# God controls life's rhythms

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.3

These words from the third chapter of the book of Ecclesiastes in the Old Testament are well known and have been the subject of songs. "A time to be born and a time to die, a time to laugh and a time to weep," and so on, reflecting the timeless rhythms of life.

Most of the list in this passage is a series of couplets that are meant to be understood together. A time for birthing and dying; planting and uprooting (referring to agriculture), killing and healing (meaning to cut down, not murder), breaking and building (meaning hurt as a prelude to healing, we kill to sustain or protect life).

The process of change is continual. Crying, laughing, mourning and dancing, throwing and gathering stones (construction and deconstruction in building), embracing and not embracing, finding and losing, keeping and throwing out (when to hang on and when to let go). Tearing and sewing (rending the heart in grief and then healing, or sewing of clothes), being silent and speaking up, loving and hating, war and peace.

The flow of the poetic language and the finely balanced and contrasting experiences tug at us and we find ourselves connecting with these rhythms in our own lives. This indeed is a passage for all seasons and moods of human experience: The person trying to come to terms with a sudden broken relationship, the one overflowing with enthusiasm as success and love walk hand in hand, the woman silently mourning the loss of a life-long companion, the mother joyfully greeting her newborn child, the person facing changes required by job-loss or retirement. It's all here – the ever-changing kaleidoscope of things that are simply part of life's rhythms.

The words speak to everything we do as humans, to every activity we engage in. The Hebrew



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concept of "time" in this passage refers to any given point in time past, present or future. It is used of things that happen as part of the natural order like rain, fruit on the tree, seasons, birth, death, etc.

The idea of "season" refers to the duration of the event in question. Everything comes and goes. Nothing lasts forever – not even the so-called "bad" experience which God can turn into "something beautiful." These are simply the occasions of life in which we find ourselves. We cannot always understand why they happen.

It is not particularly about my choosing the "right time" to be born or to die or finding the "right time" to destroy or kill or to build up or heal to make war or peace. It is about the fact that each of these life events has their place in the overall scheme of things. How will I respond to them?

The point is one of irony. God who has made everything to have its proper place in its time has also put a sense of timelessness in human hearts. On the one hand, we are "preoccupied" with the daily necessities and circumstances of our life, while on the other hand we have a natural longing to know the eternal significance of our lives and our activities. We are caught in this tension.

As we try to respond to the inevitable rhythms of life, five principles are indicated for us in these well-worn words. One, there is importance in having something worthwhile to do with our lives. Two, everything has its place. but we can see only a part of the picture of God's plan. Three, give God thanks for the gift of life, work and time, and enjoy it. Four,

**Babies** 

the unchanging purpos-

es of God are to cause

us to trust and rever-

ence Him day by day

God's order for all life.

time, everything that God does is,

nevertheless, eternal - that is not

bound by time. It is God's pur-

pose and will that is being carried

out in God's time and God's way.

We cannot always make sense of

God's activity. God will handle

what you and I do not understand,

cannot grasp about life, and only

pursue in vain. The lesson in all

this is that we are to respond to

the inevitable rhythms of life with

awe and reverence and trust in a

God who is in control, has a pur-

pose, and knows where it is all

headed. It is, after all is said and

done, about living in faith, by faith

this context. My own rhythms of

life are moving me into retire-

ment. At the end of this month, we

will be leaving Colby to settle in

Colorado and discover what "new

rhythms" God has in store for us.

riched by our time in this commu-

nity, but we journey on in faith to

new experiences and adventures

in the grand scheme of God's pur-

poses for life. May each of you

embrace in faith and hope the

rhythms of your own life and dis-

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cover God in the midst of it all.

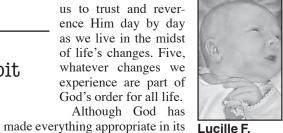
First Baptist Church of Colby.

We have enjoyed and been en-

And a final personal word in

and through faith.

### Lucille Jeanette 'L.J.' Fellhoelter



Lucille F.

Lucille Jeanette "L.J." Fellhoelter, daughter of Leon and Lee Ann Fellhoelter of Menlo, was born Saturday, Oct. 3, 2009, at Citizens Medical Center. She weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces and measured 20 1/4 inches.

Sisters Latasha, 8; Lyndzee, 7; Lizabeth, 6; Libertee, 4; and Leigha, 2 1/2, welcomed the baby home.

Grandparents are Daisy and the late Boniface Fellhoelter of Menlo, and the late Hubert and Jeanette Green of Scott City.

### Tyler Dean Meyer

Worship in the church of your choice this weekend.

COLLEGE DRIVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD, 245 W. College Dr., Colby. Pastor Steve Todd. Worship Service 10:15 a.m. Sunday School 9 a.m. for all ages. Wednesday

Schedule of church services

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:

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Rev. Carol

Rahn, 515 W. 4th, 785-462-6342, Sunday Worship

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

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.

Youth Ministries, Kids Clubhouse 7 p.m.

a.m. and 9:25-9:40 a.m. on Sunday.

services at 6:30 p.m.

11:00 a.m

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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.

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-

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

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.

