

Church has new pastor from Texas

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On June 3, the Christian Church, St. Francis, had a new pastor speaking to them from the pulpit.

Jeff Landers came from Dallas, Texas, where he had been an assistant pastor as well as a banker. He said that earlier, he and his wife Becca had wanted to stay in the Dallas area as this was where their friends and family lived.

Interviews for an associate pastor position had not panned out so he decided to take a full-time job in a bank. However, he felt that this was not what God wanted for him.

He began praying and studying the book of Jonah. He decided he was not doing what God wanted him to do but dictating to God what he wanted to do.

They contacted the Placement Office of Dallas Theological Seminary, willing to go wherever God sent them.

"I sent resumes all over and received many inquiries," he said. "I realized there was a reason why I hadn't received calls in the Dallas area."

He interviewed several places including one in Michigan near where Becca had been born. She still had family there and they seri-

ously considered it but they realized in the interview that this church wasn't the best fit them.

Prior to the Michigan interview, Tim Poling, one of the Pulpit Search Committee for the St. Francis church, called. Following the interview in Michigan, Dr. Poling called again and set up a phone interview. A week later, he called to have them come to St. Francis for another interview and to preach.

Moving so far away from family was an extremely hard decision for both of them, especially Mrs. Landers who had realized she was expecting their second child.

Pastor Landers' father advised them to take a couple of days off from even discussing the offer and stabilize their emotions. During that time, there was a lot of praying. The final decision was to come to St. Francis.

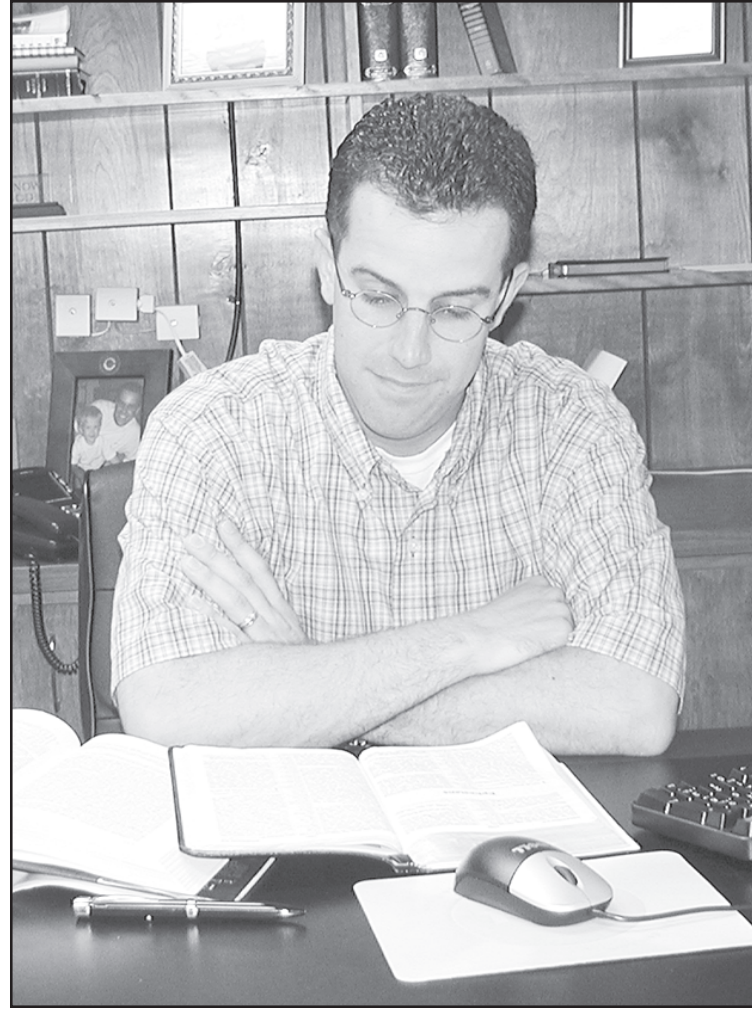
"We were confident despite the emotional time," Pastor said. "It was like a burden was lifted."

Pastor Landers said he is here for the long term.

"I want to see God working in people's lives," he said.

There are three things he would like to see and do as he serves God as the pastor:

- 1) Direct people to God by



PASTOR JEFF LANDERS works in the office at the First Christian Church. Herald photo by Karen Krien

preaching and teaching his word.

- 2) Help people to pray.
- 3) Point people to God by helping them to see what God is doing as He works in their lives.

"In St. Francis, I am able to do what God has called me to do and fully enjoy pursuing the passion of pastoring," he said. "Doing what I enjoy is easy when I am among people I love."

Pastor Landers was raised in Dallas. He was 16 when he attended a Disciple Now weekend with other young people. He sensed God was leading him into the ministry. When he was 18, the First Baptist Church, Sunnyvale, licensed him into the ministry.

He attended Howard Payne University for one semester, then attended a community college where he took basics courses. He had a friend who urged him to attend Criswell College in downtown Dallas where he did his undergraduate work. From there, he attended Dallas Theological Seminary where he graduated with a master's in theology.

He was the assistant pastor at Ridge Pointe Fellowship; but eventually took a job at the bank, before coming to St. Francis.

The Landers met through the church. Mrs. Landers is a registered nurse. They have a son, 2 1/2-year-old Jayce. They will be new parents again in February.

Gospel groups schedules concert

The Tennessee-based "Blackwood Legacy" gospel group, featuring former Blackwood Brothers Quartet lead singer and Gospel Music Hall of Fame Inductee Rick Price, will be in concert at 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 13, at the First Christian Church in St. Francis. Admission is free.

