

Believing Israelites crossed Red Sea requires faith

I like the story that a boy told his mom:

“One day an 11-year-old boy came home from Sunday School and told his mother what he learned.

“Well,’ the boy said, ‘our teacher told us about how God sent Moses behind the enemy lines to rescue the Israelites from the Egyptians. Moses led them to the Red Sea, and then ordered his engineers to build a bridge. After they all crossed to the other side, they saw the Egyptian tanks coming after them. Moses then radioed the air force to send jet fighters to bomb the bridge and save the Israelites.’



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“Johnny: Did your teacher really tell you the story in that way?”
“Not really,’ Johnny admitted. ‘But if I told it her way, you’d never believe it.”

We live in a number-crunching, penny-pinching and pencil-pushing society. Not that crunching numbers and pinching pennies are bad things, but unfortunately, if we are not careful we can have that mind set when it comes to our faith in God.

If we adopt the right attitude,

when it comes right down to it, it doesn’t take a whole lot of faith to have that type of belief.

It wasn’t that long ago that I read a book entitled “The Sacred Romance” by John Eldridge. The whole premise of the book is God’s wild affection for you and whether we will embrace His love or allow the arrows (failures, hurts, relationships that went south, unmet expectations, etc.) of life build up walls so we don’t respond.

In his book, Eldridge makes a statement that unfortunately is pretty accurate in our Western culture about what God is able to do in our life. He calls it being a Christian Agnostic. An agnostic is someone who isn’t sure if there

is or isn’t a God.

The Christian version approaches life this way: God may or may not answer my prayer, so I will take the safe route, and if He does decide to answer it, then all the better for me. If He doesn’t come through the way I think He should, then there is nothing lost.

That is not the type of faith that gets out of the boat, sleeps with lions or dares to dream and believe the extraordinary.

Faith in God is a moral conviction. It is credence to who God is. Hebrews 11 tells us, “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

It is not a wishy washy belief system that says play it safe just in case

God doesn’t come through for you.

Moses asked God this question, “Who shall I say sent me?”

God responds with, “Tell them I am that I am sent you.”

In other words, put your confidence in me, and let me take care of details like the Red Sea.

I believe singer Steven Curtis Chapman put it this way, “faith believes the unbelievable, attains the unattainable.”

In a culture of extreme makeovers, I want to encourage you to have the most important makeover a person can have, a faith makeover. Let me help put a little light on your path. John Ortberg put it this way:

“Never try to have more faith, just get to know God better. And be-

cause God is faithful, the better you know Him, the more you’ll trust Him.”

Get to know God’s love for you, what He thinks about you, the plan that He has for you, and the hope He is holding out to you.

My prayer for you today is that you would be dazzled, awoken to this sacred romance that Jesus has for you. For some, I know that probably seems like a foreign concept, but tracing the pages of God’s love to mankind I can’t help but draw that conclusion. That is what Calvary is all about: God laying down His life for us (John 15:13).

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Bridal shower held in Fellowship Hall

A bridal shower for Kendra Cobb, fiancée of Lucas Bear, was held Saturday at the United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Hostesses for the shower were Dorothy, Mary and Rose Bear. Kendra and Lucas will be married Saturday, April 22, 2006, in Beloit, where they will live.

Lisa and Tim Hayes, Dubois, Wyo., have been visiting her parents Don and Becky Luckert and other relatives and friends for several days.

A birthday coffee for Bonnie Reid and Violet Bowman was held on Tuesday at the Brewster Senior Center.

Many Brewster High School students participated in the Regional Music Festival in Oberlin Saturday. Melissa Crumrine received a 1 rating on her xylophone solo and will participate in the State Festival in Wichita on Saturday, April 29.

Those receiving 2 ratings on solos were Karman Selby, trombone; Luke Goudy, alto saxophone; Britt Kammer, alto saxophone; Abbie Allen, snare drum; Michael Collett, snare drum; Andrew Starns, trumpet; and Jennifer McMahan, vocal.



betty jo baird

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Also receiving a 2 rating was the clarinet trio made up of Megan Allen, Baylee Westover and Leanna Burkholder.

Receiving a 3 rating on solos were Aaron Horinek, alto saxophone; Ryan Edmundson, alto saxophone; Tim Knox, snare drum and vocal, T. J. Preston, trumpet, Melissa Baird, trumpet; and Jennifer McMahan, French horn.

The vocal trio of Brittany Schuette, Melissa Baird and Leanna Burkholder received a 3 rating. Receiving a 4 rating on a vocal solo was Brittany Schuette.

The churches of the Brewster community will have a sunrise service on Easter Sunday at the Lawrence and Lila Mayer home one mile north of Brewster. Time for the service is 6:30 a.m., and a brunch will follow. Everyone is welcome.

Brewster students in grades three, four and five will travel to Salina on Friday, April 21, to see the Shrine Circus.

Area high school seniors named Kansas scholars

The University of Kansas honored 46 high school seniors at a dinner Wednesday at the Colby Community College student union.

Students from Goodland, Brewster, Bird City, St. Francis and Sharon Springs were among those named Kansas Honor Scholars by the KU Alumni and Endowment associations. They include:

From Goodland: Katrina Cotter, Justene Koehler, Julie Leiker, Kaleen Rietcheck, Melissa Swager and Morgan Titus.

Brewster: Karman Selby.

Bird City: Jacob Jensen.

St. Francis: Grace Hnizdil, Samantha Marin and Sheryl Miller.

Sharon Springs: Kyle Elder.

Weskan: Macy Sexson.

Bill Crowe, librarian at the Spen-

cer Research Library, addressed the students, and Jennifer Alderdice, director of student programs for the Alumni Association, presented awards.

Sharon Steele of Colby was the site coordinator and the county coordinator for Thomas and Wallace counties. Other county coordinators are Jeff and Nona Mason of Goodland, Sherman County; Mike and Brenda Day of St. Francis, Cheyenne County; Wade Park of Oakley, Gove, Logan and Sheridan counties; Charles and Connie Peckman of Atwood, Rawlins County; and Kurt Vollertsen of Oberlin, Decatur County.

The Kansas Honors Program has honored 95,794 students in the top 10 percent of high school senior classes since 1971.

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 through out the week.
www.calvarygospel.net

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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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 Foursquare Church

10th & Clark • 899-5250
Pastor: John Coumerilh
Sunday: Worship Celebration
and Kids’ Church: 10:30 am
Wednesday: K.W.A.M.!
Age 3 through grade 6, 6:30 p.m.
(during school year)

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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
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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.
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Thursday: Bible study 9:30 a.m.
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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 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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