

Attend Church Regularly

...and read your Bible daily



WEEKLY SERMONETTE

By Pastor Kathy Aeillo, Almena, Clayton and Norcatur United Methodist Churches

This should be available on Good Friday so I ask you to take out your Bibles and begin by reading Psalm 22. Many of the verses you find there will be very familiar to you. Maybe you'll be surprised to know the words were written long before Jesus said them from the cross or maybe you've known that for most of your life. Whichever is the case, they're powerful words.

Much more than the familiar words, I appreciate the last eight verses. In them the psalmist brings us the Good News in his fashion. He no longer cries about being forsaken but praises the Lord in the great congregation; no longer praying to be saved from sword and dog but singing of how long the people of the earth will remember the great deeds of God. The writer says all the world will turn to God and bow down before God and shall live for God.

That day will come but, oh, that it might come sooner than it seems it's going to! What could we do to help the Kingdom come? The answer is easy enough but the achievement isn't very easy at all.

Before the ends of the earth can re-

member the Lord, before all the families of the nations shall worship Him, they have to know about Him — Who He is and what He has done. The only way anyone can hear about God is for someone to tell them and far too many of us think that's a job just for the preachers. We

all know not everyone has the gift of preaching or teaching but all who love the Lord are required to make disciples, to bear the fruit of their faith. Like it or not, it really is up to each and every one of us to give testimony to the love and mercy and grace of God. Each and every

one of us needs to talk about what God has done, and is doing, in our lives, so that others may come to believe.

This psalmist wasn't writing about Jesus but the words were fulfilled in Christ. We spend this day meditating on the actions of people who feared the life and teachings of this holy man; and on the consequences of their fear and hatred. We might think about the pain and humiliation Jesus suffered on that Friday. Maybe we think about those crucified nearby or his friends and family watching from a small distance. It could be we remember the soldiers who pounded the nails or gave him vinegar to drink or the sign they put over his head, mockingly calling him "King of the Jews".

However we spend this day, surely we will spend some of it thanking God for loving us so much and forgiving us so much. And we will, of course, spend some time on our knees thanking Jesus for his selfless act of love and salvation. Hopefully, by the end of this day, we will also have gratefully shared the story with someone who needs to know it. Then we can tell them "the rest of the story". We can tell them about Sunday morning.

Legend has it that a dogwood tree came into bloom on Calvary and that, afterwards, a cross was implanted into the flower itself, there to remain for all time. You can see it if you look closely, it's rust brown against the white of each individual blossom.

Many of us carry crosses, faint like the dogwood's emblem, but with us, nevertheless. Somehow, in the Lenten season, we become particularly conscious of them and of our need for help... a certain kind of help that can only be found through the things we learn in God's House.

The Church doesn't pretend to banish our cares and woes, but its' teachings realistically consider the experiences of life itself. No matter what our personal cross may be, worship seems to enable us to bear life's burdens with more strength.

Lent is a wonderful time in which to begin making church a regular part of your life - if you haven't already.

Symbol...



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mark 11:1-11	Mark 11:12-33	Mark 12:1-27	Mark 14:1-26	Mark 14:27-65	Mark 15:1-32	Mark 15:33-47

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ALMENA NEWS

By ESTHER MARBLE
Ellis and June Fisher visited Esther Marble Thursday afternoon. They just got in the house when the big dust storm went by and then the electricity went off.

Dinner guests of Esther Marble on Saturday were Brant Marble, Chance and Bryce Marble and Harold Shearer.

Alberta Geil's sons and families are expected to be home Thursday to Sunday over Easter. Her niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Papachrones from the suburbs of Chicago, will be here the Tuesday after Easter for a few days.

Blaine, Susie, Bryce and Esther Marble went to Beaver City Sun-

day for dinner at Barbara Bates. It was to celebrate Barbara and Esther's birthdays which were in late March but this was the first Sunday we could get together.

Evlynn Sanborn and Sandra Anderson attended the funeral of Loretta Bard Saturday, April 8 in the Logan Christian Church. Jack Bard, the husband of Loretta, is a cousin of Evlynn Sanborn. On Monday, Art and Sharron Thompson visited her mother Evlynn Sanborn and sisters Sandra Anderson and Mary Lou Stegeman. They were on their way home after staying with Jack Bard a few days after his wife's death.

