

God: first responder to need

(Joseph said to his people): "I am about to die, but God will surely come to your aid and take you up out of this land to the land that He promised on oath...." (Genesis 50:24).



Robert Alexander
• From the Pulpit

Joseph and his family had a good setup in Egypt, but some day it wasn't going to be so peachy keen. Their alien status and their eventual large numbers would draw the ire – and fear – of the natives. Also, a new pharaoh would forget the history behind Joseph's people and make them slaves. While they had bloomed where God planted them, he had a better home in mind – the Promised Land.

A resident of the rest home, weak and depressed, asked me why she was still alive. What good purpose did God have for her? She was ready to die, ready to leave her feeble, lonely existence behind and go where she could joyfully run and jump like a kid again. Where was the "First Responder?" Where was his first aid?

If you live a comfortable life,

one with absolutely no troubles, then you have a good setup. I'm going to say that you, like everyone else, have your share of troubles. Even if everything is peachy keen right now, at some point you'll find yourself in need of the First Responder to come and give you first aid.

Because Satan is a trouble maker, because this sinful world is a breeding ground for troubles, you won't always have a good set up. Some days you may feel so tired and beat up that you will want to throw up your hands and cry, "Get me out of here God – ASAP!" The mighty prophet Elijah asked God to do him that favor, too, in 1 Kings 19:4. Try as you may to bloom where God has planted you, it would be great if he would

get the blooming and the pain over and done with. Take heart, God hasn't forgotten you. He can hear your cries for help. Can a mother forget her needy, hungry baby (Isaiah 49:15)? Maybe. But there are no maybes about this: God will never forget you.

That's a promise.

He's marked you with the sign of the cross and he can see that a country mile away. Even those who refuse to acknowledge him as the one and only true God are remembered by him for he "desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" and he works through believers like you to bring the truth home to them.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit working in the Gospel, he will aid you and give you the strength that you need to deal with all your troubles. Some day you'll be in heaven, the promised rest home – "a Sabbath rest," it says in Hebrews 4:9 – and you won't have to deal with any trouble. You

will have forgotten what all the fuss was about. Meanwhile, you have some blooming to do. God has a purpose for you. Draw near to him. Listen and listen often to the "still, small voice" of his word. Draw near to other believers and join them in listening to the good news of his word.

Part of the first aid that God gave Elijah was a sidekick, Elisha, and the promise that there were others on the same page as he was, people who saw God as their First Responder. Take heart, God is your First Responder and he will give you the first aid that you need.

Prayer: Lord, sometimes dealing with trouble is deeply troubling. Aid me to trust you and your word and promises. Aid me to bloom where you've plant me. Amen.

The Rev. Bob Alexander is pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church at Fifth and Country Club in Colby. He may be reached at 462-3497.

Dispatchers recognized

National Public Safety Telecommunications week is April 14 to 20. This week is designed to recognize those who increase public safety by responding to emergency calls and dispatch emergency professionals and equipment during times of crisis.

Thomas County's public safety telecommunications include Marlene Pfeifer, Keyna Baalman, Darren Touslee, Andrea Blair, Lindsay Frahm and Amy Marks. Together, they have provided 70 years of service for Thomas County.

Abilene Hustlers 4-H Club

The Abilene Hustlers 4-H Club held its regular monthly meeting April 1 at the Thomas County 4-H building.

President Jory Koon, called the meeting to order and Kinley Ziegemeier led the flag salute. Eryn Freeman led the club in singing "Wheels on the Bus." Secretary Taylor Todd read the minutes of the previous meeting and called

roll which was answered by club member's favorite snack.

Freeman gave the parliamentary tip on placement of the American flag. Reports were given by club officers: Reporter Cassie Wells, Treasurer Tucker Gerstner, Council Representative Sara Lamm and Community Leader Donna Lamm.

Shakespeare Club

Joyce Hansen led the Shakespeare Club meeting on March 22 at the Colby United Methodist Church.

Nine members and one guest answered roll call with an answer to the question, "What do you do first in your yards when spring comes?"

The program book quote was "work like you don't need the money, love like you've never been hurt and dance like no one is watching."

Sheila Frahm reported she and Amy Kendrick attended the Three of Clubs meeting where Colby Mayor Gary Adrian gave the program. Frahm and Kendrick also confirmed the Shakespeare Club's support for the baby reading and book program.

Thank you letters were read from Pioneer Memorial Library for the books donated in memory of Helen Frahm and from Genesis for donations.

Lois Van Horn, Kathy Calliham and Hansen were to provide a dessert for the Three of Clubs meeting today. Sheryl Brenn will pres-

ent a program on volunteerism at this meeting, held at the library.

