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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"A Christmas Reminder"

By Cody Shepherd, Youth Minister, Norton Christian Church

I love Christmas time. It gives me the warm "fuzzies". Feeling love and acceptance by being able to spend time with family. Realizing how blessed you are by being able to give presents to each other. Enjoying taking time away from work and the business of life.

I find it amazing that this is not at all what Christ came into that first Christmas. In fact He did not come for that purpose at all. If you think about it, He came for a totally different purpose. Not one of comfort, but of sacrifice. Not one of gifts but of grace. In fact, that grace is what I feel is the central theme of the Christmas story (and of the entirety of Jesus' life).

Think about this for a moment. The Creator of the universe decides to humble himself and become part of His creation. He comes to a world of disbelief that did not accept him, people that had preconceived notions of what he should be like, people that wanted to kill him, and a stable that was not worthy of a King. Yet He came. He came not for His comfort and joy, but to become the sacrifice by which we may have

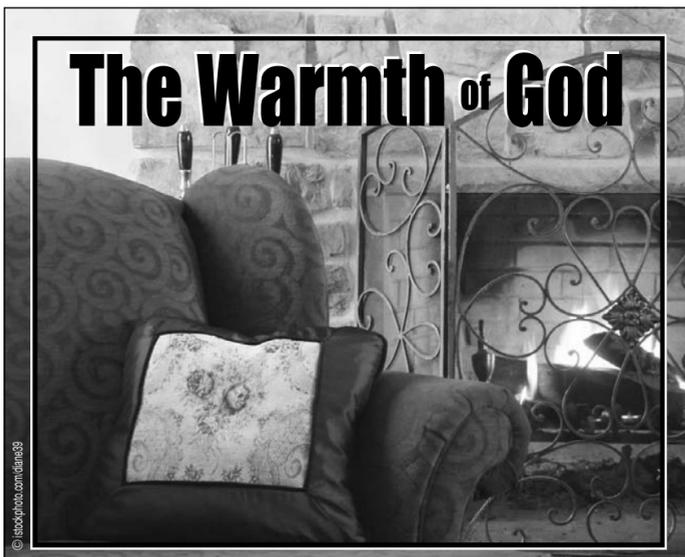
life. Also, He came for this group of people who did not accept him, that's grace.

Let's think about it more. Not only did Christ show grace by coming for people who did not

accept him, but He encourages us to do the same by coming to us totally different than we would expect. Why would a King be born to a young girl (maybe only 15) who was not yet

married (she would have been considered a "loose" woman because of becoming pregnant before marriage) and to a stable where only Shepherds would desire to come (the most un-trusted people of that time). Christ came in such a way as to show that He was for everyone, to show that His grace is for everyone, to show us that this is the same way that we need to live.

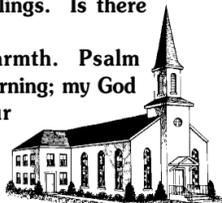
This Christmas please take a couple moments to leave the ruts of your Christmas traditions and allow yourself to sacrifice for someone, to allow people to see that you live for something greater than yourself, and to give grace to people who may not deserve it. In fact, isn't that what grace is? It is a gift given to someone who is not deserving of it. Why? It's because that is the true meaning of Christmas. Christ came to earth to sacrifice for us and to give us grace. Praise God!



How wonderful to relax by a bright fire after being outside in the cold! Relief runs through your body in a soothing rush as the warmth envelopes you with open arms...a welcome respite from the frigid, biting air.

Our spirit needs warmth and light just as much as our body does. We need a source of soothing, spiritual warmth to relieve the chill of life's disappointments and hurt feelings. Is there such a place of comfort?

God is our source of spiritual warmth. Psalm 18:28 says, "You, O Lord, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light." Visit your House of Worship each week. There, in an atmosphere of welcoming love and you can rest in the spiritual comfort of His arms.



Sunday Malachi 3:1-4	Monday Luke 3:1-20	Tuesday John 3:1-21	Wednesday John 3:22-36	Thursday Isaiah 11:1-9	Friday Isaiah 12:1-6	Saturday Isaiah 35:1-10
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NORCATUR NEWS

Senior Citizens met Friday, Dec. 1, at the Educational Building with 17 present. Winners were Bob Strevey, June Jolly and Bee Nelson. Next meeting will be Friday, Dec. 15, at 2 p.m. in the Educational Building. Come join the fun!

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Claussen, Olathe; Cale Claussen, Baldwin City; Mr. and Mrs. Don Claussen and Delphyn Biggs, Oberlin; Fred Molzahn and Beth Johnson were supper guests of Cathy Claussen Saturday evening, Nov. 25.

Beth Johnson and Cathy Claussen drove to Kansas City Sunday afternoon, Nov. 26. Beth was a guest of the David Johnsons in Lenexa, and Cathy Claussen was a guest of Chris and Angie Claussen in Olathe. They returned home Nov. 29.

