

If you've been away, you may need new vocabulary

If you get the monthly *Readers Digest*, there is the opportunity for you to expand or refresh your vocabulary.

There are some words that you should find in there, but you never will. The reason is they don't exist, but they should. What are they?

Phonesia — The affliction of dialing a number phone number and forgetting who you are calling just as it starts ringing.

Elecelleration — The mistaken notion that the more you press an elevator button, the faster it will arrive at your desired floor.

Disconfect — To sterilize a piece of candy you dropped on the floor by blowing on it, somehow assuming this will "remove" all germs.

When you come to Easter, if you



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aren't connected or have been away from church, it is almost like learning some new vocabulary. One of those words that describe Easter is reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:17-20 talks about it this way: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation that God was reconciling the world to

himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God."

So what does it mean? Verse 21 tells us, "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." That is incredible!

Let's summarize that passage in two words. Here it is — trading places or trading spaces. Jesus said,

"Here's the deal. You give me your sin. I'll give you my righteousness. And we will call it even." That transaction is called reconciliation.

I am not a banker or the son of a banker, but in financial terms, reconciliation is double checking your account balance by adding up the debits and credits. (That can be scary business, huh? You should do it only for your spiritual life.)

God does that with our lives every day. He keeps track of debits and credits. He keeps track of everything we do wrong. The vocabulary word for that is sin. He keeps track of everything we do right. That vocabulary word is righteousness.

Some have thought the way to get in good with God's grace is to simply have more rights than wrongs.

That is faulty thinking. James 2:10 tells us "Whoever keeps the whole law yet stumbles at one point is guilty of breaking it all." So it's all or nothing. God doesn't grade on a bell curve. We have all sinned (Romans 3:23). We all have failed the test. We are all in debt. That is where reconciliation comes into play. God wants to balance the book in your life.

The good news of Easter is that God has done a wire transfer. How a wire transfer happens I don't get, but it sure is nice when that money gets put in your account.

When you put your faith in Christ, a wire transfer occurs. We transfer our sin to Christ's account, and He transfers His righteousness to ours. It reverses the irreversible.

As Jesus hung on the cross and

said His final words, "It is finished," he was saying the final installment on a debt had been paid. As the old song says, "I owed a debt I could not pay. He paid a debt He did not owe."

Most likely, you have experienced the joy of seeing that final installment paid off. There is nothing like that taste of the envelope as you place that last payment in there. A burden lifted.

Friends, that is what Easter is about. God wants nothing more than for you to experience freedom from your sin. This weekend I want to encourage you to go to church. Here is a great idea. Make going to church a part of your weekly vocabulary.

Check us out at calvarygospel.net or e-mail me at calvarycolumn@st-tel.net.

Brewster girl signs to play volleyball at Kansas Wesleyan University

Caitlan Rush, daughter of Jolene and Neal Rush, recently signed a letter of intent to play volleyball next year at Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina.



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Melissa Baird participated in the Regional 4-H Days, held in Brewster on March 31. She received a blue award for her demonstration.

The Brewster School forensics team of Avery Schultz, Audrey Hoyt, Ryan Edmundson and Andrew Starns has competed in three tournaments this spring. At the Hill City tournament, Ryan and Andrew placed fifth in improvised duet acting. At the Quinter tournament, Audrey and Avery placed first in improvised duet action. At the Western Kansas Liberty League tournament, neither team placed in the final round.

The Brewster Junior High track team participated in the Cheylin Junior High track meet at Bird City on April 6. Those placing in the seventh grade girls division were Brenna McKee, third in long jump; Masha Claassen, second in 1600-meter run; and the 4X100 relay, made up of Whitney Schultz,

Brenna McKee, Kasey Hoyt and Masha Claassen, fifth.

Placing in the seventh grade boys division were Wyatt Werth, sixth in both the 1600-meter run and the 800-meter run, and the 4X100 relay team of Wyatt Werth, Tate Preston, Garth Helton and Aaron Luckert, sixth.

