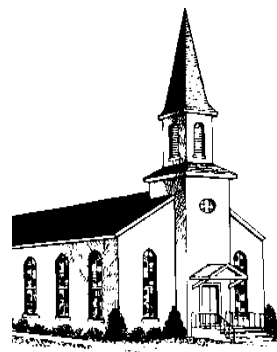


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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

Salt of the Earth

By Pastor Terry Laughlin, CrossRoads Church, Norton

Matthew 5: 13 says to Christians, "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men."

Our Lord is telling His disciples that true Christian character is like salt. Salt is totally different from the food or object on which it is placed. Believers are to be like salt, different from the world. The power of their lives and their testimony lies in their being different and distinctive. "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." (James 1: 27)

Salt preserves. It keeps things from going bad and decaying. It cleanses and disinfects. The Christian life being truly lived out before the eyes of people in the world will cause them to make a decision about the Christian faith. God has sent His Holy Spirit to call people unto Christ, who have been exposed to Christians who handle trials and deal with temptation under the direction of God's Word, the Bible. All who accept Jesus Christ as personal Savior and Lord will be preserved eternally. Salt penetrates, spreads all about and flavors. It inserts a new quality, substance and life. It can take bland, tasteless food and make it enjoyable. A sprinkle of salt has a wide-

spread effect. It changes that which it is put upon. Obedient Christians likewise penetrate and so flavor the world for Christ. True Christians salt those in the world with God's Word, thus intriguing them to "Taste and see that the Lord is good..." (Psalm 34: 8)

Too many Christians overlook their purpose in God's ministry to

people in the world. Thus they pay little attention to what is happening to people around them, their needs, their turning from bad to worse, their decay and corruption. Those controlled by the world, the flesh and the Devil are corrupting and foul, decaying and rotting. They are bland and tasteless to the Lord God. "[His] eyes are too pure

to look on evil; [He] cannot tolerate wrong." (Habakkuk 1:13)

Too much salt is being stored up in the church building and not gotten out those in the world. Way too much money is spent on programs, buildings and Christian entertainment. This makes for fat lazy Christians feeding only themselves, bland and tasteless, unable to have an effect on those out in the world who are overcome by sin and its deceitfulness.

Therefore, our Lord reminds Christians to not lose that characteristic in them that brings life to the world and prevents its decay. Jesus gives a solemn warning. If Christians lose their penetrating and preserving effectiveness, they will become worthless. Jesus also said, "Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves and be at peace with each other." (Mark 9: 50) Salt penetrates and burns out corruption and stays the spread of impurities. If the church has salt — the cleansing work of the Word of God in her — she sanctifies, finds God's peace and empowerment for the Lord's service. God's people of any age and under any condition are to be salt in the earth. Whether in blessings, trials or temptations, they must live in a manner worthy of the Lord. (Colossians 1:10) How effective is your salt?



State of the Heart

Satellite dishes blossom as one drives around highways and hillsides. In these times of advanced technology, we view the entire world via invisible waves bouncing through the skies from "state-of-the-art" transmitters into our living rooms. Otherwise, we would feel isolated, our communication with the globe hazy at best.

Communication with God is similar, yet much simpler. Just extend your arms heavenward and send Him the supplications of your soul. Moreover, join with others each week at your chosen house of worship. In Exodus 22:27, God promises... "And if he cries to me, I will hear, for I am compassionate." Worship this week. Communing with God is "state-of-the-heart".

Sunday Micah 1:1-16	Monday Micah 2:1-13	Tuesday Micah 3:1-12	Wednesday Micah 4:1-13	Thursday Micah 5:1-15	Friday Micah 6:1-16	Saturday Micah 7:1-20
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NEW ALMELO

By BETTY OTTER
Charles Otter, Saige and Cury, Salina, attended the recent volleyball tournament in Beloit. Also attending was the Moss family. Cheyenne Moss played on the Jewell high school team
Rita and Bill Barker, Hays, re-

cently spent the weekend with her parents, Marion and Lorraine Long.
Arnold Bates, Grand Island, Neb., spent a few days at the home of Gary and Bertie Bruinekool, while working on fence for Bates Land Company.

NORCATUR NEWS

Pastor Kathy Aeillo and her dog, Jack, of Courtland, were houseguests of Bee Nelson Tuesday evening, Oct. 3. Pastor Kathy was here to attend the funeral service of Lowell Sebaugh.

Joyce and Virgil Price visited the museum in Oberlin during Mini-Sapa Day and attended the 50th anniversary reception for Elden and Marilou Long. In the evening they enjoyed visiting at the block party in Norcatatur.

Mr. and Mrs. David Johnson of Lenexa are the parents of a baby girl born Oct. 8. She has been named Liliana Frances and she weighed 5 pounds, 11 1/2 ounces. She has three sisters, Brittany, Kaitlin and Zoie. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Groebe, Overland Park, and Beth Johnson, Norcatatur. Great-grandmother is Frances Lindley of Lenexa. This little miss put in her appearance on the birthday of her grandfather, the late Charles Johnson.

Lola Brack, mother of Marla West, celebrated her 100th birthday on

Thursday. She lives at the Andbe Home in Norton.

Oran and LaVerne Milner received word of the death of her cousin, Minnie Ruth (Bishop) Bailey of Denver. She was a member of the Norcatatur Rural High School class of 1939.

Congratulations to the winners of the Oct. 9 pool tourney at the Cardinal Bar and Grill: first, Chad Kier, Clayton; second, Larry Lively, Kanona; and third, Valerie Farris, Oberlin.

John and Carol New have planted new trees on Main Street in Norcatatur, as well as cleaning off the sidewalks and finding the curbs.

Norcatatur United Methodist Church Bazaar and Soup Supper will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28. An auction will follow at the Norcatatur Educational Building. Donations will be accepted.

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Amended Notice of Hearing for Eminent Domain Petition

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORCATATUR COUNTY, KANSAS
Case No. 2006-CV-52
Rural Telephone Service Company, Inc., plaintiff

4 of SW(4) of Section Nineteen (19), Township Five (5), Range Twenty-two (22), West of the Sixth (6th) P.M., Norton County, Kansas.

OWNER:
Lenus Schuck
P.O. Box 187
Lenora, KS 67645
LIENS:
None
PARTIES IN POSSESSION:
Rural Telephone is not aware of any parties in possession other than the landowner.

Therefore, on the 15th day of November, 2006, at 1:00 P.M., the District Court of Norton County, Kansas, will take up and consider the Petition for Eminent Domain herein at the District Court of Norton County Kansas, Courthouse, Third Floor Courtroom, 101 S. Kansas Street, Norton, Kansas, as provided in K.S.A. 26-501, et seq. At that time the Court will examine said Petition; and if the Court finds from the Petition that Rural Telephone has the power of eminent domain and that this taking is necessary to Rural Telephone's lawful purposes, appraisers will be appointed and a date set for filing of the Appraiser's Report.

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