

# God is the source of our life, so trust him with it

Sometimes people are quick to dismiss God's role in life, and many take Him for granted. People who do appreciate life often trust in technology and medicine to sustain their lives.

Though there are many ways that technology is beneficial, and medical care is often necessary and can help people to survive serious illnesses and injuries, these are not the source of life. The Bible tells us we would not have life if not for God and that he requires us to appreciate that.

Psalms 36:9 says, "For with you is the source of life; by light from you we can see light."

Our life begins the moment we are conceived. Exodus 21:22, 23, says, "And in case men should struggle with each other and they really hurt a pregnant woman and her children



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- use it or lose it

do come out but no fatal accident occurs, he is to have damages imposed upon him without fail. . . . But if a fatal accident should occur, then you must give soul for soul."

Appreciating life means doing our best to protect others' lives, as well as our own. God's people in ancient times were required to make their homes safe, so they wouldn't accidentally cause others harm.

Deuteronomy 22:8 says, "In case you build a new house, you must also make a parapet for your roof, that you may not place bloodguilt

upon your house because someone falling might fall from it."

If we appreciate life, would we enjoy sports that cause serious injury or can even cause death?

Psalms 11:5 says, "God himself examines the righteous one as well as the wicked one, and anyone loving violence his soul certainly hates."

The Bible even says the lives of animals should be valued. Proverbs 12:10 says, "The righteous one is caring for the soul of his domestic animal, but the mercies of the wicked ones are cruel."

While those who appreciate life as a gift from God would not abuse animals or kill them just for "fun," the Bible does say animals can be used for food and clothing.

Genesis 3:21 says, "And God proceeded to make long garments of

skin for Adam and for his wife and to clothe them."

Genesis 9:3 says, "Every moving animal that is alive may serve as food for you. As in the case of green vegetation, I do give it all to you."

If we are concerned about where we stand with God, we will be concerned not just about staying alive, but also about being as healthy as we can.

Romans 1:1, 2 says, "Consequently I treat you by the compassions of God, brothers, to present your bodies a sacrifice living, holy, acceptable to God, a sacred service with your power of reason. And quit being fashioned after this system of things, but be transformed by making your mind over, that you may prove to yourself the good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

Smoking cigarettes, abusing alcohol and using illegal drugs would harm our bodies and impair our powers of reason. The apostle Paul often warned Christians that just because

something is OK to everyone around them didn't mean it was right.

If we appreciate life, we will take care of ourselves and, of course, would go to a doctor if we have an injury or illness that could be life threatening. Does this mean Christians should be willing to do anything to extend their lives as long as possible?

Often people are given blood transfusions during surgery or when they have lost blood in an accident or have a low blood cell count from an illness. The Bible says we shouldn't.

After telling Noah at Genesis 9:3 that he and his family can use animals for food, God says in verse 4, "Only flesh with its soul — its blood — you must not eat."

The life of an animal, also of a person, is in its blood. That life belongs to God; taking it from one and saving it for another is not proper. How do we know this wasn't just an

ancient law that does not apply to Christians?

Acts 15:28, 29 gives instructions for the first century congregation: "For the holy spirit and we ourselves have favored adding no further burden to you, except these necessary things, to keep abstaining from things sacrificed to idols and from blood and from things strangled and from fornication. If you carefully keep yourselves from these things, you will prosper. Good health to you!"

Matthew 16:25 says, "For whoever wants to save his soul will lose it; but whoever loses his soul for my sake will find it."

While we would not take unnecessary risks with our lives, Christians recognize that their first obligation is to God, and His requirements are for our everlasting benefit. If we lose our life because we obeyed him, we can look forward to being resurrected to everlasting life.

## Open house planned for library anniversary

The Goodland Public Library plans an open house Monday, June 13, celebrating the 30th anniversary of the library building, which opened June 13, 1975.

During the last three years, the library board has made improvements to the building, including new carpeting, wallpaper and furniture three years ago.

Insulation and ceiling fans were added to help with energy costs and new chairs bought for computer workstations and the children's department.

The library received a technology grant this year to install wireless Internet access. People with laptop computers and wireless cards can access the Internet.

The library has a network of eight public access computers that can access the card catalog, the Internet, productivity software and games. The library replaces several computers each year to keep the network up to date.

Last year, the statue "More than Words" by Greg Todd was given to the library. The building's entrance was redone to accommodate the statue, and a brick wall was added. New stucco was placed on the panels on the outside of the building.

The front door was replaced with a door than can be opened automatically if needed. This spring, a new sign was placed on the lawn and lettering added to the building.

Benches, bike racks and a trash receptacle have been placed at the entrance to the library as part of Jonathan McClung's Eagle Scout project.

The library continues to offer traditional services as well, including fiction and non-fiction books, best-selling titles, large-print books, rotating books, paperbacks, reference books, children's books, magazines, newspapers, video cassettes, DVDs and books on cassette and compact disc. The library sent and received over 1,100 items on interlibrary loan with libraries across the state and nation last year.

The library offers a pre-school story hour during the school year for kids 3-5 and a weekly story time session for parents and toddlers.

The staff has been working with the community coalition on an after-school program for elementary children. During the summer, a reading program is held for elementary and junior high students. This summer, the program's theme is "Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds!" Story and activity sessions are offered during June and July.

Library hours during the summer are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Stop by the library at 812 Broadway, call 899-5461 or visit the web site at [skyways.lib.ks.us/nwklsgoodland](http://skyways.lib.ks.us/nwklsgoodland).

## 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 • 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: 4 pm

### Sonrise Christian Church

Ninth & Caldwell • 899-5398  
**Minister:**  
**Youth Minister:**  
**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  
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Grades 1 through 5: 7 p.m.

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### Bible Baptist Church

**Pastor:** Glenn Hermanson  
Fifth & Broadway  
890-7368  
**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  
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**Sacrament Meeting:** 10 am  
**Sunday School:** 11:15 am  
**Priesthood/Relief Society:** 12 am

### Iglesia Del Dios Vivo

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Spanish Speaking Church  
**Minister:** Esteban Ortiz B.  
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**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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### 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:** Travis Blake  
Fifth & Center • 890-3450  
**Sunday:** Sunday School for all ages:  
9:15 am (Child care provided)  
Morning Worship: 10:30 am  
**Wednesday:** Bible study 7 p.m.  
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**Thursday:** Bible study 9:30 a.m.  
Wheatridge Center

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Church 890-2115 or Rectory 890-6969  
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**Holy Eucharist:** 10:00 a.m. Sunday  
10:00 a.m. Thursday  
**Morning Prayer:** 8:00 a.m. Wed. - Sun.  
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Mon. and Tues. 890-3320

### Grace Fellowship Church

104 E. Hwy 24 • 890-6423  
**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

### Church of Christ

401 Caldwell  
890-6185  
**Sunday:** Bible Study: 9:45 am  
Worship Service: 10:45 am  
**Wednesday:** Bible Study: 7 pm

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