

Family

God used sinner as great advocate

Saul of Tarsus, also known as the Apostle Paul, was a most amazing man. A study of Saul reveals that he was a persecutor of Christians; Saul was a very learned Torah scholar and believed the Christians to be a destructive influence on God's chosen people, Israel.



Mark Carlton

From the Pulpit

Saul lived during the early formation of the Christian church and during a time when disciples of Christ were increasing greatly in number. The young man Saul saw this as a major threat to the Jewish faith. To that end he participated in the stoning of one of the first Christian martyrs, Stephen, by watching the coats of those stoning Stephen.

This is how the book of Acts describes the scene in the New International Version:

"But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.'

"At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices; they all rushed at him, dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul. And Saul was there, giving approval to his (Stephen's) death." (Acts 7:55-8:1a)

After Stephen was killed, Saul spearheaded the first persecution of the church:

"On that day a great persecution broke out against the church at Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him. But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off men and women and put them in prison." (Acts 8:1b-3)

But, incredibly, Saul did an

about face. This is how it happened:

"Saul was ... breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem.

"As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. 'Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.'" (Acts 9:1-6)

Saul of Tarsus, better known to us as Paul, the apostle of the gentiles, began as a persecutor of the church and ended up as its greatest missionary. The actions of Saul were then and would be considered today as a great sin against God, yet God used a great sinner to champion his cause of saving the gentiles.

It seems that the death of Jesus was for everyone, even as Paul would later describe himself, the worst of sinners. And the benefits of His sacrifice are available to any sinner who will receive him. That's a good thing, because there is not one of us who doesn't need Him.

Mark Carlton is pastor of the Colby Berean Church. Due to surgery this week, this article was co-written by Bill Stoke.

Couple plan June rite in Hutchinson church

Sarah Marie Ackerman and Brandon Jay Smith of Holcomb plan to marry at 6 p.m. Saturday, June 5, at Crossroads Christian Church in Hutchinson.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Shawn and Jodie Ackerman and the late Robert Ackerman, all of Colby. She graduated from Colby High School and Hutchinson Community College and is pursuing a nursing degree through Garden City Community College.

The groom-elect is the son of

Stan and Virginia Smith of Oakley. He is the grandson of the late Earl C. Smith and the late Edna L. Smith of Monument, and the late Gerald H. McDowall of Morland and the late Elnora L. McDowall of Penokee. A graduate of Oakley High School and Hutchinson College, he works for Sunflower Electric Power Corp. in Holcomb.

A reception will be held at the Grand Prairie Hotel, 1400 N. Lorraine St., Hutchinson, immediately following the ceremony.

The couple will live in Holcomb.

Unique prom dress sweet

GARNER, Iowa (AP) — An Iowa teen is all bubbly over the one-of-a-kind high school prom dress she made out of gum wrappers.

Elizabeth Rasmuson made her dress — and a matching vest for her date — out of blue and white wrappers from Wrigley's "5 gum."

The high school junior says she

got the idea after hearing about someone making a dress out of duct tape.

She and her boyfriend began collecting gum wrappers last August. Rasmuson says she quit counting after 200.

Since the wrappers break easily, Rasmuson said, she finished her dress with a vinyl top coat.

Corrections

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.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$3.94
Corn (bushel)	\$3.08
Milo (hundredweight)	\$5.03
Soybeans (bushel)	\$8.67

Deaths

Florence H. Gilchrist

Florence H. Gilchrist, 100, died Thursday, April 15, 2010, at her home in Colby.

She was born March 7, 1910, in Rexford, the daughter of Henry and Etta (Leefer) Tecklenburg.

A retired school teacher, she was a lifelong area resident.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dean Gilchrist, in 1965, a sister, Doris Huber, and two infant sons, Gary and Robert Gilchrist.

She is survived by a daughter, Karen (Vernon) Flanagan, Colby; four grandchildren, and nine

great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 18, 2010, at the Colby United Methodist Church, with Pastor James Mardock officiating and burial in the Rexford Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at the Harrison Chapel in Colby.

The family suggests memorials to the Colby Grade School Sixth Grade, in care of any local bank or the funeral chapel, Box 634, Colby, Kan., 67701.

