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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"A Thrift Store God", by Cody Shepherd, Youth Minister, Norton Christian Church

Maybe it's because I'm a youth minister, maybe it's because I'm cheap. Either way, I love second hand stores. Half of my shirts come from either Goodwill or the Salvation Army. There is obviously nothing flashy about the clothes. Most of the ones I get say things such as "Swanson Sunday afternoon in the park" or "Being Filipino is being at its best" (which a good Filipino friend of mine

loved). Another male friend of mine at college had a shirt that said "Best Friends" with a picture of two girls with big hair from the 80's.

I think Jesus is much the same type of shopper as I am. In the midst of all the fancy stores I think Jesus would have enjoyed the Goodwills of this world. Just think about it. When Jesus was on earth, he didn't spend his time in affluent places such as where the Pharisees and Sadducees were. Only specific time was even spent in the synagogues (the churches of the day). Where Christ spent most of his time and energy was on the streets

with the everyday people. Does it seem amazing that he healed so many people?? It shouldn't, he spent his time with the sick and disabled. Does it seem odd that the majority of all Christians in the first couple centuries were all lower class people?? It shouldn't, those are who he worked with. Think about it, how many affluent people did Jesus do miracles on?? I can't think of

First Things First

"Now, where are my keys? I'll never find them in this mess. There's the glove I lost last week...and the twins' homework they needed yesterday; everything but my keys! We need some organization around here. Maybe I will get to it next week."



Next week...next month...next year. Most of us can recognize ourselves in this scenario. What is the answer to this common problem? Perhaps we could reassess our priorities. First things first.

What about our spiritual planning? Perhaps we even acknowledge our need for weekly worship, but we feel weary or just "too busy". Yet, might better spiritual planning positively affect our entire week?

God has a plan. In Matthew 6:33, He makes this promise... "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well." This week, won't you plan to worship your Heavenly Father? Visit God in His House. He will take care of the rest.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Psalm 144	Psalm 145	Psalm 146	Psalm 147	Psalm 148	Psalm 149	Psalm 150

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PINOCHLE

By JAKE DURHAM

It was a balmy Sunday evening as the faithful gathered for their favorite pastime and there was plenty to talk about. The Husker and Wildcat fans didn't have much to brag about as the Cats had just fallen to the Jayhawks, the first time in over a decade, and the Huskers were faring no better. Some would say an era had come to an end. But fear not, there was a silver lining in the sky as the local BlueJays were on a roll with another great season and it was evident they were play off bound. The Red Socks had pulled off a first-ever, coming back from three down in the playoffs and then sweeping the Cardinals. The world will never be the same. There was even some talk about the upcoming election which caused someone to mention it was time to begin and sure enough, the clock on the wall was straight up seven. The gong sounded and thirty and six made a dash to the tables with winning on their minds.

The bidding was fierce as usual as the pushers were out for control and as the first round scores were posted, there were several high scores that were worthy of honors but it was the team of Alice Chance and Jeanette Groothoff who stole the show with what would hold up to be the high round score of the evening. Needless to say the girls were more than a little enthusiastic, but good things have a way of coming to an end as the time tested team of Julia Roeder and Larry Harman took second round honors while the team of Weldon Brooks and Elden Vincent stole the show by garnering a one point lead over the team of Bill Glennemeier and Rodney Stapp.

By round three the team of Jack Mechsner and Dave Sheley had finally gotten on track and captured third round honors but the team of Brooks and Vincent were hanging tough and maintained the lead. The halfway mark was coming up with the fourth round and there was a push to finish the first half with a favorable score, which was evident by the long drawn out bidding and as the round came to a close, the team of Arnold and Dorothy Zillinger had captured the honors and as everyone eyed the board to assess the situation, the team of Brooks and Vincent were still on top of the ladder. The team of Julia Roeder and Larry Harman were in second, Zillinger and Zillinger were in third, one point ahead of Bill Glennemeier and Rodney Stapp, and rounding out the top five was the team of Duane McEwen and J.D. Daffer. From there on down it was what is known as tighter than tight.

