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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

By Maurita Lymer, Lenora Church of God

Last week my husband and I were in Wichita and we decided, on a whim, to go to the Humane Society and just look at the dogs. I knew better. I never got past the first cage! I saw this small, shivering, scared little thing that looked like a mix of something, and my heart went out to him. His name was Petey. Needless to say we brought him home with us.

In my week with Petey I have learned some things — some good and some not so good. I discovered very early that Petey doesn't like to go out in the snow and cold. He likes his comfortable bed and blanket, not to mention his chewy and his toy.

And, the Lord pointed out to me that we are a lot like Petey. We are so comfortable in our "comfort zone" that we don't want to go "outside" of our way either. We like "inside". Inside our church, inside our pew, inside our house and we don't want to leave that comfort. "Outside" is the neighbor that needs us, the single mom that can't get her car started, the family

down the street with no milk or the funds to get the milk. And, we sit in our "comfort zone" willing our eyes to stay in the comfort. Petey has a strong will. Some people might call him stubborn. Once he gets out-

side, he just stands there, and stands in a way as if to say — "I'm not going and you can't make me."

The Lord showed me that this is a lot like us as well. Once we decide to get out of our "comfort zone", we don't

want to make the commitment necessary to go forward for whatever reason. We sit back on our haunches and decide that we're not going to do it — or, we'll do it when WE want to do it — or, we'll start but don't expect us to finish it.

After a week, Petey is doing much better. He goes out now without a problem, and he'll even walk around and play in the snow. But it took a little time. Sometimes it takes us time, too.

In our commitment with our Lord we need to remember that He will call us out of our comfort zones. He doesn't want us to get too comfortable in our pew, our church, our home. And, there might be times He will need to break our will so that we can get out and stay out and fulfill the commitment that we do make. Whatever the case, He is with us, guiding us, allowing us to see that to grow in the Lord is to step out and move forward. Never will we grow in faith standing or sitting still.

THE FOUNDATION OF FREEDOM

Around Presidents' Day, we remember those founding fathers who built the foundation of our democracy and gave us our legacy of freedom. George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and Abraham Lincoln come to mind, for they were the leaders who laid the plans and determined and upheld the principles upon which our nation was founded. Although he wasn't a president, Martin Luther King, Jr. also was an important part of the heritage of freedom. In honor of those who gave us freedom, we can continue to sustain and strengthen that legacy.

How can we uphold our freedom? The Bible tells us that though mankind changes, God's Word never changes. This is our spiritual foundation. The Lord's foundation remains unblemished by time, and it keeps us strong and free. In 2 Corinthians 3:17 it says, "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is...there is freedom."

Worship each week. Keep your spiritual foundation strong, for each stone must be sturdy if the foundation of freedom is to stand.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Psalms 63	Psalms 51	Psalms 57	Joel 2.1-17	Hosea 11.1-11	Hosea 14.1-9	Psalms 136

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WILSONVILLE

By JOY STALDER
Madison Shepherd, McCook, spent last week with her grandmother, Pat Yost, while Pat recovered from foot surgery. Friends from Wilsonville have been stopping in to see her, also.

Saturday Ashley and Dan Morse of Kearney visited Pat Yost. Adeline went to Sewing Club at the Library on Monday.

Wendee and Joel Masters and Kaedyn, of Omaha, were weekend guests of their family, Barb and Tim Baca, and celebrated a belated Christmas.

Marvin and Marlene Witte went to the Youth Basketball game at Overton Sunday to watch their grandson, Jake, play. They also stayed for the next match to watch Austin Rice play.

Marlene Witte went to Holbrook Saturday and met with the Friendship Quilt Group.

Connie Wilson went to Kearney Thursday after work and babysat with her grandson, Evan Townsend, over the weekend while his parents, Kim and Josh Townsend, were on a skiing trip.

Allen Wilson came up Saturday afternoon and spent the night. On Saturday afternoon Allen, Connie and Evan visited Ed Ruf at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. Connie returned home on Monday.

The Baptist/Christian Women met Thursday, Feb. 1, at the church. President Margalee Ruf presided over the business meeting and also had the lesson this month. Alice Kasson was hostess for February and served lunch.

Alice and Joe Kasson attended the Rooster Shooters annual feed at the Lebanon VFW Hall Saturday evening. Alice and Joe Kasson, Virginia and Kendall Rice attended Mary Wolfe's funeral Saturday in Cambridge as well as a number of friends from the community.

Dean and Margaret Brown had lunch at the Senior Center Monday with Darrel and Eula Brown and visited them in their home following lunch.

