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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"Knowing Jesus Christ"
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Christians are often instructed that they need to know Jesus. It is not enough to know about Jesus. He is a life giving Spirit (Holy Spirit) that can be known.

One way a person knows Jesus is to abide in Him. In John 15, Jesus says, "Abide in me as I abide in you." Jesus told a parable about the vine and the branches. The vine supports the branches. He is the vine; we are the branches. When a person turns to Jesus, recognizes his need and confesses that need, then the living Christ is welcomed into that life. Jesus is becoming known.

To know Jesus is a mutual friendship. In a real friendship, people reveal themselves to each other by thought, word and action. As a person is open to the Holy Spirit, Jesus reveals Himself, so that the friend is transformed by the relationship.

Perhaps we can understand Jesus best by looking at His prayer life. Jesus prayed. "Abba." "Abba" is like Daddy from a child. It is trusting from the child who knows his/her dependence on Daddy. When a person learns to have this kind of trust in God, it comes because one learned from Jesus. One is abiding in Him.

Paul Wesley Chilcote summarized knowing Jesus as he wrote, "Abiding in Christ changes us. Friendship with God Transforms us."

A "Perfect" Rose

Look closely at a so-called perfect rose! Scan the petals. You will find that they are far from perfect. Yet, the uneven shapes, blemishes or misshapen stems will not spoil the delicate color, rich fragrance and sheer beauty of the total flower.

How clearly a rose illustrates that nothing in life is truly perfect! But, rather than discourage us, this should give us fresh confidence and strength.

God did not make the rose perfect—nor did He make us perfect. Yet, He does not think any less of us for our faults and blemishes. He loves us just as we are. "Be assured that my words are not false, one perfect in knowledge is with you." This is what the angel of the Lord told Job (36:4).

Visit a house of worship and learn about the only thing in life that is perfect - God's love!



| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| Exodus 14:1-25 | Exodus 14:26 - 15:27 | Numbers 9:1-23 | Deuteronomy 8:1-20 | Deuteronomy 28:1-14 | Deuteronomy 30:1-20 | Psalms 105 |

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WILSONVILLE

By VELMA HOLTZE
Enroute to Holdrege last Tuesday, Ivalene Simmons of Oshkosh, and Velma Holtze visited at the Beaver City Manor with Helen Litz and Lyle Harding as well as the Alma librarians who she had done book business with for several years. Ivalene and Velma drove to Hays that evening. They were there Wednesday to make the acquaintance of Rachel Chae Simmons who was born that morning weighing 7 pounds 12 ounces. Her parents are Russell and Michelle Simmons. She also has a two-year old sister, Elissa.

Velma and Ivalene returned home that evening. On the way Ivalene visited in Gothenburg with DeeLee and Odessa Treat. Odessa has been returned to her home from the Care Home. However, DeeLee is still at the home. Ivalene also got to visit with Treat's daughter, Carleen Bruton from Omaha and Orlan Treat and wife from North Platte. Ivalene's family and the Treat family were neighbors for many years when the children were growing up. Ivalene and Carleen graduated together from Wilsonville High School. Ivalene was an overnight guest in her son Richard's home at North Platte.

Dick McLaughlin went to Denver recently to visit his daughters and families for a week.

Parents and grandparents from this area attended the Cambridge Elementary music program, "Celebrate Music". There were at least ten students participating from the Wilsonville area. Probably the number that captured the audience was the fifth graders performance of "Personality". Austin Rice did an excellent job in his impersonation.

Baptist-Christian Women
President Margalee Ruf opened the May 4 meeting of Baptist-Christian Women with prayer. Besides the regular business a thank you was read from Arlene Rice for the gifts received for her mission work. The nominating committee submitted the slate of officers for the coming year. Installation of these officers will be held next month. Velma Holtze shared two articles from the

Norton Telegram. One was Carolyn Plotts' column telling about their speaking to the seniors in our church, April 30. The other was the program at a Norton Club that was given to benefit "The Haven", the hospitality house for families of prisoners at the correctional center. This is one of the projects that the organization helps with. It was also mentioned that "Pastor Keith has been honored as "Volunteer of the Year" at the Beaver City Manor. Margene Holtze asked for members to designate months they would like to be hostess and when they would like to have the lesson.

Avis Wolfe was in charge of the lesson. She shared some of her favorite short stories taken from "Chicken Soup for the Gardener's Soul".

The women visited and had refreshments served by hostess, Jan Andrews tenBensel.