There was high level strategy being developed during the break, with four more rounds to go, a minus score could spell disaster, but risk taking is part of the game and as everyone knows, the second half could be a reverse of the first half and with that in mind the second half got underway with an renewed enthusiasm. The team of Elden Billips and Billy Keiswetter, sometimes known as icons of the game, came to life and took the honors on round five but

the team of Weldon and Elden were dug in deep and were still on top of the heap. The crucial sixth round was coming up and there was beginning to be some faces of concern. The high boards were now playing more conservative while those needing to move up were pushing with all out effort and as the scores were turned in and accounted for, it was the team of Brooks and Vincent who had captured the honors and greatly improved their situation which was becoming more marginal all the time.

The honors on round seven went back to the team of Julia Roeder and Larry Harman for their double of the evening but the team of Brooks and Roeder were still in the lead and with the final round coming up, the area around the score board was very packed as it was definite, the eight and final round would be the deciding factor of the night. The team of Brooks and Vincent had a score of 666, which some implied it was the numbers of doom, however, the leaders didn't seem to mind too much. The team of Larry Smith and Stan Miller were in second place twenty points down and the team of Jack Mechsner and Dave Sheley were in third, Elden Billips and Billy Keiswetter were in fourth and rounding out the top five was the team of Glennemeier and Stapp.

A catch up break was declared after round seven to give everyone a chance to start even on the final round as the gong clanged, it was all out effort for the eighth and final round. Again there were the usual sounds of agony and sounds of joy, and as the final round came to a close and all of the scores were posted, the team of Billips and Keiswetter had taken the honors to give them a double for the evening, but it was a little too late as the team of Brooks and Vincent made off with the prize of first place. Those veterans had been there, done that before and took their accolades with honor and dignity as they posted a winning score of 748 points. Highest single round score of 137 was posted in round one by Alice Chance and Jeanette Groothoff.

Top ten teams were: Weldon Brooks and Elden Vincent; 2. Larry Smith and Stan Miller; 3. Elden Billips and Billy Keiswetter; 4. Jack Mechsner and Dave Sheley; 5. Darren McMullen and Jason Amlong; 6. Arnold and Dorothy Zillinger; 7. Bill Glennemeier and Rodney Stapp; 8. Julia Roeder and Larry Harman; 9. Wade Ambrosier and Jerry Darling; 10. Duane McEwen and J.D. Daffer.

Teams not previously mentioned were: June Jolly and Margaret Magers; Barb McKie and Donna Millan; Gil Otter and Eleanor Jensen; Myron Veh and Doc Peterson; Ron and Sondra Kester; Dee and Thelma Bushnell; Norm Walter and Mary Jane Wahlmeier.

It had been a grand evening and there were those who were hoping time would go by fast as they were anticipating capturing the crown on Nov. 21. So bring your partner and come early, starting time is 7 p.m.

PRAIRIE VIEW

By VIVIAN JANSONIUS

The Prairie Homemakers met Oct. 25 at the Prairie View Senior Citizen/Community Center. Judy Van Der Veen conducted the meeting. Ten members answered roll call by telling their favorite season of the year. Two children also attended. Members discussed plans for their annual Christmas party tea to be held at 6 p.m., Nov. 29 in homes of different members. New officers were elected. They are: President, Judy Van Der Veen; Vice-President, Beverly Schemper; Secretary, Vivian Jansonius; Treasurer, Belva Leydig; and Council Representative, Beth Ponstein. Mrs. Van Der Veen gave a lesson on making fall arrangements. Most members made one or two. Quarter prizes were won by Belinda Thalheim and Beth Ponstein. Mrs. Schemper, Gloria DeWitt, Mrs. Van Der Veen and Linda Hultgren received Halloween presents from their Secret Pals. Mrs. Jansonius

received a birthday gift from her Secret Pal. Others present were: Belva Leydig, Wanda Schemper, Julia Schemper, Isabelle and Deacon.

Oct. 29, Harlan Van De Wege and Vivian Jansonius went to Hays and had supper with Jerol and Jennifer De Boer, Kelsey and Taylor, Mark and Lisa Greving and Megan and Heath and Lori Bogart, Kali, Alex and Kambri. After supper, Mrs. Jansonius attended the High Plains Mental Health meeting.

Vivian Jansonius went to Norton Friday and visited at the home of her cousin, Marjorie Johnson and Dennis. They took her out for her birthday, which was Nov. 1. Mrs. Johnson celebrated her birthday, too, which was Nov. 4.

The Gleaner's of the Prairie View Reformed Church met Nov. 4 at the church. Linda Van Der Wee was the Listen Leader; Vivian Jansonius gave devotions; and Darline Brown was the hostess.

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