

# New year brings chance for new start

How many of you can relate to having something new in 2012? It could be creating a goal to lose weight, be more organized, or a host of other aspirations to do something new this year.

Back in the latter few weeks of 2011 I received an e-mail that had an idea which talked about a gentleman who was using Twitter – defined by Wikipedia as “an online social networking service and microblogging service that enables its users to send and read text-based posts of up to 140 characters” – to evangelize by “tweeting” a daily Bible reading plan. “What a great idea!” I thought.

This idea accomplished two of my goals, one being an ongoing role. My goals of reading the Bible in a year and trying to influence more and more people for Jesus could be accomplished through this idea.

Living in my tiny circle in the world, the social media “world” along with the World-Wide Web has enabled me to have a greater influence on people to bring God the glory.

Being a person of technology, this idea for 2012 was going to be right up my alley. I already had a “One-Year Bible” that had been sitting on my desk for a few months, so I had a published plan in place. I already had a Twitter account so that part was taken care of. I was all set to begin on Jan. 1.

It has been 27 days of reading through the Bible. The reading plan includes a section of the Old Testament, the New Testament, a portion of one of the Psalms and Proverbs. So to date, I have read up to Exodus 5:21 in the Old Testament, Matthew 18:20 in the New Testament, Psalm 22:31 in Psalms, and Proverbs 5:21 in Proverbs.

This has been a fun aspiration. I have tried this before, but I fell short. However, I haven’t tried it in probably 15 years.

Though I am a minister, I am guilty of reading the Bible almost solely for study of classes or sermons. This will be the first time in my ministry that I am reading portions of the Bible strictly for me.

After I read it, I submit the daily reading plan on Twitter. This is also fed to my Facebook account. I not only submit the reading plan, but also a question or thought rooted in one of the readings. This is to promote deeper thought in reading. Since Twitter is limited to 140 characters, the number of words in each question is limited. Some days I would like more than one question for people to think about.

With four weeks of the new year behind me, I have already been amazed at what I’ve seen come out in the scriptures. Yes, there



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are a lot of facts in certain areas of the Bible and some of the stories we’ve either read or heard more than once. However, God works in amazing ways.

Most of you probably know about Joseph in the latter chapters of Genesis. He was one of the sons of Jacob, sold into slavery by his brothers. A few chapters later a famine takes place and causes people from all over the land to come to Egypt for food. The famine is long; people must sell their land and basically become slaves. Slaves, now that rings a bell for the book of Exodus, right?

Connection, why yes there is a connection. The book of Exodus is all about God’s people being in slavery and sending the Hebrew-origin Moses to rescue them from their slavery.

If you just see the stories in the Bible it can be easy to miss any connections they may have with each other. However, reading through the Bible you see some of the chronology of the Bible and can pick up on how these events will be connected to each other.

Coincidence that these are connected? Not at all. God brought about Joseph’s situation to create slavery for his people, which lasted over 400 years, and then brought about bringing the Israelites out of slavery.

We could go on about the connection between the Exodus and the sacrificial methods God commanded for His people to be able to worship with him. By the way, that was the reason Moses told Pharaoh they wanted to leave in the first place. They were to go out in the desert and have three days to worship God.

However, everyone in a business knows, let the employees go and revenue goes down. Imagine all workers from any company not working for three days. Money would be lost in big quantities.

You can see that reading through the Bible can bring more than an accomplishment. It will allow you to see some connections you’ve never seen before.

If you haven’t attempted to do something new in 2012, now is the time. If you want to read through the Bible, let me know or follow me on Twitter with the name jarrodsperencer or Facebook under the name jarrod.spencer.

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# Photography displays romance, nostalgia

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The first photographic image was captured on a metal plate covered on bitumen (asphalt) in 1827 by Joseph Niepce, it was a heliograph or sun print; through a chemical process an image would appear but quickly fade.

The first permanent image was captured on a silver-plated sheet of copper called the daguerreotype, named after Louis Daguerre. Through a partnership between Daguerre and Niepce and 12 years of experimentation, an image was captured in less than 30 minutes. Can you imagine sitting for a pose for 30 minutes? Hope a fly doesn’t land on your nose!

When Eastman Kodak introduced the Brownie Box camera in 1900, “snapshot” became a household term and exposure time was reduced to a fraction of a second.

