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## WEEKLY SERMONETTE

Blessed are the Pure in Heart

By Terry Laughlin, pastor of Cross Roads Church, Norton

"The Sermon on the Mount" is the first of five major discourses in the Gospel of Matthew. In this sermon, Jesus gives us another powerful statement on the fruit of those who allow the Holy Spirit to work in their lives.

He gives us one of the most important themes found in Scripture, "Blessed are the pure in heart for they will see God." (Matthew 5: 8)

Purity of heart is the main thrust of true Christianity. "Surely you desire truth in the inner parts..." (Psalms 51: 6) The pure in heart are those whose minds, motives, affections and principles have been cleansed by faith in Christ and through the washing of rebirth. (Titus 3: 5) They seek to not only have their external actions corrected, but they desire to be holy in heart. They know that although man looks on the outward appearance, God looks into a man's heart. (Galatians 2: 6; Samuel 16: 7) The pure in heart care nothing for such sights that lead man into sin.

Anyone who is single-mindedly pursuing the kingdom of God and His righteousness in God's way will be inwardly pure. Inward sham, deceit, and moral sin cannot coexist with heartfelt devotion to Christ. This Beatitude destroys hypocrisy.

Pastor Henry Booth writes:

According to the nature and character of the fountain will be the character of the stream. The heart may be compared to a reservoir which supplies a large town with its hundreds of streets and thousands of

pipes. If the water be pure in the reservoir it will be conveyed in its purity through the pipes to the inhabitants; but if turbid there, it will be impure at its destination. The heart is the reservoir from which life flows. The mouth, hands, feet, looks, actions, etc. are the pipes. If the heart is pure, purity will be manifested in life.

The pure in heart will see God. The greatest happiness to a Christian is the fact that someday he will see Christ face to face in the beauty of His holiness. None but the pure in heart will be able to look upon the face of God. What pleasure could an unrepentant soul have in the vision of a holy God? God cannot behold iniquity, nor can the impure stand to look upon God's purity. The unclean will never enter into God's dwelling place.

The Bible says, "I the Lord search the heart and examine the mind, to reward a man according to what his deeds deserve." (Proverbs 17: 10)

Only the blood of Christ can cleanse you from sin. Receiving Jesus Christ as personal Savior and Lord will put you under His blood and your sins will be covered, forgotten and cleansed, causing you to become a new creature in Christ. This will turn you from sin-centeredness and self-centeredness to

God and Christ-centeredness. This is the blessedness of becoming pure in heart.

Those who cry out to God as king David did in Psalm 51: 10, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me," they will see God.

Call upon Christ today and

He will forgive you and give you a fresh clean start before God. He will purify your heart so that the sins that desire to consume and destroy you will no longer have dominion in your life. Purity of heart and victory over sin will be found only in Jesus Christ!

### A Labor of Love



Around Labor Day, we might consider the blessings of our "jobs". How wonderful to have the "perfect career"! We can even be grateful for "just a job" or an extra income. Perhaps the best thing about our job is the opportunity to know and work with others.

Many of us share most of our waking hours with our co-workers. Relationships within the workplace can enrich a great career, or bring meaning to the time we spend in a less satisfying job. A pleasant smile and a positive greeting contribute to a happy day. Praise for a job well done and patience when progress is slow are qualities that are remembered.

Relationships enrich our weekly worship, too. When we gather together with others to worship, we enjoy the strength and support of a community. Together, we can joyfully thank God each week for our many blessings, including our jobs and our relationships. And remember, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart..." (Colossians 3:23).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
James 1:1-18	James 1:19-2:13	James 2:14-26	James 3:1-18	James 4:1-17	James 5:1-20	Job 28:1-28

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## WILSONVILLE

By VELMA HOLTZE

Joe and Alice Kasson attended funeral services at Norton on Wednesday for a cousin of Joe's, 86 year old Raymond Ankenman. It was coincidental that while visiting with some younger generation relatives from Colorado Springs which they did not know that Wilsonville was mentioned. The man said, "My grandfather preached at the Christian Church there for years and retired there for several years". Of course, the Kassons knew without a doubt that it must have been the Rev. J. Wilfred Carter. It was and this grandson had married Raymond Ankenman's daughter, Teresa.

Saturday was Wilsonville's second annual city garage sale day. Last year they did it as a part of the Highway 89 garage sale day. This year they were not planning one so Wilsonville Library headed up one for just Wilsonville since it was enjoyed so much last year. The central part was the park where several set up and you could pick up a map to locate the ones being part at their respective homes. The library was also serving sandwiches, chips and root beer floats. Out-of-towners from nearby towns, as well as local people, began seeing what treasures they could find, around 8 a.m. As far as we have heard everyone felt they had a good day. The library felt especially supported, there were some who came who were not even interested in the sales.

