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By NORCATUR NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS Birthdays: Mike Helm-Feb. 25; David Hare, Andrea Marshall, Robert Schoenradt - Feb. 26; Bill Nelson - Feb. 28; Lucas Bailey -March 2.

The Norcatur United Methodist Church will have a pancake supper on Saturday, March 6, in the Educational Building from 5-7 p.m. The new pastor, Kathy Aeillo, will be there to meet and greet evervone. She serves the Norcatur, Clayton and Almena Methodist churches. Everyone is welcome.

John and Mary Rubendall celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 23. Their address is: 1002 15th Ave., Franklin, Neb. 68939.

Sunday, Feb. 22, visitors of Francis and Arlene Hix were Veryl and Freida Van Der Wege, Norton, and Gail and Mark Bailey.

Oran and LaVerne Milner met Ralph and Evelyn Strayer at the Cardinal Cafe Wednesday morning, Feb. 18, for breakfast. The Strayers then went on to Norton to do business.

There were sixteen at Senior Citizens Friday, Feb. 20. Winners were Clent Hatfield, Esther Miller and Dorothy Lawn. The next meeting will be Friday, March 5, beginning at 6 p.m. for a soup and pie supper, as guests of the Norcatur Royal Neighbor Lodge. Cards will follow at 7 p.m. at the Educational Building.

Tuesday, Feb. 17, visitors of Virgil and Joyce Price were Sue Crockett of Aurora, Colo., and Ruby Cook and Kenneth and Pansy Price, Clayton. The following Sunday afternoon, Bob and Leona Schoenradt of Norcatur were visitors.

The weekend of Feb. 21, Frank and Velda Ward were visited by their daughter, Wava Reames of Kingfisher, Okla. As usual, cards were a'flyin'. Friday evening, Feb. 20, Leslie and Lynn Ward and daughter, Kaley, were guests for a delicious "Firefighter's Pizza".

Sunday noon, Feb. 22, guests of Frank and Velda Ward were Wava Reames, Keith and Kaley Ward. Sunday evening guests were Marguerite Clark, and David and Kathy Ankenman from California message is on them), and bring for an evening of flying cards literally! A crazy variety of Uno Attack has a device that throws cards at the unlucky person who pushes the button. If laughter is good medicine, the group decided they'll all be healthy for a long odist Women will be sponsoring a time.

The children of Ivan Lerov Auker request a prayer and card Oklahoma, Texas and New shower for their father, who was to Mexico this year. Young women, ages 15-22, may apply by April 1. be admitted to Ketichan Memorial Information and applications can Hospital on Wednesday, Feb. 25, be picked up from Marla West. to undergo surgery for colon can-The total cost for this year's cer. His address is Ivan L. Auker, P.O. Box 375, Craig, Ala., 99921. METour is \$300. John and Mary Rubendall wish show that the Preschool Spring to announce the birth of their first Program/Graduation will be on great-grandson, Solomon Aldon May 12 at 7 p.m. in the All-Pur-Lang, weighing in at a mighty 5 pose Room. pounds, 3 ounces. Parents are Libby and Kevin Lang of

Wymore, Neb., and grandparents are Jan and David Beck.

Mail can be sent to Pat Schwab in care of Susan Boultinghouse, 1125 Centennial Boulevard, Hays, Kan., 67601. She is recuperating from a stroke and would appreciate hearing from friends.

Esther Miller went to Monday Bridge Club, Feb. 16, at the Merle Shirley residence in Oberlin. She later had supper with Gary and Annette Miller in Oberlin.

Beverly Morris had supper and spent the night with Esther Miller on Thursday night, Feb. 19.

Does anyone have an extra copy of the "blue" history book of Norcatur, which you would like to donate to the library or city office? If you have an extra one, please contact Chris at 693-4461.

Sharee Dempewolf was a weekend guest at Lynn and Ralph Striet's in Larned. While there she helped Aunt Lynn make new curtains for their dining room, and went to Hutchinson. Sharee stopped by to see Ray, Jen and Bryce Thornton in Hays.

Andrea Marshall's 18th birthday was celebrated at Troy and Deb Marshall's home on Sunday evening, Feb. 22. Those attending besides her family were grandparents Forrest and Inez Jackson, and Neil Marshall, Kathy Almquist and Adam Spanier.

Congratulations to Andrea and Anthony Marshall for taking firsts at the Wheatland speech tournament on Saturday, Feb. 21. Andrea took first with her informative speech, and Anthony with his humorous solo.

The Three Prairie FCE met Thursday, Feb. 13, with five members present. Roll call was "Something about Valentines." Vicepresident Lula Hix called the meeting to order. The "Crock Pot Cookery" lesson was discussed, and pamphlets were handed out. After a Valentine exchange, a delicous luncheon was served by Norma McCallister.

Do you throw away your old greeting cards? Please save them. The Youthville organization in Newton is recycling old greeting cards into new ones. Just cut off the fronts of the cards (making sure no them to the Methodist Church or Educational Building, where there is abox for them. All kinds of cards can be used-birthday, Christmas, sympathy, etc.

The Kansas West United Meth-Mission Education Tour June 6-16, departing from Wichita to

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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

After Surrender ... What? By LIVING HOPE

"Have I Forgotten Anything?"

