By W.G. Romine II, Ph.D.

Redeeming Love Ministries, Incorporated first opened in Colby in 1995. It started as a family church with a vision to equip and educate the residence of the greater Colby

This apostolic vision quickly reached out to other communities located in Northwest Kansas. The desire to bring sound Bible training with a classroom set-



ting, identifying relationship with God and interdependence on the Body of Christ, remains the core vision of R.L.M., Inc.

The ministry has become a hub of activity throughout Northwest Kansas since the arrival of its current Pastor/President in 2002. Redeeming Love Ministries, Incorporated serves Northwest Kansas in leadership capacity through a variety of ministries.

A.R.I.P.N. is an acronym for Apostolic Regional Prayer Network, which conducts monthly prayer meetings in different towns, connecting with local pastors from Palco to Norton to St. Francis to Brewster and all receiving towns between. The A.R.I.P.N. Ministry began in 1999 by the former pastor of R.L.M., Inc.

R.L.M. Training Centers (theological bible schools) were started in 2004 and are based in Colby, Oberlin, and Hill City. These schools are fully accredited and designed to train students from 12 years old and up, creating well rounded Christian believers through a three-fold curriculum covering Biblical, Physical and Spiritual Identity. Qualifying students can earn bachelor's and master's degrees in ministry. R.L.M. Training Centers are charter schools under Jubilee School of Ministry International in Fairfield,

L.M.C. is an acronym for League of Ministers and Churches which began in 2004 with Apostle W.G. Romine, II serving as chairman.

to uncap the wells of revival and restore the heart of America to God. The ministry networks all supportive churches and ministers throughout Northwest Kansas, Southern Nebraska, and Eastern Colorado, to pray and labor together awaiting a modern-day visitation from God.

L.M.C. conducts two annual Heartland Restoration conferences at the GATEWAY Civic Center in Oberlin. Speakers from North Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Florida and South Africa are pouring spiritual rain into Northwest Kansas. Transformation is coming to break the natural and spiritual drought over this region as God's people come into agreement.

R.L.M. Regional Church serves as the center of activity and hub for believers from Oberlin, Hill City, Hoxie and Colby. The local church is far reaching. Learning and opportunities for ministry development are openly expressed at the Regional Church.

The Equipping Class, taught by a rotation of church members, introducing different cutting-edge books authored by nationally known ministers, intended to challenge our faith levels. Sunday morning worship service is opened with intercession and prayer by different members of the congregation. The pulpit is shared by all in-house ministers. Apostle W.G. and Reverend Orvella serve as co-pastors, while Minister Edna Hansen and Minister Craig Cooper share in leadership

The Regional Church sponsors an annual Kingdom Call conference which started in 2005 and hosted Pastor Henry Wright of Be In Health, Inc. from Thomaston, Ga. This international author and pastor helped uncover many stones clogging the wells of revival.

Dr. W.G. Romine, II has served as president of Gospel Brotherhood of Faith, Inc. since 1995; and has sponsored an annual G.B.O.F. Kingdom Conference in Northwest Kansas since 2002. R.L.M., Inc. is a Kingdom Vision Ministry determined to shine the light of God throughout Northwest Kansas under the mantle of apostolic leadership. Redeeming Love Ministries, Inc., 345 N. Franklin Ave., P.O. Box L.M.C. was designed as a catalyst 372, Colby, KS 67701-0372

Faith-based groups pick up the slack

city reduced to rubble by Hurricane Katrina, John King and Chris friendship at the uneasy intersection of church and state.

King led a caravan of Amish volunteers from Pennsylvania to Mississippi just days after the storm hit to help clear debris. Johnson was one of the first people he met in Waveland, the city's homegrown parks and recreation director.

Now, with the parks in ruins and little time for recreation, Johnson spends his days working alongside King and his fellow Amish, who are gutting and rebuilding hundreds of homes. "It has changed our lives," said Johnson, 47. "If it weren't for the faith-based groups helping out, the city of Waveland would be half the size it is now."

Katrina ravaged Mississippi's Gulf Coast, leaving roughly \$125 billion in damage in its wake and nearly wiping some cities off the map. Waveland is still littered with massive amounts of debris, and police estimate fewer than 1,500 of its 6,600 residents have returned since the storm hit Aug. 29.

With government agencies stretched thin by the massive scope of the Gulf Coast recovery effort, groups from every conceivable religious denomination are shouldering a heavy share of the workload.

Amish and Mennonites are mucking out and rebuilding homes across the coast, with dozens living together at a religious-affiliated summer camp in Pass Christian.

Lutheran and Islamic groups are providing free medical care to thousands in Biloxi.

Southern Baptists have cooked an estimated 14 million meals in New Orleans and other hard-hit commu-

WAVELAND, Miss. (AP) — In a Louisiana and Mississippi since the

"We feel it's our duty to do it be-Johnson have formed an unlikely cause it's God's work," said King, whose Amish volunteers have gutted more than 300 homes in Waveland alone.

