

Family

Meet together in social media

We tend to be a busy culture. Even in our rural area of western Kansas, the pace is busy. Families are busy many days of the week with various activities.

During the school year the activities may center on school, but even in the summer they don't seem to lessen.

Busyness has eroded the opportunities for families to sit down and eat a meal together. Anymore, one or more of the family members have an activity or work so that the family meal seems to have become less of a priority. It is good for any family to meet together on a regular basis — to have "family" time — whether that family is a biological family or spiritual family.

Focusing on the perspective of the spiritual family, I want to remind you that the early church, in Acts chapter 2, met every day, at least initially. This type of lifestyle is such a challenge for us in the 21st century that we dismiss it before we consider how we can model the practice.

The principle of meeting together was to encourage each other as they were in this new lifestyle and under environmental stress.



Jarrod Spencer

• From the Pulpit

Stress causes discouragement and discouragement causes burnout. While burnout was not a product to be desired, church leaders needed the church to continue meeting together in order for positive outcomes to take place. Living in today's setting we find it difficult to even come close to meeting together regularly, despite the fact that we are in a society infested with discouragement and environmental stress.

If the concept worked well for the early church, why, even in busyness, do we not look for ways to get together?

I think that even in a lifestyle such as ours there is a way that we can "connect" with people on a daily basis. One answer — social media. Social media has sprung up very quickly over the past few years and there are millions of people using this medium.

One of the neat things about social media is that it does allow for people to interact with each other on a daily basis. Facebook is a very common form of social media. It allows people to be connected and to update what is going on in their life — some on a daily basis.

Twitter lets you "tweet" what you are doing, but in less words than Facebook. Both, through the technology of some mobile phones, allow you to "check in" to various locations and report where you are at — both arrival and departure. People will know where you are at and what you are doing.

Letting people into your life is one of the advantages of the spiritual family. You get to lean on and rely on each other as you go through life, not to mention tell where you've been that day.

We may not be face to face, but you will still know what is going on in the life of various people you know and care about. This allows you to strike up a conversation with that person the next time you are seeing them in person, thus getting to know them deeper. That is definitely an advantage to

taking advantage of social media.

One of the outcomes social media has allowed me is to connect with cousins. It had been over 15 years since I saw most of them, so I was thankful they were on Facebook. I would have never guessed that it would have happened that I could keep up with biological relatives in this fashion.

I also have connected with past classmates from grade school to college to preaching school, all through this form of social media. Along with that is the ability to keep up with friends I've made throughout life.

So, even though our schedules may prevent us from meeting at a given location on a daily basis, we still have social media. With social media we can meet at the location we are at and still be in the same "location" as our friends and Christian family. Though it does not take the place of person-to-person contact, it is still a great way to stay in touch!

Who will you "connect" with today?

Jarrod Spencer is the minister at the Colby Church of Christ. You can reach him by e-mail at ichthus_man@hotmail.com.

Colby Rotary Club

The Colby Rotary Club met Tuesday with 31 members and guests Marla Crumrine and Rebel Jay.

Soup Supper chairman Gary Adrian was recognized by the club for his time and effort in co-ordinating this year's event.

Jeff Horlacher had the program. Rebel Jay, Colby Community College art instructor, told members about an upcoming Art Walk from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, April 22, featuring the work of professional artists from Thomas and surrounding counties. The art will be displayed in businesses along on North Franklin Avenue. There will be live entertainment downtown.

Art by students at Colby Public

Schools, Sacred Heart Catholic School and Heartland Christian School will be on display at Colby High School and college students will have their art up in Bedker Hall, the Cultural Arts Center and the college art department.

Several workshops will be held Saturday, April 23, at the Pioneer Memorial Library and the Prairie Museum of Art and History.

Jay brought windmills that have been made by various college departments. They reflect what each department does or teaches and will be used as table centerpieces for the Saturday, April 2, college Endowment Auction, "The Pride of the Prairie."

Jerry Arensdorf won Roto-Lotto.

The club meets each Tuesday in room 106 of the college student union.

— Relda Galli, reporter

Corrections

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On the Beat

COLBY POLICE

Wednesday
2:20 a.m. — Caller reported a fight, with suspects leaving the scene. Report filed for battery.
4:54 a.m. — Secured door.
10:22 a.m. — Dog at large. Unable to locate.
8:51 p.m. — Criminal damage to property report.
11:31 p.m. — Highway Patrol requested a unit to check truck stop for a semi involved in a hit and run on U.S. 40. Unable to locate.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF

Wednesday
12:04 a.m. — Booked Travis L.

