

Portrait of Jesus shows true worth, goes beyond outward appearances

A young mother asked her little boy what he was drawing so intently with his crayons. "It's a picture of God," he replied. "A picture of God?" his mother mused. "Johnnie, nobody knows what God looks like." "They will when I get done!" he declared.



Tom Peyton
• From the Pulpit

Today I want to paint a "word portrait" of our Lord Jesus Christ, based on God's Word, the Bible. I know my soul is refreshed as I focus attention on the Savior, and I trust yours will be, too.

Of course, most portrait artists begin by sketching the general image of the subject's face. So I'll start there. As we contemplate the face of Jesus, we can gain some significant insight about at least two important aspects of life.

First, the face of Jesus teaches about true worth - what really matters.

Years ago, when a deranged man named Richard Speck brutally murdered seven young nurses in Chicago, a reporter said, "What made this killing even more tragic was that each of these girls was very attractive."

What an interesting statement. Someone else asked, "Does that mean that if the girls were homely the killings would have been less tragic?" We do tend to judge others - and ourselves - according to outward appearances, don't we?

But have you ever read what Isaiah 53:2 prophesied concerning what the Lord Jesus would look like when He appeared? "When we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him."

I have often thought that if I could have determined before birth what I would look like, I would have given myself an athletic body and a handsome face. But Jesus Christ, who had the power to choose, fashioned a less attractive face for himself. Outward appearance was not the most important thing to him.

Other things mattered more to Jesus - such as obedience to his heavenly father. He was determined to do God's will at any cost. For instance, when it came time for Him to be crucified, Luke says Jesus "steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem.... His face was as though he would go to Jerusalem." (Luke 9:51-53).

In Isaiah 50:7, Jesus was prophetically quoted as saying, "I have set my face like a flint" to do what his father in heaven had commanded - that he be sacrificed for our sins.

In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus fell on his face and prayed, "O my father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not my will, but thy will be done" (Matthew 26:39). Then he was arrested and they spat in his face and tore out his beard.

Isaiah says his face was beaten beyond recognition. That's how important obedience was

to Christ. He was "obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" (Philippians 2:8).

And obedience is what Jesus expects of us. 1 Peter 3:12 says, "the face of the Lord is against those who do evil." During the tribulation that will someday come on the earth, the lost will cry out for the rocks and mountains to fall on them, to hide them from the face of Jesus, who sits upon his throne (Revelation 6:16). Jesus' face tells us a lot about true worth. Man looks on the outer appearance, but God looks on the heart.

His face also teaches about true worship. David declared in the 17th Psalm, "As for me, I will behold your face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied when I awake with your likeness." And in the 34th Psalm, David said, "They looked unto him and were radiant, and their faces were not ashamed." That's worship - focusing on the face of Jesus and being made like him.

And it won't end with this earthly life. In heaven we will see him face to face. Revelation 22:3-4 says, "And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God, and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: and they shall see His face...."

In the meantime, turn your eyes upon Jesus. There is no face more beautiful than one that has been beholding the savior's face, and is now reflecting his glory.

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Deaths

Stephen Ronny Bede Williams

S. Ron B. Williams, 75, owner-operator of the Williams Funeral Home in Atwood, died suddenly on Monday, March 18, 2013, at his home.

He was born May 12, 1937, at Oxford, Neb., the son of Bede and E. Marie (Bratt) Williams. He graduated from the Arapahoe (Neb.) High School in 1956.

After graduating from McCook College, he went to the San Francisco College of Mortuary Science, becoming a member of the Kansas and Nebraska Funeral Directors Association.

On July 2, 1960, he married Carol Ann Biehn in San Francisco.

He worked as a mortician in the Bay area for nine years and came to Atwood in 1972 with his family. He and his wife have owned and operated the Williams Funeral Home in Atwood for 34 years.

