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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

The Righteous are Surrounded with God's Favor From Living Hope Fellowship

Psalm 5:12 says, "For surely, O Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield."

The righteous are those who trust in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. They are well assured of His power and all-sufficiency, they stand upon all of His promises, they are confident of His protection in the way of their duty to Him. They love Him and they most certainly take delight in their relationship with Him. True Christianity is to live a life in obedience to God's Word and to completely surrender to the leading of His Holy Spirit.

Isaac Potts once said that George Washington was most certainly a man of prayer and appeared to be a man of God.

There is a true account of Colonel George Washington when, at age twenty-three, he fought with the British in the French and Indian War. In a battle fought on July 9, 1755, the British forces were wiped out, but Washington survived.

He had two horses shot out from under him during combat and later found that four musket balls had passed through his coat, yet he was unharmed.

Fifteen years later in 1770, George Washington and a life long friend were exploring some wilderness territory when a band of Indians came to them, requesting that they have words with their chief. Over a council fire, the old chief spoke of "having come a long way to see the young warrior of the great battle." He said "on that July day," fifteen

years before, he had "marked Washington as a might warrior." He had "instructed his braves to level their guns on Washington to be sure that he would die in battle."

Yet shooting at Washington with the same guns that killed the soldiers around him, they could not kill Colonel Washington. The old chief said "there was a great power that protected Washington from harm that day. He would not die in battle."

As a general, George Washington often prayed, seeking the guiding hand of God and for His protection while he performed his duties. He not only prayed for himself but also for the men he was

responsible for. He tried to obey the Word of God and sometimes when things were tough he required his men to attend church services, advising them to repent of sin and pray.

The Bible teaches that we are in a spiritual battle facing a great adversary. Christians may be called home in this battle, but only in God's will. Praying Christians can most certainly experience God's favor and protection while performing their duties. Christians who cast off their love for the things of this world and get serious about reaching the lost for Christ will discover the power of God in the heat of battle and fully understand His sustaining hand. Jesus purchased us with His blood and HE said he would never leave us nor forsake us. Fulfilling the great commission puts us in the will of God and opens our lives to divine intervention. God will surround the righteous with His favor.

"Just Wait Until Your Father Gets Home!"



Though the world is constantly changing, this phrase is still around. While it might be helpful to those mothers who are at the end of their rope, it sure does give dad a bad rap. After all, as he approaches his front porch, he doesn't have a clue as to why there is a chill in the air; nor why his children are tentatively peeping at him around the corner of the house, ready to run at moment's notice.

Although his children might be rightfully apprehensive, they know that he loves them even though he expects them to behave. Therefore, some appropriate repercussion is not a surprise.

Our Heavenly Father loves us even more than we can imagine. His words to us are found in the Holy Bible. Though we may cause ourselves grief when we do not obey, God still forgives us when we ask Him. His love never wavers. Psalm 115:11 reassures us... "Ye that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord: He is their help and their shield."

Worship this week. Discover more about your Father's eternal love.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Esther 4:1-17	2 Samuel 22:1-25	2 Samuel 22:26-51	1 Kings 3:1-15	1 Kings 18:1-29	1 Kings 18:30-46	Jeremiah 12:1-13

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NORCATUR NEWS

By NORCATUR NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS

Birthdays and anniversaries: Gene Gallentine - March 5; Lance Roe, Galen Wentz - March 7; Betsy Jakowski, Mary Long - March 8; K.G. and Dorothy Ward - March 10.

Marvin Jackson, former resident of Norcatgur, passed away Saturday, Feb. 28 at the Norton County Hospital. His funeral services were held at the Enfield Funeral Home in Norton on Tuesday, March 2, with burial in the Norcatgur Cemetery.

On Feb. 23, Wava Reames, Kingfisher, Okla., visited her aunt, Marguerite Fullerton, at the Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin. She enjoyed visiting with Ivah Alexander and Fern Mapes, also in the Good Samaritan Center.

On March 1, Keith Ward joined Wava Reames at the home of Frank and Velda Ward for supper.

The Norcatgur Royal Neighbors were invited to a "Leap Year" coffee at the Oberlin Golden Age Center on Feb. 26 by the Oberlin Royal Neighbors. Those going were Maxine Brooks, Dorothy Woods, and Lee and Lora Arnold. Lora was one of the lucky door prize winners.

Bob and Kay Strevey left Saturday morning, Feb. 28, and headed for Manhattan. They met up with their daughters and husbands, Trudi and John McCollum, Platte City, Mo.; Wendy and Loren Tien, Andover; and Hollie and Justin Ricke, Wichita. While in Manhattan they all attended the Kansas State University basketball game, followed by an early supper. Bob and Kay then spent the evening with Gary and Terri Ritter in Manhattan, then motored home through the great rain on Sunday.

Kay Strevey went to visit Trudi and John McCollum in Platte City, Mo., on Feb. 20 for the weekend. That Saturday, Hollie and Justin Ricke, Wichita, joined them, and on Sunday Wendy and Loren Tien of Andover also stopped in. Kay, Trudi and Hollie all attended the play "STOMP" at the Kansas City Music Hall to celebrate Trudi's birthday.

