

Being chased around the tank keeps fish fresh

There is nothing like being able to fish a beautiful mountain river. As you look up from the banks of the river you see the grander of the towering mountains.

The rushing water and singing birds create an experience that captivates me. It really helps if there are fish on the end of the line too!

My family had that experience a couple of weeks ago, and we did catch a couple of fish. However, the real catch was the embedded tick that I found on myself the day after we got home. There is nothing like watching something that has its head stuck in you feasting on your blood, move its legs on the outside of your body. I felt like I was playing a part in the next Alien movie.



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● moments from calvary

Sorry, I got off track a little, let's get back to talking about the fish. Perhaps you have your own fishing stories, but author Chuck Swindoll shares an interesting tidbit about codfish:

"In the northeastern United States codfish are a big commercial business. There is a market for eastern cod all over, especially in sections farthest removed from the northeast coastline.

the freeze took away much of the flavor. So they experimented with shipping them alive, in tanks of sea water, but that proved even worse. Not only was it more expensive, the cod still lost its flavor and, in addition, became soft and mushy. The texture was seriously affected.

"Finally, some creative person solved the problem in a most innovative manner. The codfish were

placed in the tank of water along with their natural enemy, the catfish. From the time the cod left the East Coast until it arrived at its westernmost destination, those ornery catfish chased the cod all over the tank.

And, you guessed it, when the cod arrived at the market, they were as fresh as when they were first caught. There was no loss of flavor nor was the texture affected. If anything, it was better than before."

Each one of us is in a tank of particular and inescapable circumstances. It is painful enough to stay in the tank. But in addition to our situation, there are, shall we say God-appointed "catfish," to bring sufficient tension that keeps us alive,

alert, fresh and growing.

It's all part of God's project to shape our character so we will be more like His Son. Understand why the catfish are in your tank. Understand they are part of God's method of producing character in your life and mine.

Sometimes, if you are like me, it feels like you fell into a pool of man-eating sharks or perhaps a school of piranhas that haven't eaten in weeks, and you are their value meal.

We can take comfort from the promises of God's Word, promises like those from Psalm 23 that the Lord goes before us, beside us, and behind us.

I don't know the adversity you may be facing or you will face, but

adversity is the seed bed for opportunity. Don't let what is wrong with you or what is wrong going on around you keep you from worshipping what is right about God.

Let me wrap it up with this passage of Scripture found in 2 Corinthians 4:8-9 (NLT): "We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed and broken. We are perplexed, but we don't give up and quit. We are hunted down, but God never abandons us. We get knocked down, but we get up again and keep going."

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Annual Week of the Young Child April 22-28 focuses on future

The theme for this year's annual Week of the Young Child is "Building a Better Future For All Children."

Escalating social and emotional conflicts over the past decade have caused many to question the quality of our children's future. The future of today's young children is very much dependent on the care and nurturing they receive in the early years.



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● smart start

It is becoming more and more evident that the quality of care both by parents and by other care givers plays a pivotal role in later school and life successes.

The role of the Week of the Young

Child is to help raise awareness of the early years of human development. Research has shown that a child's brain reaches 80 percent of its adult size by the age of 3.

Many areas of brain development begin to slow down or cease to grow

after the age of 3. For this reason, the quality of experiences a child is exposed to in his earliest years may be the most vital of any time in his development.

This year's Week of the Young Child will be celebrated April 22-28.

Many area businesses will be supporting the event with table tents, displays, etc. For more information, call Smart Start Northwest Kansas at (785) 465-9103. It is a non-profit agency dedicated to the promotion of quality early childhood education

in 11 counties of northwest Kansas.

Karen Merryman is the professional development coordinator for Smart Start Northwest Kansas. Her office is at 460 N. Garfield, Colby. Call (785) 465-9103 or e-mail ssnwks@st-tel.net.

Jehovah's Witnesses assemble in Hastings

Jehovah's Witnesses from 19 congregations in this area, including Goodland, attended a one-day Bible-education seminar Saturday at the Hastings, Neb., City Auditorium.

The assembly carried the theme "Intensely Occupied with the Word." Those attending learned Jesus' apostles set a fine example in doing that.

Parents were encouraged to listen closely to the talk, "Youth Who are

Persuaded by God's Word." It highlighted how parents can protect their children, as young people are challenged in many ways.

Rick Rian, a member of the World Headquarters of Jehovah's Witnesses in Brooklyn, N.Y., gave the final part of the seminar: "Intensely Occupied with God's Inspired Word."

Dan Lucas, presiding overseer of the Goodland Congregation, said 925 Witnesses attended.

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Goodland Police

The following crimes have been reported to the Goodland Police Department:

April 11 — 10:04 p.m., 1400 Caldwell, arrested Terrance Knuth on a warrant. Case referred to county attorney.

April 13 — 7:51 a.m., 2160 Commerce, Wayne Surratt taken into protective custody. Case referred to County High Plains Mental Health. 5:40 p.m., 615 W. 12th, arrested Noe Musquiz on a warrant for another jurisdiction. Case referred to county attorney.

