

Make Church a Part of Your Life

WEEKLY SERMONETTE

“Fellowship that Touches God’s Heart”

By Preacher/Teacher Terry Laughlin, CrossRoads Ministries

Acts 2:42-47 records the powerful work of the Holy Spirit working in and through the Body of Christ, thus setting the heartbeat of the church in this dispensation, “They devoted themselves to... fellowship...”

An un-Biblical expectation in fellowship is one of the key reasons many find themselves roaming from church to church and changing their partnerships in ministry. Nowhere in the New Testament do any Greek words translated “fellowship” imply fun times.

Studying Acts 2:42-47, “The Fellowship of the Believers” reveals to us that true “fellowship” was experienced because the Body of Christ were “devoted” to the “apostles teachings” to “prayer” and joining together to remember what Christ did for them on the Cross of Calvary. (Acts 2:24; 1 Corinthians 10:16; 11:17-34) “Fellowship” (koinonia) means to share something which involves participation. The practical application is sharing material goods, (Acts 2:45) ministering together to meet the needs of the Body of Christ, (2 Corinthians 8:4) and participating as the Lord makes the way in fulfilling “The Great Commission.” (Matthew 28:16-20; Acts

1:8; Philippians 1:5)

The NFL knows a fellowship of its own. This well known organization spends a huge amount of money recruiting, building facilities for both training athletes and spectators. Coaches, organizations and players sacrifice a great deal time and strength for the sport

of football. Teams spend a great deal of time studying play books, watching film and practicing together. Players often play while hurting and fans are loyal. This is why the stadiums are filled and the Super Bowl game is one of the most spectacular events of the year. As a matter of fact the Green Bay Packers have a

video that this tongue-in-check phrase, “Thousands of places of worship will be empty as the faithful go to worship at the Super Dome.” Some football franchises have boasted of shutting churches down on Sunday nights.

When the church has Biblical fellowship involving prayerful studying God’s Word before doing, joining together in prayer on a Biblical truth, working together to meet needs, sacrificing time, strength, finances, with everyone involved exercising their spiritual gifts for the good of Jesus Christ, thousands will be added to the church. Acts 2:41 says, “Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand was added to their number that day.” Luke in writing about the “Fellowship for the Believers” wrote, “... praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those being saved.” (Acts 2:47)

Could it be, is it possible, when the Body of Christ has Biblical “fellowship,” that touches the heart of God, Christians devoted to the Lord may enjoy shutting down sports events on Sunday nights?

Grow in Spirit

Think of the soul as part of God’s garden. He plants us to grow in spirit and to thrive with faith. We begin in fertile soil, but we cannot develop without nourishment. We must keep the garden watered daily with prayer and fed weekly with worship, and remove the weeds of doubt and fear so that the soul can flourish. Worship this week and every week... root your life in God.

Weekly Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 43.1-27	Revelation 21.1-27	Revelation 22.1-21	1 Corinth. 12.1-11	Acts 1.1-26	Romans 8.1-17	Romans 8.18-39
-----------------	--------------------	--------------------	--------------------	-------------	---------------	----------------

Scriptures Selected by The American Bible Society
©2011, Keister-Williams Newspaper Services, P.O. Box 8187, Charlottesville, VA 22906, www.kwnews.com

THE SPONSORS OF THIS CHURCH PAGE DO SO WITH PRIDE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Norton Animal Health Center
Complete Large and Small Animal Service
801 W. Holme - Norton - Phone 877-2411
Aaron R. White, DVM
Sarah Ketterl White, DVM
Monday thru Friday: 8-5; Saturday: 9-Noon

Las Canteras Mexican Restaurant
DAILY SPECIALS
Monday-Thursday: 11:00 a.m.-9:30 p.m.
Friday-Sunday: 11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.
A Family Owned Business – One in a Chain of Eleven
203 W. Washington, Norton - 785-874-4074

Ag Valley Co-operative
Elevator • Service Station
877-5131 or 877-5188 - Norton
Clayton Branch -
Phone 785-693-4522

Mainstreet IGA
“Your Local Affiliated Full Service Grocer”
313 W. Main - Norton, Kansas
Phone 785-877-2422

Lee Hardy Construction LLC
New Construction • Concrete Roofing • Remodeling • Decks — *Electrical • Rental Service* —
874-4315 or 871-0832-1120 N. State, Norton

Countryside Veterinary Clinic of Oberlin, P.A.
N. Hwy. 83, Oberlin, Kansas (North of Sale Barn)
785-475-3808 • 1-800-953-3808
Mark R. Olson, D.V.M. • Travis A. Hissong, D.V.M.
24-Hour Emergency Service

Abel Tree Service
– ROY ABEL –
Fully Insured • Bucket Truck
• **FREE ESTIMATES** •
Stump Grinder
Phone 785-871-7275 - Norton, Kansas

Engel’s Sales and Service
Complete Auto Repair
Small Engines and Lawn Care Equipment
•Toro •Lawnboy •Stihl Chain Saws
209 W. Lincoln - Norton - Phone 877-3391

Whitney Construction and Farms
•Terracing
•Dozer Work
•Ponds
9499 Rd E3 - Norton - Phone 785-877-3745

Pizza Hut/Taco Bell
Come Join Us for Our
“SUNDAY BRUNCH BUFFET”
Pizza, Pasta, Salad and Dessert
FREE COFFEE or TEA
W. Hwy. 36 - Norton - Phone 877-3359

Security Abstract Company
Abstracters Title Insurance Agents
•Home Loans
Prompt - Efficient - Confidential
214 E. Washington - Norton - 877-2141
Jolene L. Weiser, Owner

