

MENUS

Coffey County

East Central Kansas Area Agency on Aging program congregate meals are available Monday through Friday at the Burlington Senior Center (620) 364-2730, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Lebo Senior Center (620) 245-6166, and Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Waverly Senior Center. Reservation or cancellation for a meal must be made with your site by noon the day before. If you have any questions please call your local site for more information.

Monday: Taco salad or taco bake, Spanish rice, seasoned black beans, pineapple, tortilla and milk.

Tuesday: Spaghetti and meatballs, zucchini, blush pears, garlic toast and milk.

Wednesday: Chicken fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans with green peppers, strawberry cake, ice cream, whole wheat roll and milk.

Thursday: Roast pork, herbed red potatoes, peas and carrots, fruit crumble, whole wheat bread and milk.

Friday: Vegetable beef stew, coleslaw, ambrosia, cornbread and milk.

Lyon County

Lyon County Congregate Friendship meals can be picked up Mon. through Fri. at Olpe, and Mon., Wed. and Fri. at Neosho Rapids. Call one day in advance for Olpe meals, (620) 475-3384 and Neosho Rapids meals, (620) 342-8232. Home delivered meals will continue as usual. Please call before 9:30 a.m. to reserve/cancel a meal at (620) 342-8232.

Monday: Pork taco salad, lettuce, tomato, cheese, black beans, apple crisp, bread and milk.

Tuesday: Swiss steak, baked potato, glazed carrots, green beans, fruit, roll and milk.

Wednesday: Smokies, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, cucumber salad, fruit, cookie and milk.

Thursday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, fruit and milk.

Friday: Chicken salad, sliced tomatoes, fresh fruit, pudding, crackers, bread and milk.

This Week in History

Compiled by the Coffey County Museum, 1101 Neosho Street, Burlington. The museum is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. See their YouTube channel, Coffey Museum, for videos about the history of Coffey County.

April 11-17

25 years ago (1996)

The Strawn Homecoming, the biannual gathering of former residents and friends of the original town of Strawn, is unique in the state of Kansas, as no other razed former town in the state holds a regular homecoming event.

Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation was honored as Conservation Organization of the Year by the Kansas Wildlife Federation. They are one of 10 Kan-

sas individuals and groups who were presented awards for outstanding efforts in conservation of natural resources.

50 years ago (1971)

The AT&SF railway has made application to the Interstate Commerce Commission to discontinue the line from B. N. Junction in Franklin County to Gridley, a distance of approximately 52 miles, 1518 feet.

75 years ago (1946)

The weatherman made a good guess yesterday when he predicted a drop in the temperature and possibly snow for this morning. The snow has been melting as it falls, but there has been a surprising amount of it.

100 years ago (1921)

Reports from all over the county show that a green plant louse is seriously damaging the alfalfa and in many places the damage is so severe that it is a question whether or not the alfalfa will be killed.

125 years ago (1896)

The Horseman has a front-page portrait of Joe Patchen's head, taken just after he had finished a mile in 2:04, and shows him as pretty as horse flesh can be made.

The Lebo oil mill has begun operations for the summer and is turning out a first-class article in oil and flax seed meal.

The Coffey County Republican

Devotional Page

Abounding grace

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one of my favorite verses that gives me a kick in the pants when I need it: "God is able to make



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simply because we want an encouraging word for the day. The scriptures are certainly there to encourage us, but they are also there to teach and guide us. The Bible is going to be a better source for life than CNN or any self-help book if you are willing to, as Christ said, "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness," which is, in fact, God's will. And in the context of 2 Corinthians 9:8-10, which I quoted above, God supplies His grace to us while we are doing His will, investing in those around us in various ways and capacities. Do you feel you are lacking God's grace in your everyday life? Maybe you are confident that you are saved by grace because of faith in Christ's all-sufficient sacrifice on the cross for the forgiveness of sins, and you believe in His resurrection, which accomplished eternal life. But maybe you feel that you are simply in a holding pattern until you finally land in heaven after you die. Maybe you do not realize that His grace is ready to abound to you beyond measure in this life, not just the next. Maybe you are not sure that His abounding grace empowers us as we live our lives because we are part of something radical, God's earth-shaking kingdom, and that He has chosen to make us a part of His good will in the earth.

God has given us many good gifts. Today I have written to you briefly about the Holy Spirit, the scriptures, and God's abounding grace. These are not all of His good gifts, and the scripture is a treasure trove of valuable concerning these three categories, if only we would put on our Indiana Jones hats and seek it out. Living out God's will is going to require sacrifice, but for those who are willing to take up their cross daily and follow Jesus, it is well worth it.

Have you ever felt like you were running on empty? Have you ever felt that you just couldn't take another step? You probably find yourself reading this a little over a week past the celebration of Easter. Easter is the time we set aside to remember our Lord and Savior's resurrection from the dead, through which He proved Himself to be the Son of God, the only One who can not only take away our sins, also to seal eternal life for us in the presence of the fullness of God. The scriptures tell us that Jesus is interceding for His people before the throne of God right now (Romans 8:34). The scriptures also tell us that Jesus has sent us the Holy Spirit to essentially live life with us, giving us access to the supreme power and authority on high so that we can do all the Father will's, and make it safely and securely to heaven (John 14). Many times, we give the angels all the glory, as though it was just the neatest thing that we have a guardian angel. However, in Acts 19, Paul corrected a group of Christians because they didn't know anything about the Holy Spirit, and through proper instruction about the Holy Spirit, those people went on to show God's glory in miraculous ways. There is some reality to angelic intercession in our lives, however, we are guided by scriptures to walk with the Spirit of God Himself, who is far greater than His ministering angels.

Sometimes you and I can forget all that the Lord has done for us and given us. Some of us have never learned about the current position of Christ, or about the Holy Spirit, or about the will of God. So we busy ourselves with all the tasks of simply living life, completely lost concerning eternal things. Here is

all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work...He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God." (2 Corinthians 9:8-10)

From this passage we see that we will always be able to do all the good that God wants us to do, because He will supply us out of His abundant grace. God is not a distracted manager who forgets to keep his company in stock, so personnel frequently run out of essentials. No, God has assured us that we will never lack anything essential to live the life He wants us to live.

But what is it that God wants us to do? Well, I only have so much space, so I will give you 2 Timothy 3:16-17, which says, "All scripture is breathed out by God and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."

If you want to know what God wants you to do, crack open your Bible. Go on a journey. Sometimes we read the Bible

has called us to do, none of us can add one second of time to our lives once God has called us home. We must guard our time and use it wisely to honor and glorify Him. Time can be used to influence others - one way or another. It would be interesting to keep a record of our time as an accountant does money - what we spent and how we invested it. We could see what we did with our time and discover whether we helped or hindered others, led them closer to God or drove them from Him.

Time gives us opportunities to serve the Lord. Jesus said, "All of us must quickly carry out the tasks assigned by the One who sent Me, and there is little time left before night falls and all our works come to an end."

Time ends with an interview. Each of us will stand before God one day and have an opportunity to review our record with Him. What will matter most is whether there will be a day when we surrendered our life to Him.

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