Merry Lee Lewis

Merry Lee Lewis, 73, Colby, died today, Friday, April 16, 2010, at Presbyterian/St. Luke's Hospi-

tal in Denver. Services are pending with Kersensbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby, 462-7979.



Girl's Day OUT

Open House and Craft Fair

April 24, 2010
Doors open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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Wedding: April 24, 2010

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SERVICES DIRECTORY

Worship in the church of your choice this weekend.



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, Tue. 5:00 p.m. - Women's Bible Study.

Schedule of church services

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| <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 evening services at 6:30 p.m. on all Sundays except the 5th Sunday of every month. 785-462-8234. cdag@st-tel.net.</p> <p>BEREAN CHURCH, 1000 S. Franklin, 785-460-2763, www.colbyborean.com; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. Pastor Mark Carlton, Senior Pastor and Pastor Jason Purdy, Youth Pastor. Middle School Group Wednesday 7 p.m. at the Attic and High School Youth Group Sunday 6 p.m. at the Attic. AWANA Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at the church.</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, (Affiliated with American Baptist Churches USA) Dr. Joan Harrington, Interim 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>PLEASANTHOME CHURCH, Pastor, Perry Baird, 785-890-3375, 3190 Road 70, Edson, Worship, 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>WINONA METHODIST CHURCH, 501 Bellview Ave. Rev. Sheryl Johnson, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m., Morning Worship 9:15 a.m. (C.D.T)</p> | <p>MINGO BIBLE CHURCH, 420 Main Mingo, 785-462-2992: An independent community church served by Village Missions Intern Pastor Tom Peyton. 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Rev. Carol Rahn, 515 W. 4th, 785-462-6342, Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m. Podcasts of the worship services are available at the church website colbypress.org.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS, 1145 S. Franklin - 785-460-6605, President Andy Rose, 785-460-6807; Erwin Mitchell, 1st counselor, 785-460-1952; Calvin Haverfield, 2nd counselor, 785-953-1043. Sacrament meeting 10 a.m., Sunday School and Primary 11:20 a.m., Priesthood, Relief Society, YW/YW, 12:10 p.m.; Family History Center open, 7-9 p.m. Thursdays or by appointment. Call 785-462-3571.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p> <p>CHURCH OF CHRIST, Minister, Jarrod Spencer. 510 E. 4th. Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Bible Study 7:00 p.m. www.colbychurch.com</p> | <p>FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, (Disciples of Christ), Pastor Lyle Knebel, 385 W. 3rd - 785-460-2718, Sunday Morning Worship and Children's Church at 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>OUR SAVIORS LUTHERAN CHURCH, Brewster, Sunday worship 9:00 a.m.; 2nd Sunday of the month at 8:00 a.m.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>LEVANT COMMUNITY CHURCH, 205 1st St., Pastor Charles Taff, 785-586-2376, Sunday School (classes for 3 years & up and 3 adult classes) 9:30 a.m., Morning worship 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF, REXFORD, Joan Dingworth, Director, 785-687-2565.</p> <p>REXFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH, Rexford, Pastor Lane Purcell, 785-687-3305, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>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, Tue. 5:00 p.m. - Women's Bible Study.</p> |
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Charles W. Sharp

Charles W. Sharp of Ellinwood, Kan., who spent the last six years in Colby, Kan., passed from this earth Thursday, April 15, 2010, at Colby Care Center. He was 92.


Charles was born April 1, 1918, in Walters, Okla., in Cotton County. He was preceded in death by his parents, George A. Sharp and Florence Rupe Sharp; his wife Adeline who passed on September 14, 2003; a brother, Vernon Sharp; and a sister, Mary Buer.

Charles was a contract producer and a production superintendent for Kirman Oil as well as a 22-year employee of Petroleum, Inc. in Wichita. He Retired in 1988.

He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Ellinwood.

Charles was survived by his son, Glenn C. and wife Sherry of Colby; brothers Paul Sharp of Oklahoma City, and Lloyd Sharp of Mesa, Ariz.; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at Lakin-Camanche District Cemetery at 10 a.m. Monday, April 19, 2010, Calling time at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood will be 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday, April 18, 2010. There will be a 3 p.m. Altar Society Rosary and 6 p.m. Vigil Service offered at the funeral home Sunday. Father Dwight Birkett will officiate. Memorials can be sent to the Alzheimer's Disease Research Association in care of Kimple Funeral Home.



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