Peyton Lang spent Friday and Saturday with her grandparents Mike and Roxy Lang, and Logan Lang spent Saturday and Sunday with his grandparents. Saturday afternoon Mike and Roxy Lang, Peyton and Logan stopped in to see great-grandmother Lelia Lang.

Andy Lewis and Alicia Dagerman from Lincoln drove out Friday and spent the weekend with Bill and Kathy Lewis. Saturday Bill and Kathy Lewis, Andy Lewis and Alicia Dagerman went to Cozad and attended the 40th anniversary open house for Bill's sister and husband, Dixie and Phil Menke. Saturday night Karen and Gary Brown and Nick came over for the evening.

B.C.W. met Feb. 1 at the church. Margalee Ruf led the lesson "One Day at a Time" when the Baptist-Christian Women met on Feb. 1 in the church basement. She encouraged members to not worry about things that might happen in the future or what all you have to get done, but to just take one day at a time.

Members signed Valentine cards to be sent with gift cards to the college students in the Wilsonville area.

Hostess Alice Kasson served dessert at a Valentine decorated table.

Jim and Becky Holtze, Vic and Nancy Knutson and Margene Holtze attended the "Living Free in Christ" seminar by Dr. Neil

Anderson in McCook Wednesday through Friday evening.

Jim and Becky Holtze visited Ivalene Simmons in Holdrege and Janene Holtze in Kearney on Sunday afternoon and evening.

Dale and Theda Beth Stanley went to Selden last Monday evening to watch their grandson, Devinn Ritter, play basketball.

Joe and Alice Kasson attended the Northern Valley vs Arapahoe basketball game at Almena Tuesday night.

Wednesday night was the second week of the Bible study at the Baptist-Christian Church. The study is "How to Hear From God." Everyone is welcome.

The Kirk Kasson family were guests in the Joe and Alice Kasson home Saturday.

The Baptist-Christian Church had a soup supper Sunday night at the church with the annual meeting following the meal.

Vic and Nancy Knutson visited Lawrence and Camilla Orvis in McCook Sunday.

A fellowship dinner was held at the United Methodist Church Sunday noon. This was the first time they have been able to have services since December due to the ice and snow. Lelia Lang was hostess.

Marvin and Marlene Witte were in Lincoln Saturday and Sunday to visit Scott Witte and Hunter, Dalton and MacKenna. They watched Dalton play youth basketball on Saturday.

Thursday afternoon, after school, Jake, Tyler and Erin Witte came out to spend the afternoon with their grandparents, Marvin and Marlene Witte. Their parents, Doug and Kristy Witte, joined them for supper.

Steve and Peg Rice and family spent the weekend at the home of Bart and Shari Anderson of Loomis. Shari and Peg went shopping while the fellows enjoyed some target practice. Saturday evening Bart and Shari, Steve and Peg went out to eat in Kearney. The Rice family came home Sunday afternoon.

Brett Palmer spent the weekend with his parents, Mary and Doug Palmer. Brett attends Hastings Community College.

Ginger tenBensel spent the weekend with her parents, Carl and Ella Rae tenBensel.

Bill and Kathy Lewis had dinner in Kearney Sunday with some of Bill's family; Heidi Lewis of Kearney; Michael Lewis of Chicago; Mae and Ira Wierenga, Hastings; and Phil and Dixie Menke.

"Let it snow, let it snow" — Wilsonville and much of Nebraska received more snow beginning late Monday afternoon and continuing on into Tuesday. Hopefully this will give us some of the subsoil moisture that was needed last summer.

85th Birthday celebrated

Mr. Lawrence Orvis celebrated his 85th birthday on Feb. 3 with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Those present were children Paul and Shirly Orvis of Imperial; Gary and Kathy Bergstrom of Griswold, Iowa; Larry Orvis of Norfolk; Kevin and Sue Orvis of Hebron; Vic and Nancy Knutson of Wilsonville; grandchildren and great-grandchildren Jeff Bergstrom of Hays; Kurt Knutson of Wilsonville; Tracie Beavers and sons Anthony and Jacob of Carlton, Neb.; and Doug and Katy and Conner Snyder of McCook. Everyone enjoyed dining out and returning to the home for ice cream and birthday cake.

Have a story idea? Call 877-3361 and let us know ... we'd love to hear about it!

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of Dale O. Retke, Sr.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS

Case No. 2007-PR-7
In the Matter of the Estate of DALE O. RETKE, also known as DALE O. RETKE, Sr., deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that a petition was filed February 21, 2007, in this Court by Lucile M. Retke praying that the Last Will and Testament of Dale O. Retke, also known as Dale O. Retke,

Sr., be admitted to probate and record and Lucile M. Retke be appointed executor without bond.

All creditors of the above-named decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months from the date of 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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