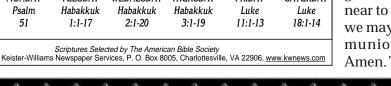
"Well. I think I am ready to head out the door now. I had better check and see if I have forgotten anything. Let's see...here are my keys, my credit cards, my laptop, my cell phone, that new pager I'm supposed to try. Is there anything else? Goodness, I nearly forgot the most important item ... my Bible!"

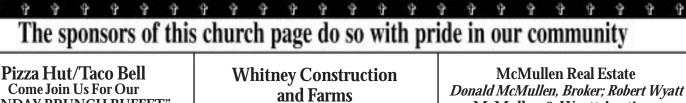
everything. Our brains are usually in overload mode and just simply short circuit! That is why we must keep the most important things...those that we cannot do without... first and foremost in our consciousness.

We must remember God first, for all of the success in the world cannot bring you happiness without God's peace within you. Mark 8:36 points out, "For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?"

Won't you carry God with you? Worship Him each week and learn about the important place your Heavenly Father occupies in your life. You will be glad that you didn't forget God.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Psalm	Psalm	Habakkuk	Habakkuk	Habakkuk	Luke	Luke
122	51	1:1-17	2:1-20	3:1-19	11:1-13	18:1-14
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what? Surrender for deliverance from sin, puts

In our busy world, it is difficult, if not impossible, to remember

us under the saving grace of God found only through God's Son,

world."

strength and the ability we need to fulfill those commit-

ments we long to complete, commitments made to each

and to His Lordship. God delivers us from self-

centeredness and sin-centeredness which enables us to

With our hearts surrendered unto Christ for salvation

other or to the work to which God has called us to do.

Jesus Christ. All burden of sin is put to rest and the bondage it has on us is broken. Wholehearted devotion to God then brings aspiration for unbroken communion with Him.

and devoted is "being

loyal." Jesus gave this

description of devotion,

"If anyone would come

after me, he must deny

himself and take up his

cross and follow Me." In

John 2:15 we see what

devotion to God is, "Do

not love the world (this

present world system)

or anything in the

After surrender...

Our prayer should be, "Lord, help us to be totally surrendered to you. Help us to be wholly devoted to you. We have been preoccupied in the things of this world. Forgive us, and draw us near to you always that we may have rare communion with you.

many churches are speaking a lot about commitment to the local church, friends and family. But I have heard very little about surrendering of our will to the will of God." All of us have made commitments only to see our self-will preventing us from completing those commitments wholeheartedly.

I once heard the great preacher Adrian Rogers tell of a

time when he was visiting with a missionary from over-

seas. Adrian asked the missionary, "What do you no-

Reluctantly, the missionary replied, "I noticed that

tice about Christianity here in American?"

Jesus was able to complete the work that His Father gave Him to do and brought glory to God because He surrendered His will to His Father in heaven. Jesus prayed in Gethsemane "yet not as I will, but as you will."

How can we bring glory to God's will surrendering to bring deliverance from sin and devotion to God?

God's will is that "all should come to repentance" and receive Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and Lord. Jesus said, "Come unto Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." For everyone who will repent and accept Christ, there is the promise of sins being forgiven and never being remembered against him or her again. There is a fresh clean start in the sight of God. God's grace goes beyond forgiveness, it also includes giving us the

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Colby Medical Center.

VanMeter.

attack.

Ladies working on more quilts

for American Mexican Missions

were Joyce Sumner, Margaret

Magers, June Jolly and Kathy

Mary Margaret Helm came

from her home in Arizona to be

recuperates from his recent heart

children Tyler and Brittany Hawk,

all of Aurora, Colo., took her

grandmother, Margaret Magers, to

the funeral for Merle Berry last

Wednesday. The funeral was at St.

John's Lutheran Church, north-

west of Danbury with burial at

Hamburg Cemetery, northwest of

Lebanon. Mr. Berry was a brother-

in-law of Richard Engelhardt.

Jane and Richard Engelhardt vis-

a 10-day visit with their son and

brother, Merlin Wood.

pitch at Norcatur.

Veda Wood, Dwight Wood and Teresa Reves went to Florida for

ited Mrs. Magers that evening.

By KATHY VANMETER Kearney, Neb., last Friday to shop, for Helen Helm while Mrs. Helm

game. Present were the Dean Jolly family, the Dennis McFarland of McCook, the Carroll Jolly family from Omaha and friends, the Ron

Kathy VanMeter and Margaret Magers helped distribute Heartland SHARES last Saturday. They delivered SHARES to the John Helm home, to June Jolly and to Veda Wood.

Sunday Mrs. Magers, Mrs. Jolly with her parents while her father and Mrs. VanMeter attended the Norcatur Commercial Club Pancake Supper and then went on to Pam Engelhardt along with her Party Pitch at the Norton American Legion.

Feb. 23 June Jolly and Karen

Margaret Magers, Kathy VanMeter and June Jolly all played pinochle recently at the County Line Cafe in Norcatur. Joyce Sumner and Eleanor Jenson from Norton joined them. They all stayed for the fried chicken dinner.

VanMeter visited Marguerite Fullerton at the Good Samaritan Home in Oberlin.

June Jolly played Bingo at WalMart in McCook last week. Later, she joined the McCook National Bank's Freedom Fifty Club

June Jolly's family met in

Kathy VanMeter is substituting sight-see and attend a hockey is with her husband, John, who had a heart attack Feb. 17. Mr. Helmis improving and recovering at Weich family of Omaha.

Brown played pitch in McCook.

Feb. 25 Mrs. Magers and Mrs.

Margaret Magers and Kathy VanMeter attended Friday night for a card party.