



Family

Leave me alone, James

The Book of James has never been my favorite. In fact, when I read through the New Testament, I'd prefer to skip it.

I don't dislike James because it does not speak to me, but because it says too much. I can feel really good about myself until I read James. Then, in the light of James' strong exhortations, I realize just how much I fall short of being the kind of Christian I need to be.

One of my least favorite parts is James 3:13-18. Did God really have to put verses 13 and 14 in the Bible?

"Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom."

Why must wisdom be gentle? Why not just say, "Let him show it by his strong and sometimes cynically stated opinions?"

Verses 15 and 16 bother me, too:

"But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth. This wisdom is not from above, but is earthly, natural and demonic."



Mark Carlton

• From the Pulpit

I do not like to admit that I am many times jealous, but God knows that I am, and He also knows that I am sometimes ambitious. OK, I'll admit it; sometimes I want the spotlight on me. Alright, so sometimes is a little bit of an understatement, but must James use that word demonic?

It gets worse! I am not supposed to be selfishly ambitious or jealous, but take a look at verse 17:

"But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy."

I have to admit that peaceable is a little tough for me, and then there is that gentle thing, AGAIN. I get the point, James, but just how am I supposed to make an emphatic point? Also, take a look at

that word "reasonable." Now that's something I can handle, but let me tell you, it would be a lot easier to be gentle and peaceable if I were not the only reasonable one around here. Without hypocrisy? Are you talking about no hypocrisy at all, or can we perhaps use some sort of sliding scale?

Now look at verse 18: "And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace."

But I do not want to make peace. Clearly, James is being unreasonable in even asking me to forgive. I really don't want to do this. Holding a grudge is the only way I can get back at them for what they did to me... except, of course, for an occasional bitter remark.

Oh well, 18 pages and I'll be in the Book of Revelation.

Mark Carlton is pastor of the Colby Berean Church. You can reach him at pastormark@colby-berean.com or 460-2763.

New estate agent keeps busy

The old cliché, "if you want something done, you need to ask some who's busy," fits Kevin Barnett, a newly licensed real estate agent at Stock Realty and Auction in Colby.

Barnett joined Stock, at 390 N. Franklin Ave., recently. He brings with him a background in sales with Suther Feeds in Oakley, a job he still enjoys along with his real estate work.

He also fills in for a friend as a part-time farm hand, plus he's a territory manager for Big Iron, an online auction company which has sold farm equipment in all 50 states and two foreign countries.

"With my affiliation at Big Iron, I locate machinery someone wants to sell and then list it on the Internet for buyers to look at," Barnett said. "The time frame, five weeks between listing and the auction, gives the potential buyer plenty of time to go see it and make up their mind about the purchase before they bid on it."

He said the company has two auctions a month. The last one had bidders from 25 states and averaged 11 bidders per item.

Barnett said as a real estate sales agent, he wants to specialize in ag land and is willing to list whatever comes his way. He said he plans to work with residential listings and sales in the Oakley area, where he and his family live.



Kevin Barnett was hard at work in his office recently.

He is a member of the Oakley Christian Church, where he has served as a deacon and trustee. He is a Logan County Fair board member and is involved in 4-H and FFA.

He is married to Kerie, who runs a day care center. They have four children, Tristen, 14, Kensley, 9; Konner, 6; and Kutler, who is 5.

Barnett says he is energetic and ready to go, and is willing to do what it takes to get the job done. Call him at (785) 443-1722, or (785) 460-7653.

Junior pig growers to meet March 12

The Kansas Junior Swine Producer Day will be March 12 at Kansas State University's Weber Arena in Manhattan, bringing together kids, parents, swine project leaders and others to learn about pig production and management.

Featured speaker Al Schminke of Van Horne, Iowa, and K-State faculty will give presentations and demonstrations covering the selection of a project, nutrition and show-ring skills. Other topics in-

clude breeds and swine identification, meat and carcass evaluation and "two weeks to show day," all tailored to age groups.

All participants will receive a K-State Show Pig Guide, a T-shirt and a complimentary lunch. More than \$600 in prizes will be given out. Sponsors include the Kansas Pork Association, Suther Feeds and Valley Vet Supply.

