

SHARE the FAITH

Worship in the church of your choice this Sunday.

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 Schubert. 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.; 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.gbgn-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: fccolby@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 Study 7:30 p.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Misunderstanding God

By Jay Kelley
Church of Christ



Jay Kelley

"Consider now: Who, being innocent, has ever perished? Where were the upright ever destroyed?" Job 4:7

These words were from Eliphaz the Temanite in response to Job's affliction. It was his contention that only sinners suffered, therefore Job must be suffering for his sins.

While the overall context is correct. God always protects His people; the application leaves much to be desired. Eliphaz, however, is not alone in making such an application.

God's providence and His allowance for hardships upon His people have confused many. It is trite and perhaps more than a little insensitive to attempt to console a grieving parent for the loss of a child by saying, "It was God's will."

Did God will it, at least by permission? Yes. Does it serve a purpose? The answer would again be yes.

Is the death of a loved one: or some other such catastrophe God's direct punishment for sin? Probably not. For one thing, God doesn't work that way.

God allows us to be tried and proven again and again. Each time we are made a little stronger and more complete by the things we endure. The Apostle Paul endured many trials and punishments not for his crimes, but because he preached the Gospel faithfully.

In the same way, we also may be called to endure hardship and privation for the privilege of sharing the message of hope with the world.

Conversely, we can also understand that God is not obligated to protect us from the direct consequences of sin. No, it isn't God's "punishment" per se, but it has the same effect.

If we live in rebellion to God's wisdom and suffer the consequences, we have no one to blame but ourselves.

Ultimately, God's protection and provision are found in the home we are promised with Him for all eternity.

Kind of makes it all worth it, doesn't it.

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Church Information, Activities

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

On Sunday the regular morning worship — 8:30 a.m. service; 9:30 Fellowship time; 9:45 Sunday school; and 11 a.m. second worship service.

Colby Wesleyan Church

It's "Sanctity of Human Life" Sunday this week at Colby Wesleyan. Pastor Rothfuss will preach a message titled "What does God think of that?" The sermon will present a scriptural perspective on the issues of abortion and euthanasia. During the 10:45 a.m. worship hour, the Kraus family will sing special music, the praise team led by Karen Merryman will direct worship, and Kathy Myers will present the worship prelude and offertory. Sunday School for all ages will begin at 9:30 am.

Mingo Bible Church

This Sunday, Joe and Denise Goossen will address the congregation. Joe and Denise are missionaries to Kyrgyzstan. Do you know where Kyrgyzstan is? Neither did I! Come find out about the Goossens' work in Kyrgyzstan - and maybe they will even tell us where Kyrgyzstan is! Sunday at 6:30 p.m., we will have less formal services focusing on the situation for Christians in other countries. Not much is heard about this in the news, so most will find this enlightening.

College Drive Assembly of God

Sunday - 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); Monday - 9 a.m. Women's Bible Study; Tuesday 3:45 p.m. Power Praise Kids practice; 7 p.m. Ladies Bible Study; 8:30 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study - 2040 E. 4th; Wednesday - 7 p.m. Youth Group; 7 p.m. Bible Gang - 1060 Villa Vista; 7 p.m. Adult Cell Group - 1807 Harvey Ct; Thursday - 6 a.m.

Promise Keepers; Saturday (Jan. 31) - 7 p.m. Worship & Prayer Rev. Thomas E. Bevard will be at College Drive Assembly of God on Sunday, 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

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

Sunday, Jan. 25, Sunday School will begin at 9:30 a.m. with Worship following at 10:45 a.m. Prospective candidate, Josh Blanchard, will be bringing the message which is entitled "You Are Your Brother's Keeper" based on Galatians 6:1-5. Adult Bible Study will begin at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Monday, Jan. 26, Friendship Group will meet at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Wednesday, Jan. 28, Stamp Club will be meeting at 1:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Thursday, Jan. 29, Prayer Meeting in Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1, 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, Feb. 2, Friendship Group will meet at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Thursday, Feb. 5, Prayer Meeting in Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church

