

Maybe it wasn't the turkey that got burned

They tell us that we are entering a stressful time of year. Perhaps it is all the running? Maybe it is the clothes starting to feel a little tighter? Then there is the self inflicted pressure of feeling like we have to buy everyone a present.

But, do you know what I think causes a lot of stress in people. Sure, I think all those listed affect some, but here is a big one.

What about family stress. You know dealing with those out-laws. I mean in-laws. For the record I have some of the best!

Family is important, but there are some family relationships that are difficult. It has been said if you want to understand how the American family sees the institute of family, just click on the T.V. and see how it is portraying the family.



steve rains

• moments from calvary

Fifty years ago you had shows like "Father Knows Best" and "Leave It To Beaver." The 70's introduced us to a loud mouth bigoted father in "All in the Family." Then we had the 80's with "Family Ties" where the kids display a lack of respect to their parents. Jump another decade the Bundy's and "Married with Children" where moral conflict abounds at every level. Look at the current replica in "The Simpson's" and "Two and a half man" and no wonder some people wish they would

challenging, and you may be right in the middle of it on this Thanksgiving Holiday."

Author Max Lucado has a great exert in his book "He Still Moves Stones" about whether or not Jesus has anything to say about dealing with difficult relatives. He does, and we learn that the family was his own!

Lucado writes, "It may surprise you to know that Jesus had a difficult family. If your family doesn't appreciate you, take heart, neither

did Jesus'. 'His family' went to get him because they thought he was out of his mind (Mark 3:21). Instead of being proud of their brother, they were embarrassed. It's worth noting that he didn't try to control his family's behavior, nor did he let their behavior control his. He didn't demand that they agree with him. He didn't sulk when they insulted him. He didn't make it his mission to try to please them.

Most people have the fantasy that their family be like the Walton's, and expectation that our dearest friend will be our next of kin. Jesus didn't have that expectation. He defined his family this way, 'My true brother and sister and mother are those who do what God wants' (Mark 3:35).

Jesus didn't try to force his brothers to share his convictions. If Jesus

didn't force them, why do you try? Having your family's approval is desirable but not necessary for happiness and not always possible. Jesus did not let the difficult dynamic of his family overshadow his call from God. And because he didn't, there is a happy ending.

What happened to Jesus' family? You find out in the book of Acts. 'Then went back to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives... They all continued praying together with some women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and Jesus' brothers (Acts 1:12, 14).

Think about it! The ones who mocked him now worship Him. The ones who pitied Him now pray for Him. What if Jesus had disowned them? Or worse still, what if He'd suffocated His family with His

demand for change? He didn't. He instead gave them space, time, and grace. And because He did, they changed. How much did they change? One brother became an apostle (Galatians 1:19) and others became missionaries (1 Corinthians 9:5)."

So don't lose heart. God still changes families. My prayer for you is that this weekend be filled with laughter, joy, and appreciation for your family! As you go your separate ways, may the embrace at the end be a new beginning!

Steve Rains is the pastor at the Calvary Gospel Church, Fourth and College.

Go to the church's web site at calvarygospel.net or e-mail Rains at calvarycolumn@st-tel.net.

Members of two bands to give Christmas concert in Oberlin

Members of two bands will present a Christmas Concert at 1 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Sunday, Dec. 2, at the high school auditorium in Oberlin.

Members of the bands, "Clueless" and "Oberlin Area Concert Band" live in Oberlin, Atwood, McCook and Danbury.

Band members of "Clueless" are Sid Metcalf, vocal; Lonnie McEvoy, vocal/harmonica; Mike Elwood, vocal/guitar/keyboard, and Bob Castle, guitar.

The Oberlin Area Concert Band members, under the direction of Neal Russell, include: Christie Morris, Rhonda May and Peggy Cabrina, flute; Darbi Rouse, oboe; Kim Langness, Sara Bricker, Pam May, Cheryl Metcalf, Brook McCorkle and Chris Larson, clarinet; Joan Glading and Susan Nelson, alto sax; Sara Langness, tenor saxophone; Robyn Rouse and Joy Russell, bassoon; Lonnie Weyeneth, Joanne Wendelin, Donnie McCorkle, and Cheneniah Lang-

ness, trumpet; Kathy Almqvist and Elizabeth May, French Horn; Ken Morris and Tim Larson, trombone; Mary Jo Lohoefer, baritone;

Robert Rouse and Paul Wood, tuba; Mike Ford, Gary Anderson and Gary Fredrickson, percussion.

The concert is an Oberlin Arts

and Humanities Commission event. Admission is by season ticket or \$10 for adults, and \$5 for students grades 1-12 at the door.

For information, call Ella Betts, (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel (785) 470-0218.

matters of record

Real Estate

These real estate transactions have been reported by the Sherman County register of deeds.

Michael R. Taylor and Joyce E. Taylor, husband and wife, and William D. Taylor to Westar of Kansas Inc. Lots 9 and 10, Block 12, Sharp's Addition to Goodland.

Goodland Police

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

Nov. 4 — 6:09 p.m., 1417 Cherry Ave., arrested Casey Hatfield for

aggravated indecent liberties with a child under 14 years of age, promoting prostitution with someone under 16 years of age and battery of a juvenile. Case referred to county attorney.

The following accidents were investigated by the Goodland Police Department.

Oct. 26 — 11:09 a.m., 1600 Caldwell Ave., a 1998 Mercury driven by Mary Faith Elliott was pulling from a stop sign heading east when the car was hit by a 2006 Ford driven by Timothy N. Webster.

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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 throughout the week.
www.calvarygospel.net

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Pastor: Father Norbert Diabal
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

Word of Life A Foursquare Church

10th & Clark • 899-5250
Pastor: John Coumerilh
Associate Pastor: Ben Coumerilh
Sunday: Worship Celebration and Kids' Church: 10:30 am
Life Groups - call for times and locations
www.wordoflifegoodland.org

Pleasant Home Church

Serving the rural community
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Rt. 1, Box 180 • 694-2807 • 3190 Road 70
Pastor: Charlie Busch
694-2242
Sunday: Worship Service: 9 a.m.
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Evening Service: 6 p.m.

Bible Baptist Church

Pastor: Clifford Middlebrooks
Fifth & Broadway
890-7368
Sunday: Sunday School: 9 a.m.
Morning Service: 10 a.m.
Evening Service: 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

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

Iglesia Del Dios Vivo

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

United Methodist Church Brewster:

Pastor: Dorine Chambers
Worship Service: 10:45 a.m. CST
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. CST
Winona:
Minister: Sheryl Johnson
Worship Service: 9 a.m. 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 a.m.
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 Assistance Equipment and Infant and Toddler Nurseries Available

Kanorado United Methodist Church

Pastor: Leonard Cox
399-2468
Sunday: Sunday School: 9 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:15 a.m.

Church of the Nazarene

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

First United Methodist Church

1116 Sherman 899-3631
Pastor: Rev. Kasey Crosby
Saturday: Worship: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: Adult Classes: 9:15 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday: Wednesday Nite Live
5:45 - 6:45 p.m. 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 a.m.
Morning Worship: 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
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 a.m. (Child care provided)
Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.
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: Daily, 8 a.m. Thursday and Sunday
For emergencies 890-6969

Harvest Evangelical Free Church

104 E. Hwy. 24 • 890-7918
Pastor: Brian Fugleberg
Sunday: Worship: 10:30 a.m.
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: Mike Larson
Saturday: Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service: 11 a.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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

Church of Christ

401 Caldwell
890-6185
Sunday: Bible Study: 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday: Bible Study: 7 p.m.

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