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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

Blessed Are The Peacemakers By Pastor Terry Laughlin, CrossRoads Church

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God." (Matthew 5:9) There is a commission from God that is available to every obedient Christian today and that is to be a peacemaker. Argument and discord is a great waste of energies better spent on more productive activities. Nothing wears men and hardens hearts like that of strife.

In His opening on the "Sermon on the Mount," Jesus gives us something to do, not just something to be, in the seventh Beatitude. Mature Christians are not to shut themselves up in seclusion, indifferent to the evils of the world around them. They are to interfere for its betterment through peacemaking.

Those who are truly blessed are Christians who labor hard in Christ's work. Their first and utmost endeavor toward mankind is to tell all who will listen, about Jesus, for He alone can bring reconciliation and peace between man and God. Until this happens there can be no true lasting peace among mankind. No man can know God's lasting peace nor guide others to it until he accepts Christ as personal Savior and Lord.

Who is a peacemaker? 1.) The person who strives to make peace with God. "... We have peace with God through [the] Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 5: 1); 2.) The person who strives at every opportunity to make peace between others. "Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification." (Romans 14: 19) "Do nothing out of selfish ambi-

tion or vain conceit but in humility consider others better than yourselves." (Philippians 2: 3)

Peacemakers love peace but they do not passively accept trouble brought about by sin. There are those who claim to love peace, yet they remove themselves from all trouble. They ignore and flee problems and threatening situations, and they often evade issues.

They make no attempt to bring true peace. The peacemaker (of whom Jesus speaks) faces all trouble that stands against the righteousness of God, no matter how dangerous and he works to bring true lasting peace, regardless of the struggles. All peacemakers have had struggles in obtaining true peace.

Peaceable and peacemaking are to be the character of the children

of God and they will be looked to for help. Biblical Museum records this statement about such a peacemaker:

John Dickinson was often called, by way of distinction, 'the peacemaker' and such was his heart to keep the bonds of peace from being broken, such was his desire to heal the breach when made, that he would stoop to any act but that of meanness, make any sacrifice but that of true principle, endure any treatment. From the high estimate in which his character was held, he was often called upon to act as umpire in cases of arbitration; and it was but rarely, that the equity of his decisions was impeached. On one occasion, two men were disputing in a public-house about the results of an arbitration, when a third party said 'Had John Dickinson anything to do with?' 'Yes' was the reply. 'Then all is right, I am sure.' And the dispute ceased.

All eight of the Beatitudes taught by Christ come as the result of the supernatural working of the Holy Spirit. All who are surrendered to His leading can become known as peacemakers and be called the children of God.

Tomorrow's Bridge



There's an old saying... "I'll cross that bridge when I get to it." That "bridge" is in our future, something to deal with when we get to it. Yet, how many of us spend our present thinking about our future, anxious about what will happen to us? We worry about crossing those bridges when we're not even close to them yet, and it distracts us from living our life today.

The Bible advises us in Matthew 6:34... "Therefore, do not be anxious about tomorrow...let the day's own trouble be sufficient for the day." How does that work? Make God an integral part of your life through weekly worship and daily prayer and meditation. "But seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness..." (Matthew 6:33).

Worship this week and learn about God's righteousness. Watch your anxiety diminish as your faith grows. The span of God's love lifts you up defying all obstacles, and delivers you safely to your goal.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Corinthians 11:17-34	Psalms 9	Psalms 10	Psalms 72	Psalms 82	Psalms 85	Psalms 94

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ALMENA NEWS

By ESTHER MARBLE
Alice Kuiper and Lois Schamber drove to Salina Sunday afternoon to visit with Alice's son, Ken and Marla Kuiper. The Ken Kuipers' had been on a summer vacation to Yellowstone National Park in August. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Carey of Topeka who are the in-laws of the Kuiper's daughter, Dr. Malani Carey. Malani and her husband, Dr. Matt Carey from Iowa City flew to Boseman, Mont., where their parents met them and took Malani and Matt to Yellowstone. Lois and Alice enjoyed the pictures Ken had taken of the park. It

was a relaxing vacation for the doctors.
Vera Schra of McPherson spent a few days last week with Alberta Geil. Vera visited her aunts, Lucille Miller and Marie Engelhardt in Norton.
Alberta Geil's sons, Mr. and Mrs. John Geil and sons of Garden City, and Mr. and Mrs. Sid Geil and daughter of Elkhorn, Neb., are hosting an open house Oct. 7 at the Legion Hall in Almena from 2 to 4 p.m. for Alberta's 70th birthday. No gifts please.
Another one of our longtime friends, Leo Cramer, died this week. Our sympathy goes out to his family.

JENNINGS NEWS

By LOUISE CRESSLER
Bob and Neoma Tacha celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Sunday, Sept. 17 in the Sunflower Senior Center in Jennings. A large crowd attended the event hosted by their children: Roger and Peggy Tacha, Oakley, Royal and Gail Tacha, Hoxie; grandchildren: Dustin Tacha, Hays, Garrett Tacha, Hoxie, Ashley and Jeff Brown, Park; great-grandchildren Hanna and Eathan Brown. The three-tier cake was decorated with the original bride and groom decoration from their wedding cake of Sept. 14, 1946. The tables were decorated with candles and pink and white flowers. A memory book of the family was compiled by the children from the year 1944 to 2006. Neoma wore her wedding dress for part of the occasion.

