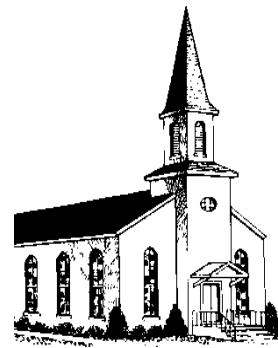


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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

“No Longer Alone,” By Pastor Terry Laughlin, CrossRoads Church

Teen Challenge of the Rocky Mountains sent the testimony to us that you are about to read. God works powerfully through this ministry to change lives for His glory. We have been given permission to share this true story about a girl who felt that she was once all alone but now walks in fellowship with her Savior and Lord. This high school student received Jesus Christ into her heart while attending New Hope House, another ministry of Teen Challenge working in Tooele, Utah.

On February 16, 2002 her brother caught this young lady as she was committing the sin of fornication with her boyfriend. Her brother immediately went and told their parents. Her parents grounded her from seeing her boyfriend and put her in a situation where they could more effectively give her proper guidance. She then threatened to move out. However, this did not change her heart or make her circumstances any better. She had for some time been producing fruit in her life that comes from a rebellious heart and it was becoming worse all the time. Her parents knew that their daughter needed to get where she could get some help, and fast. Less than a week later, her parents took her on a “surprise” trip.

As they drove up the driveway to New Hope House/Teen Challenge she remembered focusing on a big white house with a cross on the roof. She immediately hated everything she set her eyes on as she walked through the door. When her parents left her there, she cried and she hated them, too. She felt that they had betrayed her and she felt so alone. She wanted nothing to do with the people there because they

were a part of her parent's plan; therefore, she hated them too.

At New Hope House they always talked about God and she didn't want any part of it. As far as she was concerned He had ruined her life. God didn't seem loving to her and she felt that He only condemned people. She always questioned in her heart “How could God give me peace?” She would even tell God she hated Him and all she would hear back from Him and those around her was “I love you.” She started asking herself questions like, “Is there something more than the usual ‘Christian’ life that she had observed growing up?” She knew there had to be more. Then one day she found her answer in one man, Jesus Christ.

After accepting Christ into her heart to be both Savior and Lord she began developing a personal relationship with Him. Over the past year and a half the Lord has changed her life. He has taken away her rebellion, anger and hatred and replaced it with respect, peace and love. She wrote, “He has also given me a special gift and filled me with His Holy Spirit. He walks with me every step of the way. *I am no longer alone.* Not ever.”

She is now in her senior year in high school and is making plans for college. She writes, “I love my parents, my life and especially my brother.” Too many try to find victory over sin by church attendance, religious observances and worldly solutions. None of these will help unless first Jesus is allowed in to change your heart. Jesus says, “So, if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” (John 8:36)

On Wings of Freedom

July 4, 1776... a fledgling nation broke ties with her mother country, Great Britain, ready to spread her wings on a flight to freedom. Throughout the previous one hundred years, the American colonies had grown to thirteen in number, and matured into a nation with religious and political views that differed from those of Great Britain. The colonists would no longer tolerate oppression and injustice. They would govern themselves, and fight for that right. They would settle for nothing less than “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.”

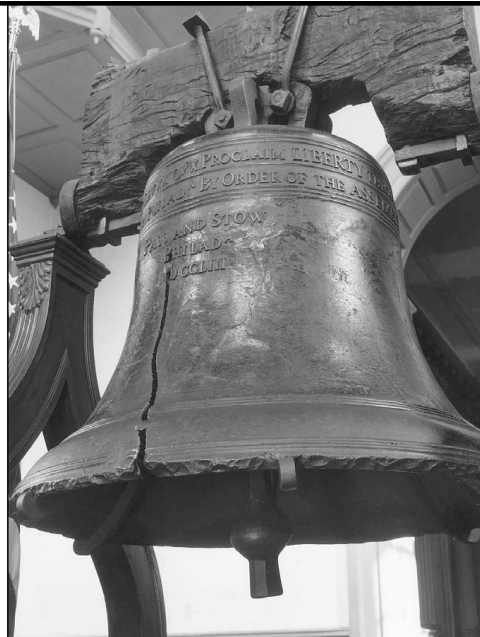
The Declaration of Independence was conceived, the revolutionary war had begun, and a new nation was born... “the Thirteen United States of America.” She would soar on eagle wings, a panorama of freedom and democracy spread out below.

This Fourth of July, as booming fireworks burst into the night sky, may we pray that the candles of freedom forever burn bright.

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Exodus 16:1-21	Exodus 16:22-36	Judges 6:1-10	Judges 6:11-35	2 Samuel 9:1-13	2 Samuel 19:9-23	2 Samuel 19:24-44

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NORCATUR NEWS

BY NORCATUR NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS

A.W. Lyon celebrated his 91st birthday on Wednesday, June 21. Mail will reach him care of the Andbe Home, 201 W. Crane, Norton, Kan., 67654.

Vera Bishop remains hospitalized at the Bear Creek Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for therapy. Mail will reach her care of the Center at 150 Spring St., Morrison, Colo., 80465, or may be sent to Vera Bishop c/o Bruce Bishop, 11726 W. 74th Way, Arvada, Colo., 80005.