In the eighth grade girls division, those placing were Ashton Domsch, sixth in shot put and fourth in discus; Rose Bear, second in the 800-meter run; and the 4X100 relay team of Ashton Domsch, Kersten Trow, Brittany Burkholder and Rose Bear, fifth.

The eighth-grade boys who placed were Ryan Allen, fifth in long jump; Seth Ackerman, third in discus and fourth in shot put; Tad Sheets, fourth in softball throw, second in the 200-meter race and fourth in the 100-meter; Braden McKee, fifth in high jump; Spencer Holm, first in the 75-meter hurdles and fifth in the 100-meter. The 4X100 relay

Do you know what to do when a friend is sick?

Friends are one of the greatest gifts we receive. One of life's more difficult moments is when you are talking with a



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friend who shares with you that he or she is seriously ill.

It is common to be overwhelmed. You don't know what to say or how to respond. The fear of not knowing what to do can prevent you from giving the love and support your friend needs most.

Jack D. Gordon served as chairman and chief executive officer of the Hospice Foundation of America until his death in 2005. In an article printed in the December 2005 Hospice Foundation of America Newsletter, Mr. Gordon shared some suggestions that may help when your friend needs help.

Many of his suggestions were taken from the experience of hospice patients:

- Be honest with me. I can tell when your feelings or actions are insincere.
- Laugh with me; cry with me. Allow me to express intense emotions.
- Don't feel sorry for me. Your understanding helps preserve my dignity and pride.
- Touch me. I want to be accepted despite the way I may look. Inside I'm still the same person you always knew.
- Let me talk about my illness if I want to. Talking helps me work through my feelings.
- Let me be silent if I want to. Sometimes I don't have much energy and I just want your silent com-

panionship. Your presence alone can be comforting.

• Space your visits and calls. Consistent support is very helpful. Sometimes I don't have the energy for very long visits, but they are important to me.

• Offer to baby-sit. The children need a break from my illness, and private times with my spouse are treasured.

• Support my family. I may be very sick, but they too are suffering. Let them express their grief.

• Offer to help me with simple chores. Routine jobs are often difficult to accomplish.

• Continue to be my friend. Don't let my illness overshadow all the good times we've shared together. I know this is hard for you too.

I hope this can be of help to you in dealing with illness, loss and grief. Much of what is in this article is learned from the ill themselves, a source of wisdom and inspiration.

If you're still not sure whether or not what you want to do is appropriate, call Hospice Services at 785-543-2900 or 800-315-5122.

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team, made up of Spencer Holm, Braden McKee, Ryan Allen and Tad Sheets, placed second.

LaVelle and Erma Palmgren attended the April 1st wedding of their

granddaughter in Sheridan, Wyo. Tessa Colvin, daughter of Lynette and Greg Colvin of Wiley, Colo., married Casey Osborn, and they will make their home in Sheridan.

On the way to Wyoming, the Palmgrens visited Erma's niece and my daughter, Dana Forrester Ward, in Denver. Also visiting was Dana's brother, Rob O'Brien, of San Jose,

Calif. Dana died about a week later on Friday, April 7, 2006, at her home. Her funeral was Wednesday, April 12, 2006, at the Brewster Community Church.

Worship warms the heart

<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>Word of Life Joursquare 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)</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Kanorado United Methodist Church Pastor: Leonard Cox 399-2468 Sunday: Sunday School: 9 am Worship Service: 10:15 am</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Church of Christ 401 Caldwell 890-6185 Sunday: Bible Study: 9:45 am Worship Service: 10:45 am Wednesday: Bible Study: 7 pm</p>
<p>Seventh Day Adventist Church 1160 Cattletrail Pastor: Jim Martin Saturday: Sabbath School: 9:30 am Worship Service: 11 am</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Urgent news for people who took SEROQUEL. Seroquel, an antipsychotic drug, has been linked to diabetes, pancreatitis, diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA) and even death. If you or a loved one have experienced any of these health problems, call us now toll free at 1-800-THE-EAGLE for a free consultation. We practice law only in Arizona, but associate with lawyers throughout the U.S. GOLDBERG & OSBORNE 1-800-THE-EAGLE (1-800-843-3245) www.1800theeagle.com Open 7 days a week</p>

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