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## WEEKLY SERMONETTE

**"Beware of False Religions" — By Pastor Terrill Worthington, First Church of God, Norton**

A new center of teaching Transcendental Meditation is to be opening in the near future north of Smith Center, Kansas.

On the outside this looks like a good place to meditate, relax, and help with others. But in reality this is a very deceitful operation that often stresses that it has no religious basis. On the contrary it is just the opposite.

This movement, founded by Maharishi Mahesh Yogi and strongly Hindu in nature came to our country in 1959.

TM is not a neutral discipline that can be practiced without harm to the individual. In actuality, TM is a Hindu meditation technique that attempts to unite the meditator with Brahman, the Hindu concept of God.

There are risks in cultivating altered states of consciousness. As a person enters or is in an altered state of consciousness, he often experiences fear of losing his grip on reality and losing his self control.

This is even more dangerous when one looks at the beliefs of TM. They don't believe in the infinite-personal God revealed in scripture. They believe that God dwells in the heart of everyone and that each individual is, in his true nature, the impersonal God. The scripture clearly

teaches that we never become God or attain Godhood because we are a part of God's creation.

In saying that each of us are an "impersonal God" then the Maharishi clearly believes that Christ cannot be the only son of God and that we are not accountable to any God because we are a god. How tragic!

The TM cult cannot fathom anyone (meaning Christ) dying for someone, because to them a true god would never suffer but always be joyful and filled with bliss. How then, if we are a god, do we find ourselves often

in conditions of suffering. Much of that suffering is from sin and we need to make a commitment to the true God and our Savior to find deliverance from sin.

Jesus Christ, contrary to the teachings of the Maharishi, suffered on the cross for our sins so we might receive forgiveness from God for our sins. His suffering was real.

Beware of Transcendental Meditation and Yoga. These two are designed to aid in one's progress to God-realization (a false god).

Over 350 teaching centers of the Science of Creative Intelligence have sprung up across our land. Don't get trapped by any of them. One may be springing up soon near us.

"Let this mind be in you which is in Christ Jesus (Philippians 2:5) and turn to our Lord for true peace of mind.

## One Step Ahead

Sometimes our kids go to places where it's not safe for them to be. They get themselves into awkward positions. High on a shelf above the door, too high to climb back down—they might break a bone if they try to jump. Dad has to help; he's the only one strong enough to bear their weight.

Thankfully, a father stays one step ahead of his children—to save them from themselves. A father was once a child; he has learned from his own experiences. He is a wise and vigilant parent, he allows his child to learn for himself, helping him only when he truly needs help.

Our Heavenly Father is always watching over us, aware of our human frailties as His children. "...The Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil (one)." (2 Thessalonians 3:3) He is sad when we make poor choices, but He never gives up on us.

As you worship this week, honor your fathers on "his" day, Father's Day, and be thankful that he is and has been "one step ahead".



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Galatians 5:1-26	Ephesians 4:1-16	Ephesians 4:17-5:2	John 14:1-14	John 14:15-31	John 15:1-17	John 15:18-16:4

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## JENNINGS NEWS

By LOUISE CRESSLER  
Saturday, May 27 a large crowd attended the last Alumni Banquet to be held in Jennings Prairie Heights School. A meal of roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, salad, roll and dessert was prepared and served by Leana Sloan and her helpers from Hoxie.

The Alumni Association gave a bouquet of cut flowers to Mildred Tacha from the class of 1929 and to Mary Votapka for her many hours of work each year getting the alumni paper updated and printed. Some chairs and tables will be purchased at the City-Heritage auction of school contents. Later, a decision will be made as to where to hold next year's banquet. A dance followed at the City Community Hall.

A potluck dinner was enjoyed Memorial Sunday at the Senior Center by over 50 people. There were two birthday parties in Jennings that day. One at the church for Imogene Kennan and one at the American Legion building for Agnes Wahlmeier.

Out-of-town guests who came for the 80th birthday party for Imogene Kennan on Sunday, May 28 were Clara Johnston, Cope, Colo.; Jerrie Wheaton, Haiger, Neb.; Carlin and Kinsey Kuhlman and Pat Smith and family, Topeka; Deann, Darrel, Darla and Delores Dible, Rexford; Tony and Michelle Dorenkamp and family and Betty Walker, Hoxie; Dan Walker, Salina; Angie Harris and Don and Sharee Harris, Colby; John and Darcie Roberts, Lincoln, Neb.; Wayne and Linda Bosler and Nadine Chandler and Connie Denver; Von and Joy Johnson, Pueblo, Colo.; Aden and Ruth Schilling and family, Norton; John Kennan, Oberlin; Janeil Dilling, Goodland; Frank and Jana Slansky, Stockton; Jim and Letitia Kennan and Nicole Kennan, Oakley. Monday, May 29 guests were Dan and Jeana Yost and family, Norton.

Guests of Mary and Tom Votapka over Memorial weekend were: Rex and Ann Rowh, Cimmarron; Jodi Ingunanza, Samantha, Meagan and Christopher, Kalvesta; Lori Schiefin and Katlyn, Overland Park; Betty Votapka, Oceanside, Calif.; Howard and Nancy Votapka, Houston, Texas; Joy Votapka, Oberlin; Nancy Ellis and daughter, Topeka; Ethel Taylor, Hays; Jason Rowh, Drake and Brecken and Sue Long.

