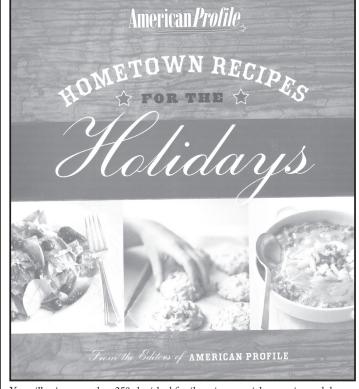




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OPENS THE DOOR TO REVELATION

"But after [Joseph] had considered [divorcing Mary quietly, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph... do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a Son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus...'" (Matthew 1:20-21)

What we have here is divine revelation from God to his obedient servant, Joseph.

At this time in history Jesus' birth needed another immediate intervention from God to get a person ordained for this life changing event on the right track. It is very possible that Joseph prayerfully thought on the issue of Mary being with child in the stillness of the night. It is was very likely while he was alone in prayer with the Lord, being totally dependent on God and having a heart prepared for obedience, Joseph fell asleep. During this sleep the Lord gave Joseph just what he needed most in a very difficult time in life for him.

This special revelation had four purposes. 1.) It was to give assurance to Joseph. When the angel spoke, "Joseph, son of David" (Matthew 1:20) this quickened Joseph's attention and alerted his spiritual heart. 2.) The purpose of this revelation from God in a dream was to give Joseph explanation. 3.) This revelation from God to Joseph was to reveal the destiny of the child born of a virgin, Mary, the woman pledged to him for lifetime marriage. The Lord revealed to Joseph that the Son to be born to them would save people from their sins and that He would be God in the flesh among them. (Matthew 1:21, 23) 4.) This revelation from God to Joseph was for comfort and guidance. Think of the comfort that must have came to him as the Lord revealed to him that Biblical prophecy was being fulfilled.

Christians, as they are serving the Lord, will at times face situations when it seems impossible to determine the Lord's will. It is in those times they must have the courage of Joseph, die to self, seek the whole counsel of God's Word, and pray through expecting God to answer. He will give His revelation to them and it will bring comfort, explanation, and direction.

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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, **ALMENA**

Kirk Kasson, Pastor e-mail: 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 Dis-

THURSDAY — 7:15 a.m. Teen Men's Dis-

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

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 MONDAY — Family Home Evening WEDNESDAY — Young Men/Young Women, Ages 12-18; 5-9 Family History Center Open December 24-25 — Temple Closed December 27 — 8:30 a.m. Welfare Meeting

9:30 a.m. Choir Practice 1:15 p.m. Ward Correlation Meeting

> **PRAIRIE VIEW** REFORMED CHURCH The Rev. Jeffrey Van Der Weele



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SUNDAY — 9 a.m. Morning Worship

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SUNDAY — 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

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SUNDAY - 9:15 a.m. Time of Prayer (Adults)

9:30 a.m. Time of Prayer (Children in kitch-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 — 4th Sunday of Advent

Christmas Sunday 8:00 a.m. Informal Worship in Fellowship Hall

9:15 a.m. Classes for all ages

10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary - "One Small Child" Christmas Program by Children

4:30-7:00 p.m. Open House at the Lambrecht's

NO Bridge Worship MONDAY - 6:00 TOPS6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study WEDNESDAY — NO Choirs $THURSDAY-Church\ Office\ Closed$ 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service at Edmond

United Methodist Church 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service at Norton United Methodist Church 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service at Norton

United Methodist Church FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25 — Christmas Day,

NOON, Chamber of Commerce Christmas Dinner in Fellowship Hall. If you are alone, come and enjoy the good food. Bring salad or dessert SUNDAY, DEC. 27 - 8:00 a.m. Informal

Worship in Fellowship hall 9:15 a.m. Classes for all Ages 10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary 6:00 p.m. Movie Night

7:00 p.m. Sr. High UMYF

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 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

208 N. Kansas, 877-2871

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23 — 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast at Pure Prairie 9:00 a.m. Prayer and Fellowship 6:15 p.m. NO AWANA and TREK

Thursday and Friday, December 24 and 25, Office Closed

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24 - 6:30 p.m.Christmas Eve Service SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 — 8:00 a.m. Early

9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:40 a.m. Worship Service 6:00 p.m. No Ignite

Service

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 CURCH

105 S. Case Street Pastor Jerry Nowack SATURDAY SERVICES — 9:15 a.m. Church

10:45 a.m. Sabbath School

Services

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH **Father Vincent Thu Laing** 877-2234 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 follow-

ing 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: Deb Terrell 11:45 a.m. We will be decorating the Church for Christmas with a Soup Lunch to follow 3:00-4:00p.m. God's Pantry, Alberta Slaby

> REDEEMER EVANGELICAL **LUTHERAN(WELS)** 805 West Holme Street West Hwy. 36, Norton 877-3138/3824 timmomeyer@ruraltel.net

Pastor Timm O. Meyer SATURDAY — 9:30 a.m. Nomination Com-

10:00 a.m. Confirmation Class 1:00 p.m. NCF Worship Service

SUNDAY — 7:00 a.m. Time of Grace on Fox 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. Christmas Practice 10:55 a.m. Men's Meeting Noon, NCF Worship Service

7:00 p.m. Worship, Living Savior at Hays TUESDAY — 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. NCF Bible Studies

THURSDAY — 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Childrens' Worship Service FRIDAY — 9:30 a.m. Christmas Day Song

Service SATURDAY — 1:00 p.m. NCF Worship

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

3rd Sunday, Noon, carry-in dinner

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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

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