During the Great Depression, the Blackwood Brothers were at the height of their fame singing gospel classics and spiritual standards. The vocal group amassed nine Grammy awards and 27 Dove awards over their decades-long career, and were inducted into both the Gospel Music

and Grammy Hall of Fame.

As the original Blackwood Brothers retired, various singers came in to take their place including Rick Price. However, with the death of Cecil Blackwood the original group was formally dissolved. After much soul-searching and hundreds of requests for the music of the original Blackwood Brothers Quartet, Mr. Price created the Blackwood Legacy, a tribute to the world renowned ministry he was involved with for so many years.

He has gathered some of the most talented and sought-after gospel singers on the scene today to create a

unique concert that blends the best of the old favorites with newer southern gospel favorites and original hits. Performing with Mr. Price is Don Thomas, formerly of the popular Florida Boys Quartet and Luke Yates, contemporary worship musician and vocalist. While the group maintains the style that made the Blackwood Brothers famous, performing favorites such as "How Great Thou Art" and "Beulah Land," they have also incorporated a contemporary sound that reaches old and young alike. Over the past nine years they have become hugely popular, performing more than 240 dates per year throughout the United States.

The First Christian Church is located at 118 E. Webster. For more information on this event, contact the church at 332-2956 or visit the group's website at www.blackwoodlegacy.com.

St. Francis News

Betty Jean Winston met Shawn and Leigh Legere, Chase and Miles in Goodland on Sunday, July 22. Leigh returned to St. Francis with Betty Jean while Shawn, Chase and Miles drove on to Colorado.

Late Wednesday evening, Shawn, Chase and Miles arrived in

St. Francis after three days of rafting, hiking and camping in the Rocky Mountains.

On Friday the Legere's returned to Overland Park.



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Dr. Miller will also have physicals offered for the minimal cost of \$10 at the clinic. The cost will be payable at the time of the physical, so it won't go to your medical insurance.

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Montana cowboy to sing at round-up

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Cowboy singer Vic Anderson will be the featured performer at the Tumbleweed Round-Up on Saturday. The two performances will be at 2 and 7 p.m. at the Cheyenne Theater, St. Francis.

Coordinated by Phil Crawford, the program not only features Mr. Anderson but a variety of local talent including Mr. Crawford. Also performing will be Helene Landenberger, Don Love, Fred and Marsha Magley, Ernie Ketzner, Gary Cooper, and Leonard Hopper.

Mr. Anderson, formerly from Montana, now lives in Estes Park and is the Western Music Association 2003-2004 male yodeling champion. He is also noted for his whistling, which he calls his "poor man's fiddle."

He was raised in a musical fam-

ily going back to his Scottish ancestors who were troubadours for generations. He learned to play the guitar from his grandmother, who also taught him harmonica and bagpipes. His mother played him and his siblings to sleep nearly every night with honky-tonk piano music. Pops, his dad, played harmonica and button accordion.

He has worked with Tex Williams, Barbara Fairchild, Patsy Montana, Rex Allen Jr., Baxter Black, Ken Overcast and Danny "Many Horses" Rial.

His CD, "Vic Anderson, Plain and Unvarnished," features just him and his guitar — music like is heard around the campfire. He has also written a book of western poetry and short stories entitled "Ridin' Fence."

Everyone is welcome to attend and there is no admission.

Annual festival coming to Haigler

Haigler's Sixth Annual Bluegrass Breakdown is coming up from noon to 6 p.m. mountain time on Sunday, August 5 at the Haigler Village Park in Haigler.

The program will be featuring: The Blue Canyon Boys from Boulder, Colo.; The McLemore Family from Colby, and The Bluegrass Sheiks from the Colorado front range.

The event is presented by the Haigler Improvement Committee (HIC) with the support of the Nebraska Arts Council.

Meals will be available in the park. Bring your lawn chairs. Although there is no cover charge, donations will be accepted. Proceeds go toward village improvements and continuing the Haigler Improvement Committee Scholarship.

Members of the Committee hope to see many area residents in attendance to enjoy the home-cooked food and the musical entertainment.

An open jam session will follow the music fest.

The First Christian Church
will be having a
"Dedication Service"
Sunday, August 5
10:30 a.m.
You are cordially invited to attend as we dedicate our
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With **Don E Thomas**, former tenor with the "Florida Boys" and contemporary worship musician, **Luke Yates**.

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING
State of Kansas
Special District
2008

The governing body of Cemetery 2 District, Cheyenne County will meet on the 13 day of August, 2007 at 1:00 P. M., at Cheyenne County Courthouse for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax.

Detailed budget information is available at Cheyenne Co. Clerk's Office and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2008 Expenditures and Amount of 2007 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2008 budget. Estimated Tax Rate* is subject to change depending on final assessed valuation.

| Fund | 2006 | | 2007 | | Proposed Budget 2008 | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| | Prior Year Actual Expenditures | Actual Tax Rate* | Current Year Estimate of Expenditures | Actual Tax Rate* | Amount of 2007 Ad Valorem Tax | Est Tax Rate* |
| General | 24,232 | 0.817 | 23,828 | 0.720 | 71,660 | 0.811 |
| Totals | 24,232 | 0.817 | 23,828 | 0.720 | 71,660 | 0.811 |
| Total Tax Levied | 23,224 | | 23,014 | | 23,073 | |
| Assessed Valuation | 28,454,381 | | 32,043,779 | | 28,440,551 | |
| Total | | | | | | |

Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1

| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 |
|--------------------------|------|------|------|
| G.O. Bonds | | | |
| No-Fund Warrants | | | |
| Lease Purchase Principal | | | |
| Total | | | |

*Tax Rate also expressed in mills.
Dawn Valko
Clerk