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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

“POWER IN PRAYER” BY LIVING WORD CHURCH

John 15:7, “If you remain in Me and My Words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.”

To remain in Christ and to allow His Words to remain in you means a conscious acceptance of the authority of His Word and a constant contact with Him by heartfelt prayer. In this verse the Lord is not promising to answer, “yes” to every chance whim. But so long as the true believer is seeking the Lord’s will, Jesus would grant every request that would help accomplish this end.

There are degrees of spiritual attainment among believers. Jesus encourages Christians to reach a certain privileged position that is available to all who say that they are in Christ, but not all have attained it. Many friends in ministry tell me that they have at least one prayer warrior who can touch the throne of God and get His clear answer on the things offered up in prayer in Jesus’ name.

Many prayer warriors with successful prayer ministries have experienced the promise of Jesus in this Scripture. These prayer warriors have three Biblical truths working in their lives by being illuminated by the Holy Spirit.

They remain in Christ and faithful in prayer even after going through the fiery trials of life. Trials prove whether a Christian

can walk the talk. Remaining in Christ is to be like a branch hooked to its life-giving vine, receiving the nutrients needed to produce healthy fruit. They look to Jesus to empower them to produce the fruit of the Holy Spirit and for strengthening them to live their lives for Him.

They allow the Word of God to reveal sin in their lives, repent of it, and trust in Jesus to help them be overcomers.

They ask in child-like faith according to God’s written Word completely dependent upon Him to accomplish His will.

A powerful prayer life is obtained by accepting Jesus Christ as personal Savior and Lord and by remaining in Christ no matter what! In the midst of difficult circumstances Habakkuk was able to pray, “Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior.”

By allowing God’s Word to wash their hearts of sin as well as praying according to the written Word of God, Christians can experience power in prayer and see God answer,



“My country ‘tis of Thee,
sweet land of liberty,
of Thee I sing...”

Each year these words multiply in value in direct proportion to the attempts of some to remove God from our public places...

beginning with school children, our next generation of lawmakers. This is most significant, for without God in the future; the God on whom our country was founded, our children and their children could live in chaos.

More than any time in history, we must incorporate God into our lives and the lives of our children if we want their future to be bright. Begin with weekly family worship, and then incorporate our Heavenly Father into each day and each decision. Keep His words in your heart, where they are safe from harm. Unless we act now, the lives of our heroes that were lost in the name of freedom, and the suffering of those who still live, will have been in vain.

When you hear the church bells this week on God’s day... remember that they are the bells of freedom. May they forever ring in our great nation...the United States of America!

“...Let Freedom Ring”

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Ephesians	2 Timothy	1 Peter	1 Peter	Romans	2 Corinthians	2 Corinthians
6:10-20	1:1-18	1:1-12	1:13-25	12:1-8	1:1-11	2:5-17

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NORCATUR NEWS

By NORCATUR NEWS-LETTERS VOLUNTEERS

Birthdays and anniversaries: Jeni Henningson, David and Patty Stapp - June 23; Lee Eckhart - June 28.

Velma Rogers hasn’t been feeling up to par lately due to a virus. She is staying at Judy Menges’ house. She may be reached at 1265 N. Brookside Drive, Colby, Kan., 67701.

Memorial week guests of Gerald and Judy Jackson were Vonda (Leichliter) Laird, and her daughter, Marilyn. Vonda is a sister of Judy, and lives in Brentwood, Calif., near San Francisco. Marilyn, daughter of Vonda and niece of Judy, lives in Fredrick, Md. Marilyn went to the Norcatgur grade school some of her years of growing up, so feels this is her home town. She is an employee at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and Vonda manages a number of homeowners associations in surrounding areas of Brentwood, Calif.

The 2004 annual Jackson family reunion was hosted by Gerald and Judy Jackson on Memorial weekend. With a count of 62, not all being immediate family, and represented by the states of Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska, Wyoming, New Mexico, Maryland and California. Other visitors for the day besides family, Harlan and Jackie Palmer of Ludell, Linda (Roe) Henry of Atwood, Von Johnson (son of Crystal Johnson) and wife, Joy, of Pueblo, Colo., Bruce Bishop (Vera Bishop’s son) of Arvada, Colo., and Travis Fisher and friend of Oxford, Neb. We had great music for the day, by Harlan Palmer, Dallas Jackson, and sons Mike and Gary. Other various artists gave it a try, and we also had horseshoe pitching and lots of basketball on the Norcatgur courts.

Grace Reeves sent in the following “Hi” to Norcatgur friends. “It was great to attend church in Norcatgur on June 13 and to visit with some of you. Time didn’t permit me to see all of you. Bill and I went to Atwood to see my brother, Javoll, who is in the hospital there recovering from a broken hip. He had fallen in their home and was taken to the McCook hospital, then he was brought back to Atwood to recover. He had earlier been in the Kearney, Neb., hospital for a ruptured gall bladder and recovered well from that. His wife, Ada Fae, had knee replacement surgery recently so they, like many others their age and some even younger, have medical problems, so it was good to see them. My poor eyesight doesn’t help my writing, so if you can’t read this, toss it in the trash and just tell everyone how much I enjoyed visiting with those I did see. Best wishes to all Norcatgur friends and thanks to all who make the *Norcatgur Newsheet* possible.”