He was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Atwood and served on parish and financial councils, a member of Knights of Columbus and Knights of Columbus St. Pius X Assembly, an Eagle Scout, an emergency medical technician for 15 years, a member of the Atwood Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club as a Paul Harris Fellow.

He loved Atwood, the Buffaloes and KU sports.

Preceding him in death were his parents, his twin brother Lonny Williams as an infant and another brother, Monte Hugh Williams.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; two daughters, Monica (David) Lee, Pottstown, Penn., and Melissa (Joe) Nagy, San Francisco; two brothers, Greg (Nancy) Williams, Kearney, Neb., and Todd Williams, Arizona; two sisters, Janet Williams, Lakeside, Calif., and Suzanne (Bill) Warf, Scottsdale, Ariz.; two sisters-in-law, Charmion (Mark) Budlong, Gresham, Ore., and Irene Biehn, Aiea, Hawaii; and a granddaughter.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, March 25, 2013, at the church in Atwood with burial in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Williams Funeral Home in Atwood. Vigil and Knights of Columbus Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at the church.

The family suggests memorials to the Knights of Columbus Endowment Fund, in care of the funeral home, 109 N. Second St., Atwood, Kan., 67730.

Authors' club holds contests

The seventh district of the Kansas State Authors' Club will meet at noon Saturday, May 4, at Montana Mike's, 1855 S. Range, in Colby.

The meeting will include prose and poetry contests, following the rules set by the state organization. The contest theme is "Back Home."

Prose should be 2,000 words or less, either fiction or life experience. Poetry should be 40 lines or less. Entries must be original and unpublished. Further rules may be found in the state year book.

Deadline for submitting entries is Monday, April 15. Send prose entries to Judie Withers, 430 W. Fourth St., Colby, Kan., 67701.

Send poetry to Jane Bandy, 1221 Court Place, Colby, Kan. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you want your manuscript returned.

There is no entry fee for these contests. A first prize of \$10, second prize of \$7 and third prize of \$5 will be awarded in each division.

Winning entries will be read at the meeting and prizes awarded.

Members are encouraged to bring friends who are interested in joining. Those who plan to attend are asked to notify Marj Brown, district president, at marj-jimbrown@st-tel.net or 462-3515 or by mail to 285 W. Cedar St., Colby, Kan., 67701.

High Plains Art Club

High Plains Art Club met March 12 at the Methodist Church with 13 members present. President Marlene Carpenter conducted the meeting.

In old business, Marj Brown reported sending a thank you to the Thomas County Community Foundation for the grant which allows the club, in conjunction with Heartland Christian School, to buy peg boards for use at art shows. The boards were ordered by Barbara Highland and delivered to Heartland for storage. A copy of the invoice will be sent to the foundation. The boards can be loaned for community projects through Heartland.

The club decided to send \$25 to the Goodland Arts Council.

The chairs painted for the library's silent auction have been claimed by their purchasers. The library received over \$700 for library projects. They plan to do the chairs again as a fund raiser.

Another pastel workshop with Shela Reilly is being planned for late spring. All 13 in the class enjoyed the workshop and learned a great deal.

In new business, a date has been

given to the club by Heartland Schools for an art show Thursday through Saturday, Oct. 17 to 19. These dates will give students time to prepare for the show. The club wants to include student art this year. There will be more information later.

An Art Walk sponsored by Rebel Jay and the college is scheduled for Friday, April 19. This will fall at the same time as the Oberlin Art Show, so paintings cannot be shown at both events.

Carpenter gave the program, the last half of "Painting with Pastels," by Gregory Biochini.

Traci Munk is a new member. The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 9. Shirley Baker will have the program.

- Alice Wolf, secretary

Speeding dad ignores police

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) - An Iowa man who was pulled over for speeding as he rushed his pregnant wife to the hospital said he was determined to keep going despite the police lights flashing behind him.

Tyler Rathjen planned to keep going as his wife, Ashley, began giving birth to their son in the passenger seat. But a red light with heavy traffic finally forced him to stop.

