Make Church a Part of Your Life WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"Thy Great Salvation — Regeneration" By Pastor Terry Laughlin, CrossRoads Church

"He saved us, not on the 11, 12) basis of deeds which we mercy, by the washing of He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior." (Titus 3: 5, 6)

act which imparts to the repentant believer a new life in personal union with Jesus Christ. Christianity is not another world religion. It is the relationship with Jesus Christ that takes man's fallen nature and regenerates sinners by bringing into them the life of God. It is a spiritual change wrought in peoples' hearts by an act of God. The very nature of regeneration involves union with God and Christ through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit within the born again Christian. This union manifests itself in various ways:

1.) It is characterized in a newness of life: "We are therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Jesus was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." (Romans 6:4) Christians are able to count themselves dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, sin no longer reigns in their mortal bodies, so that they no longer obey its evil desires. (Romans 6:

put a new spirit in you. I will regeneration and renewing remove from you your heart of by the Holy Spirit, whom stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put My Spirit tian can be a partaker in God's in you and move you to follow nature: 2 Peter 1: 3,4 says, My decrees and be careful to "His divine power has given

26, 27) This enables Christians and godliness through our 2.) This union results in a new to spiritually hear the voice of knowledge of Him who have done in righteous- heart and spirit: God says, "I God and joyfully desire to do ness, but according to His will give you a new heart and His will as He directs them through the written Word of

3.) The regenerated Chris-Regeneration is the divine keep My laws." (Ezekiel 36: us everything we need for life

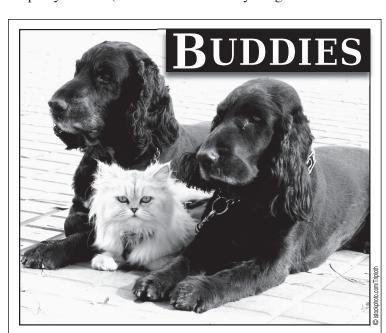
called us by His own glory and goodness. Through these He has given us His very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil."

Regenerated Christians are able to participate in God's divine nature only by first having accepted Jesus Christ as personal Savior and Lord. Then the Holy Spirit draws them to prayerfully read and study the Word of God. He draws them to prayer, Christian fellowship, Christ-honoring music and solid Christian reading material so that they are enabled to surrender to His gentle promptings and leadings.

God's great Salvation, found only through Jesus Christ, (Acts 4: 10 - 12) has purchased more than eternal life. It has given you the opportunity to literally be made new, regenerated, enabling you to say no to the pleasures of this world, freeing you from the bondage of the flesh and sin, as well as empowering you to overcome the temptations of the devil.

Will you join those who have been regenerated by the power of God's Holy Spirit?

Invite Christ into your heart and life today!



ometimes circumstances create unexpected friendships! These furry buddies seem to feel right at home in each other's company, even though wisdom dictates that they should be chasing each other. In 1 Timothy 4:4 we read, "For everything God created is

good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving". We are all created by God, we are all brothers. If only we could all be friends!

As we sit in the House of our Almighty Creator this week, may we take a moment to give thanks for God's sanctuary as we experience His warmth reflected in the eyes of our fellow worshippers. Let us pray that all can join in the singular sacrament of worship; and love one another.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Isaiah	Isaiah	Isaiah	Isaiah	Acts	Psalm	Acts
61.1-11	62.1-12	65.1-25	66.1-24	1.1-11	85	1.12-26
		Scriptures Sele	ected by The Ameri	can Bible Society		

By VEDA WOOD

On Monday, April 14, Kathy Van Meter took Margaret "Toots" Magers and Veda Wood to the Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin for a birthday party for April birthdays. They took desserts and had a short program. We had three fingers on her left hand. a good time and had a nice visit Toots Magers took her to the with R.D. Thornton's sister, Lavergne Allmer.

Sewing at Lyle was called off on Tuesday because of lack of participants.

Sheryl Patterson and Veda Wood went to Hastings, Neb. to see Alta May Van Gundy and to get her wishes about moving. She says she wants to come to Oberlin, so as soon as red tape is dispensed with, she should be ready.

Dustin Rhodig, who attended grade school in Norcatur, visited Veda and Dennis Wood on

osteosarcoma and is now in Kansas City for chemotherapy.

While June Jolly was in the process of building a butterfly house for a granddaughter last Friday, April 12, her saw "kicked back" and almost severed the ends of doctor, who stitched the injured hand. We are so sorry, and hope you heal quickly, June.

On Wednesday, Rea and Dee Magers came to Toots' house and put a new blade on her mower.

Carol Moye, A.J. and Tielia High and Aubrey, and Adrienne Vacura and Kylie visited Veda Wood on Saturday.

We were happy to have Tom Smith, of Oberlin, bring the message at Lyle Church on Sunday.

