

Make Church a Part of Your Life

WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"Misery Released — Testimony of Maggie Eliot"

By Pastor Terry Laughlin, CrossRoads Church, Norton

At age fourteen Maggie began to go to parties and smoke pot because it seemed like the cool thing to do. Her drug addiction grew from weekend events to several days per week which included doing drugs during school and soccer practice. Her parents explored everything from a psychologist, to playing more sports, to grounding her and even switching her to a private school. She had convinced herself that her parents were trying to ruin her life.

The party was over by the end of her senior year when she was expelled from private school for doing drugs. She missed her senior trip with friends and lost her opportunity to attend college. Then came blackouts, drug binges and friends who were no longer able to hang out with her. As a matter of fact, they did not want to be around her.

This was the beginning of several drug treatment programs, but even when she was going through them she couldn't get her mind off drugs.

Maggie recalls a time when she was lying on the cement floor of a detoxification facility. She looked around and all she could feel was loneliness and the misery that she had made for herself. By this time of her life there was no one to rescue her or help pick up the pieces that came through self-destruction.

After being introduced to a Narcotics Anonymous sponsor she learned about Teen Challenge. When she arrived at Teen Challenge she was still addicted to drugs, distraught, empty and loaded down with misery. While at Teen Challenge she learned that God had a real plan for her. She writes, "I am

graduating from Teen Challenge this month and in my time here I have come to know Jesus as my Lord and Savior. He has taken away my sins and hard heart and given me hope and a promise for my future. He has also done amazing restoration work in my family."

What the world calls a disease

the Bible calls sin. When a person quits listening to those in the world and agrees with God there is real hope. I John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

Maggie and her parents first chose the world's way of overcoming the sinful nature that lies in the heart of all of mankind. Thus misery was her bed partner as she lay on that cement floor of a detoxification facility. Anything done apart from God's Word and Christ in the center is bound to leave one empty and in misery within their spiritual heart.

By God's grace, Maggie was sent to a place that shared about the power of knowing Jesus Christ as both Savior and Lord. She became His disciple. Jesus says, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:32) Through Jesus being Savior and Lord, Maggie has been released from her misery, freed from drugs and delivered out of a lifestyle of destruction. Soon she will be attending college and continuing on in God's purpose for her.

You, too, can be released from that which will eventually bring misery by simply surrendering to Jesus Christ.

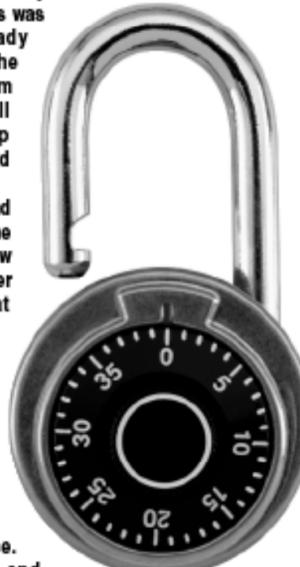
The Combination

Your day could have been better.... First, the car stalled in traffic and when you finally arrived at work the boss was growling. You were already behind on a project and the school nurse phoned to inform you that your daughter was ill and needed to be picked up immediately. What else could possibly go wrong?? Well....

Upon arriving home you find nothing to fix for dinner and the washing machine broken. How could anyone be happy after such a horrendous day? What is the magic combination for contentment?

Contentment is not perfection; it's the ability to cope with imperfection. After all, we live in an imperfect world. Life is not always fair. But God is always there!

Worship at God's House. There you will find prayer and faith...the combination to contentment. Things will still go wrong, but God will be by your side to help you through life's challenges.



Sunday Ruth 2.1-23	Monday 1 Samuel 24.1-22	Tuesday 1 Samuel 26.2-40	Wednesday 1 Samuel 28.1-26	Thursday 1 Kings 3.16-28	Friday 2 Kings 6.8-23	Saturday Amos 5.1-27
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•PUBLIC NOTICE•

UNITED NORTHWEST FEDERAL CREDIT UNION VS. MUREL BRADLEY SCHROEDER SHERRY LEA SCHROEDER KATTENBURG

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS
CIVIL DEPARTMENT
UNITED NORTHWEST FEDERAL CREDIT UNION)
Plaintiff,)
vs.) Case No. 2008-CV-17
MUREL BRADLEY SCHROEDER)
SHERRY LEA SCHROEDER KATTENBURG)
Defendants)
Pursuant to Chapter 60 of K.S.A.

NOTICE OF SUIT
To Murel Bradley Schroeder and Sherry Lea Schroeder Kattenburg and all other concerned persons:
You are notified that a petition for foreclosure has been filed in District Court of Norton County Kansas by United Northwest Federal Credit Union praying for Foreclosure and sale of the following property:

A tract of land commencing at a point 115 feet North of the Southeast corner of Lot Four (4), Block Twenty (20) of Hillside Addition to the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas, thence East 80 feet to the West line of North First Avenue, thence North along the West line of North First Avenue 68 feet 4 inches, thence

West 179 feet, thence South 68 feet 4 inches, thence East 99 feet to the place of beginning, being a part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NE/4 SE/4) of Section Thirty-four (34), Township Two (2) South, Range Twenty-three (23) West of the Sixth principal meridian and you are hereby required to plead to the petition on or before November 3rd, 2008, in the court at Norton, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment will be entered upon the petition. Charles E. Worden #7417
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•PUBLIC NOTICE• GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE

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State of Kansas, Norton County, Kansas, October 7, 2008 as required by K.S.A. 25-209. Notice is hereby given that there will be a General Election held in Norton County November 4, 2008. The voting hours will be from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the regular voting places. And the Modell Twp voters will all vote at the Lenora Community Building, in Lenora. I, Robert D. Wyatt, County Election Officer of Norton County do hereby certify the following named persons for the respective offices indicated below, are entitled to a place on the Official Ballots in the General Election to be held in Norton County, November 4, 2008.

GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE NATIONAL OFFICES FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

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FOR COUNTY SHERIFF
Troy M. Thomson, Norton Republican

FOR TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE ALMENA
Shad Chandler, Almena Republican

FOR TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE ALMENA
Abner Williams, Almena Republican

JUDICIAL BALLOT

QUESTION NO. ONE

To vote for a Justice of the Supreme Court being retained in office, darken the oval to the left of the word "Yes." To vote against a Justice of the Supreme Court being retained in office, darken the oval to the left of the word "No."
O YES Shall ERIC S. ROSEN, Topeka, Position No. 4, Kansas Supreme Court, be retained in office?
O NO

O YES Shall LEE A. JOHNSON, Topeka, Position No. 6, Kansas Supreme court, be retained in office?
O NO

QUESTION NO. TWO

To vote for a Judge of the Court of Appeals being retained in Office, darken the oval to the left of the word "Yes." To vote against a Judge of the Court of Appeals being retained in office, darken the oval to the left of the word "No."
O YES Shall STEVE LEBEN, Fairway, Post NO. 2, Kansas court Of Appeals, be retained in office?
O NO

O YES Shall G. JOSEPH PIERRON, Lawrence, Position No. 3, Kansas Court of Appeals, be retained in office?
O NO

O YES Shall CHRISTEL E. MARQUART, Topeka, Position No. 5, Kansas Court of Appeals, be retained in office?
O NO

O YES Shall RICHARD D. GREENE, Wichita, Position No. 10, Kansas Court of Appeals, be retained in office?
O NO

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Solomon Precinct No. 1 American Legion Building
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Solomon Precinct No. 2 American Legion Building

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