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Apostle's history prepared him

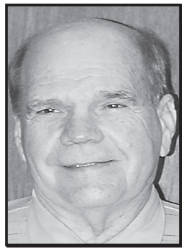
This article is part one of a short series on the Apostle Paul's life and ministry.

Perhaps the greatest missionary of all time was the Apostle Paul, a man who truly loved to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. His love for Christ and the work of the Lord constantly pulled at his heart. Paul's personal religious experience is set forth in his own words: "I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me, and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me" (Galatians 2:20).

It is believed that Paul was born about the same time as Jesus, in the city of Tarsus in southern Asia Minor, which is Turkey today. Paul's parents gave him the Hebrew name Saul, perhaps in honor of King Saul. However, the name that he is known by most of the time in the New Testament is the Latin name of Paulus, or Paul.

Paul's years in Tarsus definitely prepared him for the calling God had planned for him, even though Paul was unaware of what he was being prepared for. Tarsus was a large trade center; merchandise from many countries flowed through the city, and men of different nationalities, speaking different languages, bought, sold, and shipped that merchandise. The inhabitants of the city were numerous and wealthy. The wealthiest merchants were Greeks, but essentially the province was under the control of the Roman Empire. Growing up, Paul was exposed to many different cultures.

Paul's family was one of the Jewish families who were scattered in that age over the cities of the Gentile world. His Jewish father worked in trade and commerce. They had left the Holy Land but had never forgotten it. So the heritage of Paul's family was Jewish. They practiced the



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Jewish faith and were devoted to it. Paul at one time called himself a "Hebrew of Hebrews" (Philippians 3:5).

But Paul and his family were also Roman citizens. There were three ways to become a citizen. One could be born into it. One could do some great service for the Roman Empire and be awarded citizenship. Or one could buy it. Evidently, Paul's parents had bought their Roman citizenship.

Tarsus was also the home of one of three principal universities of that time. Students from numerous countries were always seen and heard in the streets. Paul was given a special education. Instead of preparing him for trade or commerce, his parents decided that Paul should become a rabbi. He received one of the best educations that could be had in that day. Not only was he educated in Tarsus, but he was also sent to Jerusalem to be educated. His parents wanted their son to succeed as a Jewish scholar and teacher, so he studied under the great Gamaliel, a very famous rabbi (Acts 22:3).

In Jewish families, not only did sons study to follow an occupation, but they also learned a trade. Paul learned the trade of tentmaker, and making tents was the way he supported himself on his missionary travels (Acts 10:3).

All of these factors helped Paul perform the task that the Lord had called him to do. Because of his background, his early life experiences became a tremendous asset to his ministry when Paul became a missionary. When Paul preached to the Jews, he was Jew-

ish. When he preached to the Romans, he was Roman. When he preached to the Greeks, he was Greek. When he preached to Gentiles, he knew the cultures of many ethnic groups (1 Corinthians 9:19-23). To relate to so many different people is highly unique. Some people can understand two or even three, other ethnic groups. But Paul's experiences helped him understand the different cultures of his day. This ability gave Paul a definite advantage as he traveled across many lands and spoke to many about his life-changing experience in Christ Jesus.

All of these qualifications prepared Paul for his calling. Next month, we will look at part two of Paul's life, his beginnings as a rabbi and how he became involved in something terrible.

Hays conference to look at trends in cardiac care

The Michael E. DeBakey Heart Institute of Kansas will sponsor the 10th Annual Current Trends in Cardiac Care Conference on Friday, Sept. 11, at Hays Medical Center. The welcome address starts at 8:30 and the program runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration begins at 8:15 a.m. and lunch is included in registration.

Featured speakers include Dr. William A. Sauer, Dr. Jeffery L. Curtis, Dr. Chris M. Fisher, Dr. Gary Benton and Dr. Richard S.

Party to be Saturday

Friends and neighbors are invited to join Richard and Catherine Britton in celebrating 40 years of marriage with a party beginning at 5 p.m. Saturday.

The couple's children and grandchildren will host the celebration, which will take place at the Britton home at 2510 K-25, six miles north of Colby.

Logan to hold arts and crafts fair

The 36th Annual Hansen Arts and Crafts Fair will be Saturday, Sept. 19, on the Hansen Plaza Square in Logan.

Admission is free to the 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. event. Crafters from Kansas and surrounding states will have booths with jewelry, fiber handicrafts, wooden items, paintings, floral arrangements, leather goods, and stained glass.

