

# Family

## Where's God? With you

"God, where were you?!"

How many times in life have you cried out to God in the midst of a painful experience?

Where were you when my loved one died?

Where were you when my husband cheated on me?

Where were you when my parents divorced?

Where were you when my child rejected the values we worked so hard to instill in them?

As a pastor I regularly hear this question from discouraged people. And lest you think that somehow pastors are exempt from this anguished cry, there are times we suffer too.

God, where were you when my deacons would not back me?

Where were you when the church giving dried up and programs were canceled?

Where were you when people in the church attacked my character?

I will freely admit we don't have answers for those questions. But, we do know this. It is not wrong to tell Jesus how we feel. We are his children and we need to remember the Lord is our creator. But that does not mean we are not allowed to express our questions and our pain to the Lord.

In John 11, shortly after the death of Lazarus, Jesus is met by Martha and then Mary, the sisters of Lazarus. Both sisters have the same question - Lord, where were you?

In verse 21 Martha expresses the heart of every believer after facing disappointment when she says, "If you had been here, my brother would not have died." The accusatory tone in her question says, in essence, "Jesus, where were you? If you only had followed the script I wrote for you..." Mary makes the exact same statement to Jesus in verse 32.



**Craig Crossman**

• From the Pulpit

Amazingly, his response to the two sisters is not the same.

In response to Martha, Jesus speaks to her about the resurrection. When Martha gives a mechanical response, Jesus looks into her eyes and says, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

And in response to Mary, Jesus weeps. With Martha he speaks - with Mary he is speechless. With Martha bold and direct - with Mary he is broken and trembling. With Martha, Jesus confronts her mind while with Mary; he enters into the flow of her heart. He is perfect combination of the ministry of truth and tears.

To be sure, both Martha and Mary need tears and truth. Mary would need truth later. Martha would need tears later. A good counselor knows the right timing.

As a pastor, I have seen members of a church when they need truth - sometimes very hard truth. And, there are times when, meeting with people, you need tears.

For those who hurt today, you need to assure them that God also weeps. Remember, God entered into our suffering. Jesus is not a stoic, distant, rigid, isolated God. Christ is a sympathetic High Priest who knows our grief. Jesus wept. Jesus has knit his heart with our heart to such a degree that he feels our pain.

God, where were you? He was there, with you, all the time. And He wept.

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## Jailed man in Ohio calls 911 with complaint

SANDUSKY, Ohio (AP) — Police in Ohio say a man arrested on a disorderly conduct charge called 911 from jail to complain he was being held against his will.

The Sandusky Register reports the man had been handcuffed to the door of his holding cell early Sunday because officers said he wouldn't calm down and they were afraid he would hurt himself

or cause damage. He'd been arrested in a dispute outside a bar. The newspaper reports police in the northern Ohio community

took away the man's cell phone after the 911 call was placed and included in the charges against him a count of misuse of 911.

### New Listing



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Anyone through age 18 can get this vaccine for just \$14

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### LOCAL FACT:

There are over 200 families living in poverty right here in Thomas County.

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**CHS Harvest for Hunger**  
March 1-18, 2011

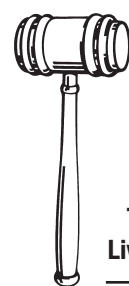
Fight

Hunger

Donations of Non-perishable food items are accepted at **Colby CHS Inc., Brewster CHS Inc., Colby Public Schools, Sacred Heart School, Dillons, Dollar General, Pioneer Memorial Library, Farm Credit, Brewster School Office & Brewster Grocery.** Please bring all financial contributions to Colby or Brewster CHS Inc.

Financial contributions are tax deductible.

For every pound of food or dollar donated, CHS will donate back to our community food shelf. The more we collect the more our community benefits.



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## THANK YOU

We wish to thank our wonderful family, other relatives, friends and neighbors for the beautiful cards, flowers and phone calls we received and enjoyed very much. We also want to say a "special" thank you to our children, Steve from Colorado Springs CO, Kenny, Diana and son Phillip from Aurora, CO and Linda and Joe Allen from Ballwin, MO who "suprised us" with two separate celebrations with the help of our sisters and husbands, Lesta & Leroy Jaggers, Beverly and Phillip Rhea, Dian Parsons from McCook, and Dona Hughes from Hays, KS. We also include our children Suzi and Bill, Marks and family, Olathe, KS, and Janine Theal and family, Weatherford and Ft. Worth, TX, and other grandchildren who were unable to attend but called over the week-end, sent flowers, cards and money and we loved their participation even though they were not able to make it.

We appreciate our church, Memorial United Methodist Church, for bulletin announcement of our anniversary. It was special as we married in that church 60 years ago, our family was baptized there and we were honored to have our family join us for the service that Sunday.

Our Love and God Bless you all.

