

Cooperative effort

The Colby Fire Department in cooperation with Colby Cinema recently invited young people to learn more about fire safety, right, as a prelude to the movie, "Firehouse Dog." Fire personnel brought pamphlets, related fire equipment and their special trailer complete with information on how to deal with smoke, electrical fires, and more to the theater. Comer, manager of Colby Cinema, said about 25 children had a chance to review the displays and enjoy many free items available. Other than the educational trailer, the city's fire department left many of their displays at the theater while "Firehouse Dog" was playing. "We are very grateful to the Colby Fire Department for helping educate our young people," she said.



MARY COMER/Photo provided

Tornado victims take shelter wherever they can

HAVILAND, Kan. (AP) — Karen Gibson boiled three packages of spaghetti noodles, browned two pounds of ground beef, simmered three jars of pasta sauce, tossed a salad the size of a basketball and baked up four boxes of garlic bread to feed her growing household on a recent Thursday night.

She fed 13 people. The Gibson household in Haviland is a little like a scene from "The Brady Bunch" these days, except there are two sets of parents.

When a tornado decimated Greensburg on May 4, Karen and Bill Gibson drove 10 miles west to Greensburg and searched frantically for their friends Mike and Tamera Kaltenbach. Bill and Mike work together at Greensburg Oilfield Services.

Their rental home destroyed, the Kaltenbachs stayed that first night with a teacher Tamera knows.

"We tried to find them Friday night till 4 a.m.," Saturday, Karen Gibson said. "I was worried sick. Mike finally called Saturday afternoon from the shelter at the (Haviland High School) gym. I said 'Come on, you're going home with us.'"

Since then, the two families have shared the Gibsons' three-bedroom, two-bathroom home.

This is their third week together. Another friend of the couple's, a truck driver who called Greensburg home when he wasn't on the road, also is bunking there as needed.

The phones ring constantly. In addition to taking in the Kaltenbachs, the Gibsons also temporarily took over the phones for Greensburg Oilfield.

On a recent weekday night, three televisions were on, one for video games. Clothes of various sizes hung on lines out in the yard. A barrel filled with towels sat on the front porch.

Karen Gibson says she won't lie. Living with another family is difficult sometimes.

"It's two different families with two different sets of rules," she says. She is a creature of habit, she says. She does things in a particular order. She likes order.

Her home has been a little less orderly since the tornado.

Five people usually live there: parents Bill and Karen, 20-year-old T.J., 18-year-old Tina Davis, whom the family considers an adopted daughter; and 11-year-old Jessica. Theirs is a blended family.

Mike and Tamera brought with them 9-year-old Dylan and 10-year-old Garrett. They're good kids, which definitely helps, Karen says. "But it's not easy for any of us," she adds.

A lot of people are living in similar circumstances — bunked up with relatives or friends — and privacy likely is a huge issue for families sharing a home, even temporarily, said Ron Matson, chairman and associate professor of sociology at Wichita State University.

"Privacy is such a huge value in our culture," he said. "In other cultures, you see multiple groups living together. But in our culture, privacy is paramount."

Scheduling must be a nightmare, he said.

Karen said they stagger showers in the mornings.

A family in the Kaltenbachs' situation might be lost about how to

repay such a gesture, Matson said. "It would be nice for the family who is the guest family to know if there's a way at some point in time or even while they're staying there to benefit the host family," Matson said.

"If somebody really lays themselves out for you, how do you pay them back?"

Mike and Tamera moved to Greensburg in September from Oakley.

Now they are starting over again. Their plan is to move into a rental house in Haviland that will become available June 1.

The Gibsons' older daughter, Kyristen Amerine, is buying a home in Pratt with her husband, making the rental available.

"Once Greensburg is rebuilt, we're going back," Tamera said while having lunch with the Gibsons on May 11 at RJ's Cafe on Haviland's Main Street.

But about a week later, the couple says they aren't sure what their plans are. A lot depends on whether Greensburg Oilfield, which has set up shop in Pratt, rebuilds in Greensburg or opts for another location.

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Hays officials say some storm chasers get in way

HAYS (AP) — Storm chasers can be a nuisance and even an emergency hazard, some law enforcement officials in northwest Kansas say.

Amateur chasers in particular block traffic and make it hard for emergency vehicles that are on the roads trying to track storms themselves, say officers in Trego and Graham counties.

The latest clash between emergency workers trying to reach weather-hit areas and storm chasers photographing the storm came Tuesday night into early Wednesday.

"We had about 200 storm chasers," said Trego County Sheriff Rich Schneider.

"We had to get rough on them to get them to move."

He said the chasers were pulling off U.S. Highway 283, north of WaKeeney, to get photos of storms brewing in north Trego County and south Graham County. They were getting into the way of emergency crews, the sheriff said.

"They seem to think they've got special rights," Schneider said. "I told my deputy if they interfered, to

write them up."

After hearing that they might be ticketed, the storm chasers scattered, he said.

Graham County's emergency management director, Ralph Eschbaumer, said the chasers are "a hindrance to emergency services wherever they are."

He has no complaints about seasoned weather spotters like the ones from the University of Oklahoma or the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Colorado.

