

ASCENSION-ON-THE-PRAIRIE EPISCOPAL, Rev. Don Martin, College Drive & Wheatridge Rd., 462-3041, Holy Eucharist, 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Christian Education and Choir Practice for Youth, 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, September through May

COLLEGE DRIVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD, Rev. Leonard Burgess, 245 W. College Dr. - 462-8234, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., 1st Worship Service - 8:15 a.m. 2nd service - 10:30 a.m.

BEREAN CHURCH, Rev. Francis Harwerth, 1000 S. Franklin - 460-3076; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m., Sunday Evening Youth 6:00 p.m., Tim Morris, associate pastor; e-mail: morris4him@st-tel.net. Awana Clubs, Wednesday, 7 p.m., Middle School, Wednesday, 7 p.m. @ the Colby Armory

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Rev. Jim Puckett, Grant & Webster Street, 462-2867, Morning Worship 10:30 a.m., Sunday School 9:15 a.m., Evening Worship 6:30 p.m., Wednesday Bible 7:30 p.m.

COLLEGE VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH, (SBC), 1185 Wheatridge Rd. at College Drive, 462-7144, Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship services, 10:45 a.m.

MINGO BIBLE CHURCH, 420 Main Mingo, 785-462-2992: An independent community church served by Village Missions Pastor Chris Shubert. Sunday School: 9:30AM - all ages. Sunday Services: 10:45AM. Sunday Nights: 1st Sunday of the month: potluck following morning service - no evening service; 2nd Sunday: services at 6:30 PM; 3rd Sunday: informal fellowship - bring a snack to share!; 4th and 5th Sunday: services at 6:30 p.m.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, 462-2179, Father Dana Clark, Pastor, Saturday Eve. Mass 5:30 p.m., Sunday Masses 8:00 & 10:00 a.m., Confessions will be heard Saturday 4:30-5:05 p.m. and from 7:30-7:45 p.m. and 9:25-9:40 p.m. on Sunday.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Rev. Carol Rahn, 515 W. 4th, 462-6342, Sunday School 9:15 a.m., Worship, 10:30 a.m. September through May; Worship 9:30 a.m. June through Labor Day.

WESLEYAN CHURCH, 320 W. Pine - 462-8391, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:40 a.m., Sunday Evening Cell groups at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Youth Ministries, Kids Clubhouse 7 p.m.

TEENS FOR CHRIST CONNECTION, Everett Robert, 462-7404, Both middle school and high school program.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS, 1145 S. Franklin - 462-6605, President Dave Geldmacher, 846-7740; Elmer Schielke, 1st counsellor, 462-9022 and Calvin Haverfield, 2nd counsellor, 672-4165. Sacrament meeting 10 a.m., Sunday School and Primary 11:20 a.m., Priesthood, Relief Society, YM/YW, 12:10 p.m.; Primary 11:20 a.m.-1 p.m. The block ends at 1 p.m. Family History Center open to public, 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, or by appointment. Call 462-3571.

COLBY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Rev. James Mardock, pastor, 950 S. Franklin, 462-6521, Sunday Worship Services at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m., 6:30 p.m., Fellowship coffee 9:30 a.m., Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., KXXX broadcasts 11:00 worship. http:// www.gbgm-umc.org/colby-umc/

REDEEMING LOVE CHURCH, 345 N. Franklin, Bishop W.G. and Rev. Orvella Romine, Sunday service, 5 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, 510 E. 4th, Jay Kelley, minister, Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., Sunday Eve. Worship 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, (Disciples of Christ), 385 W. 3rd -460-2718, Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. followed by Sunday Morning Worship at 10:45 a.m.

E-mail: fcccolby@st-tel.net

LANDMARK UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH, Pastor Doyle Glasscock, 815 West 3rd - 462-3667, Service times: Sunday, 10 a.m., 6:30 p.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, David S. Hall, Pastor, East 5th & Country club, 462-3497, Worship, Saturday, 5:30 p.m.; Sunday School and Bible Class 9:15 a.m.; Worship,10:30 a.m.; Lutheran Hour on KXXX at 10 a.m.; KGCR at 2 p.m. website http:// www.trinitycolbyks.org

OUR SAVIORS LUTHERAN CHURCH Brewster, Sunday Worship 9 a.m., Sunday School 10 a.m.

PLEASANT HOME CHURCH, Pastor, Charlie Buch, 694-2242, 3190 Road 70, Edson, Worship, 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Evening service, 6:00 p.m.

