

# ‘Sweet things’ want love every day of the year

It is just about Valentine’s Day, that “Hallmark” day where we suppose to say sweet things, buy sweet things and do sweet things for our sweet thing.

One lady from St. Charles, Ill., said her sweet thing would be: “I’d love to have a day when my husband fixes me breakfast, tells me how terrific I look, picks up his socks and listens to what I say.”

Another lady was a little more pragmatic about it, realizing that every day is more important than just one day.

She replied, “I don’t want anything on Valentine’s Day other than the attention, respect and faithfulness my husband gives me any other day of the year.”

Author John Ortberg writes in his book “Love Beyond Reason,” “We talk much in our day about safe places because our world seems too unsafe. Catastrophes and violence and disease blanket the earth.



## steve rains

- moments from calvary

“And yet this is the discovery that gets made over and over in the Scriptures: Lions’ dens and fiery furnaces, Pharaoh’s prison and the floor of the Red Sea, a battered little boat in the midst of a violent storm — all these seemed to be most dangerous, but turned out to be the safest places of all.

“It is really true — our universe is a perfectly safe place for us to be. Not because bad things won’t happen in it, but because, as Paul put it, ‘What shall separate us from the love Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?’ Even

strated that love for us, but what about you? How do you think you do? Or better yet, how do people around you say you love? Is it unconditional or is it dependent on your terms? Don’t you hate questions like that? We had better move on.

Many are familiar with what is known as the love chapter in the Bible. It is 1 Corinthians 13. Let me quote a few verses to you about just how important love is.

Verses 1-3 say, “If I could speak in any language in heaven or on earth but didn’t love others, I would only be making meaningless noise

like a loud gong or a clanging cymbal. If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I knew all the mysteries of the future and knew everything about everything, but didn’t love others, what good would I be? And if I had the gift of faith so that I could speak to a mountain and make it move, without love I would be no good to anybody. If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn’t love others, I would be of no value whatsoever.”

Here God gives us some heavenly love lessons because we all need love, and we all need to give love. Notice first, if we don’t live a life of love, nothing we say will matter (verse 1). Another way of saying that is words without love are just noise. Words without love are empty. Is your life a life of love?

Lesson No. 2: If you don’t live a life with love, nothing you know will matter (verse 2). There are those

who graduated Summa Cum Laude, others that graduated “Thank The Lorde,” but in all reality, it doesn’t matter what we know or how much we know. Even if it is incredible Bible knowledge and you don’t have love in your life, what you know is eternally worthless.

Lesson No. 3: If you don’t live a life with love, nothing you believe will matter (verse 2). It is a false statement to say being a Christian is just a matter of believing certain truths. The Devil believes in facts about God, but you won’t find him in heaven. Our love for God should affect our love for other people, and our love for people affects our love for God.

Two more love lessons. No. 4 — If you don’t live a life of love, nothing you give will matter (verse 3). What do I mean? Some people give to get back. That isn’t love.

Some people give out of guilt — instead of fessing up when they

mess up, they try to give to cover the mess up. Some people give to control, some for prestige. Let love be why you give, it is why God gave His Son because He loves you.

Love lesson No. 5 — If you don’t live a life of love, nothing we accomplish will matter (verse 3). One translation of the Bible puts it this way, “No matter what I say or what I believe or what I do, I’m bankrupt without love.” You can accomplish an incredible achievement list, but if you don’t have love, it isn’t really worth it.

The bottom line is this: Do you love God, and do you love other people? (Luke 10:27). God demonstrated His love to you by Christ dying for you on Calvary. How about you? Are you demonstrating some love?

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# Brewster teams excelling at basketball

It’s snowing a little as I write this Sunday afternoon, and I hope it keeps it up all night but hope the wind goes down a little.

The boys and girls basketball teams have been doing wonderful. They both won again last Friday in Sharon Springs. You make the city of Brewster very proud of you all.

Carl Samuelson, grandson of Marg Westover, is now home from Iraq and living in Rapid City, S.D.

If anyone has news for the alumni letter or address changes for the alumni directory, please call Bonnie Reid, 694-2775, or Joyce Crabtree, 694-2822.

Dean Bell from Brewster has had successful eye surgery and is at home recovering. He has to wear dark glasses to keep the light out of his eyes but seems to be in good spirits, and still nothing keeps him from sitting in the hot tub.

John Eicher brought Reva to the center the other morning to have coffee and a good visit with everyone. She is such a joy and inspiration to be around; I hope she comes back often.

Don’t forget the blood pressure check on Tuesday, Feb. 21.

