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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"Caterpillar Ugly, Butterfly Beautiful"

By Pastor Terry Laughlin, CrossRoads Church, Norton

It is a well-known fact that a caterpillar changes into a butterfly. The butterfly can truthfully say as he looks at the caterpillar, "Such was I, but now I am changed."

Every Christian has once been a sinner, living for self and the momentary pleasures of sin and the world. But like the caterpillar, God has done a wonderful work in Christians.

The caterpillar (sinner) knows nothing of the delights of the butterfly (Christian). They must be made into new creatures. The cabbage-loving caterpillar has no capacity for the newborn movements and delights of the butterfly. No more can the carnal nature of man enter into the enjoyment of the things of God without first being born again.

Many caterpillars (sinners) try to mold themselves into the cocoon of a church, church clothes and Christian fellowship hoping to become a butterfly (Christian) by association. Disappointingly, they just stay their same old selves, wrapped up in things that can never regenerate their hearts. Thus they are overcome by self, the world and the temptations of the devil. Their lives are marked by disobedience to God's Word. They bounce from church to church looking

to satisfy self. They desire social Christianity and avoid anything that will lead them to true holiness and intimate fellowship with God.

The Bible says, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old

has gone, the new has come!" (2 Cor. 5:17)

Having a church membership and clinging to false denominational teachings will not regenerate your heart. You must allow God to take away your heart of stone and give you a heart

of flesh. The Lord desires to put His Holy Spirit in you and move you to follow His decrees and be careful to keep His laws (Ezekiel 36: 26, 27).

Regenerated Christians love God and they find serving Him to be a delight. 1 John 5:3 says, "This is love for God: to obey His commands. And His commands are not burdensome." Christians have the liberty to say "no" to self-centeredness and sin-centeredness. They hunger and thirst for the righteousness of God. They know and live in that abundant life which is promised by Jesus Christ. They live a victorious life over sin.

A person becomes a new creation only by accepting Jesus Christ as personal Savior and Lord. Jesus said, "You must be born again." (John 3:7)

The sovereignty of God alone determines if a caterpillar becomes a butterfly. Conversely, God asks you to choose to surrender to His will, which is for all to come to repentance and be saved. Not every caterpillar becomes a butterfly, nor will every person become a Christian.

You could be like the butterfly saying about the caterpillar, "Such was I, but now I am changed."

Will you allow God to make you a new creature in Christ?



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Timothy 3.1-16	1 Timothy 4.1-16	1 Timothy 5.1-16	1 Timothy 5.17-6.2a	1 Timothy 6.2b-21	2 Timothy 1.1-18	2 Timothy 2.1-13

THE LAST WORD

How about this touring mobile? It was the last word in luxury in its' day. Models have changed quite a bit since then. So have the prices!

Change can be difficult to accept, but living in the past can keep us from enjoying the present. Change is inevitable as time goes by, we might as well be prepared for it.

The strongest force equipping us to meet change is our faith in God. Faith provides the stability we need while the wheels of time, progress and history keep relentlessly turning. That stability is rooted in the simple fact that God does not change.

To keep your equilibrium through changing times, find your place in the life and work of your house of worship. The teachings there are unchanged, unchanging; a model for living.

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ALMENANEWS

By ESTHER MARBLE

On Aug. 18-19, Alice Kuiper accompanied Dick and Janet Porter to Little River, to visit Lila Porter, Dick's mother, who is in poor health. She is in the Sandstone Rest Home in Little River. Lila was better and they had a good visit.

Following this stop, they drove to Manhattan to visit Stuart and Angie Porter at their home on Elbo Lake. The grandchildren, Jacob and Abbie are the light of their lives. It was an enjoyable visit. They returned home Sunday after-

noon.

Vera Schra, McPherson, recently spent a few days with Alberta Geil. Vera visited her aunts, Marie Engelhardt and Lucille Miller, in Norton. Other visitors over the weekend were Marie Kohlhorst, Syracuse, Linda Covington, Alma and Evelyn Field, Salina.

Cheryl Gleason, Topeka, called on Jean Leuszler, Tuesday. She also stopped to visit Bill and Susan Lowry in Hoisington, on her way to Alma.

JENNINGS NEWS

By LOUISE CRESSLER

The Jennings Firemen's Fun Day and City-Wide Garage Sale is set for Aug. 25. Donated items may be dropped off at 205 S. Kansas, Aug. 22-24. All proceeds will go to the Jennings Fire Department. This will be a great time to clean out closets and get rid of clutter. Clothing needs to be washed and neatly folded or on hangers. If you have questions call Terri at 678-2333.

