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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"Have You Discovered Christmas", By Terry Laughlin, Living Word Baptist Church

"But the angel said unto them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord.'" (Luke 2: 10 - 11)

One of the most familiar holidays of the year is Christmas. To children it is thought to be the most wonderful day of the year.

What does the Biblical account of the Christmas story tell us?

1.) Christmas Is an Event: It is history and the baby Jesus born in Bethlehem was one of the greatest events of all time. Even though we cannot be sure of the actual date of Christ's birth, Christmas is as real as our own birthday.

The baby that laid in the manger was the miracle we call the incarnation. God became man without ceasing to be God. The creator of the world became a child.

The birth of Christ has had more of an impact on the world than the birth of anyone else. To anyone who is a Christian, becoming born again was a real event in their life and Jesus Christ has had more of an influence on them than anyone else ever has or ever will.

2.) Christmas Is an Evangel: Christmas is good news because it proclaims that in spite of what we are, God loves us so much that He has provided a remedy from the destruction of sin.

"Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance, 'Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.'" (1 Timothy 1: 15) Since the time of Adam's and Eve's

disobedience, God had promised a deliverer. In the baby born in Bethlehem, God fulfilled His promise to bring salvation to the world. By the sacrifice of Himself on the cross, Jesus overthrew the lawlessness of sin and He sets Christians free from sin's bondage.

3.) Christmas Is an Experience: As you think of how Jesus was delivered in a lowly stable, most certainly an unfit place for the birth of a king, be reminded of His humility, for He came out of perfection to walk this guilty earth and suffer crucifixion for the sins of the world.

You can walk into any stable that is cleaned three times daily,

even into places that stable horses worth tens of thousands of dollars, you will find that all stables stink! When you allow the Holy Spirit to examine your heart with the Word of God, you will come to understand that you too are like a stinky stable, unfit for the King of kings to be born and reside in. However, born again Christians do have Jesus Christ living in them through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit of God.

2 Corinthians 5:17 says, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come." Jesus comes to live within Christians to make them like Himself. The sure sign and seal of the indwelling Savior is increasing Christ-likeness. Receiving God's Christmas gift, Jesus Christ as personal Savior and Lord, will give you new motives, new desires and Holy Spirit empowerment to overcome the sins that try to demand dominion in your life.

Have you discovered Christmas?



Any of you who lives in a part of the country that receives a massive amount of snow each winter can relate to this scene shown on a televised weather segment. The snow on the roof of this house must be shoveled to the ground due to the fact that the weight of it could collapse the roof. Shoveling the sidewalk...well, that's hard enough... but the roof?? Yes, one snow on top of another would render the roof too laden with snow to withstand the stress.

Though life brings with it a different kind of stress, this principle could apply to us as well. Continuous problems can send our soul to the brink of despair; and without relief can render us weak and unable to function in our daily life. Can we prevent this?

Turn to your Heavenly Father before your life becomes unbearable. Read His Word and you will be able to find joy and peace, even in the face of adversity. God can make you stronger than your problems. We read in Matthew 11:28 the words of Jesus. "Come unto me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Won't you worship each week at your local church or synagogue? God is waiting to lighten your load.

"I Will Give You Rest"

SUNDAY Matthew 3:1-12	MONDAY Malachi 3:1-8	TUESDAY Matthew 11:1-19	WEDNESDAY Isaiah 25:1-10	THURSDAY Isaiah 33:1-16	FRIDAY Isaiah 33:17-24	SATURDAY Isaiah 35:1-10
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LYLE NEWS

By DEANNA SUMNER

Marguerite Fullerton was released from the hospital Nov. 17. She is back at the Good Samaritan in Oberlin. She is in our thoughts!

Wednesday Kathy Van Meter and Joyce Sumner went to Garden City with a carload for the Mexican American Mission.

Friday evening Toots, June and Kathy went to Norcatur to play cards.

Saturday the three ladies worked SHARES in Norcatur and afterwards Toots and Kathy went to visit John and Helen Helm who were home for the weekend.

Toots Magers had the family gather for Thanksgiving at the Lyle Community Building, 34 people attended. Kathy Van Meter also attended the Magers Thanksgiving. Friday evening they all went to Norton to Jane and Richard Engelhardt's for Mexican food. J.T. Guy and family stayed with Toots and Saturday they went to Oberlin to see Grandma Mae Guy and headed home before the ice set

in. Kathy Van Meter went to visit Marguerite Fullerton in Oberlin during Thanksgiving weekend.

Tuesday the Lyle ladies had a meeting for Wednesday's conference there at Lyle. Carol Woodmansee, lay speaker for Lyle also attended.

Wednesday Pat Ault-Duell, from the Hays district, came for the Charge Conference.

Friday evening Toots, June Jolly and Kathy Van Meter went to Norcatur and played cards.

Saturday, Dec. 4, Toots attended the funeral of Lee Cargill in Norton. She was a cousin to Toots. That afternoon Ernest and Donna Huff and Verl Cook stopped by to visit with Toots.

Sunday Toots went with Colleen Rippe to McCook to Alan and Patti Powell's for the Annual Powell Soup Luncheon.

There were 18 guests Sunday for the Lyle Community Potluck for December.

WILSONVILLE

By VELMA HOLTZE and LAURIE LAWS

Connie Wilson left for McPherson on Tuesday, Nov. 23, to help get her father Perry and stepmother Doris Morse settled back home. Perry was in assisted living while his wife Doris recuperated from her surgery. While in McPherson, Connie enjoyed a visit from her brother, Ken Morse of Topeka, and his daughter, Sarah, who was home from School in Atlanta, Ga., and Arin. Connie was lucky to miss the snow storms coming and going.

On Thanksgiving Eve the following enjoyed supper at Wesley Wilmot's in Beaver City; Merlin, Mary, Rex, Joselyn, Lee and Lexie Wilmot, Christie and Shawn Whetstone of Holdrege and Randy Klooz family of Franklin.

Delbert and Laurie Laws were guests in the Rick and Shelly Anderson (of Elwood) home for

the Holiday supper.

At the Kendall and Ginger Rice home at noon on Friday were; Shari Anderson and her children Casey, Kalen, and Katie (Bart was home in Elmcreek recuperating from a virus) Steve and Peg Rice and their three boys, Scott and Jan Rice and their daughter Alyssa from Denver. That evening for supper Joe and Alice Kasson and their family came to the Kendall Rice home. It was the first time in many years that all six of the Rice's and Kasson's children were home and together.

Connie Wilson was in McPherson for Thanksgiving. She enjoyed the holiday with her father Perry and step-mother Doris Morse, step-brother Doug Leach his wife Anita and their daughter, Monica and family and their oldest son Mike and his family also of McPherson.

ALMENA NEWS

By ESTHER MARBLE

Jean Leuszler was a guest Thanksgiving day at the home of Bob and Sue Jackson, Logan. Also enjoying the cooperative meal were: Joe Jackson, Ft. Hays State, Sam Jackson, Bethany College, Lindsborg, Val Jackson, Colby Community College, Jim and Wilma Jackson, Logan, and Karen Navis, Channing and Emily, Kearney, Neb. Sam came to

Almena for his aunt and Sue returned her to her home. Joyce Eckhart was missed as she was in Conway Springs with her daughter Cynthia and granddaughter Dawn and their families.

I received a telephone call Monday night from Bill Godfrey saying his mother went to Texas to visit Bobby Godfrey last Wednesday.

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