Trinity Lutheran Church Sermon: "Being Church: One Body - Many Parts" Text: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Scripture Lessons: Neh. 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10, Ps. 19, 1 Cor. 12:12-31a, Luke 4:16-30 Saturday, Jan. 24 Confirmation Retreat at Rexford 5:30 p.m. Evening Worship Service. Holy Communion. Sunday, Jan. 25 9:15 a.m., Adult Bible Classes/Sunday School Classes. 10:30 a.m., Worship. Holy Communion. NO Young Adult Ministry. Monday, Jan. 26 7 p.m. LifeLight Bible Study at Baker residence 585 W. 3rd. Study books are available in the church office. 7 p.m. crocheting Class led by Dalene Cox. Tuesday, Jan. 27 7 p.m., Quarterly Voters Assembly. Any communicant member of Trinity who is 18 years of age or over, both male and female, shall be eligible for Voting Membership at this regular Voters meeting. Wednesday, Jan. 28 9:30-11 a.m. Mom's Ministry led by Melinda Olson. 3:45 p.m. Midweek School led by Karin Rasmussen. 6 p.m., JuBELLation rehearsal led by Stacy Hall. 7 p.m., Confirmation Class led by Pastor Hall. 7 p.m., Choir rehearsal led by Doris Anderson 7-7:30 p.m., 4-Ever 4 HIM rehearsal. 8 p.m., Parish Planning Council meeting led by Chuck Brown. Thursday, Jan. 29 9-11:30 a.m. "Whatever" craft group. Newcomers always welcome. 11:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study led by Betty Kruse. Next Saturday, Jan. 31 5:30 p.m., Evening Worship Service. Next Sunday, Feb. 1 9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Adult Bible Classes. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. JuBELLation. 5:00 p.m. Young Adults Super Bowl Party hosted by Pastor and Stacy.

Sacred Heart Church

Regular Daily Mass schedule for the week of Jan. 26 - 30 will be: Monday, 7 a.m.; Tuesday 7 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Fairview Estates; Wednesday and Friday, 8:15 a.m.; Thursday at 7 a.m. SHARE Delivery will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at the Sacred Heart School Gym. Father Frank Coady, Salina, will be conducting a workshop at Sacred Heart Church on the "New Liturgy" on Sunday beginning at 4 p.m. He will explain the new liturgical changes and answer any questions about the liturgy. Everyone is invited to attend. This is a vicariate wide meeting (i.e., members from other parishes will be here). 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. "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 Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

With the start of the new year, 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 Fran Harwerth will be speaking on the subject "The Greatness of God—The Sanctity of Life" from Psalm 139:1-19 at the Sunday morning worship service at the Berean Church, 1000 S. Franklin. Sunday school classes for all ages begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Berean Church. Higher Ground for High School Young People will have their regular meeting this Sunday at the National Guard Armory at 6 p.m. The subject for the teens is entitled "Velocity." It is a video discussion of God's answers to life's questions. Teens are invited to come for fun, fellowship and Bible study.

The Awana Clubs for children ages three through fifth grade continue weekly meetings this Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Berean Church. Solid Rock for middle school students continues weekly meetings this Wednesday at the National Guard Armory at 7 p.m. For more information call (785) 460-3076 or (785) 460-7460.

College View Baptist Church

College View Baptist Church began a new video series recently entitled "Foundations of Faith" by Dr. Bruce Wilkinson. This is an excellent way for new believers to begin growing their faith and for those who are long-term Christians; it is a great review in the basics of our faith. The 16-week series will include a wide variety of topics such as "The Bible," "Sin," "Salvation," and "Why Jesus Said, He'll Be Back," and "When I Die, What Happens Next?" Satan, demons and angels are discussed by Dr. Wilkinson on three of the videos.

Everyone is welcome to come and view the videos on Sunday evenings at 6:30.

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 "Thy Word." The scripture readings are Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10, Psalm 19, and Luke 4:14-21. Sunday School for children and adults begins at 9:15 a.m. The Adult Sunday School class is studying what it means to be a Presbyterian. Choir rehearsal is Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. Sunday Connection for high school and college age students meets this Sunday from 5:30 - 7 p.m. For more information you can contact the church at 462-6342 or log on to the church web site - www.colbypres.org.

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