In 2009, the event drew more than 300 participants from 39

counties. Cost to register is \$10 per person if paid by March 1, \$15 if paid after that date. Information and printable registration forms are available at www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu or by contacting Chelsea Tomascik, tomascik@k-state.edu or (785) 532-1264, or Joel DeRouchey, jderouch@ksu.edu or (785) 532-2280.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day
Hi-Plains Co-op
Wheat (bushel) \$7.33
Corn (bushel) \$5.78
Milo (hundredweight) \$9.87
Soybeans (bushel) \$12.91

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Thieves ditch too-big TV

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) – Police in California say thieves who stole a large television from a Sacramento home were thwarted when it wouldn't fit in the getaway car.

Investigators say the burglars entered the home through a back window on the afternoon of Dec. 26, removed the set and tried to

load it into their Lexus. When it proved too big, they left it on the curb and drove away.

The *Sacramento Bee* reports that a neighbor witnessed the crime and called the police, who traced the car to a 19-year-old man. The suspect was arrested on suspicion of possession of stolen property.

SERVICES DIRECTORY

Worship in the church of your choice this weekend.



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.

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. 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.

BEREAN CHURCH, 1000 S. Franklin, 785-460-2763, www.colbyberean.com; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. and Saturday, 5:30 p.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.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, (Affiliated with American Baptist Churches USA) Rev. Craig Crossman, 615 W. Webster, 785-462-2867. Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Family Worship: 10:30 a.m.; RC Club 2nd and 4th Sundays at 2 p.m.

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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 Pastor Tom Peyton. Sunday School: 9:30AM - all ages. Worship Services: 10:45AM, Sunday Evenings 6:30. 3rd Sunday informal fellowship - bring a snack to share! First Sunday of month - carry-in dinner following morning worship.

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. Podcasts of the worship services are available at the church website colbypres.org.

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 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, YM/YW, 12:10 p.m.; Family History Center open, 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.rimregionalchurch.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., Wednesday, Bible Study 7:00 p.m. www.colbychurch.com

OASIS WORSHIP CENTER, Colby, Pastor J. Curry, 785-462-0913. Sunday Service at 2 p.m.

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.

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. Robert Alexander, East 5th & Country Club, 785-462-3497, Services, Sat., 5:30 p.m.; Sunday; Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 9:00 a.m.; Services, 10:30 a.m. Visit us at www.trinitycolby.com.

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.

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.

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

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Thank You to everyone who celebrated New Year's eve with the Mama's Boys Band and helped support Pickin' on the Plains. A special thanks to **City Limits, Woofter Construction and the Colby Convention and Visitors Bureau** for helping sponsor the event. Thanks to the following for door prizes and other donations: Carla McCoy, owner of the Bottle Gallery, Dillon's, F&M Branch Bank, Gouloush, The Loft, John and Jane McDougal, owners of J&J Tool Service, Sports Shoppe, Starbucks Uptown Style and Leroy's Printing.

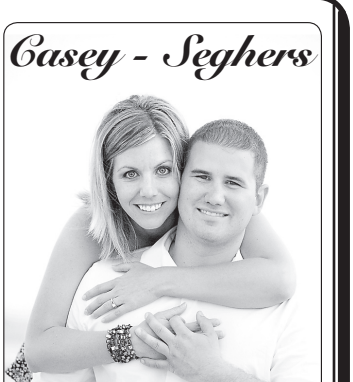
Keith and Dina Casey, of Dighton, are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Erin Nicole Casey, to Dwayne (DJ) Michael Seghers, Jr., son of Dwayne Sr. and Deidre Seghers, of Slidell, Louisiana.

Grandparents of the bride are Harold and Janice Linville, of Colby, and George and Elaine Casey, of Toronto.

The future bride is a 2002 graduate of Dighton High School and a 2005 graduate of Kansas State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business. Erin is a Marketing Manager at Wilson & Company, Inc., Engineers & Architects in Omaha, Nebraska.

The future groom is a 2001 graduate of Slidell High School and a 2005 graduate of McPherson College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business. DJ is a Sales Manager for Cintas Corporation in Omaha, Nebraska.

A May 7, 2011 wedding is planned at Church of the Resurrection, Wichita, Kansas.



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