"I should not stop, I'm not going to, I'm going to get to the hospital," Tyler Rathjen recalled thinking in an interview with Cedar Rapids TV station KCRG (bit.ly/ZOaOid).

already out by the time Iowa City Officer Kevin Wolfe reached the passenger door.

"We were all having a different experience," Wolfe said.

Ashley Rathjen gave birth to her third son, Owen, just blocks from Mercy Iowa City hospital on March 10.

Corrections

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Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day
Hi-Plains Co-op

Wheat (bushel)	\$7.20
Corn (bushel)	\$7.38
Milo (hundredweight)	\$12.64
Soybeans (bushel)	\$13.59

One-Call safety training set

Kansas One-Call, along with area utility providers and pipeline companies, will conduct a brief safety program on underground utility damage prevention at 3 and 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 15, at the Colby Community Building.

The presentation will be offered again at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 16, at the Rawlins County 4-H building in Atwood.

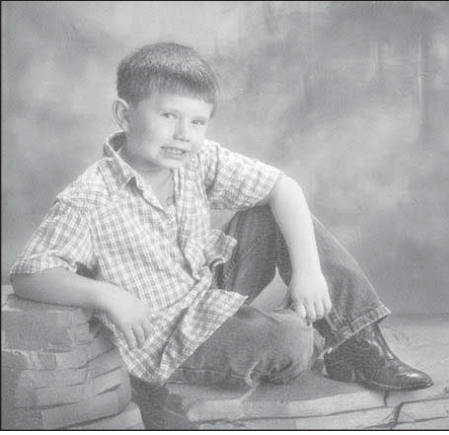
The excavation safety program is part of a continuing effort to

help the public comply with laws while avoiding injuries from damage to underground facilities.

The session will include the latest changes and improvements to the Kansas One-Call system, an opportunity for questions and answers and presentation on methods of identifying unmarked underground facilities.

To register, call (877) 477-1162 or visit www.pdigm.com/rsvp.

In Memory of Tate Siruta




Our Dear Angel in Heaven we just want you to know that you are always in our thoughts and how much we love you! When nights are cold and stars are few, we close our eyes and think of you, A silent hope, a silent tear, a silent wish that you were here!

Love - Mom & Dad

Tate Siruta
Oct. 27, 2001 - March 23, 2009

Happy 9th Birthday
DYLAN
Love, Mom
Duck & Missy



Services Directory

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FAITH FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, Pastor Dan Keel, 815 W. 3rd. Sundays at 2 p.m. 337-401-7207 (temp)

CELEBRATION COMMUNITY CHURCH, 1890 S. Franklin Ave. - Colby Community Building. Pastor Eric Overmiller. Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. www.celebratejesus.org

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 Intercountry 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-RAIRIE 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.

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, Youth Pastor Ben Phillips. 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.

WINONA METHODIST CHURCH, 501 Bellview Ave. Rev. Sheryl Johnson, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m., Morning Worship 9:15 a.m. (CDT)

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, (Affiliated with American Baptist Churches USA) Rev. James Bridges, 615 W. Webster, 785-462-2867. Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.; Family Worship: 10:30 a.m.; Bible Study: 6:30 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)

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.

THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF, REXFORD, Joan Dingwerth, Director, 785-687-2565.

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. 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.

COLBY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Rev. James Markdock, 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, 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

OUR SAVIORS LUTHERAN CHURCH, 217 Main St., Brewster, 785-694-2751. Sunday worship 10:00 a.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, (Disciples of Christ), 385 W. 3rd - 785-460-2718, Sunday Morning Worship and Children's Church at 10:00 a.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, Rev. Robert Alexander, East 5th & Country Club, 785-462-3497, Services, Sat., 5:30 p.m., Beginning Sept. 2 - Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Adult Bible Class & Sunday School 9:15 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 Mike Baughn, 785-694-2278, Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.

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. - Intercountry & Prayer, Tue. 5:00 p.m. - Women's Bible Study.

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