

Stop by the administrative office to pick up an application if you have proper qualifications and are interested. Western Plains Energy, 3022 County Road 18, Oakley, KS 67748.

— C 4/5 & 4/12 —

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY. NW Kansas Swine Production Facility in Long Island, KS is now hiring individuals to fill vacancies in BREEDING/FARROWING. We offer competitive wages, opportunity for advancement, longevity enhancements, health insurance and other benefits. Call 785-854-7460 for an application. SMS is an EOE employer.

— N 4/19 —

Whispering Pines Retirement needs you. If you would like to be a day or evening cook. Call 785-874-5500. Also need someone 16 years of age for server/housekeeping evenings and weekends.

— N 4/26 —

Housekeepers Needed for approx. 2-4 hours in the mornings. Apply in person at the Hillcrest Motel, Norton, KS.

— N 4/26 —

USDA/Farm Service Agency has an opening for a Temporary Field Assistant. Up to 40 hours per week, \$10.82 per hour. U.S. Citizen and High School Graduate. Application deadline is April 12, 2006, 4:30 p.m. at the Norton County Farm Service Agency, 11640 Pineview Dr., Norton, KS. 785-877-5156. USDA/FSA is an Equal Opportunity Lender, Provider and Employer.

— N 4/12 —

Now hiring mature evening manager. Apply at Norton Dairy Queen.

— N 4/19 —

Cardinal Bar and Grill, Norcatur, now hiring day and evening shifts. Full and part-time waitresses and cooks. Waitress wage starts \$5.15 per hour. Cooks wage starts \$7 per hour. Call 785-693-4499, ask for Tami.

— N 4/12 —

Truck driver needed to haul grain in Tri-State area. Good wages. CDL required. Call 785-877-2537, 785-871-2194.

— N 4/19 —

Position Opening: The Norton County Appraisers Office is accepting applications for a Appraisal Clerk I position open-

ing. Applications are available at the Appraisers Office, 2nd floor, County Courthouse. Applications are to be returned by April 21st. Norton County Appraisers Office, P.O. Box 70, Norton, Ks., 67654, 785-877-5700.

— N 4/19 —

Midwest OTR drivers needed. Home most weekends. Pulling flatbed. Great pay plus benefits. Call Chris or Jamie at 888-796-9246.

— N 4/19 —

Now accepting applications. Norton Pizza Hut. Apply in

person.

— N 4/19 —

Norton County Road Dept. is accepting applications for mower operators. These are seasonal/temporary positions from May 15 through mowing season. Applications are avail-

able at County Shop, West Washington. For more information call 785-877-5740.

— N 4/19 —

Secretarial Position: Hours are 8-5. Secretarial skills are required. Microsoft Word or Word Perfect knowledge is preferred.

Good Friday Service

Sponsored by the Norton County Ministerial Alliance:
At the Norton Christian Church - 208 N. Kansas Ave

12:00 Noon

"Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, His body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful." (Hebrews 10:19-23)

Order of Service

 (Pianist: Rosetta McFarland)

Welcome: Cody Shepherd

Opening prayer: Randal Medlock

Congregational Hymn: "At the Cross" (led by Pastor Ron Scheimo)

Special Music: Donna Severns

Congregational Hymn: "Why Should He Love Me So?" (led by Pastor Ron Scheimo)

Special Music: Pastors of Ministerial Alliance singing "Kneel at the Cross." (organized by Pastor Ron Scheimo)

Message: Kathy Aeillo - "Washed with Pure Water"

Closing Prayer: Lew Van Der Wege



THE CHRISTIAN'S PASSION

"Denying Oneself"

There is a tale of the great English actor Macready. Macready was once asked by a preacher; "What is the difference between you and me?" You see the actor appeared before crowds night after night proclaiming fiction and people listened with delight. The preacher spoke of the essentials and the unchanged truths of God, yet, most listened with no passion upon their hearts. Macready's answer was this, "I present fiction as though it were true; you present truth as though it were fiction."

Over the course of time the cancers of legalism, traditionalism, denominationalism and faddism will choke the life out of a church. True believers do not want a church that has only a form of godliness but denies the truth and power of God (2 Timothy 3:5). It is a necessity that the church of Jesus Christ maintains a vibrant walk with the Lord. Pastors must preach messages that reflect Holy Spirit revelation and illumination of the Word of God.

Jesus has this description of what is to be expressed in the child of God who is passionate for Him, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself... For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Mark 8:34-37) This is a very powerful truth presented by Christ which enables the child of God to express a life of passion for Him and it begins with "denying oneself."

If there is anyone who deserves our attention, our loyalty, our time, our money, our efforts, our adoration, our devotion, our worship and praise, it is Jesus Christ. The Christian's passion is to accomplish the complete will of God for him and he must have a desire in his heart to die to self-will. "Deny" (Greek *aparneomai*) means to disown, disregard, forsake, renounce, or reject. The application is to subdue the flesh and bring it under submission to the Highest authority. This is not negative, such as denying oneself something, but rather it is positive action. It is saying "No" to self in order to say "Yes" to what Jesus Christ wills you to do. This enables you to let Jesus be truly Lord of your life allowing you to enjoy the benefits of being a child of God. People all too often forfeit God's best for them by not denying self.

The apostle Paul knew the joys, victories and blessings of denying self to achieve God's will for him; every child God has the same opportunities that the apostle Paul had. The key to accomplishing this is through mortification of the flesh. The apostle Paul exhorts the church with this, "For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Holy Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live" (Romans 8:13). Paul also wrote, "Those who belong to Christ have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires" (Galatians 5:24).

Do you have a passion for Christ? Does it reflect a life of self-denial to sin and the influences of this world? If not, sacrifice your life to Him, He sacrificed His for you!

We pray the Risen Christ is alive in YOUR heart today!

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