

Tim and Teresa Jorns, Tabor and Gavin, Overland Park, arrived Christmas Eve at the home of Pam and Roland May, Zach and Hannah. The Jorns and May families attended Christmas Eve services at the Oberlin Good Samaritan Center with Tim and Pam's father, Ben Jorns, and enjoyed Christmas Day dinner at the Roland May home. Tim and his family returned home on Monday.

Casey and Jennifer Harshman and Isaac, Emporia; Richard and Anna Shaw, Joel and Tami Shaw and Dante, and Steve and Susan Nelson and Mackenzie enjoyed Christmas Eve dinner at the home of Ralph and Violet Shaw before attending Christmas Eve services.

Christmas Eve dinner guests of Wayne and Lois Larson were Craig and Karen Larson, Brad Larson and Kathy Almquist, Norman and Joanne Wendelin, Ladd Wendelin, Lincoln, Neb.; Greta Wendelin, Lawrence; Rory Wendelin, Seward,

Neb.; and Bill and Janet Manning, Norton.

Dillon and Christi Zwegardt and Drew Zwegardt, Manhattan; Ralph and Norma Unger, and Darci's father, Kenneth Roberson, were Christmas Day dinner guests of Ryan and Darci Unger, Ty and Brock, St. Francis.

Christmas Day dinner guests at the home of Martin and Evelyn May were Marvin May, Greg and Janice Cundiff, Chris and Kasey May, Kaylee, Kelsey, and Hunter, Andy and Kelley May and Lauren, Jack Fortin, and Charles Fortin.

Jaron and Tara Tate and Abigail, Fort Collins, Colo., and John and Edith Tate enjoyed Christmas Day dinner at the home of Jay and Becky Tate, Dakota, Mollie, and Grace.

Kelly Olson, Manhattan; Stean Olson, Hays; and Wilma May were Christmas Day dinner guests of Justin and Wendy Scott, Garrett, Gage, and Wyatt. Jerry and Connie Olson were unable to attend since they

spent Christmas in Omaha.

Ladd, Greta, and Rory Wendelin, Wayne and Lois Larson, Brad Larson and Kathy Almquist, and Bill and Janet Manning, Norton, enjoyed Christmas Day dinner at the home of Norman and Joanne Wendelin.

Christmas Day dinner guests of Rhonda May, Dan Nedland, and Elizabeth were Walter and Betty May, Cameron Nedland, and Hunter and Rhiannon Nedland and Liam.

Craig and Karen Larson were Christmas Day dinner guests of her parents, Zane and Gladys Geis.

Kristen Bremer, Colby; Linda Willey, and John and Dianne Bremer were Christmas Day dinner guests of Herschel and Jody Betts.

Kristen and Jessica Bremer enjoyed Christmas Eve dinner at the home of John and Dianne Bremer before church services.

Monday evening dinner guests of Norman and Joanne Wendelin were Ladd, Greta, and Rory Wen-

delin, Wayne and Lois Larson, Brad Larson and Kathy Almquist, Craig Larson, and Jay and Suzanne Cooper, Wichita.

Jessica Bremer has moved back to Oberlin after graduating from Washburn University, Topeka. She has accepted a job as staff accountant with McPherron, Skiles, and Loop, a certified public accounting firm in McCook, beginning Jan. 3.

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Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

The miserable flu bug hit many families in Herndon but a few residents managed to gather for Christmas.

Christmas Day guests of Don and Joan Grafel were Steve and Susan Nelson of Oberlin; Makenzie Nelson, Wichita, and Todd Nelson, Hays. On Christmas evening Kyle Grafel, Herndon, and Sarah and Rachel Grafel, Sterling, played games at the home of Don and Joan and enjoyed supper.

Herndon Senior citizens met Wednesday at the center for their Christmas dinner. Jo Harris won the blackout and Karen Yarin won the door prize.