Jane Bandy provided the program with thoughts on Alzheimer's. Bandy read poems she had written to tell her story, concluding by answering questions. Members had tears in their eyes but reported they felt she provided good advice. Bandy will provide another update next year and expects to have written more poems to help herself deal with her husband's illness.

Kendrick will be asked to be host at the Friday, April 26, meeting.

Frahm will make arrangements for the annual spring luncheon, to be at 11:30 a.m. Friday, May 10, at El Dos De Oros restaurant.

Hansen served lemon dessert with tea and coffee in the church library.

— Sheila Frahm

Property Transfers

Real Estate recorded Feb. 11 to March 12

The following real estate transactions have been reported by the Thomas County register of deeds:

- Feb. 11, Kenneth F. Eicher to Kenneth F. Eicher Trust; Lot 11, Block 3, Colby Lunsway Subdivision; NE/4 of Sec. 28, T6, R36; SE/4 of Sec. 21, T6, R36; SW/4 of Sec. 18, T8, R36; NW/4 of Sec. 19, T8, R36; W/2 of SE/4, SE/4 of SE/4 of Sec. 18, T8, R36; Sec. 8, T8, R36; W/2 of Sec. 9, T8, R36; NE/4 of Sec. 17, T8, R36 north of Kyle Railroad right of way; NW/4 of Sec. 17, T8, R36 north of Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad right of way less west 389' of section.

- Feb. 12, Brian C. and Tanya A. Staats to Tyler J. and Kristina Hills; Lot 5, Block 1, Colby Ferguson Subdivision.

- Feb. 12, Nuna Lee Friesen Patzel Estate to Ann N. Friesen; SE/4 less tract of Sec. 25, T7, R35.

- Feb. 13, Mary Ramirez Sepulveda to Dustin and Katrina Sullivan; Lots 14-15, Block 55, Colby East Addition.

- Feb. 14, Tyler J. and Kristina M. Hills to Lucas A. and Jennifer R. Haag; Lots 1-20, Block 7, Gem Eatons' Annex.

- Feb. 14, Jerry J. and Rebecca L. Kersenbrock to Amber D. Kersenbrock; W/2 of Sec. 18, T6, R34.

- Feb. 14, Jerry J. and Rebecca L. Kersenbrock to Jeremy L. Kersenbrock; W/2 of Sec. 18, T6, R34.

- Feb. 14, George F. and Roberta Luckert to Cauy L. and Hailey J. Hudson; Lot 3 and S/2 of Lot 2, Block 2, Depe Addition Brewster.

- Feb. 15, Christine Marie Leth to Brandon R. and Tabetha L. Harlow; west 20' of Lot 5 and Lot 6, Block 20, Colby Gilmore and Lar-

son Subdivision.

- Feb. 15, Danielle R. Freeman to Byron D. and Linda M. Sowers; Lot 5, Block 5, Colby Pioneer Subdivision.

- Feb. 19, Zach R., also known as, Zacharia R. Beckley to Pamela Washington; Lots 14-15, Block 63, Colby West Addition.

- Feb. 22, Linda G. McNeely to Sherry McDonald; Lot 8, Block 3, Colby Lunsway Subdivision.

- Feb. 22, William D. and Linda Scheuner McNeely to Sherry McDonald; Lot 8, Block 3, Colby Lunsway Subdivision.

- Feb. 25, Daniel J. and Megan M. Rietcheck to Sandra R. Timm; Lots 1-2, Block 44, Colby South Park Annex.

- Feb. 25, MKD Farms LLC to Keith M. and Karen A. Reed; SW/4 of Sec. 30, T10, R33.

- Feb. 26, Doug and Beth Christensen Family Trust to Louis W. and Linda Kay Taylor; Lot 1, Block 4, Colby Sunflower Acres Subdivision; 1.27 acre tract of S/2 of NW/4 of Sec. 30, T7, R33; Lot 2 less tract, Block 4, Colby Sunflower Acres Subdivision.

- Feb. 27, Elizabeth R. Delzeit to Donald A. and Mary J. Delzeit; NW/4 of Sec. 24, T10, R31.

- Feb. 28, Norman L. and Betty J. Behring to Mark A. and Tori R. Keller; Lots 6-7, Block 14, Colby South Park Addition.

- Feb. 28, Farmers and Merchants Bank to PCR Investments; tract of SW/4 of Sec. 6, T8, R33.

- March 1, Irving Imhof Revocable Trust B, Irving Imhof Trust A and Minnie Imhof Revocable Trust to Jim C. and Valerie Geishler; tract of SE/4 of Sec. 11, T7, R36.

- March 1, City of Oakley to Francis W. Jr. and Lana B. Steiner; Lots 20-21, Block 2, Oakley Schwaller Subdivision.

