

# Make Church a Part of Your Life

## WEEKLY SERMONETTE

*"Justified by faith"*

By Jerry Cummings, Pastor of Living Hope Fellowship in Norton

Romans 5:1 "Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,"

There is a word in the scripture which means a lot to me, although it is usually used only in a theological way rather than an experiential way. The word is "justified". In Paul's writings it speaks of how God himself takes the one who is guilty of sin (all of us) and by a work of His grace makes him "not guilty". God can do this because of how he took the sin of all mankind and somehow placed that sin on Jesus Christ, and then poured out the just punishment on Him, on the cross. 2 Corinthians 5:21 (New King James Version) "For He made Him, who knew no sin, to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." As one pointed out, it becomes "just as if I'd never sinned" — as far as God is concerned. We receive this "justification" freely in response to our faith toward God.

In this passage in Romans, Paul goes on to point out that as a result of this justification we have peace with God. Justification may be theological,

but it results in a peace that touches our life deeply. This peace is not just an absence of conflict, but includes a wholeness that comes to our inner man. It speaks of things going back to the way they were meant to be.

In the beginning, man walked with God in the cool of the day. There was unhindered, pleasurable

friendship with the creator. The sting and brokenness of sin was not there. Man could talk with and look his Creator in the eye with no discomfort. He had no reason not to come freely to God because no trace of guilt was there and man knew God wanted his presence as much as he wanted His.

Many people have put their

faith in Jesus and thus have been justified before God, but for them it is still only theology. Relationally, they still approach God as sinners and guilty no matter how many times they have received His forgiveness. But as Paul indicates, if we are truly justified, it should change things for us with God. I can now dare to approach Him with confidence that He sees me as guiltless and really desires to be with me. I now have peace with God. This is not just peace in life, but when with God, I have total peace because of total justification.

In life's relationships we all know that we approach people differently depending on how we think they feel about us. Justification is the basis of how God feels about us. There is absolutely nothing in His heart toward us except His great love. If you have never personally put your faith in this Jesus who took your sin upon the cross, you can do this, and by doing so, find the peace with God which goes deeper than our minds can grasp.

Remember when Mom reminded you to take your umbrella, even though the sun was shining? And wasn't she usually right? Moms always want us to be prepared for whatever comes our way!

God also wants us to be prepared. In Matthew 5:45 we are warned that He "sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous." Yet, He assures us that He "is a shield to those who take refuge in Him" (Proverbs 30:5).

Worship this week in the shelter of God's sanctuary. There may be rain in your life today or tomorrow...the promise of his protection will shield you.

*It Might Rain*



Sunday Isaiah 25.1-12	Monday Isaiah 35.1-10	Tuesday Isaiah 51.1-23	Wednesday Isaiah 52.1-12	Thursday Isaiah 52.13-53.12	Friday Isaiah 54.1-17	Saturday Isaiah 55.1-13
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## JENNINGS NEWS

**By LOUISE CRESSLER**  
Alumni letters have been mailed out seeking reservations to the annual banquet which is being held May 24. If you didn't receive one, perhaps your address is not correct on the Alumni mailing list. Reservations and \$15 remittance should be mailed to Linda Wahlmeier,

HC 1, Box 20, Jennings, Kan. 67643. Deadline for reservations is May 10.  
City water meters will be read the evening of April 25 and finished up on Saturday morning, April 26.  
The Jennings City Council will meet May 8 instead of May 1.

## NORTON MANOR

**By DORIS MIZELL**  
Visitors of Annetta Knapp have been Betty Knapp and Frank and Levonne Otter. Sunday Ethel Miller and Gary and Nancy Schmidt were in to see her.

Doris Mizell had a phone call from her granddaughter, Cori Wolf, Boise, Idaho, to let her know that she was a great-great-grandmother again. Rosie and Kevin Hughes had a baby girl, 6 pounds 11 ounces and they named her Korinna Nichole Hughes. This was March 29.

Visitors of Dale and Katherine Severns recently were Randy Hoppes, Mitchel Hoppes and Kathy Gibson, Alice Field and Beth Heikes.

Mary Lou Archibald recently returned from Arizona and Colorado after visiting with her daughters. While in Phoenix she attended the wedding of her grandson, Kent Allred, and Charlotte Smith, whose grandfather was once a doctor in Norcatour.

Dale Severns birthday visitors

were Tom and Nina Melroy, Beth Heikes, Kirk Kasson, and Alice Field.

Mary Keith visited Lena and James Skrdlant Saturday at the Andbe Home.

