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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

Caterpillar Ugly, Butterfly Beautiful — From Living Word Church

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 the 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 cre-

ation; the old has gone, the new has come!" (2 Corinthians 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?



In this age of the internet, the world has become small indeed. We can converse with someone in China just by turning on the computer. The power of a "search engine" surpasses the speed of any vehicle of transportation...literally, "in a heartbeat". We need not feel alone, even if we are unable to leave our homes.

In A Heartbeat

As miraculous as this technology appears to be, why do so many of us still feel empty and alone though the entire world is at our disposal?

Perhaps we need to divert our focus from without to look within ourselves...within our hearts. Long before the advent of modern communication and sophisticated transportation...when we were far more isolated than today...we learned to look within ourselves for comfort and assurance. We read in Psalm 77:5-6..."I consider the days of old, I remember the years long ago. I commune with my heart in the night; I meditate and search my spirit."

You need not look far for one who will be your friend. God is as near as your heartbeat. Won't you visit God's House this week?

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Proverbs 10:17-32	Proverbs 11:1-14	Proverbs 11:15-31	Proverbs 15:1-17	Proverbs 15:18-33	Luke 11:37-54	Isaiah 61:1-11

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WILSONVILLE

By VELMA HOLTZE and LAURIE LAWS

Margaret Brown was visited by Scott Propes and Kristine Felker, Bob and Deanna Propes, McCook, Carole Volker, Humboldt, Marie Smith, Omaha, and from Wilsonville, Moon Pywell, Velma Holtze, June Palmer and Lillian Lemaster.

Velma Holtze visited Helen Litz at the Beaver City Manor. While there she saw the former Donna Skiles of California who is here visiting her mother, Merle Skiles. Velma also visited and enjoyed coffee time with the residents.

Adeline Ballou attended the volleyball game in Arapahoe. Of special interest to her were the officials, her daughter, Jo, and husband, Brad Schwartz.

Georgia Haag of Malcolm, Neb., spent the weekend with her parents. Charles and Nadeane Haag.

Dick McLaughlin's sister, Bob and June Gilstap from Texas, left for their home after visiting here several days. They enjoyed Mexican supper at Republican City in honor of Dick's birthday.

That was also the 20th wedding anniversary of Jim and Becky Holtze. They and their family, Janene, Justin, Jolene Miller and children, Brian Holtze and also Lyndzie Claus of Arapahoe, enjoyed supper in McCook.

Word has been received that Alfretha Presler's sister-in-law, Mrs. Kenneth Yoder has been in an Omaha hospital with heart problems and an aneurysm. She is recuperating at home near Cozad.

Shelly Anderson of Elwood had her gallbladder removed. Laurie Laws spent several days with her daughter Shelly before and after the surgery. Shelly is now home and recovering very well.

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Sonny and Ella Wilson, Laurie and Bert Jurey and Allen and Connie Wilson attended the wedding and reception in Lincoln for Jason Cobb and Lynsey Keller on Sept. 18.

Velma Holtze attended the open house at the Beaver City Assisted Living Center celebrating Assisted Living Week on Saturday. In conjunction with this they had a health fair and a quilt show. Approximately 40 quilts were displayed in the hallways and in the activity room.

Allen and Connie Wilson drove to Grand Island to an open house shower for their daughter, Kim and husband, Josh Townsend. This was given by Josh's home church where Josh's brother-in-law is the minister.

Sunday dinner guests in the Jim Holtze home were Jolene Miller and children, Brian Holtze and Velma Holtze.

Dick and Joan McLaughlin spent a few days in Colorado and Arizona visiting their children.

Dale and Mary Wilson left immediately on Sunday morning when they received word of the illness of their daughter, Julie Stanek, at Kansas City.

Family Reunion

Harold and Pat Yost recently met Pat's siblings at Independence, Mo., for a family reunion.