A birthday supper held on Saturday, Feb. 28, honoring Bill Nelson was enjoyed by Marguerite Clark, Lee Eckhart, Bob Sawdon and Bee Nelson. The evening was spent visiting and learning to play Uno Attack.

The Norcatgur News volunteers celebrated two birthdays Tuesday, Feb. 24, honoring Judy Jackson and Arlene Hix. Those present were: K.G. and Dorothy Ward, Lula Hix, Bee Nelson, Dee Magers, Goldie Brewer, LaVerne Milner, Joyce Price and honoree Arlene Hix. Everyone enjoyed cake and ice cream furnished by Dee Magers and Bee Nelson.

Norcatgur United Methodist Church has begun church services at a new starting time, 9:45 a.m., as of March 7.

CITIZENS ALLIANCE BOARD MEETING

The Norcatgur Citizens Alliance Board of Directors held their annual meeting Feb. 19. Members present were K.G. Ward, Rodney O'Hare, Bob Strevey, Kristi Gallentine, Darren Wentz, and Dennis Lechlitter. The treasurer reported the Alliance had \$8,457 in assets as of Jan. 1.

Total money disbursed in calendar year 2003 was \$2770. Total money received since start-up was \$73,045. The board was notified that Rodney Lechlitter was resigning from the Board since he has moved to Colorado. After discussion, the Board decided to ask Troy Wentz to accept the vacancy, which he did. K.G. Ward decided to step down as president, and Bob Strevey was elected to replace him at that position. Rodney O'Hare was elected to take the Vice President position that was previously held by Rodney Lechlitter.

Company at Rea and Dee Magers' on Feb. 28 were Bill and Imogene Hahn, from Denver. Bill is Dee's sister. They were here to attend the funeral of Imogene's brother-in-law, Harold Riemann of Norton, who passed away on Thursday, February 26.

Troy, Deb, Anthony and Amanda Marshall, Inez Jackson, and Neil Marshall traveled to Wichita on Saturday, Feb. 28, to see the State Kansas Musical Educators Association choir performance that Andrea Marshall was in. She received a medal for attending State KMEA for all three years possible. The concert consisted of the orchestra, band, and choir, all chosen from the District KMEA's across the state.

Patty and Sam Stapp, Norcatgur, and Marian Dempewolf, Oberlin, went to Iola Saturday, Feb. 28, to watch Kortney Stapp play basketball. She is a starter on the Allen County Community College women's basketball team. Saturday afternoon, Feb. 28, the Stapp family and Marian met Lee Dempewolf, Topeka, and Amber Dempewolf, Colby, at the Topeka Mall for a visit. All returned home Sunday, Feb. 29.

Does anyone have an extra copy of the "blue" history book of Norcatgur which you could donate to the library or city office? If you do, please contact Chris at (785) 693-4461.

R.D. Thornton and Naomi returned home Saturday, Feb. 28, from a 2-month stay in Bracketville, Texas.

Chris and Sharee Dempewolf, Kaitlyn Stapp and Canaan Bishop attended the state wrestling competition in Hays on Saturday, Feb. 28. While there, they visited with Ray, Jen and Bryce Thornton and Laci Lechlitter. Bryce went to the wrestling competition with the others for a short time.

Congratulations to Lance Roe, who took third place at the 3-2-1A state wrestling competition in Hays on Feb. 28.

NORTON MANOR

By DORIS MIZELL

There was a good turn out last Tuesday for the Silver and Gold dinner. The tables were decorated with shamrocks. There was a video shown for the program after dinner.

Amanada Grafel and sons Kel and Reece from Traer were juice and cookie guests of grandma Delpha Steinmetz on March 5.

Visitors of Rex and Eva Wendel was their son Kenneth, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Wray, Ila Virgil and Jeff Nielsen.

Visitors this week with Mary Keith were Flora and Kenny Sanders, Topeka; Deanna Greving, Prairie View; Esther Tweed, and Mr. and Mrs. James Skrdlant. Linda Keith stopped in for few minutes to see Mary Keith's sister

Flora Sanders.

Terry Steinmetz and Adam called on Delpha Steinmetz Saturday evening.

Mary Keith received word that Ola Cable former worker at Norton State Hospital had passed away Tuesday morning and the funeral was to be Friday morning at St. Patrick's Church in McCook, Neb. Ed Keith, Mary Keith and Dolly Williams attended her funeral.

Doris Mizell accompanied Ray and Ruth Mizell on a trip to Ellis to take in the forensics meet. Her grandson Stephen was taking part in it.

Mary Keith spent Saturday visiting at the Ed Keith home. Wendy Schmidt and Tegan of Oakley were there.

ALMENA NEWS

By ESTHER MARBLE

Melvin and Delilah Lauer of Atlanta, Neb., called at the home of Grace Reeves Saturday. They had been to Oberlin for the funeral of Henrietta Van Vleet and stopped by for a short visit. It was great to

see them again and to catch up on what was going on in their lives and Grace's.

Esther Marble called briefly Monday morning on Reva Smith to wish her a happy birthday.