fellowship Dinner  
1 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting  
FIRST WEDNESDAY — 2 p.m. United Methodist Women's Meeting in Fall, Winter and Spring

## LYLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Guest Speakers Each Sunday**  
SUNDAY — 8 a.m. Worship Service  
TUESDAY — Sewing at the Community Building

## NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Larry Danforth**  
693-4519  
SUNDAY — 10 a.m. Worship Service  
MONDAY — 7 p.m. Bible Study at Fellowship Hall

## ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH, NEW ALMELO

**stjosephcc@ruraltel.net**  
**Father Vincent Thu Laing**  
SUNDAY — 8:30 a.m. Mass  
FRIDAY and MONDAY — 8 a.m. Scripture Communion Service  
Weekday Mass Tuesday 8:30 a.m.

## THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

**Phillipsburg Ward**  
**Tom Arnett, Bishop**  
SUNDAY — 10:00 a.m. Sacrament meeting  
11:15 a.m. Sunday School  
Noon - Priesthood and Relief Society  
WEDNESDAY — Young Men/Young Women, Ages 12-18

## PRAIRIE VIEW REFORMED CHURCH

**The Rev. Jeffrey Van Der Weele**  
410 Holland, Prairie View  
973-2794  
SUNDAY — 9 a.m. Morning Worship



## LUCTOR CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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**The Rev. Jeffrey Van Der Weele**  
973-2794  
SUNDAY — 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

## CROSSROADS CHURCH

**313 West Lincoln Street**  
**Pastor, Ron Scheimo**  
Phone: 877-2416  
SATURDAY — 8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer  
SUNDAY — 9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
WEDNESDAY — 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

## CROSSROADS MINISTRIES

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## FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

**Pastor Terrill Worthington**  
1010 Churchill Dr.  
877-2181  
SUNDAY — 9:15 a.m. Time of Prayer (Adults)  
9:30 a.m. Time of Prayer (Children in kitchen)  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship  
6 p.m. Choir Practice  
7 p.m. Evening Service  
WEDNESDAY — 6 p.m. 3D at Parsonage  
7 p.m. Adult Bible Study, King's Kids, Jr. High and High School Worship  
8 p.m. Committee Meetings, Team Practice  
2nd THURSDAY of each month — 7 p.m. Women of the Church of God  
3rd SATURDAY of each month — 8 a.m. Men's Breakfast

## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, NORTON

**The Rev. Herman Lambrecht**  
805 W. Wilberforce, Norton  
SUNDAY — 8:00 a.m. Informal Worship in Fellowship Hall  
9:15 a.m. Bible Classes for all Ages  
10:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary  
Youth Sunday — Maia Carlson will be signing her books during Fellowship Coffee. There will also be books available for purchase. If you have one of her books (her fourth book is now at the publishers) bring it for her to autograph. This is open to the community  
4:00 p.m. Boy Scouts  
6-8 p.m. Living Nativity, No Bridge Service  
MONDAY — 6-8 p.m. TOPS in Fellowship Hall  
6:30 p.m. Bible Study Babes  
TUESDAY — 6:30 p.m. Bible Study of John  
WEDNESDAY — 8:00 a.m. Prayer Warriors  
6:00 p.m. Administrative Council (Note Change of Date)  
THURSDAY — Noon, United Methodist Women General Luncheon Meeting. Last week's meeting was postponed. All women are invited to attend.  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20 — Fourth Sunday of Advent  
10:30 a.m. Worship, Children's Christmas Program  
4:30-7:00 p.m. Open House at the Parsonage  
DECEMBER 24, Christmas Eve. Worship with Communion at 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.

## IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

**The Rev. Rick Rostek**  
814 N. Second, Norton  
877-2430  
SUNDAY — 9:00 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
MONDAY — 5:15 p.m. LWML  
TUESDAY — 6:30 p.m. Elders  
WEDNESDAY — 2:00 p.m. Andbe Home  
6:00 p.m. Choir  
7:00 p.m. Worship

## LIVING HOPE FELLOWSHIP

**One mile south of Norton at corner of PDRA road**  
**Pastor Jerry Cummings**  
877-2426  
SUNDAY — 10 a.m. Worship and Praise Service  
WEDNESDAY — 7 p.m. Youth and Children's Programs

7 p.m. Adult Home Bible Study

## NORTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**Jeff Nielsen, Minister**  
**Mike Sander, Youth Minister**  
**Cody Petersen, Intern**  
e-mail: [ncc\\_office@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ncc_office@sbcglobal.net)  
208 N. Kansas, 877-2871

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 — 10:00-12 noon, Children's Christmas Program Practice  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 — 8:00 a.m. Early Service

9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:40 a.m. Worship Service  
Noon, Fellowship Dinner  
1:00 p.m. Board meeting  
6:00 p.m. "Ignite"  
6:00 p.m. Soup Supper, Everyone bring a Soup

7:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Program  
TUESDAY — 7:30 p.m. Grief Support  
WEDNESDAY — 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer  
Breakfast at Pure Prairie

9:00 a.m. Prayer and Fellowship  
6:15 p.m. AWANA and TREK  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20 — 8:00 a.m. Early Service

9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:40 a.m. Worship Service  
5:30 p.m. Caroling, Chili Meal Following, Everyone Invited  
6:00 p.m. No Ignite

## NORTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

**Pastor Charles Ross**  
112 S. Archer, 877-5214  
SUNDAY — 11 a.m. Worship Service  
6 p.m. Evening Service  
WEDNESDAY — 7 p.m. Mid-Week Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

## NORTON MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE

Andbe Home Services, 2 p.m. and Norton Manor Services 3 p.m.  
There is no meeting of the alliance during the summer months

## NORTON SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

105 S. Case Street  
**Pastor Jerry Nowack**  
SATURDAY SERVICES — 9:15 a.m. Church Services  
10:45 a.m. Sabbath School

## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Father Vincent Thu Laing**  
877-2234  
[stfranci@ruraltel.net](mailto:stfranci@ruraltel.net)  
108 S. Wabash, Norton  
Mass Schedule  
Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass  
Wednesday — 7:15 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.  
Thursday 7:30 a.m.  
Friday 7:30 a.m.  
Saturday 7 p.m.  
Sacrament of Reconciliation  
4 p.m. Saturday, 30 minutes before Mass or by appointment  
TUESDAY — 7 p.m. Bingo  
WEDNESDAY — 7 p.m. SYF (K-8)  
First Friday of the Month — Adoration following Morning Mass  
First Saturday of the Month — 8 a.m. Marian Devotions  
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## TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Alberta Slaby, Senior Warden**  
**102 E. Waverly, Norton**  
SUNDAY — 9:30 a.m. Christian Education  
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
Celebrant, Fr. Barney Gordon  
11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour Host: L. Krauss  
3:00-4:00 p.m. God's Pantry, Elaine Mann

## REDEEMER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN (WELS)

**805 West Holme Street**  
**West Hwy. 36, Norton**  
877-3138/3824  
[timmmeyer@ruraltel.net](mailto:timmmeyer@ruraltel.net)  
**Pastor Timm O. Meyer**  
SATURDAY — 1:00 p.m. NCF Worship  
SUNDAY — 7:00 a.m. Time of Grace on Fox TV  
9:05 a.m. Goodness from the Good Shepherd Radio Broadcast, KQNK, 106.7FM/1530AM  
9:30 a.m. Worship Service  
10:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:55 a.m. Bible Study  
Noon, NCF Worship Service  
4:10 p.m. Communion at Russell, KS  
7:00 p.m. Worship, Living Savior at Hays  
TUESDAY — 3:40 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., Group Home Devotions  
6:00 and 7:30 p.m. NCF Bible Studies  
SATURDAY — 1:00 p.m. NCF Worship Service

## MAPLE GROVE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

**Terry Laughlin**  
9 miles west 4 1/2 miles north of Norton  
SUNDAY — 10 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
4th Tuesday, Women's Fellowship  
Second Sunday, Noon, carry-in dinner  
1:00 p.m. Music Concert

## THE ROCK

FRIDAY — 7:00-10:00 p.m. Seventh, Eighth, and Ninth Graders  
First Sunday Night of the Month — Quarry, 6:30 p.m. Junior and Senior High Worship Event