

Family

God controls life's rhythms

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

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,

the unchanging purposes of God are to cause us to trust and reverence Him day by day as we live in the midst of life's changes. Five, whatever changes we experience are part of God's order for all life.

Although God has made everything appropriate in its time, everything that God does is, nevertheless, eternal — that is not bound by time. It is God's purpose 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 purpose, and knows where it is all headed. It is, after all is said and done, about living in faith, by faith and through faith.

And a final personal word in this context. My own rhythms of life are moving me into retirement. 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.

We have enjoyed and been enriched by our time in this community, but we journey on in faith to new experiences and adventures in the grand scheme of God's purposes for life. May each of you embrace in faith and hope the rhythms of your own life and discover God in the midst of it all.

Carroll Morony is pastor of First Baptist Church of Colby.

Babies

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; Elizabeth, 6; Liberte, 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



Tyler Meyer

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 the baby home.

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 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 bond.
- 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 Spring, 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 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-

pant and \$60 per team of four. All entry forms and money must be 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.

Markets

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| Wheat (bushel) | \$3.84 |
| Corn (bushel) | \$3.14 |
| Milo (hundredweight) | \$4.89 |
| Soybeans (bushel) | \$8.26 |

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 was a reporting error.

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

Thank You!

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

Thank You!

I wish to thank my family and friends for helping me celebrate my 90th Birthday with phone calls, flowers, gifts, reception and over 100 beautiful cards.

Eldora Biggs

SERVICES DIRECTORY

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 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.

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.
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- 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, 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 Wednesday's.
- 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,** 501 Bellview Ave. 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 11:00 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.
- 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.
- 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 Dingworth, 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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Sincerely,
The members of Chapter CE

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