

Make Church a Part of Your Life

WEEKLY SERMONETTE



“Baptism” -Publicly Identifying With Christ

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You are Expected to Live the Life
Once you have through repentance received Jesus Christ and identified with Him through water baptism, you are expected to live the life. Romans 6:3-23 says, "...don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

If we have been united with Him like this in His death, we will certainly also be united with Him in His resurrection. For we know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin -- because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, He cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over Him. The death He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life He lives, He lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your

body to Him as instruments of righteousness. For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.

What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey--whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death,

or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted. You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness. I put this in human terms because you are weak in your natural selves. Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity and to ever-increasing

wickedness, so now offer them in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness. When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Let the Holy Spirit prick your spiritual heart with this question: what are you dying for? Each of us is spending our lives on something: the flesh, the world, Satan or Christ.

Galatians 5:19-25 says, "The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."

A Forever Friend

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Many of us are fortunate to have had at least one "forever friend" ...the friend who's seen us through good and bad times, the one who knows all our secrets, the one who loves us no matter what. Some of us are not so lucky. But whether you are surrounded by many friends or you are a loner, you can have God as your constant friend and companion. In Proverbs 17:17 we read, "A friend loveth at all times." God's unfailing love and direction provides a bond for all our days. God, your "forever friend", awaits at your house of worship. He wants to be your constant companion.

Weekly Scripture Reading						
Philemon 1-25	Genesis 17:1-27	Genesis 18:1-15	Genesis 21:1-21	Genesis 22:1-19	Genesis 24:1-33	Genesis 24:34-67

Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society

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NOTICE OF SUIT

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS
In the Matter of the Marriage of Lydia Iacobucci (Name of Spouse Filing) and Ron Leslie Iacobucci (Name of Other Spouse)
Case No. 2013-DM-25

NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Kansas to Ron Leslie Iacobucci (Name of non-filing spouse):
You are notified that a Petition for Divorce was filed in the District Court of Norton County, Kansas asking that the

person filing the divorce be granted a divorce and asking that the court make other orders in that divorce matter. You must file an answer to the Petition for Divorce with the court and provide a copy to the filing spouse on or before August 1, 2013, which shall not be less than 41 days after first publication of this Notice of Suit, or the court will enter judgment against you on that Petition.

Filing Spouse (Print):
Lydia Iacobucci
Address: 506 E. Main Street
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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RESOLUTION NO. 2013-6

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RESOLUTION NO. 2013-6
A RESOLUTION FIXING TIME AND PLACE OF HEARING ON PUBLIC OFFICER'S REPORT FINDING THE PREMISES OF ELDON D. SPRAGUE, 205 MAIN STREET ALMENA, NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS, UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION, DANGEROUS AND UNSAFE
WHEREAS, the Public Officer of the City of Almena, Kansas, has made her report and request to the Governing Body of the City of Almena, Kansas, that finds the premises located within Almena, Kansas, belonging to ELDON D. SPRAGUE, also known as ELDEN SPRAGUE, more particularly described as follows:
Lot Ten (10) Block Two (2), Harrison Addition to the City of Almena, Norton County, Kansas, commonly known as 205 Main Street, Almena, Kansas;
appears to be unfit for human habitation, dangerous and unsafe, and is hereby in need of repairs, improvements, removal and demolition pursuant to Section 4-601, et seq., of the Code of the City of Almena, Norton County, Kansas.
WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Almena, Kansas, has authority pursuant to Section 4-601, et seq., of Code of the City of Almena, Kansas, to require or cause the repair, closing or demolition or removal of such structures found to be unfit for human habitation, dangerous or unsafe within Almena, Kansas.
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ALMENA, KANSAS:
SECTION ONE: a hearing will be held before the Governing Body of the City of Almena, Kansas, to determine whether the structure or structures on the premises described above is fit for human use or habitation, dangerous or unsafe, at the following place on the following date:
City Building, Almena, Kansas, on the 5th day of August 2013, at 7:00 p.m.
SECTION TWO: That this resolution shall be published once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks in the official City newspaper and that notice by certified mail be sent to each owner, agent, lienholder and occupant of the premises.
PASSED AND APPROVED this 3rd day of June, 2013.
Camille Mussman, Mayor

