

# When I learned there was more to Christmas

This morning presented me with an opportunity to do something that brings excitement to my bones. I was able to go for a morning run while it was snowing out. I love that! Call me crazy, but in the midst of exercising in such conditions I find tranquility. Usually it is more agony, then enjoyment!



**steve rains**

• moments from calvary

As I was running I began to reflect on past Christmases. The first one with my lovely wife! The first one with a child! The first one with two children! The first one away from home! The first one after my parents divorced.

That Christmas perhaps stands out the most in my life. Why? Well, obviously it was different not having mom and dad there together. But, it was the gift that helped me understand just how challenging

this phase of life was going to be. Like most households on Christmas we were, shall we say, well supplied on Christmas morning if you know what I mean. My sisters and I would get up at the crack of dawn. Actually it was before dawn cracked to see what appeared overnight. However, this year I arose and went to investigate. To my disappointment all I received was an electronic soccer game. Sure, I got years of pleasure playing that game, but it was that Christmas I realized how expensive

gifts can be. That present taught me a lot. It wasn't that mom didn't want to get me more, it was that she couldn't. Life decisions are expensive, and they affect a lot of people.

I learned that a little gift and gift that may not be the "finest" gift, but a gift given in love and sacrificially are the best gifts. As I look back on that Christmas years ago, I learned that being there and being engaged in what is happening is way more important than so much of the other stuff that we say makes Christmas, Christmas.

This Christmas we at Calvary want to invite those that don't have a church home to be our guest at the

Christmas Family Table. You're not too excited about church stuff? That is all right. Never stepped foot in Calvary or any other church? Perfect. We want to invite you to a free Christmas Dinner and a concert with Tom Ewing from 5 to 7 p.m., Saturday at the Northwest Kansas Technological College's Student Union Assembly Room.

I realize that this isn't a huge gift, but perhaps like that little electronic soccer game I received years ago, this gift will speak into your life this Christmas. That it would speak you are loved. You are invited. You are valued just for being you. We promise there are no strings attached. You can stay as long as you want, or you can leave as soon as you want. It is come and go as you please.

Let me close with some thoughts

from Bryan Shipton that echoes what I have tried to say today. He entitles it there is more to Christmas, and he writes: "There has to be more to Christmas... Than card greetings to friends, Than reindeer and St. Nick, Than parties and a wreath, Than eating until you're stuffed. Oh there is more to Christmas than this! A donkey trip in the night, No room in Bethlehem's Inn, A damp and dark stable cave. Oh there is more to Christmas... A virgin labors with birth, God's tiny lungs breath earth's air, Mary and Joseph sighing with joy. Oh there is more to Christmas..."

Grave clothes made into baby clothes, a hay-filled manger for a crib, the great "I AM" coos and cries. Oh there is more to Christmas... An angelic birth announce-

ment to shepherds, an explosive burst of celestial praise, a nomadic scurry across pastures in the night. Oh there is more to Christmas... A single little town awoken by worship.

A Heaven-sent plan now set into motion, A Son, A Savior, His name is Jesus!"

Trust we will see you Saturday, and may the holiness of the holiday and the Christ of Christmas find room in your life today! Have a super evening and a relaxing weekend.

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.

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## public notice

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERMAN COUNTY, KANSAS**

**In The Matter of The Estate of VICTOR H. MEYER a/k/a VICTOR MEYER a/k/a VICTOR HENRY MEYER, Deceased.**

**Case No. 07-PR-34**  
PURSUANT TO K. S. A. CHAPTER 59  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**

The East Half (E½) of Section Thirty-three (33), Township Nine (9) South, Range Thirty-eight (38) West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.;

The East Half (E½) of Section Thirty-six (36), Township Nine (9) South, Range Thirty-eight (38) West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.;

The East Half (E½) of Section Thirty-six (36), Township Nine (9) South, Range Thirty-eight (38) West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.;

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

be assigned in accordance with the terms of the Will.

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Clara H. Meyer a beneficiary of Victor H. Meyer, a/k/a Victor Meyer, a/k/a Victor Henry Meyer, deceased, praying that: the foreign will of Victor H. Meyer, a/k/a Victor Meyer, a/k/a Victor Henry Meyer, deceased, dated June 4, 1992, be admitted to probate and record in this Court; no administration of the Estate is necessary; the Will be construed, and the following Kansas real estate owned by the decedent, situated in Sherman County, Kansas:

You are required to file your written defenses therein on or before the 8th day of January, 2008, at 10:00 A.M. in the District Court, in the city of Goodland, Sherman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Clara H. Meyer, Petitioner

JAMES M. MILLIKEN,  
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Kari M. Gilliland, #17386  
101 W. Washington Street,  
P.O. Box 627  
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(785)332-2101

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The Southeast Quarter (SE¼) of Section Twenty-one (21), Township Eight (8) South, Range Thirty-eight (38) West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., EXCEPT a strip of land 100 feet wide conveyed to the C.K. & N. Railway Company for right of way;

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The Southwest Quarter (SW¼) of Section Twenty-two (22), Township Eight (8) South, Range Thirty-eight (38) West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., EXCEPT a strip 300 feet wide conveyed to the C.K. & N. Railway Company for right-of-way, West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.;

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Wednesday: Royal Rangers Missionettes 6:30 p.m.  
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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 Diabal  
307 W. 13th • 890-7205  
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4:30-5 pm Saturday or by appointment  
Mass Schedule:  
Saturday: 6 pm, Sunday: 10:30 am  
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Sunday: 12:30 pm

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**Word of Life**  
**A Foursquare Church**  
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Pastor: John Coumerilh  
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Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Evening Service: 6 p.m.

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**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.

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**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  
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**Church of the Nazarene**  
Pastor: Bob Willis  
Third & Caldwell  
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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

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**First Baptist Church**  
Pastor: Travis Blake  
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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**  
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Church 890-2115 or Rectory 890-6969  
Priest: Father Hal Lycett  
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10:00 a.m. Thursday  
Morning Prayer: Daily, 8 a.m. Thursday and Sunday  
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**Seventh Day Adventist Church**  
1160 Cattletrail  
Pastor: Mike Larson  
Saturday: Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service: 11 a.m.

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Sunday: Christian education/fellowship: 10:15 a.m.  
Worship Service: 9 a.m.  
Wednesday: Confirmation: 6 p.m.

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**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.

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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.

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**Church of Christ**  
401 Caldwell  
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Worship Service: 10:45 a.m.  
Wednesday: Bible Study: 7 p.m.

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