Food booths will offer a variety of items, including hamburgers, brauts, homemade pies, home-

made ice cream barbecue beef sandwiches and egg rolls.

A slide, obstacle course, and enchanted castle will be open to children all day, and games and races will be held from 10 a.m. to noon. The kid's tent will be open from 1 to 3 p.m. for balloons, face painting and entertainment.

Iowa chainsaw artist Gary Keenan will perform throughout the day.

Participants can enjoy the antique tractor show, the museum

Deaths

Genevieve Keller

Genevieve A. Keller, 90, Colby died today, Aug. 21, 2009, at Colby Care Center.

Services are pending with Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby, (785) 462-7979.

Corrections

An anniversary party announcement for Richard and Catherine Britton on Page 4 of the Wednesday, Aug. 19 edition of the *Colby Free Press*, incorrectly gave the date of Sunday, Aug. 23, for the party. The correct date is Saturday, Aug. 22. This was a reporting error.

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Thank You

We would like to give a heartfelt "Thank You" to all our family, friends, and a most generous community, for the love, support, and prayers during this time of tragic sorrow and loss of Doug Beckman.

Please know The Grinnell Furniture Store is going to remain open for business to provide the best care and professional service to our loyal customers and new customers alike. We appreciate your consideration and continued patronage.

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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, Rev. Don White and Rev. Tim Llewellyn, East 5th & Country Club, 785-462-3497, Services, Sat., 5:30 p.m., Sunday; Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 9:30 a.m.; Services, 11:00 a.m. Visit us at www.trinitycolby.com.

Schedule of church services

GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP, 2nd and Sunrise, Oakley. Pastor James Bloom, Sunday Morning Worship and Children's Church 10:15 a.m., Wednesday evening Bible Study and Intercessory Prayer 6:30 p.m. 785-671-4020.

COLBY INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH, 730 E. 3rd (former Jaycee's building), Pastor Bernard Heinz, 785-460-0313, 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., 785-462-3041, 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. Pastor Steve Todd. Sunday School 9 a.m. for all ages. Wednesday Youth at The Rock 3:30 and 7 p.m. Sunday Nite Life at The Rock 5-6 p.m. 785-462-8234. cdag@st-tel.net.

BEREAN CHURCH, 1000 S. Franklin, 785-460-2763, 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, 785-462-2867. Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.; Family Worship: 10:30 a.m.; Bible Study: Sundays at 7 p.m. RC Club 2nd and 4th Sundays at 2 p.m.

COLLEGE VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH (Affiliated with Southern Baptist), 1185 Wheatridge Rd. at College Drive, 785-460-7144, Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship services, 10:45 a.m. Prayer Service at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

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

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

MINGO BIBLE CHURCH, 420 Main Mingo, 785-462-2992: An independent community church served by Village Missions Intern Pastor Pat Colley. 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, 785-462-2179, 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, 785-462-6342, Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.

WESLEYAN CHURCH, 320 W. Pine - 785-462-8391, 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.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS, 1145 S. Franklin - 785-460-6605, President Gary Slavens, 785-460-2656; Erwin Mitchell, 1st counselor, 785-460-1952; 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.

REDEEMING LOVE MINISTRIES, INC., 345 N. Franklin, Dr. W.G. and Rev. Orvella Romine, Equipping Class, Sunday, 9 a.m., Sunday worship, 10 a.m., Wednesday, R.L.M Training Centers (Bible School), 6 p.m. Shop online at: www.rlmregionalchurch.com.

COLBY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Rev. James Mardock, pastor, 950 S. Franklin, 785-460-6521, 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

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 - 785-460-2718, Sunday Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.; Sunday School at 11:15 a.m. E-mail: fccolby@st-tel.net.

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

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LEVANT COMMUNITY CHURCH, 205 1st St., Pastor Jerry Vincent, 785-586-2376, Sunday School (classes for 3 years & up and 3 adult classes) 9:30 a.m., Morning worship 10:30 a.m.

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, 785-687-2565.

REXFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH, Rexford, Pastor Lane Purcell, 785-687-3305, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

BREWSTER COMMUNITY CHURCH, Mike Pinkelman, Pastor, Brewster - 785-694-2720, 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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1 ~ 4 p.m.
Location ~ Colby Community Building
Little Theater
Cards may be sent to 1120 Court Place, Colby, KS 67701

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