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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@

BEREAN CHURCH, 1000 S. Franklin, 785-460-2763,

www.colbyberean.com; Sunday School 9:30 a.m.,

Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. Awana Clubs, Wednes-

day, 7 p.m., Middle & High School, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, (Affiliated with American

PLEASANT HOME CHURCH, Pastor, Perry Baird,

785-890-3375, 3190 Road 70, Edson, Worship, 9:00

WINONA METHODIST CHURCH, 501 Bellview Ave.

Rev. Sheryl Johnson, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.,

p.m.; Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September through May.

@ the Heartland Christian School Gym

p.m. RC Club 2nd and 4th Sundays at 2 p.m.

at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdav's.

a.m., Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Morning Worship 9:15 a.m. (CDT)

Tyler Dean Meyer, son of Robbie and Sara Meyer of Menlo, was born Monday, Sept. 28, 2009, at Citizens Medical Center. He weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and measured 20 inches.

Siblings Darion, William and Gabrielle welcomed

Grandparents are Paul and Sharon Munk of Menlo, Daryl and Marilyn Meyer of Colby and Brock and Tammy Thompson of Salina. Great-grandparents are Mary Ellen Meier of Hoxie and Avis Meyer of Tyler Meyer Faulkton, S.D.



## **County Jail**

Booked into the Thomas County jail:

• John Raymond Bargo, 47, Colby, Sept. 1, theft, Thomas County Sheriff's Office, released Sept. 3

on bond. • Edward Joseph Miller, 40, Colby, Sept. 5, violation of protective order, Thomas County Sheriff's Office, released Sept. 10 on

• Dusken Allen Juenemann, 18, Colby, Sept. 6, burglary, building not used as dwelling, theft, Thomas County Sheriff's Office, released same day with charges

pending. • Casey Andrew Sporing, 18, Colby, Sept. 6, possession of stolen property, Thomas County Sheriff's Office, released same day on recognizance.

• Susan Marie Slinger, 38, Colby, Sept. 10, forgery, Thomas County Sheriff's office, released same day on recognizance.

## Boy Scout 5K run set for Oct. 29

The Coronado Area Council will sponsor "Run For Your Life The Boy Scouts of America 5K Challenge" in Hays on Saturday, Oct. 29, starting in front of the Fort Hays State University Memorial Union.

Participants can run or walk. Age groups will be 11 to 15, 16 to 20 and 21 and up. The 5K will be a costume-themed run, with costumes optional. There will be one winner in each category and one overall winner. Prize for the best costume will be awarded. Check in will be from 9 to 9:50 a.m.

Money raised will be used for pant and \$60 per team of four. All Boy Scouts outreach efforts, Camp Dane G. Hansen programs, and direct support for other programs that serve 32 counties in northwest and North Central Kansas. The 5K run/walk promotes and educates the surrounding area about leading a healthy lifestyle.

To sign up or to sponsor a team, call Megan Colson at (620) 213-1010 or e-mail mecolson@scatcat. fhsu.edu, or Jenna Johnson (785) 443-3457 or e-mail jljohnson4@ scatcat.fhsu.edu.

Registration is \$20 per partici-

received by Wednesday, Oct. 21. Entry will be allowed on the day of the event at a cost of \$25 per participant and \$70 per team.

entry forms and money must be

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Pastor Lyle Knebel, 385 W. 3rd - 785-460-2718, Sun-

day Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.; Sunday School at

**OUR SAVIORS LUTHERAN CHURCH, Brewster,** 

Sunday worship 9:00 a.m.; 2nd Sunday of the month

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

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

BREWSTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, PO

Box 250, Brewster. Pastor Dorine Chambers, 785-462-

6044, Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service,

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REXFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH, Rexford, Pastor

Lane Purcell, 785-687-3305, Sunday School 9:30 a.m.,

BREWSTER COMMUNITY CHURCH, Mike Pinkel-

man, 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.

11:15 a.m. E-mail: fcccolby@st-tel.net.

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worship 10:30 a.m.

erth, Director, 785-687-2565

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

10:45 a.m.

## Corrections

An item in the Briefly section on Page 1 of the Thursday, Oct. 8, issue of the Colby Free Press on the Thomas County Learning Center did not specify a date for the event. An open house at the center's new location, 485 N. Chickamauga Ave., will be from 3 to 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 19, said

Site Director Melinda Fikan. This

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

Our heartfelt thanks to all our friends and relatives for the many cards, flowers, food and visits after the death of our son and brother. A person never really knows how many really care until a death happens in your family.

Thank you so much.

The family of Matthew Cooksey



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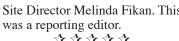
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who shopped at our garage sale. P.E.O. is a Philanthropic Educational Organization that has been in Colby since 1923. P.E.O. supports women's education through loans, grants and scholarships and own and operates Cottey College which is a two year college in Nevada Missouri. In addition, Chapter CE uses the funds collected at the garage sale to support these local charitable organization; Friends of the Library, Prairie Museum of Art and History, Pride of the Prairie Orchestra, Puddle Duck Preschool, Hospice, H.F. Davis Memorial Library, Big Brothers/ Big Sisters, Genesis and Western Plains Arts Association.

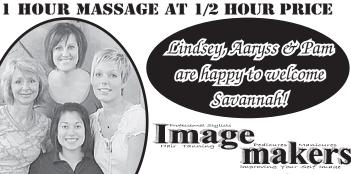
Sincerely,

The members of Chapter CE



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day 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.

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