

# There are many concerns about times

To be honest I have many concerns about the day we live in. I am concerned about the home, and misplaced love and priorities. I worry about the work place and situations that occur there. Compromises of integrity, backbiting and a whatever it takes to get ahead philosophy.

I worry about our school systems and the disconnection of academic life from the spiritual life. I could go on, but it sounds gloomy doesn't it?

Oh there is one more concern I have and that is the lack of attention the best selling book of all time receives from us. You know that book sitting on the coffee table or maybe it is on your bookshelf. It may even have a little dust on it. I am not talk-



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ing about the TV guide, but the Bible.

Some refer to it as, "the Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth" book. Others describe it as "The Words of life." Some "A divine love letter." You may call it something else, but I hope it is a daily read for you. That you would find yourself saying what the Psalmist says, "I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word (Psalm 119:16)."

advanced degree in theology. His faith would be spoiled by sophisticated unbelieving professors at the school.

"Don't let them take Jonah away from you," the father admonished, figuring the swallowed-by-the-big-fish account would be the first part of the Bible that would be under attack.

Two years later the son returned

home. The concerned father asked, "Do you still have Jonah in your Bible?" The son laughed and said, "Jonah! That story isn't even in your own Bible." The father replied, "Most certainly it is! What do you mean?"

"It's not in your Bible. Just go ahead and show it to me," the son said. The old man fumbled through his Bible, trying to find the Book of Jonah. He turned and turned the pages but wasn't successful. At last he turned to check the table of contents for the page numbers. Looking for Jonah by the page number, he discovered that the three pages that made up the Book of Jonah had been carefully removed from his Bible. He looked at his son.

"I did it before I went away," said the son. "What's the difference whether I lose the Book of Jonah through pseudo-intellectualism or you lose it through neglect?"

That is a good question the boy asked isn't it? There are too many people who say they believe the Bible completely but at the same time overlook what it has to say about life and living. When we consider it honestly, what difference is there between ignoring the Bible and denying it as the inspired Word of God?

Let's face it, as Pastor Robert Strand said, "It is easy to bypass the Bible because of the trust we place in simply growing up in the church. If Jesus taught us anything about the

Word of God He told us that it is the absolute and final authority of life. So let's make sure the Bible is in our hearts as well as on our shelves!" The Word of God will give you underlying principles of life: First, love to God and, second, love to man. I love what Psalms declares, "Your Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path (Ps 119:105). May the Word of God begin to shine bright in your life!

Hope to see you in church.

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# How should we serve God in our lives

There are a lot of opinions on worship. A common one today is that whatever works for you is fine with God. Is that how God feels? If He thought we could decide for ourselves how

best to worship Him, why did He have the Bible recorded for us? Proverbs 14:12 says, "There exists a way that is upright before a man, but the ways of death are the end of it afterward."

God had His word recorded for us because what we would choose may lead to death.

Proverbs 3:5, 6 says, "Trust in God with all your heart and do not lean upon your own understanding. In all your ways take notice of him, and he himself will make your paths straight."

Could we trust in Him and take notice of Him in all our ways without learning about Him through the Bible? No — we need to read the Bible, study it, learn who God is and what is important to Him and how His word relates to our lives.

People have many ideas about God and religion, many of these ideas coming from people who intend to deceive. If we don't get our beliefs from the Bible, how can we be sure we aren't being deceived?

Imagine you start a new job and the boss gives you a manual to read with instructions on how to do the job and a list of things that are not permitted at the company. But then other employees say, "Don't bother reading that — it's a big book. We'll tell you what to do."

If someone didn't like you and wanted you to be fired, he could tell you to do something the company doesn't allow, and how would you know it wasn't?

That's what many have done with the Bible: It's a big book — you don't need to read it; we'll tell you what to believe.

And there is someone who wants us to be fired from life — Satan. The Bible says he is a liar and that he was a manslayer from the beginning. From when he induced Eve to disobey God and convinced her to get Adam to follow suit, he has been



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turning people away from God and costing them their eternal life. Are you listening to someone who is doing the same? Or someone Satan has deceived?

How does the Bible say we should serve God? Jesus is the example.

1 Peter 2:21 says, "In fact, to this course you were called, because even Christ suffered for you, leaving you a model for you to follow his steps closely."

What are some areas of life in which Jesus set the example?

1 John 3:9 says, "Everyone who has been born from God does not carry on sin, because his seed remains in such one, and he cannot practice sin, because he has been born from God."

Jesus was perfect, so as imperfect humans, we cannot perfectly follow his example in this respect. So how does this apply to us?

The scripture says, "he cannot practice sin." An imperfect person who is following Christ's example will make mistakes but will not make practicing sin a way of life. And he won't take his mistakes lightly.

John 6:14, 15 says, "Hence when the men saw the signs he performed, they began to say, 'This is for a certainty the prophet that was to come into the world.' Therefor Jesus, knowing they were about to come and seize him to make him king, withdrew again into the mountain all alone."

Jesus did not get involved in the politics of the day. Even when others wanted to make him a king, he withdrew. His support was for God's kingdom, which he had taught his disciples to pray for.

At John 4:34, he said, "My food is for me to do the will of him that sent me and to finish his work."

Are you following in Jesus' footsteps?

# Are your books in order?

Time and time again, I hear from business owners who need help getting their books in order.

They hate taking care of the books themselves, but they also don't want anyone else doing it. The result: no one's taking care of the books.

Now they're trying to pull something together from the chaos for their tax return.

If you hate taking care of your books, you won't take care of them very well. You're much better off hiring someone who enjoys working with numbers and will do a good job.

You may be concerned that you will lose control of your business by having someone else handle the books. Look around your office. Do you have control of your books now?

If you set up good internal con-



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trols and regularly review your financial reports, you can protect your business and gain control of your finances. You'll also have more time to focus on the areas of your business that you love and do well.

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## Survey being taken of use at Smoky Gardens

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks is taking a user survey at the Sherman State Wildlife Area near Smoky Gardens, gathering information to make wildlife management deci-

sions for the future.

Surveys card are available at the kiosk at the main entrance to the wildlife area, at the entrance to the Smoky Gardens. The visitor is to complete the top part of the two-

piece survey when they arrive and put in the survey box, then fill out the bottom part and place it in survey box when leaving.

The survey will provide better hunter and harvest data, which will

help with future wildlife management in the area.

For questions, call Kent Hensley at (785) 726-3212 or [kenth@wp.state.ks.us](mailto:kenth@wp.state.ks.us).

## 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](http://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  
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**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  
**Special Notice:** Handicap Accessible, Hearing  
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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. Kasey Crosby  
**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: 9:30 am  
No Sunday School for Summer  
**Wednesday:** Youth group  
meets at 7 p.m.  
at Scherlings', 827 Caldwell.

### Seventh Day Adventist Church

1160 Cattletrail  
**Pastor:** Mike Larson  
**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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