

Family

Doubters welcome

When it comes to church assemblies, it tends to appear as if everyone's "got it all going on." Everyone sings, bows their head, participates in the various ceremonial activities, and listens to a message. Then, after it is all over, people get up, smile, shake hands and head out.

Rev. Jarrod Spencer

• From the Pulpit

However, does everyone really have "it all going on?" Was everyone on the same page throughout the assembly? Did they all understand the point of the selection of songs or the purpose of the message? Though Jesus is the center of a Christian gathering, did He "show up" and if so, did anyone doubt?

I recently ran across a publication that spoke of some verses that most churchgoers are going to be familiar with, known as the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20). Jesus comes to "them" and tells them to go out and take the Good News to all men. But there is an interesting couple of verses that many (including myself) often overlook, verses 16 and 17:

"Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted."

Notice the last two words ... "some doubted." This is stated before Jesus comes to them. When He did come to them, He still gave them the charge to go out to all the world.

What is the most interesting to me is that these people had been around Jesus for quite some time.

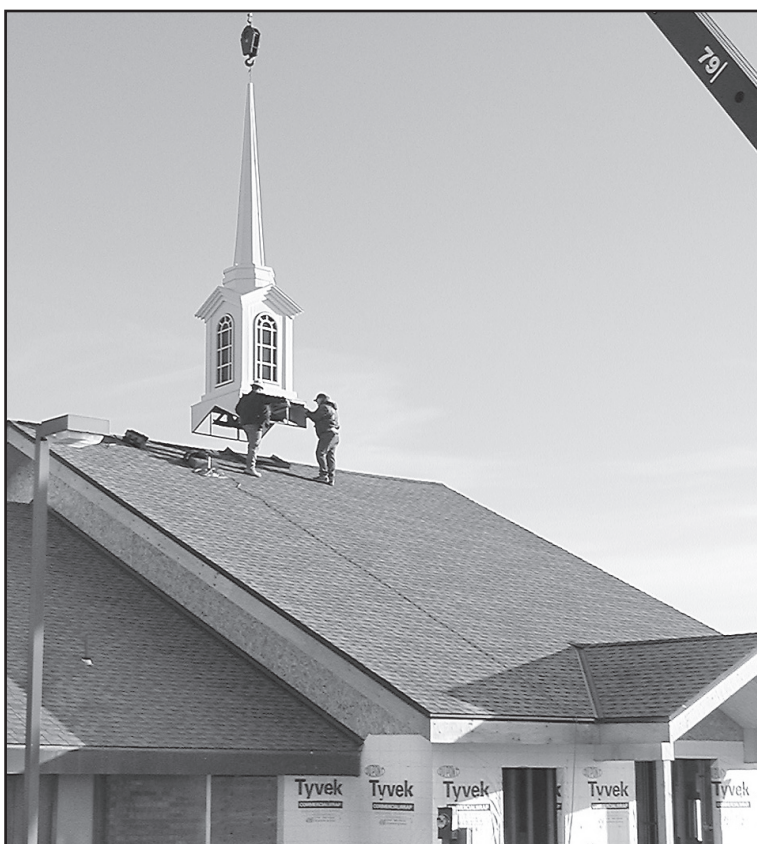
These 11 had seen Jesus after being resurrected. What a privilege they had, to see the resurrected Messiah. We often pick on Thomas as the doubter, but it seems more doubted.

Do you doubt when it comes to theology? Do you doubt when it comes to talking to or dealing with people who are religious? Do you doubt people's intentions when they bring up a religious conversation? In this context, what do you doubt about?

Most would agree that in your church assembly, hardly anyone truly "has it all going on." Regardless of the appearance, we're all stressed, strained or burdened. In various ways, all churches are filled with doubters. Doubting creates tension; tension creates room to learn. In some ways, it is good to doubt, because then you walk away hopefully having learned something.

Though "some doubted," Jesus still came to them. In similar fashion, Jesus still comes to us, though we may have doubts. If you're one of the ones in the category of "doubting," know that you're welcome in church anytime, and you'll be in company with at least one other who doubts.

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VERA SLOAN/Colby Free Press

A bright white steeple dangled in midair as it was lowered onto the roof of the Mormon Church at 1145 S. Franklin Ave. on Wednesday. Woofter Construction's crane was on the scene to lift and steady the 25-foot structure as it was attached to the roof.