- March 1, sheriff's deed, Thomas County Sheriff Rod Taylor to Metlife Home Loans; west 3/5 of Lots 11-15, Block 113, Colby North Addition.

- March 4, Eldora E. Biggs Estate to Bruce R. and Cleona A. Flipse; Lot 8, Block 3, Colby Harvest Ridge Subdivision No. 2.

- March 4, Simpson Farm Enterprises Inc. to SFE Real Estate LLC; 3.64 acre tract of NW/4 of Sec. 17, T8, R33.

- March 4, quit claim deed, Norbert D. Korte and Karen E. Adelman to Thomas Stacey; tract of SE/4 of Sec. 13, T6, R31.

- March 4, Kelly Sommerfeld to Arlen Leiker and Joni Clark-Leiker; west 2.3' of Lot 4 and Lot 5, Block 1, Colby Swartwood First Addition.

- March 4, Jean M. Johnson to David L. and Barbara A. Ulmer; Lot 6, Block 2, Colby Pine Hill Addition.

- March 4, Gary E. and Mary Diane Withers to Mary D. Withers Trust; NW/4 of Sec. 4, T6, R31.

- March 4, Gary E. and Mary Withers to Mary D. Withers Trust; Lots 14-17 and vacated alley, Block 4, Original Rexford.

- March 4, Patricia A. Larsen to Patricia A. Larsen Trust; Lots 8-10, Block 26, Colby Gilmore and Larson Subdivision; Lots 11-12, Block 4, Colby South Park Addition; NW/4 of Sec. 2, T6, R34; NW/4 of Sec. 2, T6, R34; SE/4 of Sec. 1, T6, R35.

- March 4, quit claim deed; Charles L. and Twila M. Cayton and Chad L. Cayton to Nancy D. Norris and Chad L. Cayton; NW/4 of Sec. 2, T10, R34.

- March 6, Cynthia K. Strnad and Thomas E. Billenwillms to Clint and Lana Felzein; Lots 13-14, Block 10, Original Brewster.

- March 6, Susan R. Williams to Jordan Sharp; Lot 16, Block 3, Colby Pioneer Subdivision.

- March 6, Jesus C. Sepulveda to Dustin John and Katrina Nichole Sullivan; Lots 16-17, Block 55, Colby East Addition.

- March 7, 4-Mile Feeders Inc. to Kenneth D. and Pamela J. Moser; 2.06 acre tract of W/2 of Sec. 16, T8, R34.

- March 7, Lloyd E. and Ruth M. Theimer to Lloyd and Ruth Theimer Trust; SW/4 of Sec. 27, T9, R34; Sec. 28, T9, R34; SE/4 of Sec. 32, T9, R34; N/2 of NW/4, S/2 of NW/4, N/2 of SW/4 of Sec. 34, T9, R34; N/2, SE/4 of Sec. 4, T10, R34.

- March 8, Darold L. Jr. and Stephanie M. Mathews to James and Autumn Arasmith; Lots 14-15 and south 10' of Lot 16, Block 84, Colby West Addition.

- March 8, Shi Ming Wong to Greg L. Bellamy; Lot 11, Block 2, Colby Lunsway Subdivision.

- March 8, Darwin J. and Tammi S. Strutt to TDS Rentals LLC; Lot 5, Block 21, Original Colby; Lot 2, Block 1, Colby Lunsway Subdivision.

- March 8, Norman L. and Betty J. Behring to Darrel P. and Erica D. Surmeier; S/2 of Lot 8 and Lots 9-10, Block 21, Colby South Park Addition.

- March 11, quit claim deed, Patricia J. Johnson Trust to Harriet Nielsen; NE/4 of Sec. 20, T10, R35.

- March 12, Barnett Family Trust to Charles M. Jr. and Rylinda K. Barnett; 2 acre tract of SE/4 of Sec. 14, T7, R34.

- March 12, Jennifer R. Scott to Dible and Nickols LLC; NE/4 of Sec. 8, T6, R31; SW/4 of Sec. 4, T6, R31; NW/4 of Sec. 9, T6, R31.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$6.98
Corn (bushel)	\$6.56
Milo (hundredweight)	\$11.18
Soybeans (bushel)	\$13.12

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 American Legion Post 363

Announces a Special Meeting for Post Elections

Friday, April 19 • 7 p.m.
185 W. 4th St., Colby

Services Directory

Worship in the church of your choice this weekend.



Our Saviors Lutheran Church

FAITH FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, Pastor Dan Keel, 815 W. 3rd. Sundays at 2 p.m. 785-462-0512.

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 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.

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. 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 colbyfree.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. 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.

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