Saturday, April 5, Doris Mizell celebrated her birthday by attending the Music Regional at Oberlin to hear the twins sing. After that she went with the Mizell family to Lincoln, Neb., where they met Carolyn Linsenmeyer, Beatrice, Neb., and Stephen Mizell for supper. She went home with Carolyn and the rest went to Omaha. Carolyn took her to Omaha the next morning where they were to hear the choir from Nebraska Christian College sing in front of the Omaha Royals baseball stadium. Stephen is a member of the choir. Afterwards we all attended the game and the choir sang the national anthem. It was chillier than we had planned on but the Royals won the game. With K.U. winning the evening before it made a very memorable birthday.

## LYLE NEWS

**By VEDA WOOD**  
Veda Wood accompanied Bee Nelson and Dorothy Ward to the Lutheran Church in Oberlin for the funeral service for Alice (Rohnke) Bowman. Mrs. Bowman's brother, Ben was there, along with her two sons and several members of the family.

Some of the Lyle people, and I'm sure others, were sorry that they didn't know about it in time to attend. Inurnment was in the Norcatour cemetery.

We are glad that Leone (Mapes) Purton is out of the hospital and hope she is feeling better.

Margaret Magers, June Jolly, Joyce Sumner, Ivy Rolland and Veda Wood tied a few quilts again on Tuesday at Lyle. Veda Wood joined them after helping with the paper.

Sheryl Patterson and Veda Wood visited Alta May Van Gundy at the Perkin's Pavilion in Hastings, Neb. on April 5, and ate lunch with her.

Keith Anthony came home from Texas, where his granddaughter was married.

Gary Anthony came to church and the dinner, but was not feeling well, so hope he is better soon.

Dewayne Jackson brought the message at the Lyle Church, Sunday, April 6. His wife, daughters and son-in-law also came for the

church service.  
June Jolly gathered cookies from some Lyle and Norton ladies and is giving them to someone to send to our troops in Iraq.

The Lyle group worked on quilts on Tuesday, April 8, and several small quilts were finished. That evening Toots Magers, June Jolly and Kathy Van Meter went to Beaver City and ate spaghetti with the Senior Citizens.

On Wednesday, the Liberty Star Club met. Deanna Sumner was hostess. Toots Magers had the program and Kathy Van Meter had the game. Scattergories for our activity. Everyone brought plants and had a plant sale. Now if the weather will be cooperative, we may get them planted. Deanna was going home to fix supper for turkey hunters.

Recently, Toots Magers and Kathy Van Meter attended the annual meeting and potato bake of the Last Indian Raid Museum at Oberlin. The next day after Senior Citizen Citizens, Kathy's son, Tim Niedgl, visited her.

Toots Magers, Kathy Van Meter and Joyce Sumner went to the Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin on Monday, April 7, and played pinochle with the residents.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Gary Anthony, who is at Hays for surgery.

## NEW ALMELO

**By BETTY OTTER**  
Savana Rose Rumback, daughter of Jeremy and Missy Rumback, was baptized on April 6 by Father Vincent Thu Laing at St. Joseph Church in New Almelo. Her godparents are Josh Rumback and Ashley Rumback. Special guests present were Savana's sisters, Nicole and Jaelyn Rumback, her great-grandfather, Doren Spillman, Hoxie; her grandparents, Ron and Paula Rumback, Oakley; Russ and Marcia Aumiller, Mathew and Taylor, New Almelo; Jeff and Kathleen Vahling and family, Hays; Josh and Sara Rumback and family, Angelus; Ashley Rumback and her fiance', Noel, Boulder, Colo.; Cara Fisher and son, Zackery, and her mother-in-law, Donna Fisher, Manhattan. They all enjoyed a noon meal at the Rumback home in Lenora.

On April 9, Alfred and Betty Otter attended the confirmation

of their granddaughter, Cheyenne Moss, at St. John the Baptist Church, Beloit. A reception was held after the ceremony.

Word was received of the death of Sister Bernice Siemann at Benet Hill Monastery, Colorado Springs, Colo. She assisted Sister Olive Gieger with the Parish Ministry at New Almelo in the late 1990s. Funeral services were April 19 in Colorado Springs.

On Sunday, April 13, Alfred and Betty Otter visited their uncle, Alfred Bruggeman, in the Phillipsburg Hospital. On Monday evening, their uncle, Father Gerald Bruggeman, Colorado Springs., their aunt Regina Riedel, St. Peter, and a cousin, Carol Lutz, Colorado Springs, visited Mr. and Mrs. Otter. They also visited Bob Linden, their brother-in-law. They were returning from visiting Alfred Bruggeman, their brother and uncle.



This Sunday, why don't you worship in the church of your choice?