Melody Bowser of Arvada, Colo., stopped at the Red Roof Ped'ler this past week. She is a great-niece of Mrs. Pearl Alexander, and we enjoyed a nice visit with her. She recalled babysitting Jay and Maryllin Locy's children.

The Lenora and Norcatour Red Hat Ladies held their Christmas Party Sunday, Dec. 10, at the Norcatour Bar and Grill. Anyone interested in becoming a Red Hat Lady, please call for your reservation to Iris Smith, (785) 693-4465; Judy Jackson, (785) 693-4494; or Davonna New, (785) 693-4529.

Sunday afternoon, Dec. 3, Marguerite Clark, Oran and LaVerne Milner, and Dorothy Ward accompanied Bee Nelson to Norton, where they picked up Lula Hix and all attended the Barbershop Quartets and Chorus performance from Colby and McCook, sponsored by the Norton County Arts Council. They presented a very impressive and varied program interspersed with bits of humor.

As many as five New Hampshire Red chickens are roaming at large in the City of Norcatour, as of Nov. 17. If you spot them, please call Jim or Carolyn Plotts, (785) 693-4544.

Activities on Christmas Eve at Norcatour United Methodist Church are as follows: 10 a.m., Clayton Christmas Choir; 4 p.m., Norcatour Christmas Eve service; 6 p.m., Clayton Christmas Eve service/choir.

Betty Reid visited Minh and Wanda Nguyen from Nov. 10 to Nov. 24. They had appointments, went out to eat, shopped, and attended a cooking demonstration by Jamie and Bobby Dean, Paula Dean's sons, from the Food Net-

work. They also looked at pictures from and talked about Minh and Wanda's trip to Vietnam. They all returned to Norton on Nov. 24, and visited Lula Hix in Norton and Frances and Arlene Hix in Norcatour.

The Decatur County Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Christmas lighting contest in Norcatour again this year. Prizes are \$75, \$50, and \$25 in cash. Decorations must be up by Dec. 15 for judging. Winners will be announced on Dec. 23 at the Norcatour Christmas Drawing.

Maxine Brooks is a patient again at Norton County Hospital after a brief stay in the intensive care unit at Good Samaritan Hospital at Kearney, Neb. Maxine's daughter, Shirley and Jerry Gallentine, Rapid City, S.D., and son, Frank Brooks, Greeley, Colo., visited her at Kearney. Barry Brooks, Atlanta, Ga., visited her on her return to Norton. Maxine's granddaughter, Amber Brooks-Norman, her husband Matt, and their sons, Tate and Cole, also of Atlanta, visited her at the Norton hospital. They stopped in on their way to attend a wedding in southwestern Kansas, and have returned home.

On Nov. 30, family members of Maxine Brooks met and enjoyed a beef and noodle dinner at Bill and Dorothy Woods' home in Oberlin.

Birthdays: Terri James - Dec. 7; Sherri Milnes, Dec. 11.

Museum Tidbits
Vene and Phyllis Lechlitter have donated items to the Norcatour Museum including an MGM Grain level; a Norcatour High School letter for Debbie, with award pins; a Norcatour High School music letter; a 1961 Norcatour Centennial coin; the diploma of Fay Lechlitter, Class of 1926; a Norcatour Methodist Church blue book; a senior picture for the Class of 1947; a postcard picture of the Will Goodman home; several Class of 1948 pictures; a senior picture for the Class of 1926; an English book that belonged to Louis Eckhart, 1893-1895; book belonging to Ben Pool, 1909; alumni pictures from 2000 and 20005; and pictures of the Fourth of July parade of 1894.

Gwynn Ward brought pictures in that were scanned and added to the museum collection for the scrapbooks.

All the pictures we received are being put in scrapbooks to help preserve them.

Do you have any items from Lyle? We would like to make a section just for that town.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Estate of Helen M. Henderson

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS
Pursuant to Chapter 59, K.S.A.

Case No. 2006-PR-16
In the Matter of the Estate of Helen M. Henderson, Deceased
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that on July 10, 2006, Richard E. Henderson was

appointed Administrator of the Estate of Helen M. Henderson, deceased.
All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the said estate within four months from the date of the first publication of this notice as provided by law and if their demands are not thus exhibited they shall be forever barred.

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Estate of Della L. Wright

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS
PROBATE DIVISION
Case No. 2006-PR-29

In the Matter of the Estate of DELLA L. WRIGHT, Deceased
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 Gwendolyn Pohlman Tanber, as daughter and one of the heirs of Della L. Wright, also known as Della Wright, Deceased, praying for the determination of the descent of the following described real estate:

in Norton County, Kansas; and
An undivided one-eighth (1/8) interest in the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section Twenty-three (23), Township Four (4) South, Range Twenty-four (24) West of the Sixth P.M. in Norton County, Kansas;

and all other property, real and personal, or interest therein owned by the decedent at the time of death and you are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before December 27, 2006, at 1:30 o'clock p.m. of said day in said Court, in the City of Norton, in 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 said petition.

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