LEVANT COMMUNITY CHURCH, Pastor Jerry Vincent, 586-2376, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Morning worship 10:30 a.m.

WINONA METHODIST CHURCH, Rev. Michael Eurit, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m., Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. (CDT)

BREWSTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, PO Box 250, Brewster. Pastor Dorine Chambers, 785-462-6044, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.

THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF, REXFORD, Rev. Mike Meserve, Outreach; Lane Purcell, Men's Ministry, 687-2565

REXFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH, Rexford - 687-3305, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

BREWSTER COMMUNITY CHURCH, Mike Pinkelman, Pastor, Brewster - 694-2720, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Sunday Night Bible Studay 7:30 p.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

You can't ride God's fence



J. Kelley

By Jay Kelley **Church of Christ**

He sent back this answer: "Do not think that because you are in the King's house you alone of all the Jews will escape. For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?" Esther 4:13-14.

One can sympathize with Esther's plight. Hand-picked in a royal beauty contest to replace a queen whose virtue got her banished, she was understandably afraid of breaking one of the immutable laws of the Medo-Persian Empire. Namely that whoever entered the throne room without permission did so on pain of death should the king be displeased at the interruption. There is more here at stake than one person's life, however. The fate of an entire race rests in the hands of this young lady, for without her intercession Haman will surely have his way and the Jews will all die.

The fate of the world rests in her hands as well. Without the Jews, there is no Judah and no Law-Giver. Without the Messiah, there is no hope; man will be eternally damned.

Of course, we know the rest of the story. Esther went in and not only destroyed Haman, but saved her people resulting in the coming of Jesus of Nazareth and salvation to all some 400 years later.

Our choice is no different today. Salvation will come to all. No, not all will be saved, for not all will obey the message, but the gospel

It is up to us whether we will be a part of the greatest undertaking in the history of the world. In fact, it has been going on since before man was created. That great undertaking is the preaching of the gospel. We can choose either to ignore our commission or not. Either way the gospel will be preached, but what will happen to us if we

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Church Information, Activities

Redeeming Love Church

First Baptist Church

Rev. Jim Puckett is the interim pastor at the First Baptist Church, located at Grant and Webster St. Sunday morning worship will be at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Sunday evening worship will be 6:30 p.m. On Wednesday there will be a Prayer and Bible Class at 7:30 p.m. For those needing transportation, they may call 462-2867 or 462-2336.

Colby United Methodist Church

aturday (Dec. 13) will be The Colby United I the Education Committee Christmas Party from 6-10 p.m. at Clara Berry's home. This party is for all the volunteers that teach Sunday school, have helped with VBS, teach Disciple, Singspiration, anyone that helps with the Education area at CUMC. On Sunday the regular morning worship — 8:30 a.m. service, the Children will perform their Christmas program; 9:30 Fellowship time; 9:45 Sunday school; 11 a.m. service, the Children will perform their Christmas program. On Monday (Dec. 15) at 6 p.m. String rehearsal; 6:30 p.m. TOPS; 7 p.m. Disciple III; and 7:30 p.m. Disciple II. Tuesday at 9 a.m. Stephen Ministry Training Class; 1:15 p.m. UMW games—Nursing Home; 6 p.m. Weight Watchers; 7 p.m. Disciple I; 7:30 p.m. Sweet Adelines. On Wednesday at 7 a.m. Women's Prayer breakfast—at Fairview; 9:30 a.m.; Disciple II Bible Study; Noon—Soup and Scripture — at Methodist Church. On Thursday at 9:30 a.m. is the UMW Ruth Cluster — Verna Wiens; and at 7:30 p.m. Barbershop.

Colby Wesleyan Church

It's Vision Sunday this week at Colby Wesleyan, said Pastor Gene. During the 10:45 a.m. worship hour, John Jones will sing special music, the praise team led by Kathy Myers will direct worship, and Marvia Miller will present the worship prelude and offertory. Sunday School for all ages will begin at 9:30 am. Care Cells meet throughout the week in homes; Youth and Kid's Klub meet at 6:30 and 7:00 p.m., respectively, on Wednesday nights. For information, call the church office at

Brewster Community Church

Sunday School starts for all ages at 9:30 a.m. followed by Worship Services at 10:30 a.m. Sunday Night Bible Study will begin at 7 p.m. For information contact pastor Mike Pinkelman at (785) 694-2720.