Steeple tops addition

Completion of the Colby Mormon Church's addition is set for mid May, with an open house the end of May, said Dr. Gary Slavens, president of the Colby branch.

The church began as a Sunday school in Oakley in 1973 and moved to Colby to become a church in the early 1980s, he said.

Additions will double the size of the original structure. Besides a steeple, the church has added eight classrooms, a library, a history center for genealogy, bishop's office, baptismal font, and seating space to accommodate 130 to 150 worshipers. Adding to the improvements are handicapped-accessible restrooms, a basketball court for youths and a nursery.

One of the most exciting additions is the steeple, which was anchored to the roof on Wednesday morning, and when completed will be lighted at night.

"The Colby branch has 160 members from young to old, and we like to call Maxine Nelson our great matriarch here in Colby," said Slavens, "and our numbers are counted in the 1.3 1/2 million members worldwide."

The contractor is W.O. Danielson, Englewood, Colo., and bricklayers are church volunteers from Utah, he said.

Babies

Oliver James Douthit

Oliver James Douthit, son of Chad and Tanya Douthit of Brandon, S.D., was born on Feb. 15, 2009, at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls. He weighed 6 pounds, 4 ounces and measured 19 inches.

Maternal grandparents are Sue Draper of Colby and the late Bill Draper. Paternal grandparents are Walter Douthit of St. Francis and Torre and Mark Whitney of Norton. Great-grandparents are Willard Morgan of Hoxie, Jeanette Conway of Oberlin and Ed and Joan Whitney of Norton.



Oliver Douthit

Square Dance

The Shooting Stars Square Dance Club will sponsor a dance from 8 to 10:30 p.m. Wednesday at Roosevelt Elementary School, 2000 MacArthur, Hays.

Steve Bailey will be the caller. Everyone is welcome, including singles and couples of all ages. Refreshments will be served.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day

| Hi-Plains Co-op | |
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| Wheat (bushel) | \$4.95 |
| Corn (bushel) | \$3.34 |
| Milo (hundredweight) | \$4.82 |
| Soybeans (bushel) | \$7.52 |

Corrections

Headlines on the Colby Community College men's and women's basketball stories on Page 8 of the Thursday, Feb. 26, edition of the Colby Free Press incorrectly identified the opponents as the Barton Bluejays. The teams' nickname is the Barton Cougars. This was a reporting error.

A birth announcement on Page 4 of the same edition incorrectly spelled the name of Brayden Lazaro and omitted great-grandmother Wanda Thomas of Colby. This was a reporting and editing error.

maintain an accurate record of our town. Please report any error or lack of clarity in a news story to us at 462-3963.

Bridge Club

Winners at Meadow Lake Bridge Club for Wednesday were Margaret Denneler, first; Elaine Ptacek, second; Larry Barrett, third; Thelma Shalz, fourth; Barb Ulmer, fifth, and Sarah Jane Barrett, sixth.

Winners for Feb 17 were: first, Ptacek; second, Katie Melvin; third, Janet Harper; fourth, S. Barrett; and fifth, Dave Ulmer.

The family of Minnie (Philomene) Lang would like to thank all our friends and family for all the love, support, and prayers we received through our mother's illness and loss of our Mom and Grandmother.

We thank you Dr. Nemechek of Quinter and the entire Gove County Medical staff for the wonderful care and heartfelt kindness you provided our mother while she was a patient.

Special thank you to Father Dana Clark of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby for presiding over the funeral mass at Park. A heartfelt thank you also to Jeannie Solko for always being there during this difficult time.

We are truly blessed to have such wonderful friends and neighbors and to live in such a caring community. We can not thank you enough for all the cards, letters, foods, donations to memorials, and kindness bestowed on our family.

God bless all of you!
The Family of Minnie Lang
Ken Lang and Family of Colby

Live from Frahm Theatre in COLBY, KS

Branson's own GOLDWING EXPRESS

This high energy, ENTERTAINING bluegrass band was the headliner for last year's "Pickin' on the Plains," where they were extremely well-received. Unfortunately, due to schedule conflicts, this will be their only performance in the Colby area this year. DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO SEE THEM!

Opening act: Marshal Allen Bailey and the Silver Bullets
 Marshal Allen Bailey and the Silver Bullets (Blake and Brandon McLenore) have charmed and amused audiences with their unique blend of western swing music, cowboy poetry and folk humor in Kansas and Colorado.

