

The Man Who Changed The World

Speaking Truth by Clint Decker

Clay Center, Kansas – Johannes Gutenberg, a German inventor, built a printing press in the mid-1400s that historians say brought about an “information age.” In 1455 he printed Europe’s first-ever book, a Bible. The printing press changed the world.

The United States Constitution was adopted on September 17, 1787, and provided a unique system of government unknown to any nation on earth. The opening lines of the constitution state, "We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America." The founding of the United States changed the world.

Though these are consequential events in world history, neither has impacted humankind like the incarnation and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. He did not just change the world, He altered history, has caused the rise and fall of nations and effected the eternal existence of billions of souls.

The incarnation of Jesus occurred in Israel between

6 and 4 B.C. According to Webster’s dictionary, incarnation is a word that describes “the embodiment of a deity or spirit in some earthy form.” In particular, it refers to the birth of Christ, when the Lord God took on human form and became one of us. This is called the Doctrine of the Incarnation. It is said of Jesus “...the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.” (John 1:14) The incarnation is the moment in history when the God who made the heavens and the earth, made Himself a simple and normal looking man who came to live among us, in order to reveal who He is and deliver the world’s most important message directly to us.

The resurrection of Jesus took place outside of Jerusalem about 33 A.D. Before this miracle, day’s earlier Jesus was arrested and tried by authorities on false charges of blasphemy. The high priest demanded of Him saying, “I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.” (Matthew 26:63) When Jesus told them the truth, they responded with rage, “He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy.” (Matt. 26:64) Subsequently they immedi-

ately ordered the sentence of death upon Him. The day of Jesus’ crucifixion, history records as Good Friday, where He died a sacrificial death for the sins of all humanity; past, present and future. Then for three days He lay in a borrowed tomb. But early on Sunday morning, history’s most renowned miracle took place. Jesus had risen Himself from the dead and walked out of His tomb. He is alive and still is today!

Why is Jesus’ incarnation and resurrection the most monumental events in world history? Why is Jesus the most significant person to ever walk the earth? Jesus own words confidently and boldly state why, because “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (Jn 14:6).

Jesus declared He is the way. All mankind is searching for meaning, purpose and direction. Jesus says to the whole world, “Come, follow me.”

Jesus declared He is the truth. Everyone longs to know what is right and wrong and how to live a life free from guilt and shame. Jesus is the standard for truth, balancing the scales of justice and raising up high the banner for holiness in an unholy and evil world.

Jesus declared He is the life. Every man and woman hungers for the intangible things that money, power and success can never buy – life, real life. Jesus proved He is the source and giver of real and lasting life.

A prayer for you – Lord God, help us to see Jesus as more than a good man. More than a moral teacher. Let us see Him as the Son of the living God who died and rose again that we might have new life. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Clint Decker is President of Great Awakenings. Please share your comment at cdecker@greatawakenings.org and follow his blog at clintdecker.blogspot.com.

Museum Minute

The Neodesha Historical Museum is snow open

The museum will be open on Fridays from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. and Saturdays from 9 A.M. to 12 P.M.

Come visit and see all the new exhibits.

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NMS track result continued from page 5

- Charles Snyder 20.38, 5 – Ben Waggoner 20.67

100 Meter Dash: 2 – Charles Snyder 13.26, 5 – Colton Servivner 13.98, 9 – Mason Alumbaugh 14.36

1600 Meter Run: 5 – Ben Waggoner 6:49.14

4x100 Meter Relay: 1 – Charles Snyder, Colton Servivner, Cody Pond and Jax Ramey 54.10

400 Meter Dash: 3 – Jax Ramey 1:1.84

5 – Jerem Cottrell D’Esposito 1:6.71

800 Meter Run: 5 – Cody Pond 2:39.37

6 - Jerem Cottrell D’Esposito 2:26.31

8 – Ben Waggoner 2:56.41
- 200 Meter Dash: 5 – Charles Snyder 27.7

8 – Mason Alumbaugh 29.21

800 Sprint Medley: 4 - Mason Alumbaugh, Aaron Kissel, Marcus Fetty and Ben Waggoner 2:10.05

7th grade girls team results: 1) Sedan Junior High 2) Caney Valley Jr High 3) Baxter Springs Middle School 4) Galesburg Middle School 5) Eureka Junior High 6) Fredonia Middle School