McMullen Real Estate
Donald McMullen, Broker; Robert Wyatt
McMullen & Wyatt Auctions
Auctioneers - Realtors
•Farm •Estate •Antiques •Households
113 N. State - Norton - Phone 877-3299

Destination Kitchen
Everything under the sun for your kitchen
115 W. Main, Norton, KS • 877-2911
Cindy Boller and Georgia Mann

Moffet Drug Store
“Prescription Specialists”
Hallmark Cards and Russell Stover Candies
102 S. State - Norton, Kansas
Phone 785-877-2721

Bridges Group Inc.
“Serving the Norton Area Since 1894”
117 N. Kansas
Norton, Kansas
Phone 785-877-4016

Nelson Bros. Construction, Inc.
General Contractors
Equipment Rental
Route 2 - Norton - Phone 785-877-2554

First State Bank
“Your Progressive Community Bank”
MEMBER FDIC
105 W. Main - Norton, Kansas
Phone 785-877-3341

Norton Flowers, Gifts and Greenhouse
Fresh and Silk Arrangements
Trees, Shrubs, Bedding Plants
209 N. Kansas - Norton, Kansas
Phone 785-877-3345

Don’s Floor Covering
Residential and Commercial
•Carpet •Sheet Vinyl •Tile
Levolor Blinds - Panasonic Vacuums
113 W. Washington - Norton, Kansas
877-3002 - Don Kaus - FREE ESTIMATES

The Norton Telegram
Your Local Newspaper
215 South Kansas Avenue, Norton
Phone 785-877-3361
Fax: 785-877-3732
Email: nortontelegram@nwkansas.com

KANSAS CLASSIFIEDS AD NETWORK

Adoption
ADOPTION: Loving couple wishes to adopt. Stay at home Mom, devoted Dad. Financial security, and happy home. Fees paid. Please call 1-888-617-4514 or email: adoptbaby2011@yahoo.com

ADOPTION:
Young, happily married couple wishing for newborn. Love, affection, security and opportunities await your baby. Expenses paid. Please call Jillian and David anytime 877-613-8169

Health/Beauty
IF YOU USED THE ANTIBIOTIC DRUG LEVAQUIN AND SUFFERED A TENDON RUPTURE, you may be entitled to compensation. Attorney Charles Johnson 1-800-535-5727.

Help Wanted
FOREMEN to lead utility field crews. Outdoor physical work, many positions, paid training, \$17/hr. plus weekly performance bonuses after promotion, living allowance when traveling, company truck and benefits. Must have strong leadership skills, good driving history, and able to travel in Kansas and nearby States. Email resume to Recruiter6@osmose.com or apply online at www.OsmoseUtilities.com. EOE M/F/D/V

Help Wanted/Truck Driver
Quality Drive-Away, Inc. is seek-

ing 40 CDL qualified drivers to deliver new trucks and buses. We are the exclusive transporter for Collins Bus in Hutchinson, KS and have five regional offices with other large contracts. Call today 1-866-764-1601 or visit www.qualitydriveaway.com

Help Wanted/Truck Driver
“You got the drive, We have the Direction” OTR Drivers APU Equipped Pre-Pass EZ-pass Pets/ passenger policy. Newer equipment. 100% NO touch. 1-800-528-7825

Misc.
AIRLINES ARE HIRING - Train for high paying Aviation Career. FAA approved program. Financial aid if qualified - Job placement assistance. CALL Aviation Institute of Maintenance. 888-248-7449.

Misc.
ATTEND COLLEGE ONLINE from Home. *Medical *Business *Paralegal, *Accounting, *Criminal Justice. Job placement assistance. Computer available. Financial Aid if qualified. Call 888-220-3977 www.CenturaOnline.com

Misc.
Medical Management Careers start here - Get connected online. Attend college on your own time. Job placement assistance. Computer available. Financial Aid if qualified. Call 800-481-9409 www.CenturaOnline.com

Treat Your Imagination

The 2011 Smoky Hill River Festival

For high-energy, low-cost fun, make the short drive to Salina for the Smoky Hill River Festival. Featuring 300 artists and musicians; with performances by George Clinton & Parliament Funkadelic, John Jorgenson Quintet, and Buffalo Rome.

Present this coupon at the gate and save \$5.
Everyone in your group receives the discount.
Children 11 and under are Free.

June 9, 10, 11, 12 • Salina, KS

www.riverfestival.com

©2011 D. SAHC-2783

HIP IMPLANT? YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO A MONEY SETTLEMENT

DePuy Hip Recall

DePuy Orthopaedics has voluntarily recalled its defective metal-on-metal hip implant systems. These defective implants may cause a number of potential problems in the patients who received them, including:

- **Additional Surgeries**
- **Pain, swelling and irritation**
- **Metal debris:** pieces of metal from the hip implant get loose and may be spread around in hip area
- **Loosening:** the implant fails to remain in the position where it was attached during surgery
- **Fractures:** broken bones occurring around the site of the implant
- **Dislocation:** separation of two parts of the hip replacement device that were designed to move against each other

If you or a loved one have had a DePuy hip implant, you may be entitled to compensation. Contact the Law Offices of Brian Timothy Meyers toll-free at 888-374-7528 to receive a free case evaluation. Our office has been representing injured persons since 1982.

Attorney Brian Timothy Meyers is a Washburn University School of Law graduate, Class of 1982. Attorney Peter Andreone graduated from Washburn University School of Law in 2008.

www.btm-law.com

The choice of a lawyer is an important decision and should not be based solely on advertisement.