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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

By Jerry Cummings, pastor of Living Hope Fellowship in Norton

In 1 John 3:1 we read, "Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!" I was visiting with a young man recently who spoke of what a privilege it would be to be an angel. I shared with him that we have an even better, higher place than the angels, especially in eternity. The angels, although glorious, are God's servants. But for those of us who have received Jesus, we are sons (children) of God himself.

A son has a much higher place than a servant. A servant may serve at the king's table, but a son has a seat at the table. A servant may receive wages from the king, but sons will inherit all that belongs to the king. And there are many more differences than these.

For example, a servant may be punished for misbehavior, in order to change his behavior. However, a son is disciplined, in order to develop character, that is for his own good. Also, a son has security that a servant does not. A servant's relationship can be terminated at any time at the discretion of the master. However, as sons, our Father will never terminate the relationship, except at our choosing.

And there is more. As a son, one

has the DNA, the inherited, inborn likeness to his father. Servants on the other hand have no inherited characteristics. Furthermore, although a master may love his servant, there is not the love bond that one has with someone who has come forth from you.

Our son ship, (both men and women) to God our father, is even greater, more real than earthly son ship. In John we read that we are born of God. And in Paul's writing we read that we are adopted by

Him as well. Our son ship is both by birth and by choice. And beyond this, we are told that since we are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, so we can truly speak to God as his very own child.

This is truly an amazing thing. As John said, "Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us ... John also said something else in another passage. He said that "to as many as received Him, to them he gave the right to become the sons of God." You see, being a son of God is our choice as well as God's. Have you received Him, believed in Him, and turned from your life without God? What honor, what glory, what love, that we should be the very sons of God.

Squeaky Clean



Zack's bath is quite an event. The water temperature is tested and all the bath implements are lined up and ready. Actually, it doesn't take long to wash him. He's so small. Yet, how wonderful it is to gather him up in his soft "ducky" towel and hold him close. Nothing smells better than a newly bathed infant.

However, as he becomes older and meets other children from varied environments, we must take just as much care to keep not only his body clean, but his spirit as well, for youngsters tend to imitate what they see and hear. We must begin early to teach a child right from wrong.

Psalm 24:3-4 says, "Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord or who shall stand in His holy place? He that hath clean hands and a pure heart."

Not only children, but all of us need to learn God's will for our lives. In Psalm 51:7 we read, "Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow." Won't you worship together as a family this Sabbath? Better yet, make it a weekly event.

SUNDAY Psalm 80 MONDAY Psalm 81 TUESDAY Psalm 84 WEDNESDAY Psalm 85 THURSDAY Psalm 112 FRIDAY Psalm 113 SATURDAY Psalm 115

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PRAIRIE VIEW

By VIVIAN JANSONIUS

Stanley and Donna Kats spent the weekend in Denver at the home of Darrell and Phyllis Delimont and attended a meeting.

Eddy and Anita De Boer of Phillipsburg entertained to dinner on Sunday. Those present were: Jerol and Jennifer De Boer, Kelsee and Taylor, Mark and Lisa Grieve, Kaiden and Megan and Heath and Lori Bogart, Kali, Alex and Kemberi all of Hays; Kerry and Rhonda Kellerman, Jordan, Jaron and Jacey of Phillipsburg; and Vivian Jansonius of Prairie View. They helped Lori Bogart and Jacey Kellerman celebrate their birthdays which were on March 11.

Rev. Jeffrey VanDer Weele, and Bill Greving, attended classes March 20, in Macy, Neb.

Orlin and Wilma Hogan of Long Island, visited at the home of Robert and Edna Earle De Boer, Sunday after church services. They helped them celebrate their anniversary.

Wilmer and Marie Hogan returned from Arizona.

The Gleaner's Circle of the Prairie View Reformed Church and the Sunshine City Library, sponsored a representative of Kid-Link of the Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas at a meeting on March 4 at the Prairie View Library.

Michelle Gaddis, Smith Center, and Marie Bredemeier, Phillipsburg, were the guest speakers and showed films about Kid-Link. Wauneta Schemper and Henrietta Van Kotten of Long Island, Linda Van der Weele, Goldie Barker, Darline Brown, Julianna Lasniewski, Hazel Jansonius, Linda Hultgren, Vivian Jansonius, Carol Short, Faith Van Diest, Anne Jansonius and Ila DeWitt attended.

Burdett Leydig spent the weekend in Kearney at the home of his family, Gene and Tammy Tillotson, Sydney and Colin and Mike and Lisa Leydig, Courtney and Megan.

Rev. Jeffrey Van der Weele went to Denver to attend the Rocky Mountain Classic. Clarence Tien and his wife, Bette, also attended.

Anice crowd attended the World Day of Prayer at Luctor Christian Reformed Church. The program was written by Linda Van der Weele. Women from the Long Island Methodist Church and the Prairie View Reformed Church helped.

John and Wanda Prinsen of Farmington, Minn., came to help her aunt, Irene De Young, move to Norton Manor. Ms. De Young had been living at the Assisted Living Center in Logan.

Library News

The Sunshine City Library has received a grant for children's books from the Libri Foundation of Eugene, Ore. The foundation is a non-profit organization which donates new children's books to small, rural public libraries.

The foundation will match money on a two-to-one ratio. Thus, a library may receive up to \$1,050 worth of children's books.

The Library's local sponsor is the Pakkebie Foundation. The library has selected 70 titles that will arrive sometime in April or May.

The Sunshine City Library Board met on March 15. Present were Danny and Carol Short, Dian Tien, Darline Brown and Gloria DeWitt.

Dian Tien reported on a meeting in Osborne. Belva Leydig's vehicle banks are now in the display case. Rhonda Jacques is making some story figures for the Flannelgraph. Seven story hours are complete, the final session is scheduled for April 1. A volunteer party will be held on Wednesday, April 21, at 7 p.m. The monthly library board meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. that day. Mrs. DeWitt will check on prices of a computer, printer and copier. The Fire Department was to use the building for CPR classes on March 16. Tom Mach will get back to us about whether he will be available for a summer story hour session. The need for new board members and lawn care was also discussed.

Kassie DeWitt has been home this week visiting her parents, Jeffrey and Gloria DeWitt. She left Monday to return to Dordt College in Sioux Center, Iowa.

The following members of the Prairie View Reformed Church, including some relatives and friends, went to Logan on March 16, to have services in the Logan Manor. Those present were Norman and Rose Erickson, Bart and Erma Soodsma, Dean and Grace Dillon and Virgil and Marilyn Whitsit, Phillipsburg, and Rev. Jeffrey Van Der Weele, Hazel Jansonius, Goldie Barker and Vivian Jansonius, Prairie View. After the services, they had supper in Phillipsburg.

Attended the "Carry-In Dinner" on March 17 in the Senior Citizen Community Center. Tom and Berta Van Diest, Wilmer and Marie Hogan, Burdett and Belva Leydig, Glen and Linda Hultgren, Freda Rupke, Julianna Lasniewski, Faith Van Diest, Goldie Barker, Vivian Jansonius, Gertrude Erickson and Erma Jean Nyland.



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