

What does church look like to others?



Jarrod Spencer

• From the Pulpit

What if your non-churchgoing friends asked you to join them for a few weekends in a given two-week period, doing what they do and going where they go. This would cause you to miss your church times. Would you do it?

Some of you may have answered an emphatic "no" to that question.

Then the next question is simply, "Why?" I would guess that a lot of you would answer something like, "It would cause me to miss church," "I wouldn't feel right" or "It would be odd/awkward/uncomfortable."

Here's another thought. What if your church decided to take out everything in its auditorium and replace it with some round tables with chairs. Additionally, they stopped having regular meeting times and started having opportunities for you to come whenever you wanted to come, (on Sundays for tradition sake.) When you did come, you could either sit down at a kiosk and listen to the sermon that was previously recorded or go into a room for bigger groups and watch the sermon on the screen. You would also have time to visit, maybe sitting around the tables that were set up or in an area that people could stand and visit. You also wouldn't be required to watch a sermon, you could simply come and hang out as long as you wanted. Does that sound appealing?

For most, that sounds like something so wrong and uncomfortable that it is not church at all.

What if I told you that the first scenario may be how some of your friends view an invitation to go to church with you. Does that surprise you?

In essence you are asking them to interrupt their weekend plans for one, two or more weekends. To go to a place they don't understand. Sing songs, do chants, shake hands with people, practice rituals and various other things they are not familiar with that may make them uncomfortable.

I recently watched a video by Todd Engstrom that talked about churches and discipleship. It was eye-opening to me and showed me how our "church" gatherings may not be that appealing to others.

It doesn't matter if it is a "small

group" setting. These still tend to highlight the organizational aspect of religion.

People tend to not like organizational religion. The idea that everything is so formal or planned out demonstrates how that speaks to me. To stand around and visit with people, similar to what one does when they go to an informal gathering, is "unorganized."

I doubt my church setting remodel will take place in my generation, but it may be a key in helping people become more attracted to church, because it is more what society is like outside of our formal Sunday and Wednesday church gatherings.

I also find it interesting that Jesus went with others to their community. Zacchaeus, Matthew, and the woman at the well all were examples of Jesus being with them in their community. He didn't drop off his proverbial business card and say "Come and join us on Sunday." If he didn't do that, why do we?

Meeting them on their turf seemed to be less uncomfortable and more likely to make an impact. Maybe we could think about a way to use this principle and become more of what Christ would be to the 21st century.

May we also be more sympathetic toward our non-churchgoing friends when they turn us down for an opportunity to join us for a church gathering.

Now it's your turn. How does this affect your view of your non-churchgoing friends?

Jarrod Spencer, former minister at Colby Church of Christ, has recently moved from Colby to take a position as the wellness coordinator for Finney County employees in Garden City. He can be reached by e-mail at jarrods@att.net.

Thank You

Thank you for making our 60th anniversary special for us by the cards you sent and all the personal greetings we received.

A special thanks to our family for all they did to make the weekend together one of good memories.

Jim & Betty Bartlett

Awareness of grain-industry risks can help prevent deaths, injuries

Five seconds. That is how quickly a worker can become engulfed in flowing grain and be unable to get out.

Sixty seconds. That is how quickly a worker can be completely submerged in flowing grain. More than half of all grain engulfments result in death by suffocation.

In 2010, at least 26 U.S. workers were killed in grain engulfments, the highest number on record.

In the past 50 years, more than 900 cases of grain engulfment have been reported with a fatality rate of 62 percent, according to researchers at Purdue University in Indiana.

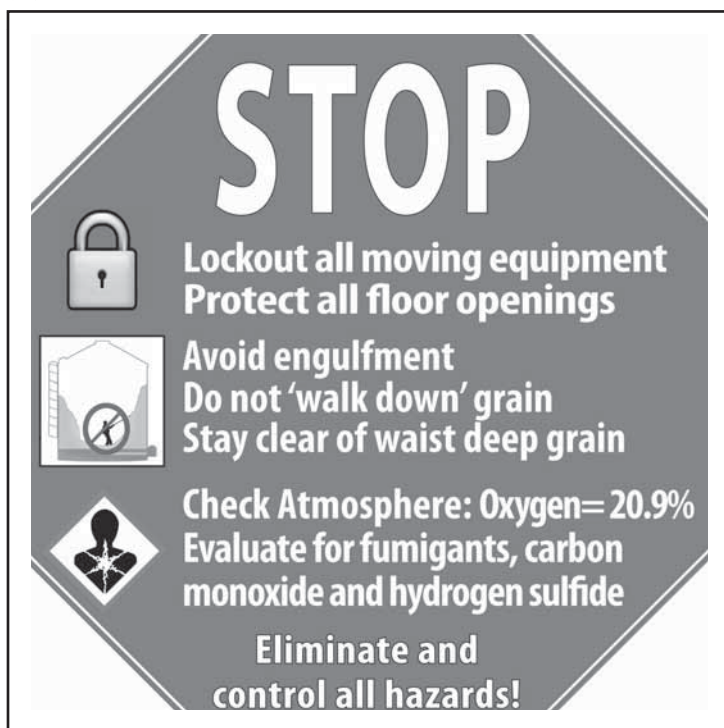
Record death and injuries in 2010, led the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration to reach out to agricultural and grain handling industries to find ways to prevent deaths and injuries.