Herndon extends sympathy to the family of Leon R. Wolf of Grinnell. Leon, husband of Lynette Wahrman Wolf, 1965 Herndon High graduate, died Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2011, with funeral mass held Monday, Dec. 26 at Immaculate Conception

Church in Grinnell. Burial was at the church cemetery with military honors.

Ron and Cindy Sattler, Herndon; Chase, Dana, Payton and Paycie Juenemann, Hays, and Eric and Jayda Sattler, Atwood, joined family members at the John and Ardythe Cederberg home in Oberlin for Christmas dinner. On Monday, they celebrated Payton's fourth birthday at Grandpa Dave and Grandma Joyce Juenemann's.

Marita and Leon Portschy joined Tom and Myra Sattler, David Sattler of Norton, and Dan, Gigi, Jackie and Kale Sattler of McCook for Christmas dinner at the home of Tom and Myra Sattler, where they visited and played games.

Don and Joan Grafel were Monday evening guests of Steve and Susan Nelson of Oberlin. Additional guests were Makenzie Nelson and Matt Buesch, both of Wichita, and

Todd Nelson of Hays.

Bob and Julie Hafner celebrated Christmas with Joan Noble at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin for dinner. Afternoon visitors at the Hafner home were Janice and Jayme Sattler of Atwood.

Those celebrating Christmas at the home of Laverne and Sharon Frick were Vesta Gilbert, Gwen Gilbert, Sheryl Adams and Kent Jording of McCook; Krista, Justin, Tyler and Jaxton Payton of Indianola, Neb.; Trev and Jackie Frick, Denver; Lance Jording, Oberlin; Jules and Ryan Rogers, Trenton, Neb.; and Kyle Frick of Herndon. Happy New Year to All!



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Bible Stories continued

Doug Mason, sponsor, Teens for Christ

In last week's edition we were just introduced to King David. In this final edition we see the rest of the story.

Part IV

Dave won a lot of battles, messed up some, but managed to secure the city of Jerusalem as the political and religious capital of their country. His son, Solomon, took over after Dave died. Solomon was real smart. He did great things for Israel and God until he started messing around with lots of foreign women. He was unfaithful to God. From that point the country started moving away from God's commands. They were living in sin.

The Israelite tribes started fighting and the nation divided into the northern and southern kingdoms. They kept fighting amongst each other and started worshipping other Gods. The One True God empowered men called Prophets to tell the people of these two kingdoms that they were living wrong, but they didn't listen. Because of their attitude God let these people be conquered and the nations disappeared for many years. Then God let two of the tribes come back to Jerusalem to rebuild the Temple and the city. It seemed that maybe the nation would be restored. But it wouldn't be.

Not long after, the people became unfaithful to God again and the nation of Israel disappeared.

No one was good enough to stay in relationship with the Creator. God would have to do something else to get humanity, made in the image of God, back in a

right relationship. Mankind needed a Savior.

That's the Old Testament story. It's an important story. The individual bible stories are taught with their significant moral lessons, but we are rarely taught to look at the big picture. We then say we don't know the Old Testament well enough to talk about it with others. Not looking at the big picture is generally why.

What's the theme, then, of the Old Testament? Yes, it's that God our Creator put us here to commune with him, but didn't force us to. We have free will. We have the choice to serve the King of kings or to go our own way. We chose to go our own way and made a mess of things.

We were trapped in sin. As a result, we needed the story contained in the New Testament. And so we have this season of Christmas, based on a foundation developed in the story of God's people. Christ's birth is the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham. It's the fulfillment of God's promise to David. And that promise is available to each and every one of us.