NEW ALMELO

By BETTY OTTER
Several Knights of Columbus members and members of the community gathered on April 1, to help repair Joe and Barbara Mindrup's pasture fence. Lunch was served by some of the wives and daughters of the Mindrup family.

Grace Elizabeth Schuster was born April 4. She weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces. Ed and Roxie (Long) Schuster, Milford, Ohio, are Grace's parents. She has four

brothers and one sister.

Grandparents are Roger and JoAnn Long, new Almelo. Great-grandparents are Marion and Lorraine Long, New Almelo.

Family coming on April 9, to help Lorraine Long celebrate her 87th birthday were: Gerry and Mark Baalman, Grinnell; Roger and JoAnn Long, New Almelo; Leonard and Joan Long, Zack and Alaina, Logan; and Gary Long, Hill City.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Almena City Ordinance Regulating Sound Systems

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ORDINANCE NO. 403
AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF SOUND AMPLIFICATION SYSTEMS IN MOTOR VEHICLES WITHIN THE CITY OF ALMENA, KANSAS

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Almena, Kansas, finds that the use of loud sound amplification systems in motor vehicles within the City constitutes a general nuisance to the public and should be prohibited;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ALMENA, KANSAS:

Section One. Article 2 of Chapter XI of the Code of the City of Almena, Kansas, is hereby amended by adding the following section:

"11-201 LOUD AMPLIFICATION SYSTEMS PROHIBITED:

a. No person operating or occupying a motor vehicles on a street, highway, alley, parking lot or driveway shall operate or permit the operation of any sound amplification system from within the vehicle so that the sound is plainly audible at a distance of 50 or more feet from the vehicle;

b. **Sound Amplification System** means: any radio, tape player, compact disc player, loud speaker or other electronic device used for the amplification of sound;

c. **Plainly audible** means: any sound produced by a sound amplification system from within the vehicle, which clearly can be heard at a distance of 50 feet or more. Measurement standards shall be by auditory senses, based upon direct line of sight. Words or phrases need not be discernible and bass reverberations are included. The motor vehicle may be stopped, standing,

parked or moving on a street, highway, alley, parking lot or driveway."

d. It is an affirmative defense to a charge under this section that the operator was not otherwise prohibited by law from operating a sound amplification system, and that any of the following apply:

1. The system was being operated to request medical or vehicular assistance or to warn of a hazardous road condition;
2. The vehicle was an emergency or public safety vehicle;
3. The vehicle was owned and operated by the City of Almena, Kansas, or a gas, electric, communications or refuse company;
4. The system was used for the purpose of giving instructions, directions, talks, addresses, lectures or transmitting music to any persons or assemblages of persons in compliance with ordinances of the City of Almena, Kansas;
5. The vehicle was used in an authorized public activity, such as a parade, fireworks display, sporting event, musical production or other activity, which has the approval of the department of the City authorized to grant such approval.

e. Violations of this section shall be punishable as provided by Section 1-116 of the Almena City Code.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be published in the official City newspaper and shall take effect upon publication.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of April, 2006.

CITY OF ALMENA, KANSAS
Gerald Wilson, Mayor

(SEAL)
ATTEST:
Twila Ingram, City Clerk

Rural Telephone Service Co. Statement of Nondiscrimination

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STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION

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subjected to discrimination under any of this organization's programs, activities or employment practices.

The person responsible for coordinating this organization's nondiscrimination compliance effort is Camber Boland, Human Resources Manager. Any individual, or specific class of individuals, who feel that this organization has subjected them to discrimination may obtain further information about the statutes and regulations listed above from and/or file a written complaint with the Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250; or with the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Washington, D.C. 20250. Complaints must be filed within 180 days after the alleged discrimination. Confidentiality will be maintained to the extent possible.

Estate of Claude Bruce Hubbard

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of CLAUDE BRUCE HUBBARD, Deceased.

Case No. 2005-PR-28

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by James Malcolm, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of Claude Bruce Hubbard, Deceased, praying that his acts be approved; that his account be settled and allowed, that the will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; that fees and expenses be allowed; that the costs be determined and ordered

paid; that the administration of the Estate be closed; and that he be discharged and that he be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 10th day of May, 2006, at 9:00 o'clock A.M. of said day, in said Court, in the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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