

Check your foundation before the big storm comes

We had been living in Rapid City, S.D., for about six months when we decided it was time to do what every young couple dreams of — buy our first house.

We looked and looked and decided to look some more. One day our real estate agent called and said a house in our price range had just come on the market. She picked us up, and with great excitement we made our way across town.

There it was, a simple ranch-style house with a nice front deck and an even better one in back. We walked through the house, we dreamed and then we swallowed and signed.

We knew when we bought the house we were going to have to do some foundation work, for the cracks in the house shouted that, but not a problem. At least, not until the thunderstorm that dumped two



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inches in 30 minutes came.

Have you ever watched your basement fill up with water? It is a pretty helpless feeling, especially when you're not, shall we say, a "Tool Man" type of guy.

We knew there was an issue when we bought the house, but it really showed in that storm. Late that summer, work began. We had to replace half of a foundation wall that was buckling, which is another story.

The other day, I asked someone what they thought I should write about, and they suggested integrity.

So here we go. There are several facts of life, but here are a few. What you are in private will eventually manifest in public. Your sins will find you out. Your fruit doesn't drop far from the tree. Last but not least, you're often remembered for your last act more often than how you acted for a life time.

God says that if you are a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, you demonstrate that belief by your lifestyle (John 1:12). He also says you have been bought with a price, and you belong to God (1 Cor. 6:19-20).

You are complete in Christ (Colossian 2:9-10). You are established anointed and sealed by God

(2 Cor. 1:21-22). You are hand picked by Jesus to bear fruit (John 15:16).

That is how He sees those who have been called by his name — a diamond, the apple of His eye! How does a diamond become a diamond? By going through years of pressure and being willing to flex. I believe God's desire for you is to be a five-karat diamond, so why settle for anything less?

There was a man in Scripture who had a destiny of being a five-karat, but settled in becoming a no-karat because of his choices, his name — Samson. You can read about him in Judges 13-16. He is a guy who started strong and finished weak.

We all know that it is not how you start; it is how you finish. What do we learn from his life? God doesn't care about your ability or the re-

sources you have to offer. That stuff can be replaced. God cares about your durability and your ability to withstand sin and compromise.

What else do we learn from Samson? Proverbs 10:9 says, "The man of integrity walks securely, but he who takes crooked paths will be found out."

There are always warning signs when you aren't on solid ground. Author John Maxwell puts it this way, "I don't believe any person ends up out of bounds without first passing signposts that indicate that he is straying into dangerous territory."

Your reputation and integrity are in trouble when you choose to pass over character issues. Listen, when you don't repair the cracks, you lose your foundation.

You're in trouble when you use deception for protection. You're in

trouble when you abuse what you have been given to use.

Finally, you are in trouble when you are defeated because of weakness. Those who let sin go unchecked in their life will eventually be consumed by it. Private lifestyles always have public consequences and appearances.

Why are your lifestyle and your integrity so important? Because sin takes you farther than you want to go, it keeps you longer than you want to stay and it costs more than you ever wanted to pay.

You can repair those faulty walls, but do it before it rains.

Remember, at Calvary you find a God who takes you as you are and will bring that diamond out of you.

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

Will Legislature take big opportunities?

As we all know, the biggest unanswered question facing our state is whether the Legislature will meet its responsibility to ensure every Kansas child has the opportunity to attend a good school.

But there are other opportunities before us as well, opportunities to give Kansas families the tools they need to make the most of their own lives.

Back in January, I set out several common-sense ways we can make Kansans safer, healthier and more prosperous. So far, legislators have not taken advantage of these opportunities, but with your encouragement, there is still time for them to act.

The prosperity of our state — and of each Kansas family — depends on creating good jobs here at home. That's why I proposed eliminating the property tax on new business machinery and equipment to encourage businesses to invest in new technology and create new jobs.

This job creation tool has been moving forward, but uncertainty involving the Legislature's commitment to our schools is so far preventing it from being realized.

We also have the opportunity to make Kansans safer by cracking



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down on sex offenders, particularly those who prey on children. Legislators supported my call for electronic tracking of repeat child sex offenders, which I applaud, but they have yet to pass the tougher sentences I called for more than three months ago.

Additionally, we have an opportunity to help children grow up healthy by making sure every Kansas child from birth to age five has health insurance. Legislators, however, have so far chosen not to take action on behalf of Kansas kids.

Even the opportunity for Kansans to support our troops through a tax check-off to help military families in need has yet to pass the Legislature.

Clearly, there is unfinished business before our representatives and senators. When they return to Topeka later this month, they will have the chance to take action. In the meantime, I hope you'll encourage them to take advantage of these opportunities to move our state forward.

Worship warms the heart



Calvary Gospel Church

Pastor: Steve Rains, Ben Coats, youth pastor
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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.
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4:30-5 pm Saturday or by appointment
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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
Sunday: Worship Celebration
and Kids' Church: 10:30 am
Wednesday: K.W.A.M.!
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Sunday School: 10 am
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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
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Sacrament Meeting: 10 am
Sunday School: 11:15 am
Priesthood/Relief Society: 12 am

Iglesia Del Dios Vivo

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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

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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.
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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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NEW LISTING 3232 Sunset

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NEW LISTING 712 Cherry

Great investor or first time home. Quaint two bedroom, one, kitchen with stove and refrigerator.

Vinyl siding, washer and dryer included. Let the rent make your payments! \$13,000. Please call Donna to schedule your tour today.



1522 Caldwell

If you're looking for something that's ready to move into...this is it! Nice living room, formal dining room, three bedrooms, 2 baths, great kitchen with breakfast bar, laundry room. The yard has sprinkler system, privacy fence and in the back there's a small single car garage PLUS a new oversized double car garage. \$75,000. Please let Donna help you make this your new home!



807 Cherry

Brick ranch, hot water heat plus partial central air! Wonderful tile-type roof, fenced yard, single car attached garage. This home is loaded with

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