

Faith based knowledge of Bible, creation not blind

People often talk about blind faith. Is your faith blind? Do you believe things with no basis whatsoever? Does God's word encourage that type of faith?

Hebrews 11:1 says, "Faith is the assured expectation of things hoped for, the evident demonstration of realities though not beheld."

How could faith be an "assured expectation" if it is blind, based on nothing? How can there be an "evident demonstration" of things we have not seen?

Romans 1:20 says, "For his invisible qualities are clearly seen from the world's creation onward, because they are perceived by the things made, even his eternal power and Godship, so that they are inexcusable."

Even though we can't see God with our physical eyes, we can know He exists. The scripture says we are



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inexcusable if we don't. We can perceive God's qualities and existence, see them with our eyes of faith, by observing his creation.

It doesn't take a great deal of scientific knowledge to realize that the way humans, animals and plants fit into the world, with the various species benefiting each other, is complicated and well-planned.

The complexity of cells and how they fit together to make up living creatures and of atoms making up such things as the air and water prove to reasonable people these

things did not come about by chance.

Hebrews 3:4 says, "Of course, every house is constructed by someone, but he that constructed all things is God."

When we look at a beautifully constructed house, we don't assume it just fell onto that property by chance. So why would we assume the earth and everything on it fell into place by chance?

Observing the things created should convince us of God's existence, and besides that, He reveals more about Himself through His word, the Bible.

1 Timothy 2:3, 4 tells us why:

"This is fine and acceptable in the sight of our Savior, God, whose will is that all sorts of men should be saved and come to an accurate knowledge of truth."

It is God's will that any who want to get to know Him and gain salvation, so He supplied the means for all of us to do so. That includes accurate knowledge of Him.

Hebrews 11:6 says, "Without faith it is impossible to please him well, for he that approaches God must believe that he is and that he becomes the rewarder of those earnestly seeking him."

How can we have such faith? By reading and studying the Bible, we can see the truth of the words at Joshua 21:45: "Not a promise failed

out of all the good promise that God had made to the house of Israel; it all came true."

When we read the accounts from the Hebrew Scriptures, or Old Testament, we learn details of how God preserved Noah and his family through the flood, brought the Israelites out of Egypt under Moses' and Aaron's leadership and promised the Messiah through Abraham's line.

We learn how great God's power is and how He has used it to help those who worshipped Him. And we read His promises for the future.

When God spoke to Moses out of the burning bush, He said at Exodus 3:14: "I shall prove to be what I shall prove to be," meaning He would

become what he needed to be to fulfill His promises.

Hebrews 6:17, 18 says, "In this manner God, when he purposed to demonstrate more abundantly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeableness of his counsel, stepped in with an oath, in order that, through two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to the refuge may have strong encouragement to lay hold on this hope set before us."

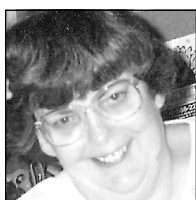
The Bible teaches us what God has promised, how we can be sure it will come true and what we need to do to be a recipient of those promises. And it can help us to have a solid faith in God, so our faith is real to us, rather than based on blind belief.

Appreciation days planned for holidays

There are two appreciation days in Brewster before Christmas. One will be at the post office on Monday. Tina Hanson and helpers will greet everyone in a special way that day.

On Tuesday, S&T will have its appreciation day for customers. Be sure to stop in and see what treats will be coming your way.

On Wednesday, we will have a dinner at the senior center, and a tur-



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key will be provided. All that is needed will be a dish to go along with it, so any area senior citizen is welcome to join us.

I wish you all a very merry and blessed Christmas and a joyous and healthy New Year.

4-H news

The Monday, Dec. 13, meeting of the Brewster Prairie Gem 4-H Club was called to order by President Andrie Baird. There were 14 members present.

The flag salute was recited, then the club was led in Jingle Bells by members Audrey Hoyt and Benjamin Baird. The roll call was "What is your favorite decoration?"

There were also several special readings. Amy Carpenter read about

the legend of the poinsettia and Avery Schultz read the story of mistletoe. Michael Eicher read the poem "Christmas Bells" by Henry Longfellow. The club then played a rousing game of Stealing Santa.

The club is selling pizzas again this year as a fund-raiser. Call 4-H members by Monday, Jan. 10, to buy some.

Submitted by Club Reporter Michael Eicher.

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Goodland Police

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

Dec. 13 — Thomas S. Aten was arrested for driving under suspension and no insurance at 1523 Arcade.

Dec. 14 — Brice M. Cronn was arrested on a warrant at 1529 Cen-

ter.

Stanley Meissinger reported the theft of a license tag valued at \$3 at 600 E. 13th.

Presto Convenience Store reported a gas skip valued at \$58.47 at 2510 Commerce.

Juvenile was charged with shoplifting valued at \$5.82 at 2160 Commerce.

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Telephone cooperative receives award

S&T Telephone Cooperative of Brewster received recognition as an "Outstanding U.S. Department of Agriculture Development Partner" during a visit to Colby.

Rural Development state Director Chuck Banks presented the award to

Pat Mallory of S&T as a result of the utility's participation in the Rural Economic Loan and Grant Program, which provided over \$860,000 in financing for emerging businesses in northwest Kansas over the past four years.

Businesses appreciate this program, Mallory said, and it results in more jobs for northwest Kansas.

The presentation was part of a statewide tour in October, recognizing the agency's record fiscal year for 2004, with nearly \$152 million

in the program. Officials made 16 stops, recognizing businesses for their support of agency programs, touring projects under construction and delivering ceremonial checks for recently approved business proposals.

Worship warms the heart



Calvary Gospel Church

Pastor: Rev. Steve Rains

Fourth & College • 899-3605

Sunday: Sunday School: 9:15 am

Morning Service: 10:30 am

Small Group Ministries

Wednesday: Prayer and Worship: 7:00 p.m.

Youth @ the Rock House: 7:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Pastor: Father Norbert Dlabal

307 W. 13th • 899-7205

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

4:30-5 pm Saturday or by appointment

Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 6 pm, Sunday: 10:30 am

Spanish Mass:

1st & 3rd Sunday: 4 pm

Sonrise Christian Church

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

Joursquare Church

10th & Clark • 899-5250

Pastor: John Coumerilh

Service Schedule:

Sunday: Worship Celebration

and Kids' Church: 10:30 am

First Wednesday: K.W.A.M.!

Grades 1 through 5: 7 p.m.

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Sunday: Worship Service: 9 am

Sunday School: 10 am

Evening Service: 6 pm

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,

Devotions Study, Monthly Fellowship

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Nurseries Available

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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

Sr. Warden for emergencies

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 education/fellowship:

10:15 a.m.

Worship Service: 9 am

Wednesday: Confirmation: 6 pm

Church of Christ

401 Caldwell

899-6185

Sunday: Bible Study: 9:45 am

Worship Service: 10:45 am

Wednesday: Bible Study: 7 pm

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