The administration also developed a Local Emphasis Program for Grain Handling Facilities focusing on the grain and feed industry's six major hazards.

These include engulfment, falls, auger entanglement, "struck by," combustible dust explosions and electrocution hazards.

In 2012, six fatalities and two serious injuries occurred when combustible grain dust exploded at a facility in Atchison. Three Kansas workers were also fatally injured in recent years including two who died after falling from grain bins in Liberal in October 2010 and Rozel in June 2011. Additionally, one worker died from exposure to an herbicide at a grain handling facility in Cairo in June 2011.

"OSHA is working hard to change the 'it won't happen to me' mindset," said Marcia



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gional administrator in Kansas City, Mo. "Familiarity with the procedures can lead to complacency. Employers and workers need to be mindful that these accidents can occur in seconds. Grain handling injuries and deaths may be prevented with proper housekeeping and by following recommended safety procedures"

Suffocation can occur when a worker becomes buried by grain as they walk on moving grain or attempt to clear grain built up on the inside of a bin. Moving grain acts like "quicksand" and can bury a worker in seconds. "Bridged" grain and vertical piles of stored grain can also col-

Grain and Feed Association of Illinois

stands on or near it. The behavior and weight of the grain make it extremely difficult for a worker to get out of it without assistance.

"OSHA is working with the grain and agricultural industries and the agricultural community to educate employers and workers about the six major hazards of the grain and feed industry," said Drumm. "Through training, decals, brochures, websites, and other means of information communication, we will continue to work to improve awareness of these hazards and the safety and health of workers on Kansas farms and in grain handling facilities. We are committed to preventing the injuries and deaths

that have been too frequent in the industry in recent years."

OSHA, the Grain and Feed Association of Illinois and the Illinois Grain Handling Safety Coalition have also developed a stop sign decal to adhere to grain bin doors using pictures and short phrases reminding entrants to lockout potentially hazardous equipment, stay clear of waist-high grain, cover floor holes and to follow other best practices. Individuals or companies can e-mail the Grain and Feed Association of Illinois at info@gfai.org to request the decal.

OSHA has also published information related to common grain industry hazards and abatement methods, proper bin entry techniques, sweep auger use and other grain related topics at www.osha.gov/SLTC/grainhandling/index.html.

The National Grain Entrapment Prevention Initiative has also developed a flyer on grain bin safety, found at grainnet.com/pdf/Grain_Entrapment_Prevention.pdf.

To ask questions, obtain compliance assistance, file a complaint, or report workplace hospitalizations, fatalities or situations posing imminent danger to workers, the public should call OSHA's toll-free hotline at (800) 321-6742.

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA's role is to ensure these conditions exist for America's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance. For information, visit www.osha.gov.

Landfill combed for games

ALAMOGORDO, N.M. (AP) — A New Mexico city commission has agreed to allow a Canadian studio to search an old landfill where old, terrible Atari games are rumored to be buried.

The *Alamogordo Daily News*

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Milo (hundredweight)	\$12.23
Soybeans (bushel)	\$14.47

reports (bit.ly/1aPrzKe) that Alamogordo commissioners will allow Fuel Industries to search the landfill. It has offices in Ontario, Canada, and Culver City, Calif.

One sought game, the E.T. video game, is thought by some to be one of the worst video games of all time. The game has since developed a cult following.

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Happy 1st Birthday

Eli!

Honor Rolls

Benedictine College

Kathleen and Luke Friess of Hoxie were named to the Dean's List at Benedictine College in Atchison for the spring term.

Full-time students must have

a grade average of 3.5 to 3.9. Of the 1,716 undergraduate students on campus, 440 made the Dean's List, the school said.

Creighton University

Trenton Powell of Colby was named to the spring 2013 Dean's List at Creighton University in Omaha, Neb.

Full-time students who rank in

the top 10 percent of their class for the semester and earn a 3.5 grade-point average or better on a 4.0 scale are eligible for the Dean's List.

Garden City Community College

Corey Kincaid of Oakley has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Garden City Community College for the spring semester.

The Dean's Honor Roll includes students earning grade averages of 3.2 to 3.999.

Services Directory

Worship in the church of your choice this weekend.

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 Intercersory 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 BIBLE FELLOWSHIP, 1000 S. Franklin, 785-460-2763, www.colbyborean.com; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:45 a.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, 785-462-7144, 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 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. 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.

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



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