Downing.
12:13 a.m. — Released Downing.
2:20 a.m. — Assisted police units looking for a vehicle.
11:19 a.m. — Served arrest warrant on Michael Dean Jones Jr.
11:47 a.m. — Served arrest warrant on Robert W. Stamm Jr.
12:05 p.m. — Released Steven Damell Gary.
12:28 p.m. — Booked Patricia Ann Perry.
1:46 p.m. — Released Andrew Eugene William Stafford.
2 p.m. — Released Jonathan Robert Neighbors.
2:09 p.m. — Report filed for lost

or stolen tag.
2:20 p.m. — Released Stamm.
2:42 p.m. — Released Perry.
5:08 p.m. — Cynthia Turley arrested on warrant.
4:58 p.m. — Booked George W. Love.
5:54 p.m. — Booked Turley.
6:28 p.m. — Released Turley.

Markets

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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.colbyborean.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.
- 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. Contemporary Evening Service at 4 p.m. through the semester.
- PLEASANT HOME CHURCH**, Pastor, Perry Baird, 785-728-7380, 3190 Road 70, Edson, Worship, 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:00 a.m. (MST)
- 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.
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- 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), 6p.m. Shoponline 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.
- 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, Tue. 5:00 p.m. - Women's Bible Study.

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Nina M. Guill

Nina M. Guill, age 99, formerly of Colby, died Thursday February 17, 2011 at Risen Son Christian Village in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

She was born in Colby, KS., December 18, 1911 to the late John and Nancy (Epard) Gillaspie. She attended teachers college and taught in the Crescent Iowa School for a short time. She was a member of the Community of Christ Church and did volunteer work at the Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs, IA.

She was preceded in death by her parents, 1st husband, Claude A. Ramey; 2nd husband Basil A. Guill; daughter, Sheryle (Guill) Yost, and 3 sisters, Emma Gillaspie, Mable Gillaspie, and Dorothy Keller.

She is survived by 3 daughters, Claudia D. Price, of Broomfield CO, Patty and Art Grell of Council Bluffs, IA, Sandy and Gary Bonacci, of Gibbonsville ID, 2 sons, Ronald and Rose Marie Ramey, of Lodi CA, Loren and Susan Guill, of Menlo KS.; numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren, friends and other relatives.

Cremation was chosen and graveside services will be at the Beulah Cemetery in Colby KS at a later date.

Memorials may be sent to Thomas County Historical Society, 1905 S. Franklin Ave., Colby, KS 67701.

Joan Schroth

Joan Charlene Schroth died on February 23, 2011 in Manhattan, KS at 80 years of age. She was born on July 25, 1930, daughter of Charles and Catherine (Kenney) Mahr in Kansas City, KS. She graduated from Washington High School in 1949, taught briefly in a one-room school house in Alma, KS and attended Kansas State College for 3 years where she studied architecture, her lifelong passion.

On April 25, 1953 she married Frederick D. Schroth at Christ the King Church in Kansas City, KS. Fred was in the Coast Guard and was stationed in New Orleans initially, and then transferred to Groton Connecticut where Joan enjoyed working for Electric Boat Company assisting the engineers who designed nuclear-powered submarines in 1955. Through their many years of marriage, Fred and Joan lived in many rural towns in Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, and California. Throughout their sixteen moves, Joan had the opportunity to design and improve many of the homes they lived in, as well as those of her friends and family.

Joan was a devout Catholic and life-long student of American and European history. One of her favorite sayings was, "How can you know where you are going without understanding where you have been". She enjoyed traveling to Civil War and other historical sites on the east coast with her children and grandchildren, and leading lively discussions on any historical topic. These ad-hoc history lessons will be missed by all who knew her.

Joan is survived by her husband Fred in Manhattan, KS; her sister Carol Karlin of Grinnell, KS; daughters: Susan Herrington of Lawrence, KS., Michele Sherraden of Overland Park, KS., Vicki Doyle of Wassaic, NY; and son Jon Schroth of Eaton, CO; and seven grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Services will be held at Saint Thomas More Catholic Church, 2900 Kimball Avenue, Manhattan, KS at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, 2011. Burial will follow the service at the Greenwood Cemetery in Clay Center, KS. She will be buried in a family plot next to her Kramer relatives who immigrated to America in 1842. Memorial contributions may be made to Good Shepherd Hospice House located at 3801 Vanesta Drive, Manhattan, KS 66503 or online at <http://www.homecareandhospice.org/index.aspx?NID=70> or Saint Thomas More Church at <http://stmanhattan.com>.

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