Rea, Dee, and Toots Magers ate lunch at the Senior Citizens Center in Beaver City June 18, with Dwight and Ruth Vise and Karla Clason.

Jeff Magers spent “Dad’s Day” with his parents, Rea and Dee. He helped do several odd jobs before returning home.

Michael and Jaime Kaus are parents of a baby boy, Carter Ray Kaus, born on June 8 at 12:33 p.m. He weighed in at 8 pounds, 7 ounces, and was 22 inches long. Grandparents are John and Brenda (Alexander) Kaus and Jim and Jeanne Ray, all of Norton.

John and Carol Cook sent a message down from Washington State saying they are having a great time with friends on William Lake, near Cheney. They wanted to tell everyone hello down here in Norcatgur, and announce the birth of another granddaughter, Megan Raeanne, who weighed in at 8 pounds and 3 ounces, born on May 27 to son Johnnie and Tosha Cook. Carol said that the man who owned this resort was from Kansas, and had a nice Kansas windmill at his home

there. Bill Hix of Kansas City visited in the Esther Miller home on June 18. On June 21, Beverly and Casey Morris had dinner with Grandma Esther and Bev helped with some yard work. The following Monday Esther Miller entertained the bridge club. Winners were Marty Munson, Ila Ray, and Annette Miller, all of Oberlin.

Frank and Velda Ward had dinner a week ago at Leslie and Lynn Ward’s home, along with Lynn’s mother, Ruby Pflieger of Norton. It was to honor Keith Ward for his graduation from high school, and his birthday. Kaley Ward was also there.

Fourteen attended Senior Citizens June 18. Winners were Kathy Van Meter, R.D. Thornton and Margaret Magers. Next meeting will be July 2, at 7 p.m. in the education building.

The Haskell Cooley family presented a musical program, “A Time For Refreshing”, at the Norton Methodist Church on June 22 at 7:30 p.m. Haskell is a former pianist with the Cathedrals.

Keith Jurey was an overnight guest at the Virgil Price home on June 15. He was enroute back to Albuquerque after spending the last 10 days in Kennard helping repair storm damage on their property there.

Fun Days for the summer reading program will be July 1, 6 and 8, with the awards ceremony on Aug. 10. Fun Day hours are 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Kids should bring a new white T-shirt on July 1. There will be a special prize for the person reading the most pages and books for each reading group.

Anyone interested in making cookies for the summer reading program, please call Chris at (785) 693-4461. Cookies will be needed on July 1, 6, 8 and Aug. 10.

We need 3 or 4 people to come in and tell the summer reading kids about “the good ol’ days” in Norcatgur, farming ways, chores, schooling, downtown Norcatgur, coming to town for groceries and etc. If interested, contact Chris at (785) 693-4461 to set up a day and time.

A mini Norcatgur museum is being set up in the room across the hall from the library in the Norcatgur City building this summer. If you have any Norcatgur memorabilia you would like to donate, please drop it off at the office. Just about anything would be appreciated. One of the recent donations to the museum room is a Norcatgur coin, donated by Rea and Dee Magers.

The Norcatgur library has three new shelves, made by Troy Marshall, which look great. Money received from the Seeds of Hope Telethon made this possible. However, the library needs several more new shelves. Those remaining are warped and in bad shape. About 6 or 8 new ones will be needed. If you would like to help with this project, send your donations to Lois Wentz, RR 1 Box 88, Norcatgur, Kan., 67653. Please note to her that the money is for bookshelves. If you need information, please contact Chris Dempewolf at (785) 693-4461.

READING PROGRAM

The summer reading program in Norcatgur is in full swing. Books may be read anytime from June 1 to Aug. 9. Fun days were Tuesday and Thursday. More fun days will be held this Tuesday and Thursday with an awards ceremony on Aug. 10. The theme for this summer is “Discover New Trails... Read!”

There is one more small project going on at the Norcatgur City building this summer. The room across the hall from the library is being remodeled into a mini Norcatgur museum. Those with Norcatgur memorabilia they would like to donate are asked to bring it to the Norcatgur City office. This could be club books, pictures, high school items, etc. Anything would be appreciated.

ALMENA NEWS

By ESTHER MARBLE

Edna Nelson and her daughter, Joyce Franz of Columbus, Neb., visited Esther Marble Sunday at noon. They were on their way home from the Nelson reunion in Norton. Edna is a sister of Esther’s. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Mulder got

home a few days ago. Marla came over and visited her aunt Carrie Malcom as soon as she got home.

Zachary Stiffler of Meriden spent Saturday overnight with Blaine and Susie Marble, Chance and Bryce. He left Sunday afternoon.

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