Family members attending the memorial of William Mrstik on May 26, were his brothers Eugene Mrstik and wife Dona; Eldon Mrstik and wife, Cruz, Fillmore, Calif.; his sons David Mrstik and wife Jodi, Oshkosh, Wis.; Micheal Mrstik, Milwaukee, Wis.; grandchildren Christopher and wife Shelley, Washington, D.C.; Michelle Mrstik Norman, S. C.; goddaughter Judy Gambino and her grandson Zach, Westbend, Wis.; nephew Terry Mrstik, Topeka; family cousins from Jennings, Oberlin, McCook, Nebraska and Colorado and many family friends including Max Cox and wife Charlotte, Doyline, La., and Dean Clyde and wife, Bonidel, O'Neil, Neb. Terry Mrstik planned to spend a week with his parents Dona and Eugene. Charlotte Cox and husband Max also plan to spend sometime with them. Charlotte and Dona are sisters.

William Mrstik died March 19, in Milwaukee, Wis. The Mrstik family appreciated all the cards, food and telephone calls that were received at the Mrstik home. Lila and Lawrence Jennings offered their home to family members. The family appreciated the Methodist Church women who provided and prepared the food after the memorial of William Mrstik for his family and friends.

Guests of the William Carters for Memorial weekend were Ann and Dick Graner; Allan Carter; Jim and Jane Wahlmeier and Amanda and Keith Carter. They attended the Alumni Banquet Saturday evening while Amanda babysat the Carter great-grandchildren. After church Sunday they all enjoyed dinner at Ken and Julie Carters with Ann and Wes DuBois, Abbie and Madi; Jess and Megan Carter, Clayton and Anna joining them. Monday morning they all went to the cemetery for the military service. It was a good weekend ending with a nice rain Monday night.

Sharon Gaston, Ames, Iowa, came May 22 to visit her parents, Wayne and Louise Cressler. She returned home on Tuesday May 30. Russell Cressler, Bison came Sunday, May 28 to visit his parents and sister, Sharon.

Sunflower Senior Carry-in Potluck Supper will be held at 6 p.m., June 13 at the senior center.

Visiting Imogene Kennan Sunday were her granddaughter Jeana Yost and husband Dan, children Shane Cozad, Vanessa, Natasha and Danielle Yost of Norton.

There are still Alumni papers for sale. They can be mailed for \$4 by sending the money to Mary Votapka, HC 1, Box 81, Jennings, Kan. 67654.

## NORCATUR NEWS

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**NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS**  
Birthdays and anniversaries: Francis Hix - June 2; Ron Harmon, Darrel and Marla West - June 3; Darrel and Alice Barnett - June 5.

The Norcaturn Methodist Church will hold a farewell supper on Saturday, June 17, for Pastor Kathy Aeillo at the Educational Building, beginning at 7 p.m.

Surprise visitors of Lora Linn Leichliter at the Cedar Living Center, Oberlin, on Sunday, May 7, were her aunt, Ruth Chamberlain, and Ruth's daughters, Shirley Jones and Carolyn Rhoden, all of North Platte, Neb. Other callers were Dorothy Ward, and Velda and Frank Ward. Frank and Ruth are first cousins.

Audrey Pavlicek, a former Norcaturn Grade School teacher, brought pictures of Norcaturn grade school students from the 1980s, which will be put in a scrapbook at the Norcaturn Museum.

**Norcaturn Cemetery Update**  
The Norcaturn Cemetery arch, with the original dates, is back in place. The condition of the arch is much improved now, thanks to Carl Lyon's expert welding and restoration. All the pieces of the original arch were found, and Carl was able to weld them back together. The entire unit was set on an I-beam for additional strength. This was installed on a pair of pipes, placed on each side of the driveway, which had been set in four feet of concrete for added support. Carl welded the remaining figurative designs between each pair of pipes. The entire structure has been painted and the old fences on each side of the gateway were reattached.

The two large pipes supporting

the arch were donated by Larry Sumner. Joe Dawson and Brian Cook donated the concrete. Others also helped find the pieces of the arch, and assisted with the installation and donation of materials.

**Memorial Day**  
Troy Marshall was responsible for the beautiful condition of the cemetery. Various people helped place and then remove the Avenue of Flags, and a complimentary breakfast was provided for them.

The Norton American Legion provided the Color Guard for the ceremony. The volunteer band played the national anthem and "Taps" with an "echo." Roger Beachel gave the Memorial Day service address. Lunch service was provided by the Cardinal Bar and Grill in the grade school multipurpose room.

Memorial weekend guests of Beth Sebaugh, Oberlin, were Mr. and Mrs. Keith Applegate, Columbus, Neb., and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bunney, Garden City. Tammy is feeling much better since her bout of staph infection. Tammy and Beth played piano and organ for the Methodist Church service on Sunday at Norcaturn.

John and Joan Shirley from Scott City spent Sunday, May 28, in Norcaturn, and with his mother, Alice Shirley, Oberlin, attended the Memorial services.

Memorial weekend guests of Dorothy Ward were her son, Mark Ward, Debby, Brandon, K.J. and friend, Brianna Sage, of Hugo, Colo. They returned home on Monday, stopping in Oberlin to see Mark's sister, Lora Linn Leichliter, at Cedar Living Center on the way.

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