The Brewster Community



## betty jo baird

- brewster news

Church is having its annual Valentine dinner Saturday. Guest speakers are Jon and Reva Eicher. It should be a night of food and fun.

Dear one, What do you know of a love like mine? A love that stoops to conquer? A love that reaches to redeem?

Look at the life of my Son, and you will see my heart. I am the center and the soul of who he is, for he and I are one. Look at him, the One who was willing to leave crowns and thrones and angels’ praise to become a baby laid on straw.

Look at him, the One who bowed to be baptized though he had never sinned. Look at him, the One who faced his own accusers, wordlessly accepting their sentence on his life. The One who bore abuse and torture, who bled and finally died so you could live to laugh and love and be reconciled to me.

All that you need to know of me, you will find in him. Look at him, Look at my Son, your Savior. Now, turn to me. His Father and Yours, God. Philippians 2:5-8.

# Parents can monitor children’s TV, internet

In my columns, I usually write to you about government business. But today, I’d like to talk about my most important job, being a mother to our two boys.

My sons are away at school now. John is finishing college, and Ned has started law school. You can ask either one of them, and they’ll tell you I was a strict mom.

Neither of them had a television in his room, and Gary and I monitored their TV viewing. There were shows we didn’t allow them to watch. It was the same with music.

But parents today face new challenges that my husband Gary and I didn’t have when our boys were younger.

Video games and music lyrics promote violence, while ever-looser standards for movies and TV shows bring inappropriate material right into our living rooms. The Internet poses safety threats I never dreamed of when my boys were little.

I don’t believe moms and dads should be alone in their fight to raise children the right way, which is I want to help Kansas parents by providing access to tools to protect their children from inappropriate materials. Then you can make the deci-

sions about what you feel is right for your child, the same way Gary and I did when our boys were younger.

Starting this week, you can visit [www.parenttools.ks.gov](http://www.parenttools.ks.gov) to find the information parents and families need to make informed decisions about what their children should watch and listen to.

You’ll find links to organizations that review movies and let parents know whether those films contain foul language, violence or other questionable content. There are similar guides for TV shows and even for video games.

And for the times you’re not at home, there are links to free Internet filtering software and instructions on how to activate the parental controls on your TV.

It’s my hope parents will use these tools to stand up to popular culture and make sure their children learn the values that lead to a life of meaning because that will lead to stronger families and a stronger Kansas.



## kathleen sebelius

- governor

## matters of record

**Municipal Court**  
These are cases decided by the Goodland Municipal Court:

**Jan. 16:** Benjamin I. Chavez, Colby, speeding 54/40, fined \$92.

**Jan. 17:** Carlos Magana, Bakersfield, Calif., speeding 52/40, fined \$84

Lee A. Bickerstaff, Emporia, disobey stop sign, fined \$76.

**Jan. 18:** Nicholas J. Gary, speed-

ing, fined \$76.

**Jan. 23:** George T. Harrison, Colorado Springs, speeding 56/40, fined \$100.

Matthew W. Zollinger, speeding 50/40, fined \$76.

Jeffrey L. Holmes, Salina, speeding 61/40, fined \$122.

Dustin W. Knox, illegal registration, no proof of insurance, fined \$376.

### Worship warms the heart

**Calvary Gospel Church**  
**Pastor:** Steve Rains, Ben Coats, youth pastor  
Fourth & College • 890-3605  
**Sunday:** Kid’s Church: 10:30 am  
Morning Service: 10:30 am  
Evening Service: 5:00 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Adult mid-week service: 7:00 p.m.  
Youth @ the Rock House: 7:00 p.m.  
Small Group Ministries meets throughout the week.  
[www.calvarygospel.net](http://www.calvarygospel.net)

**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:** Charles E. Kerr, Jr.  
**Sunday:** Worship Service: 9:30 am  
Sunday School: 10:45 am  
Team Puppeteers: 6 pm  
**Wednesday:**  
Junior/Senior High Meeting: 7 pm  
Adult & Children’s Classes: 7 pm  
Jets, 4th grade and under: 3:30 - 4:30

**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  
for over 100 years**  
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:** Michael Estep  
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: Rev. Ted Amos**  
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

**Harvest Evangelical  
Free Church**  
104 E. Hwy. 24 • 890-7918  
**Pastor:** Brian Fugleberg  
**Sunday:** Worship: 9:30 am  
Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.  
**Wednesday:** Youth group  
meets at 7 p.m.  
at Scherlings’, 827 Caldwell.

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

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Hwy. 24

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