Gary Anthony was able to be in church, although still not up to par. He goes back to Hays Thursday. He is suffering from Wednesday for a checkup.

By LOUISE CRESSLER

Stan and Ramona Shaw drove to Sharon Springs Saturday to dar Living Center, Oberlin, May babysit with their great-grandson, Tyce Bollars, Lockbuie, Colo., while his parents, Kyle and Lisa Bollars, attended a wedding and his grandparents, Kevin and Colleen Wagoner were golfing in Colorado. Stan and Ramona returned home Sunday evening.

B & H Paving is filling cracks in the streets of Jennings.

United Methodist Women will auction Saturday. Donated pies afterwards.

would be appreciated.

The women will be going to Ce-7, and have their birthday party. Helen Rhodes and Louise Cressler will furnish cupcakes.

Wayne Cressler was in the Norton Hospital with pneumonia. He came home Sunday.

The tour, last Sunday, of Dresden, Clayton and Jennings was sponsored by Arts and Humanities Club was enjoyed by over 60 people. Refreshments were served be serving lunch at the Harmon at the Sunflower Senior Center

By DARLENE McEWEN Resident Resource Coordinator

It's time to write the May Newsis time to start planning National Nursing Home Week.

Our theme this year will be "It's Kentucky Derby Time." I thought I'd share the good time I had gathering items for the week.

One time I went to Grand Island, Neb., to see about some race memorabilia from Fonner Park! I walked right up to the Security Guard at the horse entrance and tucky Derby Party at the nursing homes. home in Kansas where I work and I need some." It seemed simple enough to me!

That Security Guard looked at I am not sure where to send you but I suppose you need to go to the Executive Office."

I found the Executive Office with plush carpet, wood doors, pictures of race horses and wow furniture. The most important thing I found there was a person who was willing to try to get me some memorabilia.

She took down my cell phone number so she could look for something that afternoon and call me back if she found something while I was at the races. Then she directed me to the "JOCKEY'S"

I asked her the same question I asked, "Do many people go to the Jockey's room?"

She replied, "Not many and you probably won't get in either but ask for the "Guy with the Key."

Off I went and sure enough, the sign outside the Jockey's room knock might bring the "Guy with the Key" so I started to knock and just at that moment out came a guy and a gal. I explained to them that I needed to speak to the "Guy with the Key" and that I was looking for race memorabilia.

They went to get the "Guy with the Key". I thought sure he'd be a little old dried up man that was a famous jockey years ago but instead, this tall, delicious looking young man came to see what I wanted. I explained about needing race memorabilia for the Kentucky Derby party and he said, "Let me see what I can do."

two sets of goggles, a pink jockey racing shirt and a yellow horse blanket with the number four on it. My spirits rose big time!

I went to the races, (we sat in the free seats) and waited for a phone call. My cell phone rang and it was letter here at the Andbe Home. It the "Executive Office of Fonner Park." The nice voice at the other end said, "I found some things., Come over whenever you want and pick them up." I made the journey to the "Executive Office" and found a sack full of race programs, newspapers, three small horses

and a pony cap to use. I thanked her and she said, "My mom is in a nursing home, thanks for all you folks do!" My step was said, "Please direct me to the place a lot lighter as I realized that folks where I could request some racing everywhere are willing to help you memorabilia. I am having a Ken- out and appreciate staff in nursing

The Andbe Home will be celebrating National Nursing Home Week May 11 - 17. On Mother's Day, an Apron Show will be preme and said, "That's the first time sented using the book and aprons Ihave ever had a request like that. from resident, Beth Mustoe's daughter Rosemary. Monday, May 12, there will be a Domino Derby under the supervision of volunteer, Steve Hawks. Tuesday, May 13, Rosalie's Preschool will present their version of a Kentucky Derby with dances and stories at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday is the Family Dinner Party. It should be the social event of the year! The evening will begin with a Kentucky Burgoo Stew, Mint Julips and Kentucky Derby Pie are items on the menu.

Al Leiker will sing "My Old Kentucky Home," before the Kentucky Derby is replayed on the big screen. He will sing a few more Kentucky way songs following this.

There is more fun planned as we enter into a Wheelchair Poker Run. The Wheelchair Porker Run is open to the public. The donation fee is \$5 per couple and anyone said, "No admittance prior to race can participate as long as you have time." I decided that just a little a resident as a partner. Won't you come join us for the poker run that will start around 7:15 p.m. You may pay your donation fee, pick out a resident and come have fun that evening.

> Prizes will be given and the funds will be used to finance activities at the Andbe Home. Thursday will be the cook-out on the west parking lot and we are looking for some horses to entertain at this time. Friday at 2:30 p.m. Robert and Phyllis Winslow will demonstrate how to make ropes.

> Doesn't it sound like fun? Join us for any or all of the events. I just for the meals.

Call 877-2601 to let us know. See you then.

I waited and he returned with need to know if you are coming

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

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