

Feasting with friends



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Lloyd Cersovsky enjoyed the Thanksgiving dinner served Sunday at Sacred heart Catholic Church in Colby, while his daughter Jaída, 9 months, laughed and waved at others at the table.

Taking blessings for granted leads toward the sin of ingratitude



Tom Peyton

• From the Pulpit

The 17th chapter of Luke's gospel tells of 10 men plagued with leprosy, who met the Lord Jesus Christ as he was passing through northern Palestine.

Leprosy was a terrible incurable disease that ate away at fingers, toes and nose, ultimately resulting in death. Lepers could not live among the rest of the population, but had to wander out in the country away from everyone. But when they recognized the Lord Jesus, they called out to him, asking him to heal them.

He told them to go show themselves to the priests (who were to examine lepers to determine if they had been healed). The moment they set foot in that direction, they saw the leprosy had disappeared. Joyfully, they continued on their way - except for one man who ran back to Jesus and thanked him for the miracle.

Jesus' response was interesting: "Did I not heal 10 lepers? Yet, only this Samaritan came back to thank me. Where are the other nine?" (my paraphrase).

I think that when blessings are plentiful, it is easy to take them for granted - as though we have them coming. Jesus had healed a lot of people of many kinds of illness, so the lepers evidently expected that he would heal their disease. When he did, they were neither surprised nor grateful - isn't that something they could just expect from him?

We call that an "entitlement mentality" today. It is also called "taking things for granted." The Bible calls it sin.

There are several places in the Bible that list sins that are especially abhorrent to God. One, found in the Romans 1:18-32, contains the words, "neither were they thankful." The third chapter of 2 Timothy tells us what people

will be like in the last days. That prophetic description includes the word "unthankful."

I believe the happiest people in the world are those who thank God for the blessings he showers on them. The hardest arithmetic for some people to master is learning to count their blessings. But the difference between life being a prison or a paradise can be the difference between griping and gratitude.

The Lord may not heal you of leprosy, but when you turn from your sins and trust Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, he will cleanse you from the leprosy of the soul.

He left heaven's comfort, safety and glory to take on a human body in which He could be crucified for your sins. He died in agony paying the penalty for your sins. If you know Christ as your Savior, then you will always have one enormous thing to thank him for - that he paid the ultimate price to

save your soul.

I have seen people in the nursing home whose possessions have been reduced to little more than a bed, a TV, and the clothes in their closet. Yet, their hearts are overflowing with gratitude toward God for the blessings they do have - especially their salvation.

The fact is that most of us in America live better than the wealthiest kings prior to the 20th century. We also live better by far than the vast majority of this world's population today.

Instead of setting apart just one day a year to thank God for our blessings, grumbling and complaining the rest of the year, maybe we should reverse that. Maybe we should set aside one day a year to grumble and complain, and thank the Lord all the other days of the year.

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Brewster gears up for November events

Congratulations to the Brewster cross country team. They had a great season.

Layton Werth and Takoda Turner both ran at State in Wamego last weekend. Layton medaled with a sixth place finish and Takoda placed 30th. There were 87 runners in all.

The Methodist Church is gearing up for its 56th Annual Turkey Dinner on Wednesday, Nov. 20. If anyone in the community would like to volunteer to help in any way, call 694-2791.

Brewster Beta Women's Club and Brewster School Students will be honoring our veterans on Tuesday. Meet at the flag pole in front of the school at 9 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

After a successful fall with volleyball and football it's time to start basketball. Brewster will be



Angie Moore

• Brewster Correspondent

holding a pre-season junior high basketball tournament next Friday and Saturday, Nov. 16. Come out and support our kids.

The annual fall play and dinner will be on Sunday, Nov. 17. Dinner will be served from 5 to 6:30 p.m. For tickets or information contact a sophomore or the school.

If you have Brewster news or upcoming events you would like to share, email them to angiem@st-tel.net or drop off at the Strutt Insurance Services-Brewster Office.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day

Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$6.97
Corn (bushel)	\$4.17
Milo (hundredweight)	\$7.09
Soybeans (bushel)	\$11.74

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.

Foundation offers gifts

Celebrate this year's holiday season with friends and loved ones while supporting conservation and tree planting with the help of the Arbor Day Foundation.

For the fifth season, Give-A-Tree cards from the foundation offer a holiday giving opportunity with conservation benefits that will endure for generations.

Purchasing the foundation's specialty coffee helps preserve rain forests in Central and South America. The coffee is shade-grown under the canopy of rain forests.

The foundation's Trees in Celebration program allows the giver to support conservation. For each dollar donated, one tree is planted in a high-need forest.

By giving a membership to the foundation, recipients will also be sent 10 free trees, shipped at the right time of year for planting.

"The holidays are a time for thinking about others, and as you do, take a moment to think about what you can do to protect the beauty and splendor of the earth," said John Rosenow, foundation head.

To buy gifts that give back to the planet, go to arborday.org.

William "Bill" Glenn Belden, Sr.

William ("Bill") Glenn Belden, Sr., 65, of Olathe, Kansas, died Monday, November 4, 2013, at St. Joseph's Medical Center in Kansas City, Missouri, from a brief illness. He was born on May 12, 1948, in Jewell, Kansas, to the late Glenn Augustus Belden and the late Margaret Adalin (Duff) Belden. He graduated from the University of Kansas in 1971 with a degree in pharmacy. For more than 40 years, William worked as a pharmacist, pharmacy manager and small business owner.

William was a nationally ranked trap and skeet shooter, winning dozens of state, national and international competitions. He was featured on the cover of a 1966 issue of the magazine *Guns and Ammo*, and was selected to be a member of the Honor Squad Trap Team. William also was a member of Jimmy Robinson's *Sports Afield* All-American Trap Team in the mid-1960s.

He is survived by his wife, Karen Jane Belden; children William Glenn Belden, Jr., and Kris Belden-Adams, son-in-law John Adams, Jr., and two grandchildren, Lily Belden Adams and Avery Leighton Adams.

Services were held on Friday, November 8 at 11:00am at Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 16000 W 143rd St., Olathe, KS, where the family will receive friends at 9:30am.

The family encourages friends and family to make a contribution to the University of Kansas Cancer Center. To leave a message for the family, please visit www.Penwellgabelolathe.com

Send us your recipes

The Colby Free Press is looking for recipes to feature in our holiday gift guide. Do you have a favorite you'd like to share? Send a copy to colby.society@nwkansas.com or drop it by our office at 155 W. Fifth St. in Colby. Include your name and phone number. Deadline for submissions is Wednesday, Nov. 13.

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Mingo Bible Church

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CELEBRATION COMMUNITY CHURCH, 1890 S. Franklin Ave. - Colby Community Building. Kirby Benisch, Campus Pastor. 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 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) Pastor Paul Brigham, 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, Reverend Andrew Sonneborn, 515 W. 4th, 785-462-6342, Sunday Worship 11:00 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

SUN 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 (adults) 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Children's Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m. Children's Ministries (Royal Rangers/Missionettes), Wed. 7:15 p.m. - Intercessory & Prayer, Tue. 5:30 p.m. - Women's Bible Study.

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