

What influences your decisions on moral issues?

Imagine you own an estate-sales business. You are helping a client sort and sell a deceased family member's belongings. As you sort through items in the house, you open a couple of boxes and find large sums of money inside.

You are alone in the room and know your client does not know about the money. Do you take the money for yourself? Put a big wad in your pocket and tell the client about the rest? Or do you show the full amount to the client?

If you have to ponder the decision rather than just keeping the money without question, it shows you are different from animals, who react on instinct. A dog who finds an unattended piece of meat would never question whether or not it's wrong to eat it when it belongs to someone else. He would gobble it down without question.

But humans are different. Genesis 1:27 says, "And God proceeded to



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create the man in his image, in God's image he created him; male and female he created them."

Having been made in God's image, people have a capacity to ponder right and wrong, to understand property rights, to see what belongs to them and what belongs to someone else.

At Genesis 3:5, a serpent said to Eve, "For God knows that in the very day of your eating from it (the tree in the middle of the garden) your eyes are bound to be like God knowing good and bad."

Eve had a moral dilemma, to obey God and leave alone the tree he told her and Adam not to eat from, or to

listen to the serpent and take what she wanted. We all know she made the wrong choice, and now we are paying for it.

What do you do when faced with such a dilemma? What affects your decision?

Some feel that what is right or wrong is determined by the community they live in — if the majority thinks it is OK, then it is. Others think if it feels right to you, it is the right decision. Are these sound things to base a decision on?

2 Kings 16:3 says, "And he went walking in the way of the kings of Israel, and even his own son he made pass through the fire, according to the detestable things of the nations whom God drove out because of the sons of Israel."

If you lived in a society that thinks child sacrifice is a good thing to do,

would you agree? Some have gone along with such practices in the past because of what their communities believed. Obviously, that wasn't a good guide.

Exodus 23:2 warns us about making decisions based on what others think: "You must not follow after the crowd for evil ends."

What about your own judgment? Proverbs 3:5 says, "Do not lean upon your own understanding."

Why not? Romans 5:12 says, "That is why, just as through one man sin entered into the world and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men because they had all sinned."

After Adam and Eve made the wrong choice, they passed on to all their offspring the tendency to do the same.

Jeremiah 17:9 says, "The heart is more treacherous than anything else and is desperate. Who can know it?"

Would you trust a person who is

known for being treacherous and desperate?

Where can we find good answers to moral and ethical questions?

In reply to a temptation from the Devil, Jesus said at Matthew 4:4: "It is written, 'Man must live, not on bread alone, but on every utterance coming forth through God's mouth.'"

Just as eating food gives us the strength to live, feeding on God's word gives us the strength to live by his standards.

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

God's word unfailingly gives us the right answers to moral questions. How can this help someone with the moral question posed at the beginning?

Jesus said at Matthew 7:12: "All things, therefore, that you want men

to do to you, you also must likewise do to them."

If you had a relative who left you a large sum of money, would you want someone else to take it from you and say nothing? Of course not; the right decision is clear.

Some may feel that it would be better to be able to keep the money and not worry about whether it is right or not. Is it worth it to follow the Bible's guidelines?

Matthew 7:13, 14 says, "Go in through the narrow gate; because broad and spacious is the road leading off into destruction, and many are the ones going in through it; whereas narrow is the gate and cramped the road leading off into life, and few are the ones finding it."

Ignoring the Bible's counsel may give you what you want now, but in the long run, it is the difference between destruction and everlasting life. How much money is worth giving up everlasting life for?

club news

The Goodland Federated Music Club met at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6, at the Carnegie Arts Center. President Eva Lou Selby called the meeting to order and led in repeating the Federation Collect.

Linda Lucas led the club in singing the state and local theme songs. She also reported on the Hymn of the Month and composer and led in singing "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," by Richard Storrs Willis.

Linda Koons accompanied the singing on the piano, and Joanna Norris Grimshaw played along with the guitar.

Nine members answered roll call: Birkley Barnes, Martha Gunderson, Koons, Linda Lucas, Marlyn Mangus, Grimshaw, Pat Schiefen, Selby and Isabelle Hellerud. President Selby welcomed the guest performer, Andrew Salvador of Burlington.

The program, "Songs for Christmas," was introduced by the program chair, Gunderson. She began the program by leading the group in singing several Christmas songs: "White Christmas," by Irving Berlin; "Silver Bells," by J. Livingston and R. Evans; "Do You Hear What I Hear?" by N. Regney and G. Shayne; and "All I Want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth," by Don Gardner.

Koons, piano, played "Grownup Christmas List," by David Foster and Linda Jenner.