TICKETS
 \$15 in advance \$20 at the door
 Youth 12 - 16 \$10

Ticket Outlets: Colby Convention and Visitors Bureau
 Plum Creek - Downtown, Colby
 F&M Branch at Dillons

Friday, March 6, 2009 7:00 p.m.
 at Frahm Theatre at Colby Community College
 Fundraiser concert for Pickin' on the Plains

For more information call 800-611-8835 or 785-460-7643

Sponsored by the Pickin on the Plains Blue Grass Committee

I SHARE the FAITH

Worship in the church of your choice this weekend.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS, 1145 S. Franklin - 460-6605, President Gary Slavens, 460-2656; Jordan Barrett, 1st counselor, 460-1101; Tim Wilson, 2nd counselor, 785-846-7796. 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 785-462-3571.

Schedule of church services

COLBY INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH, 730 E. 3rd (former Jaycee's building), Pastor Bernard Heinz, 460-0313, Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

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 through May.

COLLEGE DRIVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD, 245 W. College Dr., Colby, Interim Pastor, Sunday School 9 a.m. for all ages, Adults: choice of Fireproof, Crown Financial, or the Bible Class. 462-8234. cdag@st-tel.net.

BEREAN CHURCH, 1000 S. Franklin, 460-2763, www.colbyborean.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, (Affiliated with American Baptist Churches USA) Carroll H. Morony, Pastor, 615 W. Webster, 462-2867. Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.; Family Worship: 10:30 a.m.; Bible Study Wednesday at 3 and 7 p.m.; RC Club 2nd & 4th Sunday: 2 p.m.

COLLEGE VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH, 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 Intern Pastor Pat Colley. Sunday School: 9:30 AM - all ages. Sunday Services: 10:45 AM. 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 p.m., Sunday; Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 9:15 a.m.; Services, 10:30 a.m. Visit us at www.trinitycolby.com

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Rev. Carol Rahn, 515 W. 4th, 462-6342, Sunday Worship 11:00 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 Clubhouse 7 p.m.

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COLBY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Rev. James Mardock, pastor, 950 S. Franklin, 460-6521, Sunday Worship Services at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m., Fellowship coffee 9:30 a.m., Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., KXXX broadcasts 11:00 worship. www.colbyumc.org

REDEEMING LOVE MINISTRIES, INC., 345 N. Franklin, Dr. W.G. and Rev. Orvella Romine, Equipping Class, Sunday, 10 a.m., Sunday worship, 11 a.m., Wednesday, R.L.M Training Centers (Bible School), 5 p.m. Shop online at: www.rlmregionalchurch.com

CHURCH OF CHRIST, Minister, Jarrod Spencer. 510 E. 4th, Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., Interpretation for the deaf, Wednesday, Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, (Disciples of Christ), Pastor Lyle Knebel, 385 W. 3rd - 460-2718, Sunday Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.; Sunday School at 11:15 a.m. E-mail: fccolby@st-tel.net.

OURS AVIORS LUTHERAN CHURCH, Brewster, Sunday worship 9:00 a.m.; 2nd Sunday of the month at 8:00 a.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, Rev. John L. Schmidt, East 5th & Country Club, 462-3497, Services, Sat., 5:30 p.m., Sunday; Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 9:15 a.m.; Services, 10:30 a.m. Visit us at www.trinitycolby.com

PLEASANT HOME CHURCH, Pastor, Perry Baird, 785-890-3375, 3190 Road 70, Edson, Worship, 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

LEVANT COMMUNITY CHURCH, 205 1st St., Pastor Jerry Vincent, 586-2376, Sunday School (classes for 3 years & up and 3 adult classes) 9:30 a.m., Morning worship 10:30 a.m.

WINONA METHODIST CHURCH, Rev. Sheryl Johnson, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m., Morning Worship 9:15 a.m. (CDT)

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

THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF, REXFORD, Joan Dingwerth, Director, 687-2565

REXFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH, Rexford, Pastor Lane Purcell, 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 (all ages) 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Bible Study 7:00 p.m., Wed. mornings 6:30 a.m. - Men's Bible Study, Wed. 7:00 p.m. - Children's Ministries (Royal Rangers/Missionettes), Wed. 7:15 p.m. - Intercessory & Prayer, Thurs. 4:00 p.m. - Women's Bible Study

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