7) Neodesha Middle School

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CITY OF NEODESHA, KANSAS				1ST QTR ENDING MAR 31, 2025		
FUND	BEGINNING BALANCE	EXPENSES	REVENUES	CHANGE IN LIABILITY	ENDING BALANCE	
GENERAL	149,201.06	792,013.84	829,461.53	1,249.24	185,399.51	
SPECIAL HIGHWAY	218,695.59	0.00	14,700.54	0.00	233,396.13	
SPECIAL PARKS & RECREATION	29,801.40	7,426.99	1,376.67	0.00	23,751.08	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	50,108.67	9,211.55	28,117.64	18,000.00	51,014.76	
SWIMMING POOL BOND PMT	46,362.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	46,362.71	
WMC BOND PAYMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
TORT LIABILITY	43,815.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	43,815.75	
POLICE SUBSTATION	17,068.95	921.78	0.00	0.00	16,147.17	
NORMAN NO 1 MUSEUM	5,637.85	375.00	1,618.00	0.00	6,880.85	
LIBRARY	8,872.41	53,333.70	58,258.84	0.00	13,797.55	
DRUG SEIZURE FUNDS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFITS	57,162.52	170,011.14	176,451.17	0.00	63,602.55	
TAX SEIZURE FUNDS	5,451.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,451.16	
SPEC SALES TAX-INFRASTRUCTURE	849,719.35	11,017.73	105,275.79	0.00	943,977.41	
NEODESHA LAND BANK	39,124.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	39,074.00	
EMS SALES TAX	66,112.33	29,192.12	0.00	0.00	36,920.21	
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT	2,415.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,415.74	
NPD CHRISTMAS FUND	507.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	507.87	
CHILD SAFETY COUNCIL	1,155.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,155.00	
UNION PACIFIC GAS LINE	282,872.50	83,654.00	0.00	0.00	199,218.50	
WATER BOND & INTEREST	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
FIRE INSURANCE PROCEEDS	4,517.98	5,007.14	5,007.97	0.00	4,518.81	
CDBG ECONOMIC DEV GRANT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
RAW WATER PROJECT BOND	717,389.73	0.00	884.81	0.00	718,274.54	
UNAPPLIED CREDITS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
W GRANBY BUSINESS PARK	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
CDBG GAS PROJECT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
POLICE STATION BLDG PROJ	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
ARPA FUNDS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
OPIOD CRISIS	13,587.14	0.00	334.15	0.00	13,921.29	
PATHWAYS GRANT	1,123.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,123.29	
RIVERWALK PARK	1,255.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,255.00	
WELCOME SIGN	3,777.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,777.00	
GAS	2,622.26	567,256.37	1,264,991.44	170.00	700,187.33	
WATER	380,098.89	130,575.81	202,048.17	3,155.00	448,416.25	
ELECTRIC	364,035.84	795,301.26	1,076,288.64	-150.00	645,173.22	
SEWER	107,473.90	61,670.78	127,628.79	1,000.00	172,431.91	
SOLID WASTE	74,308.20	63,541.96	56,544.59	0.00	67,310.83	
STORM WATER	94,278.01	0.00	11,854.33	0.00	106,132.34	
GAS UTILITY RESERVE	500,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500,000.00	
WATER UTILITY RESERVE	45,924.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	45,924.00	
ELECTRIC UTILITY RESERVE	525,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	525,000.00	
SEWER UTILITY RESERVE	120,559.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	120,559.57	
SOLID WASTE UTILITY RESERVE	118,259.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	118,259.00	
STORM WATER UTILITY RESERVE	89,891.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	89,891.00	
EMERGENCY EQUIP RESERVE	101,505.66	0.00	125.20	0.00	101,630.86	
EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND	19,380.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	19,380.81	
SALES TAX	-23,825.82	87,766.44	85,468.50	0.00	-26,123.76	
PETTY CASH	969.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	969.65	
REPORT TOTAL	5,136,215.97	2,868,327.61	4,046,436.77	23,424.24	6,290,900.89	
			CHECKING-BOC		5,946,278.62	
			CD'S - EQUITY BANK		102,320.42	
			CD'S - CNB		200,000.00	
			CD'S - BOC		200,000.00	
			CASH ON HAND		500.00	
			TRANSIT ITEMS		-158,198.15	
					6,290,900.89	

