

Family

Belief is a moral choice; the evidence is available

Unbelief must not be an evidentiary problem, but a moral one. There is plenty of evidence for believing if a person wants to believe.

Now you may disagree with both of the above statements. In fact, if you are an unbeliever, I have no doubt that you do. But from time to time, a few unbelievers have been honest enough to admit that my observation is right on the mark, at least in their case. For example, consider the following confession by the English writer Aldous Huxley:

"I had motives for not wanting the world to have a meaning; consequently I assumed that it had none, and was able without any difficulty to find satisfying reasons for this assumption ... for myself, as no doubt for most of my contemporaries, the philosophy of meaninglessness was essentially an instrument of liberation. The liberation we desired was ... liberation from a certain system of morality. We objected to the morality because it interfered with our sexual freedom."

This is a remarkable testimony, and one which many others could make if they were honest about it. But many unbelievers live what



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anyone would consider moral lives. How, then, can it be argued that their unbelief is rooted in immorality? Let me explain. Jesus was once asked; "What is the greatest commandment of the Law?" His answer was that the greatest commandment is that we love the Lord with all of our heart, soul and mind. He went on to define the second most important commandment for us; that we love our neighbor as ourselves. Notice that Jesus placed our love of God on a higher level than our love for our fellow man.

Now, think through this teaching. If loving God with all of our heart soul and mind is the greatest commandment, then not loving God must be the greatest sin a human being can commit. That certainly seems to be what Jesus was teaching when He made love of our fellow man secondary to our love of God.

But this strikes us wrong. Can unbelief really be a worse sin than murder, adultery, stealing, perjury or covetousness? According to Jesus, the answer is yes; refusing to acknowledge one's Creator is the greatest of

act of immorality a human being is capable of committing.

But why? What makes unbelief so bad? Let me try to explain. By refusing to believe, the unbeliever becomes captain of his fate and the master of her soul. But that's God's job.

You see, unbelief is really a rebellion by the unbeliever against his or her Creator, and an attempt to seize His throne. But in order to have the throne, God must be overthrown and pushed aside. The unbeliever would kill Him if he could, but failing that, he pretends He is not there.

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Ruth and Maurice Annis in 1961



Maurice and Ruth Annis in 2011

Oakley couple to celebrate 50 years

Maurice and Ruth (Sherbert) Annis of Oakley will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house from 1:30 to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 18, 2011, at the Oakley Country Chapel five miles south of Oakley on U.S. 83 and 1/2 mile west.

Their children, Thomas (Suzy) Annis of Oakley and Douglas (Denise) Annis of Omaha, Neb., and

their four grandchildren would like to invite everyone to the reception.

The couple met in Salina at a dance while going to school. They were married on June 18, 1961, at the United Methodist Church in Salina.

For those unable to attend, cards may be mailed to Box 189, Oakley, Kan., 67748.

Odd dog gets rescue in N.Y.

BAY SHORE, N.Y. (AP) — Long Island firefighters went home with a great story to tell: They rescued a dog from the roof of a two-story house.

The Bay Shore Fire Department was called to help Rosie.

The department said in a statement that the homeowner was pet sitting and "had no idea how the dog got onto the roof."

It's estimated the medium-sized mutt was there about two hours.

Employing the time-honored cat-in-a-tree approach, the firefighters used a ladder to bring the canine aerialist back to earth.

Meadow Lake Golf Scores

Scores for ladies' night at Meadow Lake golf course first flight on Tuesday were Cheryl Edmundson, first; Mary Lou Jones, second; Mary Beth Flanagan, third. Scores for the second flight were Pam Augustine, first; Wendy Weishaar, second; Susan Wark, third. Scores

for the third flight were Nicole Brocklehurst, first; Lisa Stramel, second; Jaton Denneler, third.

Next week's game will be one-lady scramble.

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.



Colby Rotary Club

Colby Rotary Club met Tuesday at Colby Community College with 24 members and guests Sheila Frahm, Clarissa Unger and visiting Rotarian Bryan Stone from Woodward, Okla.

President Nick Wells reported the Rotary/Chamber Golf Tournament Friday, June 10, was a success and thanked everyone for their support.

A thank you note was read from the Colby Tree Board for money to move trees to the ball diamonds and installing a drip system for them.

Unger, the district Rotary scholarship recipient, gave the program. She has been attending Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland

and shared pictures from her travels around Ireland.

While in Ireland, Unger had the opportunity to help with the campaign for the Irish presidential elections. The campaign period for candidates is only one month prior to the elections and the amount spent on advertising is limited to about \$25,000 per candidate.

At the request of White House staff, Unger helped arrange the travel logistics for President Obama's recent visit to Ireland.

Unger will be returning to Dublin where she will be working on her thesis on voter turnout in European elections.

Steve Ziegelmeier won Roto-Lotto.

Colby Rotary Club meets weekly on Tuesday in Room 106 of the student union at Colby Community College.

—Relda Galli

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$7.18
Corn (bushel)	\$6.17
Milo (hundredweight)	\$11.36
Soybeans (bushel)	\$12.28

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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. Contemporary Evening Service at 4 p.m. through the semester.

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. Sunday School 9 a.m. for all ages. Worship 10:15 a.m. Kid's Church for Kindergarten-5th grade during Worship Service. Nursery available for kids birth - 5 yrs old. Wednesday night: Family night September - May. Meal served 6 - 6:30 p.m. CD Kidz for kids birth - 5th grade, Youth Group for 6th - 12th graders and Adult Bible Study at 7 p.m. 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.
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- 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. Sacramento 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), 6p.m. Shoponline 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., 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 Dingwerth, 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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