Dale and Phyllis, Mom and Dad, G'pa and G'ma Wilcox

## Student News

**Colby Public Schools**  
**Activities: Monday:** 7 p.m. school board meeting, administration building. **Tuesday:** 2:30 and 7 p.m. second grade musical, grade school auditorium. **Thursday:** 7:30 a.m. middle school spring picture day, middle school gym; 8 a.m. FFA livestock and horse judging, Oakley; noon - middle school site council, middle school library. **Saturday:** 7:45 a.m. forensics, Colby Invitational.

**Menus: Monday:** breakfast: egg, toast, grape juice; lunch: ribs, seasoned potatoes, carrots, corn. **Tuesday:** breakfast: pancake, sausage on a stick, orange; lunch: taco pie, refried beans, orange. **Wednesday:** breakfast: blueberry muffin, orange juice; lunch: chicken patty, tater tots, baked beans, pineapple. **Thursday:** breakfast: cereal, apple juice; lunch: turkey sandwich, sun chips, carrots, apples. **Friday:** breakfast: French toast, grape juice; lunch: pizza, green beans, salad, bread sticks, applesauce.

### Sacred Heart

**Menus: Monday:** sloppy nachos, broccoli and cauliflower, pineapple, biscuits. **Tuesday:** tater-topped franks, peas, peaches. **Wednesday:** chili, chicken noodle soup, carrot sticks, bananas and strawberries, cinnamon roll. **Thursday:** pork cutlets, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, applesauce. **Friday:** cheese quesadilla, salad, green beans, garlic toast, pear.

### Heartland

**Activities: Tuesday:** 7 p.m. board meeting. **Friday:** 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. preschool and kindergarten open house.

### Golden Plains

**Activities: Monday:** 7:30 p.m. board of education. **Tuesday:** fo-

rensis, Oakley. **Thursday:** middle and high school solo recital. **Friday:** senior trip; 7 p.m. junior carnival. **Saturday:** forensics, Colby; senior trip.

**Menus: Rexford: Monday:** breakfast: hash browns, toast; lunch: weiner wrap. **Tuesday:** breakfast: pizza bobs; lunch: beef and noodles. **Wednesday:** breakfast combo; lunch: spaghetti. **Thursday:** breakfast burrito; lunch: chicken patty. **Friday:** breakfast: monkey bread; lunch: soup, sandwich.

**Selden: Monday:** breakfast burrito; lunch: chicken patty. **Tuesday:** breakfast: pancake; lunch: goulash. **Wednesday:** breakfast: biscuit, gravy; lunch: corn dog. **Thursday:** breakfast: donut; lunch: chilburger. **Friday:** breakfast: monkey bread; lunch: soup, sandwich.

### Brewster

**Activities: Monday:** 6:15 golf and track parent meeting; board of education. **Friday:** school - make-up day. **Saturday:** Hot Hoops basketball third through sixth grades.

**Menus: Monday:** breakfast: eggs, bacon; lunch: taco salad, corn, veggie sticks, apple. **Tuesday:** breakfast: blueberry muffin; lunch: chicken, noodles, mashed potatoes, peas, carrots, peaches, orange. **Wednesday:** breakfast pizza; lunch: baked potato bar, (chili or taco), cheesy broccoli, carrots, applesauce Jell-O, apple. **Thursday:** breakfast: French toast sticks, sausage; lunch: (kindergarten menu) pepperoni pizza, corn, veggie sticks, strawberries/bananas, bread sticks. **Friday:** breakfast: sausage gravy, biscuit; lunch: chicken patty, mashed potatoes, broccoli, cooked carrots, peaches.

### Community College

**Activities: Sunday:** spring break; 1 p.m. baseball vs. Cloud County, Concordia; women's golf, Quail Ridge Tournament, Winfield; noon - softball vs. Barton County; 3 p.m. (Central Time) - "The Stanleytones," Sharon Springs High School. **Monday:** classes resume; 1 p.m. softball vs. Brown Mackie make-up game; 7:30 p.m. ZUMBA class, Farmers State Bank, Oakley. **Tuesday:** 2 p.m. softball at Brown Mackie, Salina. **Wednesday:** 2 p.m. baseball, Northeastern, Sterling, Colo.; 6:30 p.m. ZUMBA, Cultural Arts Center. **Thursday:** 7 p.m. ZUMBA, Cultural Arts Center. **Saturday:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Stroke and Turn Swimming Clinic, college pool; 1 p.m. baseball, Butler, El Dorado; 2 p.m. softball vs. Otero. **Sunday:** men's golf, Rolling Meadows, Junction City; 1 p.m. baseball, Butler, El Dorado.

Send your calendar and menus to colby.society@nwkansas.com or Colby Free Press, 155 W. Fifth, Colby, Kan., 67701.

## 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)	\$6.96
Corn (bushel)	\$5.75
Milo (hundredweight)	\$9.89
Soybeans (bushel)	\$12.05

# SERVICES DIRECTORY

Worship in the church of your choice this weekend.



**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

## 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.

**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.

**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

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**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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