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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

By Terry Laughlin, Crossroads Church

Mothers of Influence
It is a great privilege and responsibility to be a mother. No one has a more profound and enduring influence upon those around them than a mother raising her children in the fear and wisdom of the Lord.

Timothy, was one such young man who was greatly influenced by the God-given women in his life, and he became a great preacher of the gospel. It seems clear that Timothy had been converted to Christianity during the apostle Paul's first missionary journey at Lystra. He had matured so well as a Christian that only two years after his conversion he was ready to become an apprentice to the great apostle Paul and soon became one of his most trusted helpers.

(Philippians 2:20) Eventually, as Paul's personal representative, young Timothy was asked to remain in Ephesus to oppose the false religious teachers.

Paul referred to Timothy as being "...faithful in the Lord." (1 Corinthians 4:17) Timothy's faith was no mere dry creed, no mere outward show of piety. He did not "do church" for appearance's sake. His faith in the risen Christ could endure persecution and suffer loss; he could live or die for the sake of Christ with the sure hope of eternal life.

Paul had the highest confidence in Timothy's fine track record as a Christian worker. Paul writes,

"But you know that Timothy has proved himself..." (Philippians 2:22)

Paul saw a firm foundation in Timothy's life. "I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also." (2 Timothy 1:

5)
Timothy's grandmother and mother were staunch believers who had taught him the Scriptures from his earliest years of childhood. (2 Timothy 3:15) Paul exhorts Timothy to "...continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you

learned it." (2 Timothy 3: 14)
How often Christian mothers have been used of God to raise sons for the ministry of God's church!

The "Burning Bush" records the testimony of a mother who sacrificed things of this world and her own desires so that she could spend much time raising her children in a Christian home. She writes, "I had no time to indulge myself in many things. I was busy cultivating their hearts with affections. I could not adorn their bodies in fine clothes, though I kept them neat at all times. I have my reward now. My sons are ministers of the gospel. My grown-up daughter is a Christian woman. I have a thousand beautiful memories. I have the sweet consciousness of having done all I could to make them ready for whatever work God called them to do."

Proverbs 22: 6 promises, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it."

Mothers who want a positive eternal influence on their children will teach them about genuine faith in Christ and make sure they get true teaching from God's Word. This is a firm foundation to lay down for your children.

Mothers...first, make doubly sure you have a close and growing personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. Then, do all in your power to pass that on to your children!

This is Your Life

In the first years, you were life itself. Warmth, sustenance, and the softness of loving arms were only a heartbeat away.

As we became young children, you were perfection personified...the queen of our world. A kiss erased the pain of a skinned knee or hurt feelings. Shelter was your arm.

During the teen years, your queenly crown tilted precariously. You became our "critic". "Your room is a pigsty!"... "That phone must be glued to your ear!" What's happened to Mom?

However, college gave us a new perspective, as you again became our rescuer. Goodies and loving letters (with an enclosed check) proved your crown was on straight. Thank goodness!

Finally, we launched lives of our own. You became our confidant and advisor as we began jobs and raised families. Again we were babes in a new world, and you were there.

Mom, life has come full circle. You played many roles with little rehearsal, but you were always right on cue. Today, you take center stage. Congratulations...and Happy Mother's Day!



| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| Romans 8:18-39 | Ezekiel 36:1-15 | Ezekiel 36:16-38 | Ezekiel 37:1-14 | Ezekiel 37:15-28 | Ezekiel 39:11-29 | Joel 2:28 - 3:8 |

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NORCATUR NEWS

By NORCATUR NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS

Birthdays and anniversaries: Goldie Brewer - April 27; Rodney and Janice O'Hare - April 30; Veda Wood - May 2; Linda Hunt - May 3.

Saturday, April 16, Mark and Shayla Bailey drove their grandparents, Francis and Arlene Hix, to Liberty, Mo. Francis and Arlene stayed with their daughter, Marjorie Prince, and Mark and Shayla stayed with their grandparents, Ed and Phyllis Yeater. On Sunday, Francis and Arlene along with Marjorie met their grandson, Scott Spencer and his girlfriend, at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant for dinner then all returned to Marjorie's home. On Monday, April 18, Marjorie drove Francis and Arlene to Olathe for a doctor appointment. They all returned to Norcatur Monday evening.

A "Be-Lated Cinco de Mayo" supper will be served at Momma Millie's on Saturday, May 14. The menu will be shredded beef and bean burritos smothered in green chili sauce, hard- or soft-shelled tacos, chicken enchilada, beans and rice, chips and salsa, and cinnamon crisps. Stay and enjoy karaoke with Jam Session beginning at 9:15 p.m.

Winners of the pool tournament held Monday, April 18, at the Cardinal Bar and Grill were: first place, Stan "The Hustler" Miller, Norcatur; second, Larry Lively, Jennings; and third, Clent Hatfield, Clayton.

Rea and Dee Magers had lunch with Loyd and Mary Waldo on Wednesday, April 20, in Oberlin. Later in the afternoon, the Magers visited Marguerite Fullerton, and

David and Hilda McGee, at the Good Samaritan Center.

