

Leaving a beautiful place or home is hard

Well, I suppose we have arrived at our cruising altitude of 38,000 feet. Pretty amazing to think we are that high in the air, everything is smooth, and relaxing.

Actually as I write this column things are a tad bumpy right now. Nothing too serious and the nice white bag in the seat back in front of me is staying in place! As well as others around me!

We are returning from our mission trip in Alaska. We took a few days afterwards to take in a little more of the "Last Frontier." Beautiful country and hospitable people!

As I think about leaving that place I am confronted with the reality of leaving Goodland in the coming weeks.

As I was thinking about that this morning and leaving Fairbanks looking out at some of the mountain



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ranges that were off in the distance. My mind went back to that day on a hillside outside of Jerusalem when Jesus told his disciples that he was leaving them and returning to His Father (Acts 1).

That must have been a difficult conversation. Good-byes are never easy. I am sure those that were gathered on the hillside with their Lord and Savior were overwhelmed by the challenge that faced them. Surely in their hearts something was resonating within them that Emmanuel - God with us - be-

lieved they could accomplish the incredible mandate given to them concerning going into all the world with this incredible message that God loves people and has prepared the way for them to experience abundant life for today and for eternity.

Truly being able to be called the pastor at Calvary Gospel Church in Goodland has been an incredible honor.

It is a great church with incredible people. Notice I didn't say perfect people; they take after their pastor in that regard!

If you are looking for a place to connect with a group of people who love God, and wanting to know Him

more I couldn't recommend a better place. It has been a joy to serve this community. My family has truly enjoyed our time here.

Since we made our announcement a change was coming in our lives probably one of the most frequent questions we are asked is "Why?"

Why do you want to leave this place when things are going well, when you have family in the area...?

Well, the first part of that answer is easy. It is not that we wanted to or were looking to. In fact I really drag my feet about it. God has been so good to us here. But, there is a little Scripture tucked away in 1 Samuel 15:22 that says, "Obedience is far better than sacrifice. Listening to him is much better than offering that fat of rams."

So it comes down to this, why are we leaving? God and I want to be obedient to him. In many ways maybe I feel a little bit of what the disciples felt on that hillside as they looked at the task before them. For they knew the call would mean leaving the familiar, the safe, the common, and to go into the unknown.

What is the hardest part of leaving Goodland? That is easy too. It is people! Church family, friends we have made, and neighbors. The little way of the finger on top of the steering wheel at times may seem insignificant, but it does offer safety and stability in ways I think us small town folks take for granted.

As I think of those two answers to those two questions God and people, I am reminded that is really what life is all about. Love God with all your heart, and love people

as yourself.

One final thought, I have had so many people thank me for these articles this isn't the last one, I think I have one more, but I just want to say what a joy it has been writing them. Thanks to *The Goodland Star-News* for allowing me to have a weekly column.

On Saturday, June 21 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Gulick Park there is going to be a little ice cream social that Calvary is putting on for us, a farewell of sorts, and they would like to invite you to it if you would like to come. We would love to see you there.

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

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.

April 22: Joseph R. Harvey, 29, Huntington Beach, Calif., \$144 for improper parking.

April 23: Stephen J. Nett, 53, Houston, \$132 for speeding, 71/55.

April 24: Timothy B. Cochran, 23, Trenton, Ohio, \$166 for violating motor carrier safety rules and regulations.

Matthew J. Cross, 30, Vona, Colo., \$241 for being over weight limits on wheels and axles.

Librada B. Ordonez, 50, Burlington, \$126 for failing to yield at a stop or yield sign.

April 25: William T. Longwill, 20, Fountain, Colo., \$144 for improper parking.

Brandon Charles John Redlin, 24, Goodland, \$183 for speeding, 78/55.

April 27: Randy A. Archuleta, 23, Phoenix, \$96 for speeding, 80/70.

Jonathan B. Champ, 36, Parker, Colo., \$132 for speeding, 86/70.

Jennifer L. Maloney, 35, San Diego, Calif., \$192 for speeding, 94/70.

Leroy A. Olson, 82, Boise, Idaho, \$144 for speeding, 88/70.

April 28: Joshua Dorn, 16, Goodland, \$174 for speeding, 77/55.

Lindsey M. Menhusen, 26, Colorado Springs, \$102 for speeding, 81/70.

Adam J. Pimento, 34, Spanaway, Wash., \$126 for improper U-turn.

April 29: Ronald A. Gerst, 59, Monument, Colo., \$165 for speeding, 91/70.

Ronald L. Meyers, 59, Burlington, \$102 for speeding, 76/65, and

\$30 for not wearing a seat belt.

May 1: Blaise E. Mcginley, 32, Dallas, \$174 for improper parking.

Abdullah A. Mulhim, 27, Golden, Colo., \$165 for speeding, 91/70.

May 3: Danielle C. Dickey, 21, Logan, Utah, \$126 for speeding, 85/70.

Whitney R. Gorham, 24, South Lake Tahoe, Calif., \$132 for speeding, 86/70.

Jody M. Miller, 38, Plainville, Ga., \$126 for following another vehicle too closely.

May 4: Brenda A. Andrew, 56, Lee's Summit, Mo., \$150 for speeding.

Holly Marie Bailey, 19, Agra, \$66 for purchase or consumption of alcoholic liquor or cereal malt beverage by a minor.

Cheryl B. Lamiell, 62, Arvada, Colo., \$132 for speeding, 86/70.

Dominic R. Renda, 51, Folsom, Calif., \$126 for improper parking.

Michael K. Wagner, 19, Wiley, Colo., \$30 for not wearing a seat belt and \$126 for failing to yield at stop or yield sign.

May 5: Lonnie E. Hall Jr., 62, Banning, Calif., \$126 for speeding, 86/70.

May 6: Jerri L. Henrie, 54, Oklahoma City, \$126 for speeding, 85/70.

May 7: Bruce A. Bickford, 46, Peetz, Colo., \$296 for being over weight limits on wheels and axles.

Vicki Killingsworth, 45, St. Francis, \$114 for speeding, 78/65.

Daniel J. Palermo, 44, Highlands Ranch, Colo., \$120 for being over weight limits on wheels and axles.

May 8: Jennifer E. Asmussen, 24, Andover, \$126 for speeding, 85/70.

David J. Schiller, 19, Houston, \$219 for speeding, 97/70.

George G. Schumacher, 47, Factoryville, Pa., \$123 for being over weight limits on wheels and axles.

Bob Sustr, 61, Arvada, Colo., \$549 for being over weight limits on wheels and axles.

May 10: Jose A. Almanza, 19, Benito Juarez, Coahuila, Mexico, \$201 for speeding, 95/70.

Vladislav A. Shakov, 22, Westminster, Colo., \$192 for speeding, 94/70.

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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 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
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Sunday: Worship Celebration
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Life Groups - call for times and locations
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890-3375
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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,
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United Methodist Church
Pastor: Leonard Cox
399-2468
Sunday: Sunday School: 9 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:15 a.m.

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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: Junior high 6:30 p.m.
at Fugleberg's, 708 Washington
Senior high 6:30 p.m. at church

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 eduction/fellowship:
10:15 a.m.
Worship Service: 9 a.m.
Vacation Bible School July 14-18
Light Supper at 5:30. Program for all ages 6

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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