The Stramp Family Reunion was held at the Sunflower Senior Center Aug. 5.

Jennings City Council meeting was held Aug. 2. All council members were present but, no towns people came to the Budget Hearing. The budget was accepted as printed by the council. Patti Skubal, Oberlin, Decatur County Chairman of Emergency Preparedness, attended the meeting. She spoke of some guidelines for the Jennings shelter, chain of command and funding. The council is urging town residents to clean their property between sidewalks and curbs. Also to trim trees from sidewalks.

Myers Electric, Hoxie is rewiring the Community Hall. New fluorescent lights, more plug-ins and switches have been installed. They will rewire the city shop also.

Sunflower Senior Potluck Supper was held Tuesday, Aug. 14.

Stan and Ramona Shaw returned Friday evening from a trip to Alaska. They reported the scenery as awesome. Highlights of

their trip were a clear view of Mt. McKinley; Denali Park; Iditarod Trail Dog Race Headquarters; El Dorado Gold Mine; a cruise up Prince William Sound to Columbia Glacier; Anchorage, Fairbanks, Valdez and North Pole.

Stan and Ramona Shaw were Saturday evening supper guests at the home of Mark and Shelley Shaw, Ethan and Erin, rural Logan. The occasion was in honor of Ethan for his eleventh birthday. Additional guests were Jim and Wilma Mader and Mike and Bernita Gawith, Stockton.

The community extends sympathy to the family of Arch Harmon. Arch died at his home in Jennings Aug. 9. The funeral was held Aug. 13, at the United Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Kent Brown, Estes Park, Colo., came over the weekend to visit Doyle and Kay Brown. The children returned home with them after spending a part of the summer with grandparents.

Ann DuBois and girls, Salina, visited the weekend with her parents Ken and Julie Carter and other relatives.

Janielle Dilling visited her mother, Imogene Keenan, this weekend.

The ladies of the community will be baking kolaches Friday, Aug. 24 at the BCI kitchen in the former school building. These will be sold at Firemen's Fun Day on Aug. 25.

City water meters were read Aug. 18. Jennings Housing Authority Board met Thursday, Aug. 16.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Estate of Norma E. Hager

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Case No. 2007-PR-12 In the Matter of the Estate of **NORMA E. HAGER**, Deceased **NOTICE OF HEARING THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:**

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Rodney D. Hager, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of Norma E. Hager, Deceased, praying that his acts be approved; that his account be settled and allowed, that the will be construed and the estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; that fees and expenses be allowed; that the costs be determined and ordered paid; that

the administration of the estate be closed; that the Executor be discharged and that he be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before **Tuesday the 4th day of September, 2007, at 4:30 o'clock p.m.** of said day, in said Court, in the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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Morgan Chase Bank vs. Wilfahrt

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Case No. 07CV10 Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60 JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. Plaintiff, vs.

Jared L. Wilfahrt a/k/a Jared Lee Wilfahrt; Unknown Spouse, if any, of Jared L. Wilfahrt; John Doe (Tenant/Occupant); Mary Doe (Tenant/Occupant); John A. Wolf, Trustee in Bankruptcy, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

THE STATE OF KANSAS, to the above-named defendants and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of any defendants that are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of any defendants that are or were partners or in partnership; the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability; and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any person alleged to be deceased, and all other persons who are or may be concerned. You are notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Norton County, Kansas, praying to foreclose a

real estate mortgage on the following described real estate:

Lot Three (3) and the East Half (E1/2) of Lot Four (4), Block One (1), Chesbro's Addition to the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas; and a tract of land commencing Twenty (20) feet West of the Northeast corner (NE/c) of Lot Four (4), Block One (1), Chesbro's Addition to the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas thence South Forty (40) feet, thence West One (1) foot, thence North Forty (40) feet, thence East One (1) foot to the place of beginning, commonly known as 329 W. Lincoln Street, Norton, KS 67654 (the "Property")

and you are required to plead to the Petition on or before the 4th day of October, 2007, in the District Court of Norton County, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

NOTICE
Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Joe Baca (KS Bar No. 21707) South & Associates, P.C. 8621 E. 21st Street N, Suite 170 Wichita, KS 67208 ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF (72308)

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