

Scriptures tell us self defense is no excuse to kill

In a letter to the editor in Tuesday's *Goodland Star-News*, Ken Klemm wrote, "If I understand your position correctly, you support and condone the use of deadly force by the police but not by the military."

He does not understand my position correctly.

I do not condone the use of deadly force by *anyone* because the Bible does not do so.

What I said in my column in the Friday, July 1, issue of *The Star-News* is that I don't consider the police and the military the same because the police try to avoid using deadly force, as is evidenced by the arrest of a Goodland couple earlier this month.

Though police expected to find explosives and did find items related to a methamphetamine lab, no one was shot, nor was anyone wounded by other means.

The Los Angeles Police, on the other hand, are learning at least one consequence to deadly force, as news reports say they fatally shot a 19-month-old girl because her father used her as a human shield. Admittedly, they were in a tight spot,



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since the man was already shooting at them, but it's unlikely they will ever be happy with the outcome. And the baby's family definitely is not.

Mr. Klemm seems to suggest in his letter that fighting the war in Iraq is self defense, a response to the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Whether the war is actually in self defense or not is a subject I don't care to get into, as I am not furthering my, or anyone else's, political views.

What the Bible says on self defense can be taken from several scriptures.

Romans 12:17-21 says, "Return evil for evil to no one. Provide fine things in the sight of all men. If possible, as far as it depend upon you, be peaceable with all men. Do not

avenge yourselves, beloved, but yield place to the wrath; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says God.' But, 'If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by doing this you will heap fiery coals upon his head.' Do not let yourself be conquered by the evil, but keep conquering the evil with the good."

Romans 8:31-39 says, "What, then, shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who will be against us? He who did not even spare his own Son but delivered him up for us all, why will he not also with him kindly give us all other things? Who will file an accusation against God's chosen ones? God is the One who declares them righteous. Who is he that will condemn? Christ Jesus is

the one who died, yes, rather the one who was raised up from the dead, who is on the right hand of God, who also pleads for us.

"Who will separate us from the love of the Christ? Will tribulation or distress or persecution or hunger or nakedness or danger or sword? Just as it is written: 'For your sake we are being put to death all day long, we have been accounted as sheep for slaughtering.'

"To the contrary, in all these things we are coming off completely victorious through him that loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life nor angels nor governments nor things now here nor things to come nor powers nor height nor depth nor any other creation will be able to separate us from God's love that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Luke 12:4, 5 says, "Moreover, I say to you, my friends, Do not fear

those who kill the body and after this are not able to do anything more. But I will indicate to you whom to fear: Fear him who after killing has authority to throw into Gehenna. Yes, I tell you, fear this One."

John 5:28, 29 says, "Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life, those who practiced vile things to a resurrection of judgment."

Since God provided His son, and Jesus gave up his earthly life, to redeem mankind, Christians can be sure they do not need to kill anyone in self defense. The Bible assures us that God can restore our life in due time and that he will do so.

This is not to say that we should be reckless with our lives. Luke 4:28-30 says, "Now all those hear-

ing these things in the synagogue became filled with anger; and they rose up and hurried him outside the city, and they led him to the brow of the mountain upon which their city had been built, in order to throw him down headlong. But he went through the midst of them and continued on his way."

When an angry mob, upset at what Jesus taught, dragged him to the edge of the mountain to kill him, he didn't just let them do it. But he also didn't kill them in self defense. He escaped.

Christians should take appropriate measures to protect their lives without taking someone else's. And when faced with situations that cause fear, keep in mind the day that 1 Corinthians 15:25, 26 says will be fulfilled: "For he must rule as king until God has put all enemies under his feet. As the last enemy, death is to be brought to nothing."

vfw auxiliary news

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars met at their new meeting time of 5:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month on July 7.

President Brenda Frankenfeld called the meeting to order. Twelve members were present. The charter was draped in memory of Jessie Kear and Pauline Renner.

A letter from Leona Washburn, ninth district president, was read. She encouraged all members to get involved in their auxiliary projects.

Dates to put on the calendar include the Mid-Summer District Meeting at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, July 24, in Victoria.

The Ninth District Fall Conference will be on Sunday and Monday, Oct. 23 and 24, in Oakley, and the Ninth District Coffee Tour will be Thursday and Friday, Nov. 3 and 4.

Community service projects include donations to Family, Career and Community Leaders of America; the Eagle Scout project of Jonathan McClung; and the monthly donation to the Veterans Administration hospitals of Kansas.

The auxiliary also sponsored the June birthday party at the Good Samaritan Center. The memory money from the Sympathy Club for Mildred Tippery was donated to the St. Mary's school.

The auxiliary will be furnishing snacks for the post home on Friday evenings. Members are encouraged to bring finger food items for this occasion.

The auxiliary will be able to provide blue "cancer" bracelets soon. Money collected from the sale of these will go to the cancer aid and research program. Out of this money, cancer grants are available to members of the auxiliary who currently are battling cancer.

Mary Harper continues to have flags for sale. The auxiliary also has some woven rugs and bags for sale that were made by veterans at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Leavenworth.

Upcoming events include Meals on Wheels delivery in August by the auxiliary and helping with the roller coaster ride at the fair.

The next meeting will be Thursday, Aug. 4, at the post home.

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.

Pleasant Home Church

**Serving the rural community
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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

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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.
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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208 W. 2nd

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Sunflower Contest

RULES

- Write down as many words (at least 3 letters) that you can think of using the word "Sunshine"
- Do not use proper names
- Bring your completed list to The Goodland Star- News office at 1205 Main or at our booth at the Fair by 12:00 p.m. by Monday, August 8th

Winners will be announced in the Friday, August 12th edition

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