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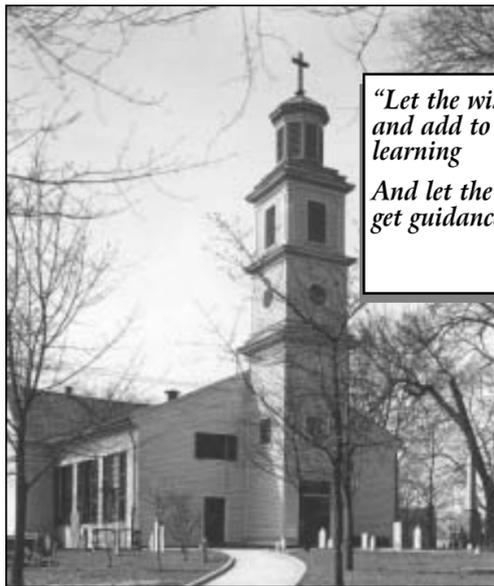


WEEKLY SERMONETTE

**"Paid in Full" — Rick Rostek, Pastor
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God's standards are very high. A quick look at the Ten Commandments reveals our inability to fully live up to God's standards. Whether in our relationship with Him or our relationship with others, we fail often, and sometimes miserably. We, therefore, owe a great debt to God because of our sinfulness. But God, in His great mercy, has paid the price for our sins by sending His Son Jesus to die for us.

Think of it this way: imagine that all of your debts were suddenly gone. The house is paid off, you owe no more on the cars, the boat is finally yours, no more high-interest credit card debt, and all of the college loans are in the past. You would feel great, wouldn't you? No more creditors, no more writing out monthly checks. Just the bliss of knowing the debt is gone. And yet, there are still bills



*"Let the wise listen and add to their learning
And let the discerning get guidance."*

Proverbs 1:5

- SUNDAY Acts 9:1-25
- MONDAY Acts 9:26-43
- TUESDAY Acts 10:1-33
- WEDNESDAY Acts 10:34-48
- THURSDAY Acts 4:1-22
- FRIDAY Acts 4:23-37
- SATURDAY Acts 5:1-16

Listening & Learning

In our fast-paced, twenty-first century society it has been said that we listen less than ever before. Perhaps that is true or perhaps we listen in different ways: tele-conferences instead of visits, cell phones instead of meals, and MP3 players instead of concerts. In any case, we can always listen more, especially to age-old wisdom, to worthwhile social mores, and to solid spiritual principles.

Proverbs 4:13 instructs, "Take fast hold of instruction, let her not go; keep her; for she is thy life." This is a strong verse, one worth reading again. If "she (instruction) is thy life", we must choose carefully those to whom we listen. Many of us assume that we already have the answers. However, Benjamin Franklin had this to say: "Learn of the skillful; he that teaches himself, hath a fool for his master."

You can find instruction in numerous ways. One sure place to find it is in your local church or synagogue. Won't you listen and learn about your Heavenly Father as you worship this Sabbath? Let God be your Master.

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to pay: utilities, groceries, cell phone, gasoline, movies, restaurants, etc. And when the car finally breaks down, will that mean taking on debt again? In life, we never really catch up; there is always more to pay.

But with God, our debt of sin is paid in full with no more payments ever to be made. The payment was costly, to be sure. Jesus Christ suffered immeasurably on the cross, but for our benefit. His suffering and dying mean forgiveness of sins for all who believe in Him. Scriptures tell us that Jesus appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people. (Hebrews 9:27-28). Jesus, death takes care of the debt we owe to God because of our sin. For those who believe in Jesus, when the Day of Judgment comes, God will declare our debt "paid in full" by the merits of Jesus Christ. What a wonderful feeling to be debt free!

PRAIRIE VIEW

By VIVIAN JANSONIUS
The Lone Prairie 4-H Club met Jan. 12 in the Prairie View Senior Citizen/Community Center. President Joell Yocum conducted the meeting. Michaela Girard led members in repeating the flag salute and Trevor Tien led the 4-H pledge. Eleven members, six leaders, two parents and one visitor answered the roll call of "Your Favorite Bug". Club Day, to be held March 14, was discussed as well as a gun show on Feb. 21-22 and a carnival on March 20. A highlight of the evening was when club leader, Gloria DeWitt presented Vivian Jansonius her 50-year pin from Phillips County 4-H. During the program Tim Jansonius gave a demonstration on electric circuits and Samantha Tien gave one on making a Christmas decoration; Autumn Tien and Jordan Girard gave project talks; Shyanne Thompson gave a talk on flu fighters and Michaela Girard gave one on antlers. Brady Tien led the group in playing "Hot Hopps" while the Johnny Yocum family served refreshments.

Dian Tien and Gloria DeWitt were hostesses for the Jan. 26 meeting of Prairie Homemakers Family and Community Education unit. Mary Bushnell of Phillipsburg, spoke on "New Year's Motivation". Evelyn Hall, Pine, Ariz., came to Dodge City last Saturday on Amtrak. She was met by her father and brothers, William D. Jansonius, Willard and Cleo who brought her here to spend some time at the home her parents, Bill and Grada Jansonius.

Richard Hultgren, Phillipsburg, and Glen and Linda Hultgren, Prairie View, went to Minden, Neb., Sunday to have dinner with her parents, Merle and Mary Beahm.