#### Bill Coe

After selling one of his cameras, a young Bill Coe used this money to buy a very used 1967 Honda motorcycle to travel across the United States and experience his journey through photography. Packed with little more than a tent and sleeping bag, and no mechanical experience, Coe would settle wherever the motorcycle broke down. His trip ended as he went end over end somewhere in Iowa.

Determined to regain use of his arm, injured in the accident, he carried irrigation pipe as a means of rehabilitation while helping his cousins in Nebraska. During that time, Coe met Judy, his future wife, in a pasture



BILL COE

“Winter’s Morn” is one of the photos by Bill Coe now on display at the Prairie Museum of Art and History.

while taking pictures of horses. She wanted to meet that “hotshot photographer from San Francisco who rode in on the wrong side of the motorcycle.”

In contrast to life growing up near Philadelphia and New York, Nebraska would provide a new, picturesque landscape filled with orange and blue sunsets, windmills that challenge small skyscrapers, and dilapidated homesteads where nostalgic photographers capitalized on their beauty. Bill and Judy Coe have called Max, Neb., home since 2004.

This nostalgia is captured in Bill Coe’s photography on exhibit at the Prairie Museum of Art and History in Colby until Friday,

Feb. 10. He says, “you don’t need a telephoto lens to take a good picture ... you can find plenty of interesting picture tidbits in one square block in San Francisco. Learning to observe your surroundings will allow you to be a better photographer.”

This is a show that all ages can appreciate. Youngsters will remember trips to the pasture to check cattle with grandpa, and adults will remember how hard they had to work just to make a dollar

Bill Coe’s photographic excellence is a must see. The staff at the Prairie Museum are ready to welcome you and show you his work.

## Clinics receive Blue Cross grants

Twenty-eight primary care and community health centers providing care for underserved Kansans shared \$46,200 in year-end grants from the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas Foundation, according to Marlou Wegener, chief operating officer of the Foundation. Each clinic received a grant of \$1,650.

“These clinics have stretched their budgets to the maximum in order to assure that the growing number of uninsured and underinsured Kansans have access to quality health care,” Wegener said. “In recognition of the important work these clinics do in the communities they serve, the Foundation is providing each with \$1,650 in the

hope that the funds will help them continue to provide crucial health care services to the Kansans who rely on them.”

The clinics that received grants include the Rawlins County Dental Clinic in Atwood, the Cheyenne County Clinic in St. Francis and Greeley County Health Services in Sharon Springs.

## Out of room, man give up 94 hamsters

LAWRENCE, Mass. (AP) – A Massachusetts man has turned over 94 hamsters to a local animal shelter, telling officials he was running out of room in his apartment.

The director of the shelter says the rodents were well cared for and will make nice pets.

Shelter director Mike Keiley tells the *Eagle-Tribune* (<http://bit.ly/xEjiR>) that the hamsters’ owner,

whom he didn’t identify, stopped by this month and said he had a lot of hamsters to surrender.

A Lawrence animal control officer says the man was “overwhelmed” when officials came to get the hamsters Friday, and initially wanted to keep a few. But she says he changed his mind.

Officials say the man started keeping the hamsters about five years ago.

## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day

Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$6.59
Corn (bushel)	\$6.18
Milo (hundredweight)	\$10.57
Soybeans (bushel)	\$10.79

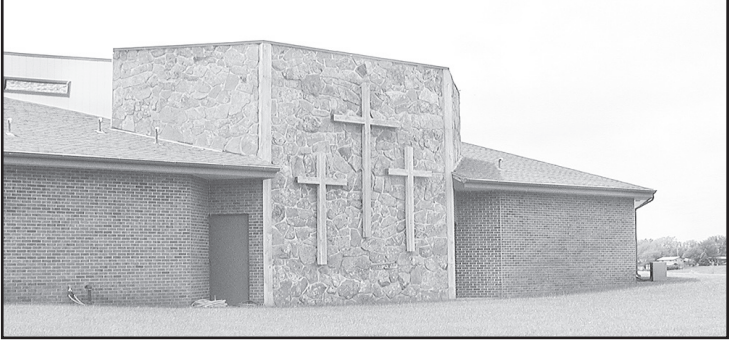
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# Services Directory



Wesleyan Church

## 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](mailto:cdag@st-tel.net).

**BEREAN CHURCH**, 1000 S. Franklin, 785-460-2763, [www.colbyborean.com](http://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](http://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. 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 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.rlmregionalchurch.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.colbychurch.com)

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