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Derrick news

Loran Fawcett Chapel

Grace Baptist Church!

Sunday 9:45 am, 10:45 am & 6:30 pm  
Wednesday 7 pm  
Master Clubs 6:30 pm Wednesday  
1317 N. 7th St., Neodesha KS  
Pastor Trevor Hubbs  
325-3636  
www.gbneodesha.com

Bethel Church of God

PASTOR CHARLES RICE

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

2 miles North of Neodesha on Hwy. 75  
(620) 331-1970 or (620) 331-3993

Church of Christ

1226 N. 8th, Neodesha  
620-325-2387

Sunday School....10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship....11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening....6 p.m.  
Wed. Evening...7:30 p.m.

Christ Church

2 blocks South of Granby on Elm St.  
Pastor Joseph Dodson  
Pastor Emeritus Dave Cheshier  
Sunday Morning Worship 10 a.m.  
Men's Prayer/Cave time Wed. 6 p.m.  
Women's Bible Study Wed. 6 p.m.  
Sunday Night Service 6 p.m.  
Sunday Night Youth Group 6 p.m.

Neodesha First Christian Church

702 Wisconsin  
Pastor Brian Rothgeb

Morning Worship  
9:45 a.m.  
NeodyFCCfamily@gmail.com  
Facebook: firstchristianchurchneodesh

Neodesha United Methodist Church

802 Indiana  
(620) 325-2787  
Pastor Rev. Susan Hood  
Worship at 10 a.m.

St. Ignatius Catholic Church

8th & Grant • 620-325-5215  
Fr. Stuart M. Smeltzer  
MASS SCHEDULE  
Sunday 8:30 am  
Wednesday 5:30 p.m.  
Friday 8 a.m.  
1st Saturday 8:30 am

CrossRoad Church

614 Main, Neodesha  
Pastor Gary Larson

Sunday Morning Services  
10 A.M.

First Southern Baptist Church

719-339-3461  
David Dickenson, Pastor  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 6:30 p.m.

Calvary Missionary Baptist Church

3117 Ann St  
Lafontaine, KS  
Pastor Tom Bell  
Services : Sunday school 10 am  
Sunday service - 11 am  
Sunday & Wednesday  
Night 5 - 6:30 p.m.

Neodesha Church of the Nazarene

812 N. 7th  
Pastor Jay Reed  
Sunday Worship 10 am  
Sunday Small Groups 9 am  
Wednesday ANCHORED 5:30 - 7 pm  
Wednesday I.M.P.A.C.T. 5:30 - 8 pm

Episcopal Church of the Ascension

702 Osage, Neodesha  
COME AND SEE  
Sunday Service at 9 a.m.  
Coffee hour following service.

Bible Trivia

- For what city are God's people to pray? Jerusalem, Rome, Shiloh
- What does the word “Golgotha” mean? City of bread, let him be accursed, the place of a skull
- Fill in the blank: “All the labor of man is for his \_\_\_\_\_, and yet the appetite is not filled.” Children, life, mouth
- Which one of these men does the Bible say grew up to become a mighty warrior on the earth? Ham, Nimrod, Seba
- Who was told to make “bonds and yokes” and to put them upon his neck? Ezekiel, Hosea, Jeremiah

Answers: 1. Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6), 2. The place of a skull (Mark 15:22), 3. Mouth (Ecclesiastes 6:7), 4. Nimrod (1 Chronicles 1:10), 5. Jeremiah (Jeremiah 27:1-2)

