

# Make Church a Part of Your Life

## WEEKLY SERMONETTE



### “Proclaiming God’s Word”

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#### A Necessity in Corporate Worship

Congregational worship opens the door for the Holy Spirit gift of proclaiming God’s Word. Jesus said, “Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.” (Matthew 4:4) Knowing exactly what the Bride of Christ needs to be all that she can be, Jesus apportioned grace gifts, those having the gift of apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor and teacher, to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. (Ephesians 4:11-13)

Any Christian exercising any one or all these support gifts apportioned by Christ has the Holy Spirit gift of “prophecy.” Romans 12:6 says, “We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man’s gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith.”

The exercising of the gift “prophesying” (propheteia) is “not primarily prediction but communication of revealed truth that will both convict and build up the hearers through the gift of expounding Scripture while preaching

and teaching.” (Intermediate Greek-English Lexicon; The Greek-English Dictionary of the New Testament) This gift enables the child of God, after prayerfully reading and studying the Word of God to communicate divine truths

that bring edification, exhortation, and comfort. Fitzmyer, defines “prophecy” as “Inspired Christian preaching which denoted not one who predicts the future, but one who speaks in God’s name and probes the secrets of the heart.”

Regardless of the world’s view on the local preacher or the traditional approach to tolerating the preaching part of the worship service, the preaching and teaching of God’s Word is to be accepted as coming from the heart of God.

Where does the Holy Spirit find your spiritual heart regarding the spoken message or the teaching of God’s Word? Is there joyful expectation to get to that place where the Word of God will be proclaimed? Where is your heart in making sure the messenger has uninterrupted time to spend with the Lord through prayerful study of God’s Word?



### God Will Provide

How far will you travel to eat at your favorite restaurant? Our tiny friends the hummingbirds fly thousands of miles each year when the weather turns warm once more. With their needlelike beaks and humming wings, they miraculously remember and return to their providers’ feeders and gardens year after year.

The Lord will guide and provide for us, also. In Psalms 145:9, David praises his Creator...“The Lord is good to all, and His compassion is over all that He has made.” This week, travel to your house of worship to remember your Creator. He awaits to provide you with spiritual food for life.

#### Weekly Scripture Reading

1 Peter 2:1-25	1 Peter 3:1-22	1 Peter 4:1-19	1 Peter 5:1-14	2 Peter 1:1-21	2 Peter 2:1-22	2 Peter 3:1-18
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**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HELEN L. SCHOEN**

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS**  
In the Matter of the Estate of **HELEN L. SCHOEN**, Deceased.

Case No. 2011 PR 10  
**NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that on April 11, 2012 a Petition was filed in this Court by Melissa M. Schoen, an heir, devisee and legatee, and Executor named in the “Last Will and Testament of Helen L. Schoen,” deceased, dated June 5, 2002 and October 29, 2008, requesting that the instrument attached thereto be admitted to probate and record as the Last Will and Testament of the decedent; Letters Testamentary under the Kansas Simplified Estates Act be issued to Executor to serve without bond, be determined a valid consent. You are further advised under the provisions of the Kansas Simplified Estates Act the Court need not supervise administration of the Estate, and no notice of any action of the Executor or other proceedings in the administration will be given, except for notice of final settlement of decedent’s estate. You are further advised if written objections to simplified administration are filed with the Court, the Court may order that supervised administration ensue. You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before May 14, 2012 at 3:30 p.m. in the District Court, in Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, 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 the first publication of this notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Melissa M. Schoen  
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