Johnson, who's not a regular churchgoer and had never met an Amish person before the hurricane, has come to admire their dogged work ethic and respect their way of life, which shuns modern technology. "They're probably some of the hardest workers I've met in my life," the lifelong Waveland resident said. 'You don't have to teach them anything. You just show them where the house is."

Tens of thousands of volunteers from hundreds of faith-based groups have poured into the region. That virtually bottomless well of labor makes them a valuable resource for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which helps coordinate their efforts to avoid duplica-

Volunteer groups have been the "only show in town" as the work shifted from emergency relief to long-term recovery and rebuilding, said Ken Skalitzky, FEMA's voluntary agency liaison for Mississippi, Alabama and six other states.

'FEMA is limited in the amount of assistance it can provide a family," he said. "There's been an incredible reliance on faith-based and other volunteer agencies."

In December, FEMA doled out \$66 million in Katrina-related grants for 10 social service and volunteer groups, including Catholic Charities, Episcopal Relief and Development, Lutheran Disaster Response and the United Methodist Foundation of Louisiana.

Those grants, administered by the United Methodist Committee on The Salvation Army has had Relief, pay for caseworkers to help roughly 52,000 people working in around 100,000 displaced families.

Workshop focuses on flags in church services

A unique worship art using flags and banners will be taught during a conference and concert March 10-12 at the Impact Center

Community Church will sponsor the visit to the area by Joe Brown of Ellengen, Fla., who has ministered to the Lord with flags for more than 14 years. Brown will teach his art through a combination of flags, songs of worship and the Word of God.

"Those who attend will gain insight into the Biblical use and purpose of flags and banners in worship," Pastor Jamie Bloom said. "There will be practical instruction in banner worship, as well as hands on training.'

Bloom said the conference is open to all ages, particularly "anyone who has a heart to worship the Lord - youth, children, men and

"Everyone is encouraged to attend, even those who are just curious," he said.

The three-day event begins with a worship service at 7 p.m. March 10 in the Impact Center located at 806 E. 2nd St.

On Saturday, Brown will conduct two workshops, one at 10 a.m. and the other at 4 p.m., followed by a concert of worship at 7 p.m.

Registration is required for Friday and Saturday activities, and the cost is \$35 per person or \$150 for groups of five or more from the same church. The deadline to register if March 7 and the fee includes lunch on Saturday. Registration at the door will be \$50; however, lunch is not guaranteed. Brown will again worship with

flags during the congregation's regular worship service at 10:15 a.m. Sunday and there will be a special service at 6 p.m.

Bloom said the art of worship

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> Jamie Bloom, Oakley Impact Center

with flags and banners can benefit not only an individual, but an entire congregation.

"Flag worship is a creative art designed to magnify the Lord. One of the names of God is "Jehovah Nissi" which means "The Lord is my banner," Bloom said. "Isaiah said the Lord will "lift up a standard (or banner) against the enemy."

In addition to giving glory to the name of the Lord, Bloom said banner worship represents that the believer is living under the banner or

authority of God.

"Flag worship is also a declaration to the enemy, Satan, that a boundary has been set against him by the Lord Jesus Christ," he said. For more information about the upcoming workshops and concert contact Bloom at (785) 672-4020 e-mail

conference@impactcenter.net

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, (Disciples of

Christ), Pastor Bradley L. Herndon, 385 W. 3rd -

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'We invite everyone to come, learn, worship and raise up the banner of the Lord over western Kansas," Bloom said.

Worship in the church of your choice this weekend.



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Schedule of church services

ASCENSION-ON-THE-PRAIRIE EPISCOPAL, Rev. Don Martin, College Drive & Wheatridge Rd., 462-3041, Holy Eucharist, 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Evening Prayer, 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, September through May. Christian Education for Youth, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, September

COLLEGE DRIVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD, Pastor, Jeremy Gundling, 245 W. College Dr. -462-8234, Early Service - 8:00 a.m.; Sunday

through May

School 9:30 a.m., Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m. BEREAN CHURCH, 1000 S. Franklin, 460-2763, www.colbyberean.com; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. Awana Clubs. Wednesday, 7 p.m., Middle & High School, Wednesday, 7 p.m. @ the Heartland Christian School Gym

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH. Pastor Bradlev L. Herndon, 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), Pastor Tom Huffman, 1185 Wheatridge Rd. at College Drive, 460-7144, 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 a.m. and 9:25-9:40 a.m. on Sunday.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Rev. Carol Rahn, 515 W. 4th, 462-6342, Worship, 9:00 a.m.

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 Club-

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS, 1145 S. Franklin - 460-6605, President Dave Geldmacher, 846-7740; Calvin Haverfield, 1st counselor, 672-4165; Matt Christensen, 2nd counselor, 460-0146. 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.gbgm-umc.org/

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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.

COLBY EVANGELISM CENTER, Rev. Robert Cooper, 815 West 3rd - 462-2062, Sunday School 9:45; Sunday service 10:00 and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.; Friday Youth Power Hour at 7:00 p.m.

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