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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

CHARACTER: HONOR OR DEFAMATION?

By Terrill Worthington, Pastor, First Church of God

I couldn't believe my eyes when I entered my office after worship one Sunday many years ago. There on the corner of my desk was a box labeled "Bartles & James Premium Peach Flavored California Wine Coolers." I first wondered if this was a practical joke. On further inspection, I learned that someone had used that box to return some books I had loaned to them.

I probably wouldn't have thought much about it except that I often found empty beer bottles in the lot between our home and our church. I would put those bottles in a sack and put them in a trash can in our alley so that no one would think they were mine (I am a teetotaler).

Picking up those bottles made me think of a story I read recently in a church newsletter: A prim little old lady was telling a friend about her awful shock upon finding two empty whiskey bottles in her garbage can.

"Can you imagine my embarrassment?" She said, "I got them out fast, because I didn't want the garbage man to think that I drink."

"What did you do with them?" asked the friend, "Well, the preacher lives next door", was the reply, "so I put them in his garbage can. Everyone around here knows he doesn't drink."

Challenging Yourself



As we approach Labor Day, summer vacations are nearly over, and our attention and energies will again become focused on our careers and our jobs. As we make this transition, it may be a time when we reassess our progress in and our satisfaction with our workplace. "Do I have adequate job security? Am I meeting my employer's expectations? Am I pleased with my own performance?"

St. Augustine, a fourth century theologian, spoke about reassessment. "If you would attain to what you are not yet, you must always be displeased by what you are. For where you were pleased with yourself, there you have remained...keep adding, keep walking, keep advancing."

As we continue to strive, we must reassess our spiritual progress as well. It takes a strong spirit to respond to the challenges we must meet. Therefore, God has said in Exodus 20:9-10.... "Six days you shall labor, and do all your work; the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God." In His wisdom, our Heavenly Father knew we would need the spiritual energy that comes from weekly worship.

Won't you challenge yourself to worship each week? All meaningful progress begins in God's House.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Joshua 1:1-18	Judges 4:1-24	Ruth 1:1-22	Luke 6:17-36	Luke 6:37-49	Luke 8:4-18	Luke 11:14-36

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NORTON MANOR

By DORIS MIZELL

Hello! I'm back after spending a week with my daughter and husband, Carolyn and Roger Linsenmeyer, Beatrice, Neb. On Friday we went to Manhattan where we met Ivalee Munsinger, Hays, my sister-in-law and Patty Foster, Jennings, my daughter and went to LaCygne, where we visited the Prairie Home cemetery where my grandparents are buried.

Then we went on to Branson, Mo., where we attended the Mizell Reunion bringing together Mizells from Alabama, Washington, Arkansas, Missouri, New Mexico, Colorado, North Carolina, Nebraska, California, Texas, and Kansas. We had 77 in attendance and had a wonderful time. Saturday evening was spent taking a trip on the showboat, Branson Belle, with a wonderful meal and entertainment. We returned on Monday. On the way home we stopped in Lawrence to see my granddaughter, Judy Brynds, and where she worked. We came on to Manhattan and saw Jordan Mizell, Michael Mizell, Jared and Peggy Foster who are all students at K-State, and my grandchildren. Here we parted company from the Linsenmeyers and we headed for western Kansas. We arrived in Hays late enough so Patty and I spent the night at the Munsinger home. Patty left me at Norton after we went to the Dairy Queen for dinner. I forgot to mention earlier that I had two more daughters and their husbands at the reunion also. Roberta and Dennis McAllister, Clayton and Connie and Marlin Lillich, Atwood were there.

Mary Keith's family met in Winter Park, Colo., at Snow Mountain Ranch Aug. 9 for a four-

day family reunion. A very good time was enjoyed by all 39 who attended.

Mrs. Harold Klee and daughter, Stephanie of Baltimore, Md., and daughter, Comm. and Mrs. Todd St. Lawrence and children of Norfolk, Va., were recent guests of parents Mr. and Mrs. Sam Manning, other relatives and friends. They were Thursday luncheon guests of their aunt Claudia Bridges.