God made a way for us as we read in the first book of the New Testament:

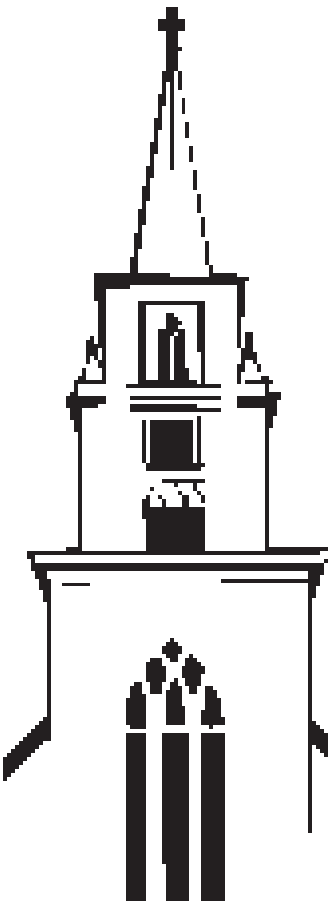
"An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.'"



Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

<p>OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH 785-475-3103 Fr. Mark Berland, MASS: 10:30 a.m., Sunday</p> <p>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLIE Fr. Mark Berland, MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.</p> <p>SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN Fr. Mark Berland, MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday</p> <p>JENNINGS-DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Pastor: Barbara Patterson SUNDAY: Church School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m. DRESDEN SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>PRAIRIE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST The Rev. Linda Willey SUNDAY: Church Services, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>HERNDON IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST Pastor: Dennis Brown SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9 a.m.</p> <p>OBERLIN UNITED METHODIST 102 North Cass — 785-475-3067 The Rev. Linda Willey SUNDAY: Church School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. (Nursery provided.) WEDNESDAY: Praise team practice, 8 p.m.</p> <p>OBERLIN ASSEMBLY OF GOD The Rev. Royce Leitner SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7 p.m. WEDNESDAY: Adult Bible study, 7 p.m.</p>	<p>UNITED CHURCH OF OBERLIN Pastor: Judi Stricker 109 North Griffith-American Baptist, Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian USA SUNDAY: Adult Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Coffee: 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. Worship Service, 11 a.m. Choir practice every Sun. at 9:45 a.m. Holy Communion, 1st & 3rd Sundays. United Church Women, 2nd Wed at 2 p.m. Parish Council, 2nd Sun. following Worship</p> <p>OBERLIN COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP (Southern Baptist) Pastor: Gene Gee SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m., WEDNESDAY: Service, 7 p.m.,</p> <p>CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST Pastor: Ed Woods SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.</p> <p>OBERLIN CHURCH OF CHRIST South Beaver Street - Oberlin Bill Duncan — Phone 785-475-3259 SUNDAY: Fellowship and coffee time; 10:00 a.m. The "no sermon" worship hour with the Lord's Supper and Adventures With God, open Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.; TUESDAY: Ladies Bible Study, 9 a.m.</p> <p>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON Fr. Nick Parker Phone 785-322-5560 MASS: SUNDAY and THURSDAY 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>HERNDON COVENANT CHURCH Pastor: Keith Reuther Phone 785-322-5316 SUNDAY: 9:45 a.m. Morning worship, 11 a.m. Youth group, 4 p.m.</p>	<p>NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST Pastor: Ed Woods SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>LYLE UNITED METHODIST Guest Speakers every Sunday SUNDAY: Morning Worship 9 a.m.</p> <p>EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH OF OBERLIN Pastors: Chris and Sharon Nelson 810 West Cedar, Oberlin Office Phone 785-475-2769 SUNDAY: Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship Time, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Bible Study, 7 p.m.</p> <p>LUND COVENANT CHURCH Chairman Brad Marcuson 10 miles south, 4 miles west of Oberlin SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; WEDNESDAY: Bible Study and prayer, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH 510 North Wilson Interim Pastor: Kevin Schnakenberg SUNDAY: Sunday School and Bible class, 9:45 a.m.; Divine Worship Service, 8:30 a.m.; Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays..</p>	<p>FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH 404 North York Avenue Oberlin, Kansas The Rev. Charlotte Strecker-Baseler Church Office Phone: 785-475-2053 SUNDAY: Worship, 10:00 a.m.; Fellowship and Educational Hour, 11:15 a.m. Holy Communion first and third Sundays. THURSDAY: Women's Bible Study second</p>
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