

Bible doesn't encourage 'ill intent' toward police

After reading Ken Klemm's letter to the editor in Tuesday's edition of *The Goodland Star-News*, I feel the need to clarify my beliefs in light of some of his accusations.

He said he wonders whether I have the same ill intent toward police officers that I do toward people who participate in wars. First, I have no ill intent toward people who go to war. If you believe going to war is the right thing to do, it is your right to make that decision.

My only intent in what I write in this column each week is to share what the Bible says on certain subjects, so readers can examine whether they personally (not everyone else) are living up to what the Bible says Christians must and must not do.

Second, I don't view police officers as people who are participating in wars. I'm sure there are days they feel they are at war — we often hear



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• use it or lose it

about the war on crime and the war on drugs.

But there is a marked difference in what police officers do as compared to soldiers. For one, police officers learn how to use guns and carry them, but their guns are the last resort.

Police officers set out to arrest criminals (or alleged criminals) without using deadly force. Their intent is to establish, maintain or restore law and order, not to take lives.

If I had the training and ability to serve as a police officer, I would

placed in their relative positions by God."

Police officers are part of the structure of authority God allows because He knows not everyone on earth right now is going to live by His laws in the Bible. There needs to be a system of laws and a means to enforce them in order to protect the public.

It seemed to me there was a note of sarcasm behind Klemm's opening comment that he is "pleased to know you feel that you are part of the church that Jesus started."

have no moral objection to doing so.

Romans 13:1 says, "Let every soul be in subjection to the superior authorities, for there is no authority except by God; the existing authorities stand

Everyone who claims to be a Christian is saying he is a member of the "church that Jesus started." To be a Christian is to be a follower of Christ. But can you really be a Christian if you do not live as Jesus taught his disciples to?

1 Peter 2:21 says, "In fact, to this course you were called, because even Christ suffered for you, leaving you a model for you to follow his steps closely."

What example did Jesus set? Matthew 26:50b-52 says, "Then they came forward and laid hands on Jesus and took him into custody. But, look! one of those with Jesus reached out and struck the slave of the high priest and took off his ear. Then Jesus said to him: 'Return your sword to its place, for all those who take the sword will perish by the sword.'"

Jesus had talked with Peter before

about the difference between man's view and God's. Matthew 16:21-23 says, "From that time forward Jesus Christ commenced showing his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the older men and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised up. At this Peter took him aside and commenced rebuking him saying: 'Be kind to yourself, Lord; you will not have this destiny at all.' But, turning his back, he said to Peter: 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me, because you think, not God's thoughts, but those of men.'"

How much more clear could he be?

If Jesus did not want Peter to use a sword to save his life, should we want someone to use a gun to save ours? Men's thoughts on matters are often so far from God's view that

Jesus called Peter "Satan" for thinking that way.

John 14:12 says, "Most truly I say to you, he that exercises faith in me, that one also will do the works that I do; and he will do works greater than these, because I am going my way to the Father."

What works? John 17:3 says, "This means everlasting life, their taking in knowledge of you, the only true God, and of the one whom you sent forth, Jesus Christ."

Teaching others about God and Jesus gives them the opportunity to gain everlasting life, the salvation Jesus died to offer to us. What greater demonstration of Christian love could there be?

If the only way you can think of to show love to me is to kill someone half-way around the world, whom you view as a threat to my life, don't.



Les and LaVina Perry

Pair together 65 years

Les and LaVina Perry, Goodland, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary with a party at the Good Samaritan Center Tuesday afternoon.

The couple married June 28, 1940. They lived in O'Neill, Neb., where he helped on his father's farm before serving in the Navy. He worked at the Dr. Pepper plant after being discharged.

The Perrys moved to St. Francis in 1947, and he was line superintendent for Bird City before moving to Goodland in 1967. He was line superintendent for the City of Goodland until 1982 and helped rebuild city power lines. Mrs. Perry worked for the Veterans of Foreign

Wars, cooking once a month for the Stag/Stagette party, and a member of the VFW auxiliary.

The secret to staying together for 65 years is to fight and argue, she joked, adding that it's to agree with one another and be happy in what you're doing.

The couple has four children, Johnny Perry of Oregon, David Perry of Scott City, Diana Nichols of Goodland and Carol Wetzler of Alaska. They have 14 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Les said they have had a lot of happy years, and they have made some good friends.

Man honored by Lions for 49 years of service

Forty-nine years of service to the Lions Club has earned a Goodland man the club's International Certificate of Appreciation.

Lawrence Tedford, 78, has lived in Goodland for 53 years and was a charter member of the club here.

"I would say Lawrence has been a long-time member and valued member of our club," said Lions Club President Dan Hayden.

He said Tedford has made great contributions to Goodland through his participation in the club. At 78, Hayden said, Tedford is still active.

"He comes to every meeting and helps out with everything we do," he said.

Tedford said he remembers a trip the club made to visit the Anchorage Lions Club in Alaska. He said the club there gave them tickets to a

semi-pro baseball game.

He said he has held all of the club offices, serving as president for a time. One of his favorite projects for the club was selling candy at restaurants and motels in town. He said the candy came in big boxes that he would distribute around town.

Tedford received the award and a letter and certificate of appreciation in December.

Lions International President Clement F. Kusiak wrote Tedford to thank him for his years of service.

"I'm sure having been a Lion for 49 years," it said, "you have made great contributions to your club."

"I was surprised," Tedford said of getting the award. "I thought I'd have to wait until I had 50 years."



Tedford

matters of record

Real Estate

The following real estate transactions were reported by the Sherman County Register of Deeds:

Ryan Hostetler to Schutte Farms the NE/4, Sec. 33, and the NW/4, Sec. 34, T7S, R42W.

Jack Mitcheck, trustee of the Dale Mitcheck Trust, to Dale Mitcheck the NE/4, Sec. 11, T9S, R38W.

Dale E. and Elaine E. Ellison quitclaims to Dean Ellison and Mary Ann McElligott a tract in the SE/4, Sec. 20, T8S, R39W.

Caldwell's Inc. to Andrew L. Potterf, Lot 7, Block 3, Sharp's Addition in the City of Goodland.

Joyce Michal, trustee of the Norman Michal Living Trust and trustee of the Joyce Michal Liv-

ing Trust, Block 3, USD 352 First Addition in the City of Goodland.

Norman Michal, trustee of the Norman Michal Living Trust and the Joyce Michal Living Trust, Block 3, USD 352 First Addition in the City of Goodland.

Norman Michal quitclaims to Joyce M. Michal, Block 3, USD 352 First Addition in the City of Goodland.

Patricia I. Cochran to J & N Cattle Co. a tract in the SW/4, Sec. 27, T6S, R38W; Sec. 22, T6S, R38W; all of the SW/4, Sec. 23, T6S, R38W; all of the NW/4, Sec. 26, T6S, R38W; all of the N/2, Sec. 27, T6S, R38W; and all mineral rights and buildings on property.

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
First Wednesday: K.W.A.M.!
Grades 1 through 5: 7 p.m.

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Rt. 1, Box 180 • 694-2807 • 3190 Road 70
Pastor: Charlie Busch
694-2242
Sunday: Worship Service: 9 am
Sunday School: 10 am
Evening Service: 6 pm

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
(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
Special Notice: Handicap Accessible, Hearing
Assistance Equipment and Infant and Toddler
Nurseries Available

Kanorado
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.
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 • 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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