Diana, Colton and Camryn Greving, and Jacob Nasvaras were Friday dinner guests of Mary Keith.

Joe and Dorothy Foland received a phone call Sunday afternoon from their daughter, Terri Tobias, in Nampa, Idaho. Terri said "Now Mom, stay calm everyone is all right. Toby was with a buddy going down the highway. All of a sudden a semi landed on top of them. Toby ended up in the back seat, the other two men didn't know where they were. The three men escaped with only scratches and bruises. The front end of the car was crushed. All were checked out at a hospital, especially Toby who had recently had a hip fused." All the emergency vehicles were on the scene and cops thinking it was a disaster. This is surely a miracle.

A policeman said to the driver, "Don't you think you were in the wrong lane?"

The driver said, "I guess I was." Terri said, "I don't know if he was drinking, but the car was totaled and his company is paying for all the accident."

Aletha Rule was a visitor of Mary Keith Friday afternoon. Linda Keith stopped and visited Friday evening.

NEW ALMELO

By BETTY OTTER

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Vahling of Grand Junction, Colo., and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Linden of Brewster, visited with Allie and Ruth Vahling and Dick and Betty Vahling, Dresden. Bernard Vahling was born on the farm now owned by George Gassmann. Mr. and Mrs. Ron Meinhardt of Tuetopolis, Ill., Dick and Michael Vahling, Dresden, visited with Allie and Ruth Vahling in the evening. They had eaten dinner at the Dick Vahling home. Mrs. Meinhardt was Mary Ann Vahling from the Tuetopolis area.

Cordelia (Bates) Kitzke, 83, of Salina, died Aug. 24 at her home in Salina. She was the youngest of Damian and Fernunda Bates' children. She was born and grew up in the Lenora area and was a member of St. Joseph Parish in New Almelo. She married Franklin Kitzke, Logan. They farmed and raised their family near Logan. After her husband died in 1982, she moved to Norton. Later she moved to Salina. She is survived by a son, Delton Kitzke, Salina; four daughters, LaDonna Mussett and Joycelyn Aliberti, Aurora, Colo.; Kaylene Young, Salina; and

Martina McCauley, Rosalia; a sister-in-law, Hazel Bates, Norton; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Franklin; a son, Reynold Kitzke; her parents; brothers, Paul Bates, Jim Bates, Martin Bates; and sisters, Florence Dwyer, Margaret Otter, Ethel Bates, and Irene Bates.

Funeral services were held Aug. 27 at St. John's Catholic Church, Logan. Burial was in Pleasant View Cemetery, Logan.

Several nieces and nephews attended the services including Larry and Della Simoneau, Salina; Jim and June Dwyer, Glasco; Roberta Bruinekool, Lenora; Arnold Bates, Grand Island; Alfred and Betty Otter, Marion; and Marilyn Otter, New Almelo; Sister Francis Margaret Otter, Plainville; Sister Donna Otter, Ellis; Sister Mary Easter, Concordia; Marilyn and Rod Dial, Norton.

Aug. 28, Russ and Marcia Aumiller and John Vahling helped Jeff and Kathleen Vahling move to a different house in Hays.

Mark and Marshall Otter, Ulysses, recently spent an afternoon with Alfred and Betty Otter.

LYLE NEWS

By DEANNA SUMNER

Monday Toots Magers and Kathy Van Meter went to visit Pat Schwab.

Tuesday was sewing day for the Lyle ladies. Ruth Vise and Karla Clason came to visit Toots Magers.

Friday evening Mrs. Magers and Mrs. Van Meter went to Norcatur and played cards.

Sunday, there were no church services due to the lovely rain! Kathy Van Meter met with Roy and Sara Buchholv in Phillipsburg

and went on to Grand Island, Neb., for the 8th Annual Accordion Jamboree.

Everyone is invited to the hog roast at the Lyle Community Building, Saturday, Sept. 11 5:30 p.m.

Toots Magers attended the Price Family Reunion in Norcatur and visited with a lot of people she hadn't seen for a long time. She really had good time!

Ernest and Donna Huff went to Grand Junction, Colo., to visit Donna's sister, Bobbie Strauss.

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