Kendall and Virginia Rice met her brother and wife from Fargo, N.D., at North Platte recently. They drove to Scottsbluff to attend the funeral services of their cousin. They visited other relatives there. The Rices went on the Fort Collins, Colo., where they visited another cousin of Virginia's. They drove to Denver where they met Kendall's cousin, Dwayne Kern of Idaho. The three returned to Wilsonville. Many will remember Dwayne. he was the son of the late Shorty and Beth Kern.

Sympathy is extended to Pastor Keith Theobald and wife, Pat, upon the death of her father, Rex Daniels. Mr. Daniels died recently at Beaver City Manor. Funeral services were held in Haigler, Neb.

The study and caring group met at the Baptist-Christian Church with Joe and Alice Kasson as hosts. Janet Trosper began and closed the meeting with meditation thoughts. Discussion centered on the community benefit scheduled for May 21 for Ron and Dee Anderson. The Andersons lost their home in a fire a few weeks ago. The next meeting will be June 11. Every one is to report on a Christian conversation they have been involved in.

JENNINGS NEWS

By LOUISE CRESSLER
Approximately 75 people attended the last program of Jennings school program, "Wacky Spring Fever" on May 11. Children participating were Brecken Rowh, Trevor Buhn, Stephani Noone, Drake Rowh, Andrew Noone, Tyson Baker, Taryn Rogers, Malilah Green and Candace Taylor. Following the program the American Legion Education Award was presented to Mary Wahlmeier for her outstanding work in projects for the school and community. Kenneth Krizek presented the award and medal on behalf of the Legion.

May 9 the Sunflower Senior potluck was held at the senior center. Bingo was played afterwards. Those attending were: Agnes Wahlmeier, Vendla Tacha, June Vavroch, Elmo Bailey, Marguerite Bailey, Imogene Keenan, Rachel Carter, William Carter, Keith Muirhead, Helen Muirhead, Emma Sanford, Eleanor Morel, Jay Kump, Arch Harmon, Mary Votapka, Stan Shaw, Ramona Shaw and Louise Cressler. A short business meeting was held. Mary Votapka, Secretary and Louise Cressler, President were nominated for a second term of two years. Next meeting will be June 13.

Mrs. Glenda Harris, Grand Junction, Colo., was an overnight guest of Lawrence and Lila Jennings on May 8. She had attended the college graduation of her granddaughter, Kristina Harris at Greeley, Colo., on Saturday. She then went to visit her mother, Daisy Stratton and her brother the Bud Johnston's on Tuesday in Glen Elder.

Mother's Day weekend company of Lawrence and Lila Jennings were Marcia Casey, Derek Cook and Jackie Standage, Denver; Vicki Cook, Fort Morgan, Colo.; Brent Jennings, Junction City; Brian Jennings, Wray, Colo.; and Brett Jennings.

Jennings Housing Board meeting was held Thursday at the Jennings Housing Day Room. Water meters will be read May 20. If your meter is inside and you won't be home, please post reading on your front door.

Trent Carter Fenner, son of Jennifer and Brandon Fenner, Hoxie was born May 11, at the Oberlin Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds 15 ounces. He has a sister, Jayden. Grandparents are David and Diane Carter, Jennings; Brian and Joey Fenner, Hoxie. Great-grandparents are Eleanor Morel, Jennings and the late Cleo Morel; Naomi Carter, Jennings and the late Willard Carter; Volva Fenner, Goodland and the late Albert Fenner; Herb and Doris Weed, Wray, Colo.

the baptism of their new granddaughter, Grace Elizabeth at Milford, Ohio. They also attended the first communion of their grandson, Dominic, while they were in Milford.

Family coming for the weekend at the home of Marion and Lorraine Long were Mary and Gerry Baalman, Grinell.

Marilyn and Marion Otter attended the woodworking display at Lakin High School, this week.

Tom Otter, DeSoto, came to his parents, Alfred and Betty Otter's home on Thursday. He spent some time hunting turkey.

Roger and JoAnn Long attended

NEW ALMELO

By BETTY OTTER
On April 29, George and Vickie Gassmann accompanied their daughter, Connie, to the State Music Contest at El Saline High School. Connie received a I on her clarinet solo and a II on a woodwind ensemble. Others who attended were Jackie Wright, Lenora and Wes and Alice James and Maggie, Ellis.

Church Women United met at the New Almelo Parish Hall May 5. The meeting started with a noon luncheon which was followed by a lesson.

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