Birthdays and anniversaries: A.W. Lyon - June 21; Jeni Henningson, David and Patty Stapp, June 23.

On May 21 Linda (Hix) Young, Conifer, Colo., and Lula Hix traveled to Scottsdale, Ariz., to visit Lula's daughter and son-in-law (Linda's sister and brother-in-law), Lynn and Ed Wedow. While Lula was in Denver she visited her granddaughter, Chanin Floyd, and great-granddaughter, Ava Beckman; grandson, Terry and Debbie New; great-granddaughter, Sarah New; and grandson, Wesley and Lisa New.

Linda Young and furry friend, Nokia, spent Memorial weekend with her mother, Lula Hix. They had a nice lunch at the school cafeteria and enjoyed seeing Betty Reid and Wanda and Minh Nguyen. They also visited Francis and Arlene Hix. Lula and Linda attended Arnold Jackson's 90th birthday party and enjoyed visiting with Arnold as well as family, classmates and friends. Linda and Nokia returned to Conifer on May 29.

On Thursday, June 15, Rea and Dee Magers attended a luncheon at Ella Betts', Oberlin. Several classmates of Rea's were in the group.

The Magerses went to Lenora on June 17, to enjoy the festivities of the 100th jubilee held by the town.

Rea and Dee Magers were in Colorado the weekend of June 16 and 17 to attend Dee's family reunion. The Hahn family had 54 members at the gathering.

Jeff Magers and Joy brought pizza to Rea and Dee on Sunday to help Jeff's dad celebrate Father's Day.

Wayne and Norma McCallister and Bee Nelson had Father's Day dinner in McCook. The dinner was delicious, and beat working over the hot stove. Of course, there had to be a little shopping.

Stan and Carol Miller and Justine left on June 7, to go to El Dorado to find a house for her to live in for the fall college semester. They located one on Thursday. On Friday, Stan and Carol went to Emporia to visit with son, Joel Miller, for a while, then went on to Topeka to stay with daughter Melissa and Curt DeDonder. They enjoyed a concert on Saturday night by the group, “Air Supply.” On Sunday Stan and Carol went back through Emporia to visit Joel. They traveled on to El Dorado to pick up Justine and brought her back home. They also got to visit with friends, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Tuttle, Quinter, who were also down helping with the move.

News from Kay Anderson Smiley, Denton, Md., says they are having a beautiful spring, even had some rain. Her great-grandson was born in January and just had his second surgery at the Washing-

ton D.C. Hospital Center. He was born with a club foot and has really been having a time. Kay said she and her daughters took the light rail to Baltimore in April to see Scott Hamilton's “Stars on Ice” show, and really enjoyed it.

Burtis Taylor has moved to Regents Point in Irvine, Calif., a long-established retirement community. He may be reached at 19191 Harvard Ave., Apt. 344-B, Irvine, Calif., 92612; phone, (949) 856-2370; and email, burtistaylor@sbcglobal.net.

If you are traveling to Kearney, Neb., be sure to notice the rotating Builders Warehouse picture billboard. There should be a familiar face advertising DeWalt power tools. Marylyn Barnett has a segment on NTV every Tuesday morning called “Around the House,” sponsored by Builders Warehouse.

Family members attend the 90th birthday celebration for Arnold Jackson held at the Methodist Church on Memorial Day were Terry and Laura Jackson, and sons Jason and Jeremy; Gale and Sharon Schulze and children, Karensa and Anthony Francka; Amber Huffman and daughters, Anna and Daisi; Makayla and Austin Baar and children, Genesis and Noah; Carole and Butch Salter; and nieces Judy Sasse and Donna Steckman, Denver.

The Jackson family held a reunion on June 27, at the Larry and Iris Smith farm south of Clayton. Arnold Jackson's birthday celebration continued at the reunion, with all of his sisters and brothers present: Dallas Jackson, Brooks and Cheryl Jackson, Lois Beiber, and Delbert Jackson, all of Colby; Iris and Larry Smith; and Gerald and Judy Jackson, Norcatur. There were 85 family and friends in attendance at the picnic.

Carole (Jackson) Salter took her father, former Norcatur blacksmith and welder, out to see the demolished Norcatur Cemetery gate. He automatically began trying to figure out how Carl Lyon would fix that mess. She says the repaired arch is beautiful, and will stand another 100 years for sure.

Lee and Lora Arnold attended the John Juenemann family concert on June 18, at the Gateway in Oberlin.

Bee Nelson received word about Elden Auker from Bob Rapp. Elden says Mildred is getting along just fine, and they can't complain.

Marguerite Clark, Wava Reames and Dorothy Ward were Hays visitors on June 14. Marguerite and Dorothy went for doctor appointments, and Wava visited with college friends. They also had lunch together at Norton on June 16.

A large crowd attended the farewell dinner held June 17 for Pastor Kathy Aeillo, held at the Methodist Education Building. She was presented with a beautiful quilt as a going away gift, made by Kaye Strevey. She will be moving to Scandia, and the new pastor will be Ray Gilstrap and wife, Jeanne, who will arrive June 27. They will reside in Almena.

We didn't care for the wind and all the broken branches, but are grateful for the wonderful rain. The Ward's rain gauge showed 2.70" since June 15, but the Price's showed more. It was a little hard to catch it all when it was going sideways.

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