

Make Church a Part of Your Life

WEEKLY SERMONETTE

“Rejoice in the Lord Always”

By Jerry Cummings, Pastor of Living Hope Fellowship, Norton

Years ago we used to sing a little chorus from Philippians, “Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice!” But besides this little verse, there are 180 or so verses in scripture which speak about rejoicing in the Lord. In fact in Philippians 3:3 Paul indicates that rejoicing in Jesus is one of the marks of true believers.

Growing up, I used to think that rejoicing was the same as worship, praise, thanksgiving and so on. Certainly these can often overlap each other. However as I studied this word I found that it has its own particular meaning in its expression before God. The word “rejoice” is the verb form of the noun “joy.” It is joy in action. It is joy which is expressed.

Even though joy can sometimes be put into words, the Bible speaks of a joy that is “inexpressible and full of glory.” Even in scripture rejoicing was often bigger than words. It speaks of clapping, dancing, jumping, as well as singing and shouting. But any expression with or without words, if it is expressing joy in the Lord, is valid. We sometimes smile, cheer, or just call

to tell someone what God has done.

Furthermore, rejoicing is not just something to do when we’re with other believers. It can be done alone before God or with one or two others. You see, we honor God when we rejoice. We are letting him know that

knowing and serving Him is not just a duty, or a drudgery, but that we consider it a privilege to know Him, and belong to Him. What does it do to our human heart when people genuinely express the fact that they enjoy being together with us? God is the same, only more so.

So how do I start being a rejoicer? We can begin by pondering the goodness, and greatness of God and his work in and for us. “I’m forgiven of all my sin!” “My sins are gone forever!” “I have eternal life!” “God is good to me!” “Jesus lives in me!” “He has answered my prayers!” “He loves me!” “My future in God is bright!” “Jesus died for me!” “Jesus is alive!”

But after allowing these and other simple realities sink in, we begin to express in some way our gladness over these. We may repeat these truths with more and more expression. Although it may seem unnatural to some of us, we may also begin to express this gladness in nonverbal ways. We may clap, sing, shout, wave. Even jump or dance. If this seems a little too much, be assured, it is Biblical.

As we begin to make rejoicing a life pattern, something happens to us. We become a more contagious believer. We are more full of hope and faith. We are more connected to the realities in God that used to be mere words to us.

Rejoice evermore!

ANOTHER APPOINTMENT

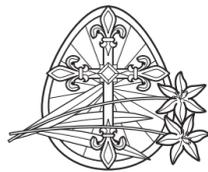


Are you caught in the same old grind? Stuck in a rut? Overscheduled without enough time to relax? Why not make one more appointment? “One more appointment?” you say. “I have too many now. That’s my problem!”

There is an appointment available that can change your life. A regular visit to God’s house each week will sustain you with the strength you need to function most effectively and efficiently. You will have a fresh perspective to deal with those daily pressures. It will be the most positive commitment of a lifetime!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Matthew 13:24-58	Matthew 15:1-20	Matthew 20:1-34	Matthew 22:1-33	Matthew 25:1-30	Matthew 25:31-46	1 Corinthians 1:1-17

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**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
H. OLENE HILLEBRAND, Deceased**

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS**
In the Matter of the Estate of
H. OLENE HILLEBRAND, Deceased
Case No. 2008-PR-40

**NOTICE OF HEARING
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The State of Kansas
To all Persons Concerned:

You are hereby notified that on
September 10, 2008, a Petition For
Probate Of Will And Issuance Of Letters
Testamentary was filed in this Court by
Raymond E. Hillebrand, an heir, devisee
and legatee, and Executor named in the
Last Will and Testament of H. Olene
Hillebrand, deceased, dated September
3, 1999, praying that the Will filed with
the Petition be admitted to probate
and record, that he be appointed as
Executor without bond and that he be

granted letters Testamentary.
You are required to file your written
defenses thereto on or before October
3rd, 2008 at 3:30 o'clock p.m. of such
day, in this Court, in the City of Norton,
Norton County, Kansas, at which time
and place the cause will be heard.
Should you fail, judgment and decree
will be entered in due course upon the
Petition.

All creditors 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.

Raymond E. Hillebrand,
Petitioner
John F. McClymont, #09379
RYAN, WALTER &
MCCLYMONT, Chtd.
120 S. State - P.O. box 364
Norton, Kansas 67654
785-877-5183

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INVITATION TO BID

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INVITATION TO BID

**Sealed Bids will be received by Norton County, Kansas,
at the Office of the County Clerk for the Construction of:
Project No. 03-020M**

Norton County Landfill Project - Phase 3 Development

until 1:00 p.m. on the 29th day of September, 2008 at which time and place the
Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud.

Copies of the Drawings and other Contract Documents are on file and available
for public inspection at the Office of the County Clerk, Norton County, Kansas
and BG Consultants, Inc., 2508 West 15th Avenue, Emporia, Kansas 66801
(620-343-7842).

A complete set of the Contract Documents may be obtained by a prospective
bidder by sending a cash deposit of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), along with a written
request for a said set of documents. ADDRESSED TO: BG Consultants Inc., 2508
West 15th Avenue, Emporia, Kansas 66801.

Each Bidder may receive a refund No Refund dollars after the return of all
described documents in good condition within thirty (30) days after the date of
Bid opening.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive formalities in
considering Bids and to accept the Bid which, in its opinion, is the best Bid.

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Compaction (Type B MR-90)	1,907 Cu. Yds.
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