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Regional Prevention Center
Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect
505 N. Franklin, Suite E
Colby, KS 67701
785-460-8177

Worship warms the heart



Calvary Gospel Church

Pastor: Steve Rains, Ben Coats, youth pastor
Fourth & College • 890-3605
Sunday: Kid's Church: 10:30 am
Morning Service: 10:30 am
Evening Service: 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday: Royal Rangers Missionettes 6:30 p.m.
Adult mid-week service: 7:00 p.m.
Youth @ the Rock House: 7:00 p.m.
Small Group Ministries meets through out the week.
www.calvarygospel.net

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Pastor: Father Norbert Dlabal
307 W. 13th • 890-7205
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
4:30-5 pm Saturday or by appointment
Mass Schedule:
Saturday: 6 pm, **Sunday:** 10:30 am
Spanish Mass:
Sunday: 12:30 pm

Sonrise Christian Church

Ninth & Caldwell • 899-5398
Minister: Charles E. Kerr, Jr.
Sunday: Worship Service: 9:30 am
Sunday School: 10:45 am
Team Puppeteers: 6 pm
Wednesday:
Junior/Senior High Meeting: 7 pm
Adult & Children's Classes: 7 pm
Jets, 4th grade and under: 3:30 - 4:30

Word of Life Joursquare Church

10th & Clark • 899-5250
Pastor: John Coumerilh
Sunday: Worship Celebration
and Kids' Church: 10:30 am
Wednesday: K.W.A.M.!
Age 3 through grade 6, 6:30 p.m.
(during school year)

Pleasant Home Church

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Pastor: Charlie Busch
694-2242
Sunday: Worship Service: 9 am
Sunday School: 10 am
Evening Service: 6 pm

Bible Baptist Church

Pastor: Michael Estep
Fifth & Broadway
890-7368
Sunday: Sunday School: 9 am
Morning Service: 10 am
Evening Service: 6:30 pm
Wednesday: Evening Bible Study: 7 pm

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

1200 15th Street • Burlington, CO
(719) 346-7984
Sacrament Meeting: 10 am
Sunday School: 11:15 am
Priesthood/Relief Society: 12 am

Iglesia Del Dios Vivo

La Luz Del Mundo
Spanish Speaking Church
Minister: Esteban Ortiz B.
1601 Texas • 899-5275
Daily Prayer: Sunday thru
Saturday: 5 am & 6 pm
Sunday: Sunday School: 10 am

United Methodist Church Brewster:

Pastor: Dorine Chambers
Worship Service: 10:45 am CST
Sunday School: 9:45 am CST
Winona:
Minister: Sheryl Johnson
Worship Service: 9 am CST
Sunday School: 10:15 am CST

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Pastor: Rev. Ted Amos
Eighth & Arcade • 890-5233
Sunday: Worship Service: 10:30 am
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.
Activities: Junior High & High School Youth Groups,
Adult Bible Study, Choir, Men's and Women's Groups,
Devotions Study, Monthly Fellowship
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Kanorado United Methodist Church

Pastor: Leonard Cox
399-2468
Sunday: Sunday School: 9 am
Worship Service: 10:15 am

Church of the Nazarene

Pastor: Bob Willis
Third & Caldwell
899-2080 or 899-3797
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:45 am
Worship Service: 10:50 am
Evening Service: 6 pm
Wednesday: Evening Service: 7 pm

First United Methodist Church

1116 Sherman 899-3631
Pastor: Rev. Janet Hernandez
Saturday: Worship: 5:30 pm
Sunday: Adult Classes: 9:15 am
Worship: 10:30 am
Wednesday: Wednesday Nite Live
5:45 - 6:45 Simple Supper "Free will Offering
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Classes for all ages

Goodland Bible Church

109 Willow Road • 899-6400
Pastor: Chad DeJong
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:30 am
Morning Worship: 10:45 am
Evening Worship: 6 pm
Wednesday: AWANA (Winter)
and prayer: 7 p.m.

First Baptist Church

Pastor: Travis Blake
Bateman's Funeral Home, 211 E. 11th
890-3450
Sunday: Sunday School for all ages:
9:30 am (Child care provided)
Morning Worship: 10:30 am
Thursday: Bible study 9:30 a.m.
Wheatridge Center

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

13th & Center
Church 890-2115 or Rectory 890-6969
Priest: Father Hal Lycett
Holy Eucharist: 10:00 a.m. Sunday
10:00 a.m. Thursday
Morning Prayer: 8:00 a.m. Wed. - Sun.
For emergencies 890-6969

Harvest Evangelical Free Church

104 E. Hwy. 24 • 890-7918
Pastor: Brian Fugleberg
Sunday: Worship: 10:30 am
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday: Youth group
meets at 7 p.m.
at Scherlings', 827 Caldwell.

Seventh Day Adventist Church

1160 Cattletrail
Pastor: Jim Martin
Saturday: Sabbath School: 9:30 am
Worship Service: 11 am

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

13th & Sherman • 890-6161
Sunday: Christian education/fellowship:
10:15 a.m.
Worship Service: 9 am
Wednesday: Confirmation: 6 pm

Church of Christ

401 Caldwell
890-6185
Sunday: Bible Study: 9:45 am
Worship Service: 10:45 am
Wednesday: Bible Study: 7 pm

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