This Indeed was more than the usual family reunion. Pat's family consisted of a sister, Jeanie, and a brother, Lennie, at the time of Pat's father's death when she was 11 years old. Her mother remarried and sister, Barbara, and brother, Billy, were born. Her mother was pregnant with little Ronnie when her husband, Bill, was killed in an auto wreck. Shortly after Ronnie's birth she learned she had cancer and lived only a year. In that year she made arrangements for her children's adoption. The oldest three were adopted by a Carl Hatch family, who already had one adopted daughter. The next two children became Jackson's and baby Ronnie became the son of the family doctor and his wife. Two years later the Hatch family welcomed a baby daughter, Iva Marie.

Just one year later Carl Hatch passed away. It was then Mrs. Hatch took her family of five children to California to be near her parents. Later she returned to Nebraska to become the wife of Dale McNutt.

This reunion was attended by Lennie of Denver, Colo., Jeannie and Ken Miller, Longmont, Colo., Pat and Harold, Barbara, her daughter and granddaughter of Jefferson City, Mo., and Bill and Evelyn Jackson of Fayetteville, Ark. This was the first time Pat had seen some of them for 31 years.

On the return trip Pat and Harold stopped at Topeka to spend the night with her son, Doug Shepherd, his wife, Shelly and grandchildren Scott and Kelsey.

Eager Beaver Days

Several from Wilsonville took in part of the Eager Beaver Days at Beaver City on Saturday which included a parade, food stands, games and contests, car and tractor show. The special emphasis went to those years in the '30s.

Some 60 people had their old cars on display with many that were new in the 1930s. Best of all, to this correspondent, was attending the Chautauqua. Jay Hall acting as emcee impersonated E.S. Merwin, former owner of the Times Tribune. He did a splendid job of bringing back memories of the 30s to some of those in the audience. Doing the same were Darrell and Eula Brown, Jean Shafer and Harold Inman, who Jay introduced. The Browns reminisced about days on the farm, the dust storms, the grasshoppers, etc.

Jean spoke especially about school teaching as well as the flood, Jean's first school was the first grade in Beaver City, 35 students, no aids, no workbooks, etc. and did all this for \$50 a month. At that salary, paying \$20 a month for board and room, she still felt she had so much that she offered her dad money if he needed it. C.C. Camp and its routine was told about by Mr. Inman. The Presbyterian minister arrived impersonating Senator Norris when he came to Beaver City in 1936 to begin his political campaign that year for the U.S. Senate.

United Methodist Women

President Lillian Lemaster opened the United Methodist Women's September meeting with prayer and all repeating the "Purpose". Several members gave reports. The Rev. Malchow gave the lesson and displayed moments of years ago. He shared his parents' Bible and the cross as a symbol of faith. He gave the history of the Carnegie Libraries founded in the 1900s. Carnegie became a rich steel worker and philanthropist. He closed with prayer of thanks. Margaret Spence served a tasty dessert.

LYLE NEWS

By DEANNA SUMNER

Monday Toots Magers and Kathy Van Meter played cards with the residents at the Good Samaritan Home in Oberlin. While there they visited with Marguerite Fullerton.

Tuesday was sewing day for the Lyle ladies.

Wednesday Kathy Van Meter and Joyce Sumner took a car load of quilts, clothing and stuff to the Mexican American Mission in Garden City.

It was a lovely rainy day Wednesday! Most of the Lyle area received about 2.40 inches.

Saturday Margaret Magers attended the wedding of Dwight

Wood and Teresa Reves in McCook.

Saturday Veda Wood and sister, Ona VanGundy, attended Dwight and Teresa's wedding. David and Tina Wood, Omaha, were overnight guests of Veda Woods.

Sunday LaVerne and Colleen Rippe attended the 100th anniversary services for Prairie Chapel Church. After services there was a luncheon then a reminiscing session and the Decatur Community High School singers entertained.

Allison Rippe stayed four days with Grandma and Grandpa.

Sunday Oct. 3 starts the Sunday Potluck dinner at the Lyle Community Building at 12:30.