Merle Snyder hosted a baby shower Sunday at the Methodist Church for Madilyn and Maddix Green, twins of Chris and Eric Green. A large crowd attended and many useful gifts were received. Malilah helped her mother unwrap the gifts.

Jennings United Methodist Women met Wednesday, Oct. 4 at 2 p.m. with Rachel Carter as lesson leader.

The weather tower was installed by Bill Heilman and Bob Jones on the roof of the City Community Hall. It will soon be hooked up. The weather station was originally at the Jennings school.

Gail Brandyberry, Lenora,

Jennings Postmaster will continue to work the Dresden Post Office through the first week of October.
Louise Cressler works at the Jennings Post Office each day during the hours Gail is at Dresden.

Tom Neff and Chris Gillespie, Marion, visited and had lunch on Sunday at the home of her parents Stan and Ramona Shaw.

Frank Ward and friends Mel and Delores, Loveland, Colo., visited at the home of Stan and Ramona Shaw on Friday afternoon.

The Sunflower Senior potluck supper is planned for Oct. 10 at 6 p.m. Don Ammons, Hoxie, and Rosie Hartman, Grainfield, will entertain at about 7 p.m.. Come join us.

The Jennings City Council will meet Thursday, Oct. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Senior Center.

The Reverend Kim, Hoxie, was United Methodist pastor at Jennings Sunday, Sept. 24. Carrie Buhler of Jennings church was at Hoxie.

Wayne and Louise Cressler visited Sunday and Monday with their daughter, Gwen Anderson and husband Jeff at Council Grove. Granddaughters Megan Faris and Jessica and Ben Lemmons of Manhattan and Sharon Gaston, Ames, Iowa also visited them.

Work is progressing at the former schoolhouse, now the BCI building. Doors are being put in the east side of the gym. They are completely remodeling the inside.

NEW ALMELO

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By BETTY OTTER**

On Sept. 3, the family of Paul and Helen Bates gathered at the Parish Hall at Andale. The seven remaining children were present with members of their families. A potluck dinner began the celebration. Family pictures and introductions followed games of Bingo, washers and karaoke along with enjoying new playground equipment and visiting filled the afternoon. An evening potluck ended the day. Those present were the Joe Bates family — Mavis Bates, Ron and Velma Bates and Angela, Jason and Crystal Przek and Kolton, Sherrie Riddle, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Randy Bates, High Point, N.C.; Regina (Jean Bates) and Gilbert Simon, Doug and Lisa Simon, Andale; William Simon, Colwich; Kent and Anne Simon, Kansas City; Linda and David Rohlman, Brad and Brian, Topeka; Brett and Kristin Rohlman and Lucas, Wichita; Tony and Tammy Simon and girls, Wichita; Roger and Sara Simon and family, Haven; Frank and Rose Simon and family, Colwich; Denise and Jim Childers and Gina, Damascus, Ark.; Betty (Bates) and Alfred Otter, New Almelo; Paul and Sharon Otter and girls, Karl Otter, Great Bend; Tina and Will Ritter and family, Olathe; Tom Otter, DeSoto; Mark Otter (Sheila was ill) and family, Ulysses; Ashley Otter, Lenora; Jolene and Jim Moss and family, Jewell; Charles Otter, Saige and Cury, Salina; Rod and Cheryl Bates, Oakley; Jeff and Jeri Bates and family, Beloit; Darren Bates (Sam had to work) Jack and Kyle Mae, Junction City; Roberta and Gary Bruinekool, Lenora; Art and Karen Bates, Chad and Amy Bates, Payton and Cole, Edmond, Okla.; Paula Bates and Cameron, Plano, Texas; Eric Bates, Dallas, Texas; Arnold and Gloria Bates, Grand Island, Neb.;

Tim and Misty Uhrich, Omaha, Neb.; Shannon Bates and friend, Kevin, Jade Bates, Lincoln, Neb.

Later in the day Gary and Roberta Bruinekool, Lenora, journeyed to Winfield to visit his aunt at Alvin and Sharon Bird's home.

Marion and Marilyn Otter, Frank and Lavonne Otter and Gabby, attended a dinner, auction and dance benefit in Danbury, Neb., on Sept. 16 for their niece and cousin, Theresa Conroy Walters, who is undergoing cancer treatment.

On Sept. 16, Alfred and Betty Otter attended their granddaughter Anna Otter's volleyball games at Ulysses.

The surrounding communities came together at the new Almelo Parish Hall on Sept. 17 for a hog roast and auction benefit for the Dustin and Tonya Juenemann family to help defray expenses while she undergoes treatment for cancer.

Visitors at the home of Allie and Ruth Vahling recently were their nieces, Mary Wright of Salina, Alice Barnett, Clayton, and a great-niece, Courtney Smith, Norton, their son, Dick Vahling, Dresden, grandson, Greg Vahling, and a great-granddaughter, Alyson Vahling, Oberlin. Allie and Ruth accompanied their grandson, Michael Vahling, to Corn Husker Days near Grand Island, Neb.

Family coming home recently to the home of Marion and Lorraine Long was Joe Long, Leawood. Marion and Lorraine have a new great-granddaughter, Sydni Kate Leonard. She was born Sept. 22, weighing 7 pounds, 1 ounce. She is the daughter of Rusty and Kelly Leonard, Great Bend. She has an older brother, Isaac, 2. Grandparents are Tom and Jan Long, Woodston. Other great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leonard, Clay Center.

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