It's the chasers he calls "freelancers" who interfere the most with emergency efforts.

They're the ones looking for photographs with hopes of selling them to the highest bidder, Eschbaumer said.

"They do get to be a safety concern," he said. "They just had our highways just plumb plugged up."

Sharon Watson, spokeswoman for the Kansas Adjutant General's Office, said she had not heard about any problems involving storm chasers.

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DO YOU WANT TO BE SAVED?

Only one time, in the entire Bible, is the question asked. "What must I do to be saved?" (Acts 16:30). In the next verse (Acts 16:31) the question is answered, "**Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.**"

Remember:
Hell's Hot
Life's Short
Death's Sure
Eternity's Long
and, "There Ain't No Exits In Hell."
NO MAN KNOWS, HOW SOON IT IS TOO LATE

"Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His Name in vain." Exodus 20:7

Any way that you use God's Name, the Lord's Name, Jesus' Name, other than in a Holy manner, is taking His Name in vain.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

Acts 2:21 and Romans 10:13 indicate that, "whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." In the next verse, Romans 10:14 it says, "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed?" Believing precedes calling upon The name of the Lord. Jesus Himself said in John 14:6 "I am the way, the truth, and the life: **no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**" God reaffirms this truth in 1 Timothy 2:5 saying "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." When someone says "repeat this prayer after me to be saved" it is making people feel like they have to "do" something to be saved, other than **believing**. If someone is asked to say a prayer to be saved, the person who says the prayer is still on his way to hell, after repeating the prayer, if he hasn't believed in his heart. Nowhere in the Bible is it found that a person has to pray a prayer to be saved. God does not hear a prayer unless you go to God in the name of Jesus Christ, **The Only Mediator between God and man**. Jesus Christ is not your Mediator unless he is your Lord and Savior. So according to God, the steps are, first, you **believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior**. By **believing** as Acts 16:31 indicates, you are **saved!** Acts 16:30, 31 is the only time in the Bible where the question is asked, "what must I do to be saved?" God answering through Paul said, "**Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.**" By being saved, Jesus Christ is your Lord, Savior, and Mediator between God and yourself. Now you can pray to God, because you have the Mediator, Jesus Christ.

I believe that when a person "prays" to God, without being saved, his prayer goes no higher than the ceiling, and God probably says, "who do you think you are, to think that you can come to Me, without coming to Me in the only possible way that I have set out in My Word? For you come to Me, through My Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, the One and Only Mediator between you and Me." You don't just pull Jesus Christ out of the air, and say today I want You to get me to God, be my gobetween for God! It doesn't work that way. Jesus Christ is either your Lord and Savior, making Him your Mediator, or, if Jesus Christ is not your Lord and Savior, He is not your Mediator. I believe it is very important to stress that you are saved by **believing only**. John 3:16, probably the most quoted verse in the Bible, says that, "whosoever **believeth** in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Again, this passage clearly prescribes believing, not repeating a prayer. In John 3:4, Nicodemus asks Jesus, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?" He was asking this in regard to Jesus' statement in John 3:3, that a man needs to be born again. Jesus' answer in John 3:5 and following is "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. Nowhere does Jesus say, pray to be saved, it is **always believe**."

Years ago, I heard Dr. Donald Grey Barnhouse say "I'm deeply offended when I hear a prayer that does not end with the idea that God must be approached only through the Name and the Being of the Lord Jesus Christ." Ephesians 1:13 says "In whom (Christ) ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye **believed**, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise." Romans 10:9 tells us "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt **believe** in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." "For with the heart man **believeth** (first) unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession (next) is made unto salvation." How many people have gone to hell or are going to hell by putting their trust in the ungodly "pray the sinners prayer" or "repeat this prayer after me", instead of **believing** John 3:36: "He that **believeth** on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

Luke 23:39-43 tells us "And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us." "But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? "And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this man hath done nothing amiss." "And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom." "And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." In these verses in Luke, we see that a man was saved by believing only. The malefactor did not, and was not instructed by Jesus, to pray, to receive salvation. He said unto Jesus, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom." "And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with me in paradise." **You don't fool Jesus**. Jesus **knew** that this man **believed** in Him; that this man **believed** that this Jesus that he was talking with was the Lord, The Messiah, the Only Begotten Son of God, the Savior, and in believing, the man was saved. Now if you think that you have to pray first, repeat first, or **anything** first, before believing, why did Jesus tell him "today thou shalt be with Me in paradise?" OR if there is a need to do for anything to go along with **believing**, why didn't Jesus tell him what that was? Jesus doesn't make mistakes! God's Word is true. You don't (really you can't), add to or take away from God's Word, and it be true. Just leave His Word alone, and do what God said, **believe**. Psalm 119:89 "For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven." Revelations 22:18, 19 "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: "And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book." Take your Bible and check the references that we contained herein—nothing added to and nothing taken away; and when you hear "the plan of salvation: from anyone, get your Bible out and see if it is God speaking or "someone's" idea. I can't see "ten steps" to salvation, I can see only one step: **believe**. The malefactor on the cross had but one step, and he took it. You, I we all have "one step," **believe**. Please take it, and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ for your salvation.

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