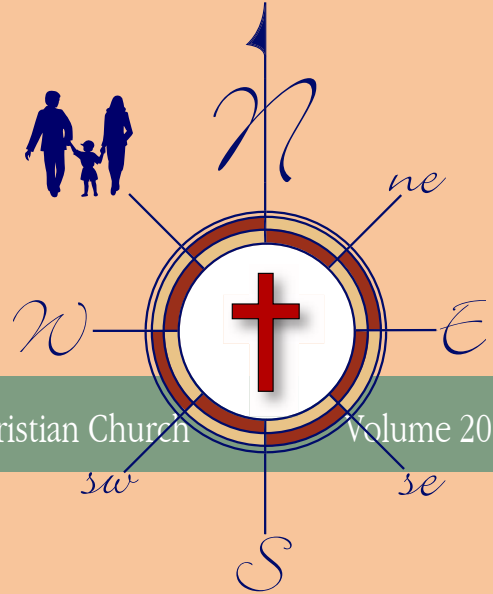


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NWCC Celebrates our 20th Anniversary!

Did you know it was twenty years ago that NorthWest Christian Church was born? Well, we are getting the family together to celebrate God's blessing, and we want you to be a part of it! Our entire 20th year is focused on strengthening our family relationship with our God and each other, and you are invited! Let us know if you're coming, and how many you're bringing, by Emailing us at nwcc20@sbcglobal.net or calling the church office at (316) 721-2659. Also, let us know if you want to sing with the Reunion Choir! Please plan to be a part of this Family Reunion and help us give glory, praise and thanks to our great Father. He has blessed us these twenty years with so much grace and loving kindness!

Family Reunion - Labor Day Weekend, September 5-6

Outdoor Festival
Family Pictures
Ice Cream Social
Games and Fun

Reunion Choir
Bar-B-Que
Live Bands
Surprises

House-painting talent handy for teacher in summer

By Kathy Hanks - The Hutchinson News - khanks@hutchnews.com

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Standing on a ladder, with his head 24 feet in the air, Travis Roberts had a perfect view of the clouds Monday morning.

His hope was that the thunderheads swelling in the sky north of Hutchinson would stay far away so he could paint all day on the white barn.

Finishing this painting job takes precedence right now, before all his

priorities change on Sunday. That's when he and his wife, Rachel, are expecting their first child to be born.

Roberts, who owns Roberts Painting, spends his summers working as a house painter. It has served him well over the years, first putting him through Kansas State University, then helping him earn his teaching certificate from Bethel College, North Newton.

"It was my main profession through college and has been part of my life for the past nine years," the 29-year-old Roberts said.

He thought about going into the house-painting profession because he realized it didn't require a degree in rocket science.

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ATTENDANCE

Average for Last Month: 138

FINANCIALS

Monthly Budget Goal: \$27,492.00
 Monthly Income: \$19,342.33
 Monthly Expenses: \$27,800.98

NEW MEMBERS

Tyler Taylor
 was baptized on July 26.

Luke Smith
 was baptized on August 9.

Servers for September

Joe Mitchem, Tony Hemmen, Jim Elgin,
 Mike Clark, Dennis Duty, Shannon
 Dossett, Randy O'Neal, and captain Ken
 Klufa.

ATTENTION

ALL BOYS age 7 to 11

If you are interested in **having fun**,
 and **learning new skills** with other
 boys, then come to the Maize area
"SIGN UP for SCOUTING" event on
 Thursday, August 27th, 6:30-7:30pm
 at Pray Woodman Elementary School
 in Maize. NorthWest Christian Church
 Cub Scout Pack 408 and 3 other Cub
 Scout Packs will be offering a chance
 for boys in this age group to become
 Tiger and Cub Scouts.

GREAT COMMISSION FUND

For Each Member of NWCC
 to Experience the Blessing of Giving

15% of General Fund Income YTD: \$27,029.30

Special Needs Giving YTD:

Previous Months' Giving:	\$8,035.00
Benevolence-Mortgage payment	\$396.50
Benevolence-Utilities	\$451.44
CIY-\$100/student	\$1,900.00
Kids Against Hunger	\$516.74
Tractors for Our Daily Bread	\$5,000.00
Youth Horizons.....	\$200.00
Christ to the Nations	\$350.00
Subtotal:	(\$16,849.68)

Additional Available for Special Needs YTD: \$10,179.62

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“I wanted a job better than my friends had flipping burgers and sacking groceries, making minimum wage,” he said.