Mingo Bible Church

On Sunday, Pastor Chris will bring a message entitled "Surveillance," an examination of how God examines us. Is God ever missing from the picture? Sunday evening will be a "finger foods fellowship" - bring a snack and enjoy visiting. Prior to the fellowship will be the annual congregational meeting at 6:30.

College Drive Assembly of God

College Drive Assembly of God has the following Sunday events: at 8:15 a.m. First Worship Service - Tom Bevard; 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Second Service - Tom Bevard; 6:30 p.m. Royal Rangers & Missionettes (for boys and girls; ages 3 - grades 12) On Monday (Jan. 19) at 9 a.m., WomenWise Bible Study. On Tuesday (Jan. 20), 3:45 p.m. Power Praise Kids practice; at 7 p.m. Ladies Bible Study; at 8:30 p.m., Young Adult Bible Study - 2040 E. 4th On Wednesday (Jan. 20), 7 p.m., Youth Group; 7 p.m. Bible Gang - 1060 Villa Vista; 7 p.m., Adult Cell Group - 1807 Harvey Ct. On Thursday (Jan. 22) 6 a.m., Promise Keepers. On Saturday (Jan. 24) at 7 p.m., Worship and Prayer

Guest Speaker Information

Rev. Thomas E. Bevard will be at College Drive Assembly of God on Sunday, Jan 25, for the 8:15 a.m. and the 10:30 a.m. services. Rev. Bevard is founder and executive officer of Freedom Ministries of Kansas, Incorporated. Freedom Ministries was developed in 1995 to reach the inmates of the Kansas prisons and jails with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Rev Bevard, along with volunteers, travel to Kansas prisons to hold services. If you would like to hear what God is doing in the prisons of Kansas with this dynamic ministry, plan to attend, and see how you too can be a part of these events.

Redeeming Love Church has moved its Saturday worship service to 5 p.m. Sunday. Foundations of Faith will be at 4 p.m., followed by Praise and Worship at 5 p.m. and Message in Ministry at 6 p.m. The training center is one mile west and one mile south of Hoxie. For information, call Bishop W.G. Romine, II at (785) 675-9926 or Cindy Atkins, 462-6294

First Christian Church

On Sunday (Jan. 18) Sunday School will begin at 9:30 a.m. with worship following at 10:45 a.m. Shane Tinson will be bringing the message which is entitled "When the Weight of the World Falls on Your Shoulders" based on Luke 2:39-43. Adult Bible Study will begin at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. On Monday (Jan. 19), Friendship Group will meet at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. On Thursday (Jan. 22) Prayer Meeting in Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m. On Sunday, (Jan. 25), Sunday School will begin at 9:30 a.m. with Worship following at 10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study will begin at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall Monday (Jan. 26) Friendship Group will meet at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and on Thursday, (Jan. 29), Prayer Meeting in Fellowship Hall at 6

Trinity Lutheran Church

The Trinity Lutheran Church Sermon for Sunday is "Being Church: Gifts for the Common Good" from 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 The Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalm 128, 1 Cor. 12:1-11, John 2:1-11. On Saturday (Jan. 17) at 5:30 p.m. is Evening Worship Service. Sunday (Jan. 18) at 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Classes/Sunday school. (Something for all ages); 10:30 a.m. Worship Service; 2-6 p.m., Creative Memories Scrapbook Class and for information, Contact Mint Culver for questions and registration. Monday (Jan. 19) at 7 p.m., LifeLight Bible Study at Baker residence 585 W. 3rd. Study books are available in the church office. Also at 7 p.m., Board of Stewardship meeting led by Relda Galli. On Wednesday (Jan. 21) from 9:30 -11 a.m., Mom's Ministry led by Melinda Olson; at 3:45 p.m., Midweek School led by Karin Rasmussen; at 6 p.m., JuBELLation rehearsal led by Stacy Hall, at 7 p.m., Confirmation Class led by Pastor Hall and also at 7 p.m., Choir rehearsal led by Doris Anderson; at 8 p.m., Parish Planning Council meeting led by Chuck Brown. Thursday (Jan. 22), 9-11:30 a.m., "Whatever" craft group. Newcomers always welcome; 11:30 p.m., Women's Bible Study led by Betty Kruse. On Friday (Jan. 23) February Harvester Newsletter/Calendar deadline. Please submit articles/news to Relda Galli, church office or email:rgalli@colby.ixks.com. Jan. 23 and 24 — Confirmation Retreat at Rexford. Next Saturday (Jan. 24) at 5:30 p.m., Evening Worship

