

Man's heroism gets no thanks for saving lives

It is an exciting weekend around town as yet another class of students accomplish the task of receiving their high school diplomas. Congratulations class of 2008, and may your future dreams become larger than life.

It just seems like yesterday that I was there in Moby Arena in Fort Collins, Colo. receiving my diploma too, only to realize that 20 years is fast approaching. It doesn't seem that long ago.

I keep telling myself that my kids are getting older, but I am not. I am not convinced that is working! But, life is good, and eternity will be better!

Just as these graduates are going to experience change in the coming months, me and my family are walking through some too. God only knows what is before us, but



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even though there are unknowns Scripture encourages us to walk boldly and confidently in Psalm 37:23, "Delight (literally enjoy) yourself in the Lord and He will direct your steps."

As you awake each day, and live each month, may a grateful heart be one of the signatures of your life.

Dr. Michael Halleen communicates that so well in "Monday Moments." He writes, "Give thanks to (God) and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever." — Psalm 100:4, 5.

One night many years ago, Ed Spencer, a student at a seminary near Lake Michigan, was awakened by shouts that there had been a shipwreck offshore from the campus.

An excursion boat from the nearby Chicago harbor had collided with a freighter and was sinking. Spencer ran down to the lakeshore from which he could see lights from the boats. A strong swimmer, he plunged into the icy water and started searching for survivors.

For six hours Spencer swam out and back, pulling people ashore, battling stormy waves and powerful undertow. By dawn he had personally rescued 15 people in as many

trips. Exhausted, he sat down until someone spotted two more still in the water. Spencer dove in again and found a man and a woman clinging desperately to a piece of wreckage. He brought them in too and collapsed on the beach.

Fewer than one-fourth of the 400 passengers on that boat survived the shipwreck, 17 of them rescued by Ed Spencer. His own health, however, was irreparably damaged by his act of heroism, and he was never able to return to school, ultimately living out his days as an invalid.

Years later, a reporter doing a story on Great Lakes tragedies found Spencer as an old man in a nursing home in California and asked for his recollections of that night. He said bitterly, "The only thing I remember is that not one of the 17 ever thanked me."

The late British actor Robert Morley once said, "I am not an introspective man, but I am, I hope, a grateful one. Life has treated me kindly, and I hope I shall always be mindful that for over fifty years the sun has shone on my back. Thanks be to God."

At a Thanksgiving gathering several years ago we invited our guests — in the spirit of Robert Morley — to list several things for which he or she was grateful. We wrote each one down and arranged them into a song which we then sang as a group, using a familiar tune. The variety itself (from "clean sheets" and "my boss," to "cancer survived" and "Randy Moss" — amazing how the rhymes fell into place) became a feature of the hymn, our recognition that God's gifts are far-reaching and never-ending.

Thanks be to God for life, for its circumstances common and rare, and for the sunshine on our backs. Thanks be also to the people who touch our lives in great ways and small, and for the sunshine they bring to our hearts."

What an appropriate thought for such a significant weekend. Parents be thankful for your children, and the journey you had with them up to this point. Students thank your parents for giving you life, and living life with you. Community thank you for all you are and for what you can become.

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matters of record

District Traffic

The following fines have been paid in the Sherman County District Court. All ages are at the time of the ticket.

Feb. 24, 2003: Monti D. Munford, 30, Bethlehem, Pa., \$138 for speeding.

Feb. 6, 2004: Scott A. Yandell, 34, Jacksonville, Fla., \$121 for speeding, and \$10 for not wearing a seat belt.

March 10, 2004: Charles E. Moore, 56, Brewster, \$177 for speeding.

Feb. 13, 2006: Jason P. Zacharias \$117 for speeding.

June 21, 2006: Adam J. Zimmerli, 25, Arvada, Colo., \$139 for speeding.

Oct. 6, 2006: Taylor D. Thurston,

22, Colorado Springs, \$356 for speeding.

May 8, 2007: Bendrick D. Simmons, 30, Cottonwood, Utah, \$138 for speeding.

Sept. 3: William A. Maddry, 64, Delta, Colo., \$156 for speeding.

Sept. 10: Gary Nagel, 19, Ellsworth, \$416 for driving while suspended, first conviction.

Sept. 23: Matias Vazquez, 48, Denver, \$156 for speeding.

Dec. 7: Luke D. Schultz, 20, Colorado Springs, \$30 for not wearing a seat belt.

Dec. 15: Nancy R. McClellan, 22, Chesterfield, Mo., \$126 for going too fast for conditions.

Dec. 30: Leslie C. Nelson, 17, Tulsa, Okla., \$174 for speeding, 92/70.

Jan. 3: Gregory L. Witt, 33, Pryor, Okla., \$126 for not having current registration and \$30 for improper tires.

Jan. 11: Benjamin F. Jurek, 21, Colby, \$126 for speeding, 70/55, and \$126 for failing to yield at a stop sign.

Jan. 12: Diane Gayle McGuckin, 55, Goodland, \$108 for improper parking.

Jan. 13: Rachel Y. Veed, 42, Kiowa, Colo., \$138 for improper parking.

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Morning Service: 10 a.m.
Evening Service: 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m.

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Pastor: Rev. Ted Amos
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Sunday: Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.
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899-2080 or 899-3797
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Worship Service: 10:50 a.m.
Evening Service: 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Evening Service: 7 p.m.

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1116 Sherman 899-3631
Pastor: Rev. Kasey Crosby
Saturday: Worship: 5:30 p.m.
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109 Willow Road • 899-6400
Pastor: Chad DeJong
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship: 10:45 a.m.
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Wednesday: AWANA (Winter) and prayer: 7 p.m.

First Baptist Church

Pastor: Travis Blake
Bateman's Funeral Home, 211 E. 11th
890-3450
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Pastor: Brian Fugleberg
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Saturday: Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service: 11 a.m.

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Worship Service: 9 a.m.
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