Jeff and Joy Magers came over from near Cedar Bluffs on Sunday morning, April 24, and had breakfast with Jeff's folks, Rea and Dee Magers.

Norcatur Commercial Club scholarship applications can be picked up at The Bank or the Norcatur City Office. With the help of the Cardinal Bar and Grill, the club will be giving three \$300 scholarships this year. They are available for anyone going to a vocation, junior college, or university. Applications must be returned by May 20. Scholarships will be awarded by May 29.

The last day of school for Norcatur Pre-school will be May 12. The last day is busy for the little ones. At 11 a.m. we will have a fund day at the school and at 7 p.m. will be the Spring Program. The public is invited to attend both events. Refreshments will be served afterward.

The City of Norcatur has agreed to be a drop-off site for "Bicycles for Youngsters," a new project at the Norton Correctional Facility. The inmates will be refurbishing used bicycles, which will then be available for non-profit organizations to place with area children or adults. If you have bicycles or parts to donate, please drop them off at the city building. For more information call Chris at (785) 693-4461.

Word was received that Eugene Van Otterloo passed away April 27 at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. Funeral services are pending. Condolences may be sent to his family at 610 N. Wilson Ave., Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

LYLE NEWS

By DEANNA SUMNER

Monday, April 25, Keith and Gary Anthony stopped by to see Toots Magers for a visit.

Tuesday, April 26, Toots and Kathy attended the K.G. Ward funeral in Norcatur.

Wednesday, April 27, Toots and Kathy went to visit Marguerite Fullerton and Laurene VanOtterloo in Oberlin.

Thursday, April 28, Toots and Kathy went to visit Pat Schwab at the Andbe Home in Norton. That afternoon Charissa Huff came by with some antique quilt tops for a look and discussion. That evening Veda Wood, Kathy and Toots attended the Vic Mowry Band from Hoxie at the Cedar Living Center

in Oberlin.

Friday evening, June Jolly, Kathy and Toots ate at the potluck dinner and played cards in Norcatur.

Saturday, April 30, Joyce Sumner, June Jolly, Veda Wood, Toots and Kathy attended Gene VanOtterloo's funeral in Oberlin. That evening, Veda, Toots and Kathy went to the Bohemian Hall Celebration dance.

Sunday was potluck lunch in Lyle. There were about 15 people who attended. That evening, Toots, Kathy, June and Juanita Eckhart played in the pitch tournament in Norton at the American Legion.

JENNINGS NEWS

By LOUISE CRESSLER

The Tuesday Study Club met April 26 at the home of Helen Muirhead. Co-Hostess was Joan McKenna. Those attending were Rachel Carter, Naomi Carter, Clara Gillum, Wilma Mader, Helen Muirhead, Joan McKenna, Kathy Nauer, Helen Rhodes, Neoma Tacha, Vendla Tacha and Jean Skubal. Carolyn Plotts gave a talk on mission work in Mexico that she and her husband, Jim, do by leading a team building a house for a family.

New books received at the Jennings City Library are: *In This Mountain* by Jan Karon, *Miss Julia's School of Beauty* by Ann B. Ross, *Bad Heiress Day* by Allie Pleiter and *Container Gardening* by P. Allen Smith.

The United Methodist Women met May 4.

The graduating seniors of Jennings High School will leave on their senior trip May 5 and return May 11.

Jennings City Council met May 5 in the Sunflower Senior Center. There will be a Mothers Day

dinner from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, May 8 in the Jennings High School Cafeteria. The meal is sponsored by Jennings Lions Club. Free-will donations will be accepted.

A Sunflower Senior pot-luck supper will be held at 6 p.m., May 10 at the center. Monica Miller and Karla Haggard will entertain following the supper. Everyone is welcome to come.

Missy Carter and Adam Cawfield, Anacortes, Wash., both members of the Naval Air Force, visited her grandparents, William and Rachel Carter. They were enroute to visit Missy's parents, Allan and Sherry Carter, in Kansas City.

Wednesday evening Jesse and Megan Carter, Clayton and Anna, Oberlin; Ken and Julie Carter enjoyed a visit and ice cream with cake at William Carter's.

Thursday morning Missy, Adam, Rachel and William enjoyed a visit to the museum through the courtesy of Bob and Neoma Tacha.

ALMENA NEWS

By ESTHER MARBLE

Visitors Saturday afternoon of Reva Smith were Jean Leuszler, Marge Cate, Laura Craig, Esther Marble and Virgil and Anne Severns from Alaska.

Alberta Geil, Sheila and Carissa Geil and Stacy Geil came over to Blaine and Susie Marble's Saturday afternoon to see the little goats, horses and kittens. Esther Marble stopped at Alberta's later to see her family.

Johnny Geil and Sidney, Sheila and Carissa Geil arrived Wednesday evening to hunt turkeys and help their mother, Alberta Geil. Stacy and Abbott Geil came Friday evening and they all went home Saturday and Sunday.

Esther Marble visited Laura Craig Sunday afternoon.

Bill Godfrey stopped a short while to visit Esther Marble on his way home from the dentist in Norton on Monday morning.