Several members of the Prairie View Reformed Church who went to Logan Jan. 20 to give the services at Logan Manor were: Norman and Rose Erickson, Bart and Erma Soodsma, and Marilyn Whitsitt and Dean and Grace

Dillon all of Phillipsburg; Rev. Jeffrey Van Der Weele, Hazel Jansonius, Goldie Barker and Vivian Jansonius of Prairie View. Following the services they all went to the Branding Iron Restaurant in Phillipsburg for supper. Linda Van Der Weele and Philip joined them there.

There was a carry-in dinner Jan. 21 at the Prairie View Senior Citizen/Community Center. Attending were: Evalee Hall, Hines, Ariz.; Brandy Shelton, Phillipsburg; Candace Stevens, Almena; John and Doreen Hoffman, Logan; Rev. and Linda Van Der Weele, Glen and Linda Hultgren; Stanley and Maxine Harbers, Rodney Jansonius, Julianna Lasniewski, Clazine Engelsman, Freda Rupke, Warren Sidman, Grada Jansonius, Vivian Jansonius, Hazel Jansonius, Goldie Barker, Faith Van Diest, Gertrude Erickson and Erma Jean Nyland, all of Prairie View.

Evalee Hall, Hines, Ariz., has been visiting at the home of her parents William and Grada Jansonius. Monday, her brother, Cleo Jansonius, Logan, took her to Dodge City where she took the Amtrak train back to her home.

Orlin and Wilma Hogan of Long Island visited at the home of Robert and Edna Earle De Boer and Sandra after Sunday evening church services.

Burdett and Belva Leydig left Jan. 13 for Kearney where they joined Gene, Tammy, Sydney and Colin Tillotson of Farnam, Neb., to drive to Omaha where they caught a plane Wednesday to Hawaii. They stayed on Wakiki Beach and saw many sights on the island of Oahu. They took a helicopter flight over part of the island, went down in a submarine, spend part of a day on a boat, hiked to the top of Diamond Head crater and spent time at Pearl Harbor and the Aloha Stadium Swap Meet. A full day was spent at the Polynesian Cultural Center followed by the "Horizon" show in the evening. They returned Jan. 21.

WILSONVILLE

By VELMA HOLTZE
After spending the weekend of Jan. 17 at her daughters in Holdrege, Ivalene Simmons of Oshkosh came to her mother, Velma Holtze's on Sunday. Velma accompanied her home that afternoon to spend the week. Ivalene returned her mother to her home on Friday evening. Ivalene spent Saturday in Holdrege returning to her mothers that night.

An afternoon baptismal service was held at the Baptist-Christian Church Sunday afternoon for Janene Holtze who had made her confession that morning. Keith Theobald conducted a very meaningful service consisting of music and a short message before the baptism. Besides several of the church family others coming for the special service were family members which included Justin, Jolene Miller and family; LaVern, Rhonda Banzhaf and family and Brad, Renee Holtze and boys all of Cambridge, Ivalene Simmons, Oshkosh, Kenneth and Carla Holtze, Dale Murphy and friends, Lyndzee Claus of Arapahoe, Peg Rice and boys, Tim and Barb Baca and members of the Sunday evening youth group.

Mary Alice and Dan Cook along with Laurie and Delbert Laws went out to supper on Saturday evening. While they were dining Mary and Dale Wilson of Wilsonville also came in for supper so the three couples had some lively across table dinner talk.

Library News
This past week several new magazine subscriptions have been donated to the Wilsonville Public Library. They are Better Homes and Gardens and Readers Digest. On display at the library are some very lovely wishing wells made by Anna Mae Iiams out of the wooden shingles from the old Baptist-Christian Church that was recently demolished. Anna Mae does a beautiful job on the wishing wells.

On Saturday morning Connie Holliday and Laurie Laws worked at the library. Laurie showed Connie many of the "how to's" to the library. Former Librarian Laurie Laws wants to keep help-

ing at the library as much as she can.

Roswell McComb Dies
Word was received Saturday evening that Roswell McComb, formally of the Wilsonville area, died Saturday morning. Roswell lived in Canyon City, Colo., since approximately 1958. Mr. McComb owned the home that is now the Delbert and Laurie Laws home on the Furnas/Redwillow county line. He was approximately 92 years old.

Funeral for Betty Gill
Funeral services were held this Monday afternoon at Norton for Betty Wilson Gill. Betty moved with her family to the Wilsonville area as a little girl. She attended the Anderson rural school east of Wilsonville and graduated from Wilsonville High in 1945. She was married to Howard Gill and they made their home in Sharon Springs and Norton for many years. She is survived by her husband, Howard; a daughter, Dixie and Verlyn Penn of Robinson; two sons, Dan and Janet Gil of Salina, and Doug and Brenda Gill of Norton; five grandchildren and several great-grandchildren; a brother, Sonny and Ella Wilson of Wilsonville; two sisters, Norma and Patrick Kasson of North Platte; and Mary John of Arapahoe; nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends. Burial was at Wilsonville cemetery.

Beaver Valley Pickers
The Beaver Valley Pickers entertained at the Heritage Plaza on Saturday afternoon. There was a good turnout of folks to hear the Blue Grass/Country songs. The plaza served delicious cookies and lemonade after the performance. The Beaver Valley Pickers enjoyed visiting with many of the residences and eating the tasty cookies.

Letters
This past week the secretary of the Wilsonville Women's Club received a lovely thank you from a soldier in Baghdad, Iraq, SPC Tammy Campbell. Tammy is from Utah and just wanted to thank the Wilsonville Women's Club for project "Sweet Thoughts from Home".

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