He realized a lot of people were afraid of ladders and heights. Plus, some with good intentions of doing the job themselves waited until the heat of summer to get to the work and then realized it was too hot for them to be outdoors.

Roberts, built like a linebacker, is a hardy-looking guy. So he decided to buy a tall ladder, a few paintbrushes and drop cloths, and he made up some business cards and it was official. He bought more equipment, as he could afford it.

During the school year he teaches speech and is the forensics and debate coach at Hutchinson Community College.

It’s a job he loves. And while he’s excited about the addition to his family, the pressure is on to not only finish painting the big white barn, but also to finish other jobs to add income to the household.

The Robertses have decided that once the baby is born, Rachel will become a stay-at-home mom rather than going back to her teaching job in the fall.

But living on one teacher’s salary this year will call for some finessing. “That’s why I am painting hard this summer,” he said.

It’s the last week of July and he’s working on his sixth major building of the summer. He generally works alone, but brings in a helper when necessary.

The average job involves about 100 labor hours and takes him about two weeks. He says he’s a real stickler

for preparing the surface before he begins painting or staining. Most of the prep work is one-third of his labor, but he prides himself on a job well done.

Weather plays a factor when working outdoors. That’s why Monday he kept his eye on the radar available on his cell phone.



Plus, with a wife about to give birth, he kept the Bluetooth hooked on his ear.

But those who hire Roberts have nothing to worry about. This guy can multitask. And how many house painters can brag that they never have

spilled a gallon of paint coming down a ladder?

Recently, however, he did fall. Thankfully, the dad-to-be was only 7 feet off the ground at the time. One of the ladder legs went into the soft ground, causing it to tip.

Once on the ground, he collected himself and noticed the brush was in the bucket of paint.

On the way down, he had the presence of mind to neatly place the wet paintbrush where it belonged, despite the fact that he was falling.



Editor’s Note: Since this article was published on July 28, Travis and Rachel welcomed their new daughter, **Zipporah Grace**, into the world on August 5.

Travis and Rachel have also set up a website to promote his painting business and Rachel’s cake baking business:

www.twobroketeachers.com

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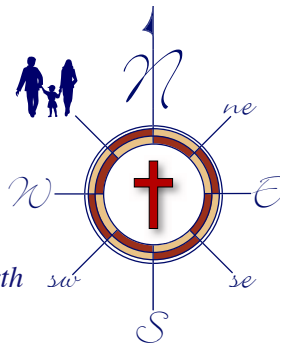
Awana starts Wednesday September 9th from 6:15 pm to 8:15 pm. Bring your children and their friends so they can grow in the knowledge of God’s word.

Volunteers Needed

Please contact **Harvey and Megan Bradbury** (722-1291) or **Michael** (721-2659) for more information.

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Family Reunions! *by Rodger Thompson*

*“To Know Him, and
To Make Him Known”*

*Sunday School: 9:00 am
Fellowship Time: 10:00 am
Worship Service: 10:30 am*

On September 5-6 something very special is happening. We are having a Family Reunion here at NWCC. The point of a family reunion is to celebrate the relationships that God has brought together over the years. As new members are born or adopted into a family, and as others grow and move on, the relational dynamics change and yet it is still the family of God. Those relationships are unique because we have something in common with one another that we don't have with the rest of the world. At NWCC we are a family with a common heritage and the experience of having been a part of what God has brought together. Over the years lives have been saved, comforted, healed, enriched, and equipped.

Relationships have developed bonds that will last into eternity. It is an honor and a privilege to participate in this wonderful NorthWest Christian Church Family! Just a foreshadowing of the family reunion of the ages we will all enjoy one day. I hope you will plan to join us as we celebrate our 20th year as a church family.

We are looking forward to seeing you here Sept. 5-6!

Rodger and Connie