The Holtze children and spouses are still on shift-duty at their mother's, Velma Holtze. Ivalene Simmons of Holdrege came on Friday. Her daughter, Caroline Erickson and son, Caden

of Holdrege came later that evening and were overnight guests spending Saturday here and being a part of the garage sale participants as well as other family members who set up their sale in the garage and yard at Velma's. Caroline was glad she chose to come, not only to visit with Grandma but she had a very successful sale.

Quite a few Wilsonville residents enjoyed the annual "Old Fashioned Saturday Night" at Cambridge. Adeline Ballou was one of the spelling bee participants. It is such fun to leisurely stroll the streets, stopping to chat with your neighbors and old friends who you seldom see anymore, because we all live in the fast lane.

Kenny Sears of Colorado and May and Ira Weiranga of Hastings were weekend guests in the Bill Lewis home.

Eating Sunday dinner at the home of Velma Holtze were her four children, Margene Holtze, Cambridge; Ivalene Simmons, Holdrege; Jim and Becky Holtze and granddaughter Janene Holtze of Kearney; Kenneth Holtze. Ken's wife, Carla, was enroute to Hastings where she will spend a couple days with her grandchildren while her daughter, Kendra, and husband, Russ Hoagland are out of town for doctors appointments.

Others from out of town visiting during the weekend at Velma's home were Darrel and Eula Brown, Beaver City; Maxine Parrish, Hendley; and Rhonda Banzhaf and daughter, Kayla of Cambridge.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### Petition for Adoption

Published in The Norton Telegram on Friday, September 1, 8, 15, 2006. (3T) IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS

Case No. 2006-AD-3 In the Matter of the Adoption of T. J. G., a minor

NOTICE OF HEARING THE STATE OF KANSAS TO: JERRY WAYNE GIESBRECHT AND ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on August 29, 2006, a petition was filed in this Court by Leroy Alton Hanes praying that the Court terminate the parental rights of Jerry Wayne Giesbrecht as to T. J. G., a minor child, and that the Court enter its decree that T. J. G. be adopted by Leroy Alton Hanes.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before October

17, 2006, at 1:30 p.m. with this Court, in the city of Norton, in Norton, Kansas, at the Norton County Courthouse, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgement and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition. Your failure to either appear or respond will not prevent the Court from entering judgement granting the adoption and terminating the parental rights of Jerry Wayne Giesbrecht.

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## PHH Mortgage Corporation vs. Brent Hutchinson & Shelley Hutchinson

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Case No. 05CV43 Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 6

PHH Mortgage Corporation f/k/a Cendant Mortgage Corporation f/k/a PHH Mortgage Services Corporation Plaintiff,

vs. Brent Hutchinson and Shelley Hutchinson, et al., Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Norton County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Norton County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the Front Door of the Courthouse at Norton,

Norton County, Kansas, on September 15, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. the following real estate:

The South Half (S/2) of Lot Three (3), in Block 'J' of Hendrick's Addition to the City of Lenora, Norton County, Kansas, commonly known as 440 South Main, Lenora, KS 67645 (the "Property")

to satisfy the judgment in the above-entitled case. The sale is to be made without appraisal and subject to the redemption period as provided by law, and further subject to the approval of the Court. For more information, visit http://www.southlaw.com

Troy Thomson, Sheriff

Norton County, Kansas

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## Gail E. Boller vs. Jackrabbit Services & Towing

Published in The Norton Telegram on Friday, September 8, 15, 22, 2006. (3T) IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS

Case No. 2006-CV-10 GAIL E. BOLLER, Plaintiff

vs. JACKRABBIT SERVICE & TOWING, INC., ET AL., Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS AND TO ALL PERSONS WHO ARE OR MAY BE CONCERNED:

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me out of the District Court in the above entitled action, I will on Monday, the 2nd day of October, 2006, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m. of said day in the lobby of the Courthouse in the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas, offer at public sale and sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, the following described real estate, to-wit:

65.6 feet North of the Southeast Corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SE/c NE/4 NW/4) of Section Thirty-five (35), Township Two (2) South, Range Twenty-three (23) West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Norton County, Kansas, which point is the North right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 36, thence North 360 feet, thence West 297 feet, thence South 360 feet to said North right-of-way line, thence East along the North right-of-way line to the place of beginning, together with all improvements thereon including a used 1974 Shangri-La 68' x 14' mobile home, serial number 1468741292.

The above described real estate is being sold as the property of defendant, Jackrabbit Service & Towing, Inc., and is directed by said Order of Sale to be sold, and will be sold without appraisal to satisfy said Order of Sale, subject to rights of redemption according to law.

TROY M. THOMSON  
Sheriff of Norton County, Kansas

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