Sacred Heart Church

Regular Daily Mass schedule for the week of January 19 -23 will be: Monday, 5:30 p.m; Tuesday, 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. at PSLC; Wednesday, 8:15 a.m., Sacred Heart School Mass, 7:15 p.m., Religious Education Mass; Thursday, 7 a.m. and Friday, 8:15 a.m. Father Dana Clark attended the Salina Diocesan Clergy Renewal Days in Wichita from Monday through Wednesday, January 12 - 14. The Knights of Columbus are conducting a Pro-Life Baby shower throughout the month of January. The following donations are requested: new baby or maternity clothing, baby and pregnancy supplies, diapers, bottles, formula, etc. A basket will be placed in the back of the church in which to leave donations. The Colby Council of the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Free Throw Contest for boys and girls ages 10-14 on Sunday, Jan. 18th at 1 p.m. in the Colby Élementary School Gym. For more information contact Miles Ladenburger at 460-7687. "Disciples in Mission," a parish evangelization experience, is being formed at Sacred Heart Parish in Colby. During the six weeks of Lent, the Word of God will come alive as small groups share the Sunday scripture readings and apply them to every day life. These small groups will consist of either adults, college students or teens.

A family activity book will also be available. Members of the "Disciples in Mission" Leadership Team are Father Dana Clark, pastor, Don and Colleen Allen, Steve and Sara Juenemann, Doug and Melissa Johnson, and Francis and Geri Landry, Sacred Heart parishioners are encouraged to call members of the Leadership Team with any questions. The Catholic Charities office offers individual counseling, couples, marriage and family therapy. Services are strictly confidential. The goal is to promote harmony among the psychological, emotional, relational and spiritual dimensions of a person,s life. The office is located in the Thomas County Office Complex. Office hours are 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Thursdays. Appointments can be arranged by calling 462-3426 on Thursdays or toll free at (877) 625-2644 or www.catholiccharitiessalina.org.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Starting Sunday, Jan. 4, services will be one hour later at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Meetings will be: Sacrament meeting, 10 a.m.; Sunday School 11:20 a.m.; Priesthood. Relief Society and Young Women, 12:10 p.m. Primary 11:20-1 p.m. The block ends at 1 p.m.

Berean Church

Pastor Giles Armstrong will be the special speaker at the Colby Berean Church, 1000 S. Franklin this Sunday at the 10:45 a.m. morning worship service. He plans to speak on the subject "Wanted: Stretcherbearers" from Mark 2:1-12.

Pastor Armstrong was born in Zambia, South Africa. He attended boarding school in England and came to the United States for his college education at John Brown University, Siloam Springs, Ark. He and his wife Angel have three children.

He served on the staff of the Johnny Walker Boys Ranch near Stratton, Colo. for three and a half years. He then became the first youth pastor for the Imperial, Neb. Berean Church. He is presently the Senior Pastor of the Imperial Berean Church, a position he has held for the past three years. Pastor Fran Harwerth will be speaking this Sunday at the Imperial Berean Church in a pulpit exchange. Sunday School classes for all ages begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Berean

Higher Ground for high school youth meet at the National Guard Armory at 7 p.m. Pastor Tim Morris plans to begin a 13-week study entitled "Velocity." "Velocity" is a video/discussion-style study of God's answers to life's questions. The first three studies explore the subject "Being Authentic" as a person. Teens are invited to come for fun, inspiration and fellowship. The Awana Clubs for children ages three through fifth grade continue weekly meetings this Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Berean Church. The Awana Clubs meet in three groups: the Cubbies for children ages 3 and 4, Sparks for children kindergarten through second grade and Clubbers for children in third through fifth grade. Solid Rock for middle school students continues weekly meetings Wednesdays at the National Guard Armory at 7 p.m. For more information, call (785) 460-3076 or (785) 460-7460.

First Presbyterian Church

The Presbyterian Church welcomes all people to worship with us, no matter where they are on their spiritual journey. Our Sunday worship service is at 10:30 a.m. This week Rev. Rahn's sermon is entitled "Name Calling." The scripture readings are Isaiah 43:1-7 and Luke 3:15-17, 21-22. Sunday School for children and adults begins at 9:15 a.m. The Adult Sunday School class will study what it means to be a Presbyterian. All are welcome to join us. Choir rehearsal is Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. For more information you can contact the church at 462-6342 or log on to the church web site www.colbypres.org.

Church of Christ

The lesson Sunday will be "My shepherd" from Psalm 23. Sunday morning class will be studying II Samuel Wednesday night will be

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