Hellerud, trumpet, played "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," a Christmas carol arranged by Man-

heim Steamroller/Chuck Pennington and Chip Davis.

Grimshaw told about her participation in re-enacting a Civil War battle near Franklinton. She had composed words and music telling the story of "Franklinton," which she played first with a tin whistle and then accompanied with the guitar as she sang the song.

A short business meeting followed the program. Grimshaw, secretary, read the minutes. Barnes gave the treasurer's report. Selby and Schiefen reported on the Northwest District Meeting they had attended in Atwood on Oct. 16.

President Selby announced that the club had received two Awards of Merit from the National Federation of Music Clubs for "outstanding participation in Crusade For Strings in 2004" and "outstanding participation in National Music Week in 2004." *The Goodland Star-News* and radio station KLOE each received an award for Outstanding Participation in National Music Week in 2004.

The meeting adjourned, and members insisted on opening their Christmas gifts before refreshments and pie and punch were served by hostesses Mangus, Schiefen and Lucas.

The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7, with the theme "Love to Sing, Sing of Love." Barnes and Koons will be the hostesses, and the meeting will be at the Sunrise Christian Church.

Submitted by Birkley A. Barnes, publicity chair

student of the week



the school and community.

Activities involved in at school: American Field Service, band and vocal.

My choice of movies, books, and games: Movies: Little Shop of Horrors and Monty Python and The Holy Grail. Music: Soundtracks for movies and Broadway musicals, Bohemian Rhapsody by Queen and Joy to the World by Three Dog Night. Books: The Da Vinci Code.

After I leave Goodland High School I intend to: Attend New York University and major in musical theater.

And 10 years from now, I think I'll be: living in New York working on Broadway

Favorite Quote: "Don't ask yourself what the world needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive, because what the world needs is people who have come alive." Howard Thurman

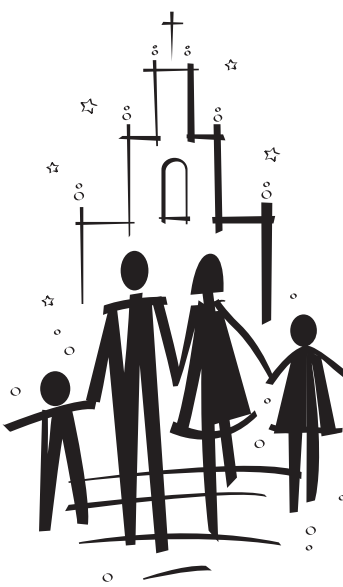
Name: Joy Winkler
Parents: John Park and Ruth Winkler
Grade: Senior
Age: 18
We've nominated this student because: Joy was a terrific help in many areas of putting together the musical. She has a lovely voice and shows leadership in Les Chantes

Student Comment: I'm excited to be spending my senior year in Goodland, and having the opportunity to share my musical gifts with

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Spanish Mass:
1st & 3rd Sunday: 4 pm

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Ninth & Caldwell • 899-5398
Minister:
Youth Minister: Doug Bean
Sunday: Worship Service: 9:30 am
Sunday School: 10:45 am
Wednesday:
Junior/Senior High Meeting: 7 pm
Adult & Children's Classes: 7 pm

Word of Life

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Pastor: John Coumerilh
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Bible Baptist Church

Pastor: Glenn Hermanson
Fifth & Broadway
899-7368
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:
Worship Service: 10:45 am CST
Sunday School: 9:45 am CST
Winona:
Minister: Rev. Bob Winters
Worship Service: 9 am CST
Sunday School: 10:15 am CST

First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)
Pastor: John Park Winkler
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,
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**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. Janet Hernandez
Saturday: Informal Worship: 5:30 pm
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:15 am
Worship Service: 10:30 am

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: John Meckling
Fifth & Center • 899-3450
Sunday: Sunday School for all ages:
9:15 am (Child care provided)
Morning Worship: 10:30 am
Wednesday: Bible study 7 p.m.
Call church for information
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 Wed. - Sun. 890-6969
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Mon. and Tues. 890-3320

Grace Fellowship Church

104 E. Hwy 24 • 899-6423
Pastor:
Sunday: Sunday School: 10 am
Worship Service: 11 am

Seventh Day Adventist Church

1160 Cattletrail
Pastor: Jim Martin
Saturday: Sabbath School: 9:30 am
Worship Service: 11 am

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

13th & Sherman • 890-6161
Pastor: Scott Grimshaw
Sunday: Christian eduction/fellowship:
10:15 a.m.
Worship Service: 9 am
Wednesday: Confirmation: 6 pm

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