

People under the underpass teach life lessons

They have been gone now for about a week and a half, but I still think about them as I drive past the entrance ramp to I-70. I passed them several times each day coming and going to town.

They set up camp and made their home in our community for several days. I would drive by them and wonder what their story was. How did they arrive here? What are their plans? What their needs are? And to be honest, why don't they start working instead of waiting?

I am sure you have thought the same thing when you have seen individuals down on their luck, or just plain down by the roughness of life, and they are on the streets instead of in a home.

Curiosity and conviction got the best of me, so I stopped. I made a friend, and I learned some lessons



steve rains

● moments from calvary

from Roy.

Was he shooting straight with me on everything? I don't know and I'm not going to worry about that. See, that is one of the lessons isn't it? We have become all too skeptical of people.

If we aren't careful, we approach people with a John Wayne squint in our eye. With a calloused handshake that says, "I don't know anything about you, but by the looks of things you have some 'issues'" and because of that I am better than you."

Forgetting the fact that, like you, that person (whatever their issues) is made in the image of God. Sometimes we become so prideful, so smug, that we are the ones that really stink.

On the outside of their wagon was a sign that said something about being a Katrina victim and to please pray.

I told Roy that I wasn't headed east so I wouldn't be able to give them a ride. He understood, and he realized that I was from around here.

So I asked them what they needed. He gave me a couple of suggestions, but then he hesitated and said, "But please pray." That is what he kept

repeating. It wasn't please bring me some food or water. It was pray.

I can't imagine living on the streets, and never plan on being there. But, who does? Who sets out to be an alcoholic or the myriad of other problems we could list that destroy lives and families. That is the power of sin, and that is why you and I need a savior.

I drove away thinking Roy's dependence is not on me, it is on his Heavenly Father. There is a simplicity to that. You see most of us look to ourselves to supply all of our needs and we get consumed with our ability (lack there of), and totally miss what God can do.

One last thought, if Roy showed up Sunday to your church or if you don't go to church, to your club. How would you respond?

Mike Yankoski writes in "Under

the Overpass" about his journey into and out of life on the streets. His journey was intentional; he attempted to live on the streets for six months.

He makes this statement in his book, "What says more about who you are in Christ, how loudly you say 'amen!' in the service or how well you treat strangers in the foyer?"

It has been said, "Caring for the needy begins with loving God more completely."

Mike's traveling partner Sam put it this way, "Only in knowing God will we see people as they are, live as we were meant and love as we were meant. Our relationship to Him didn't separate Mike and me from the needy and oppressed. Rather it pushed us closer to them. I think loving God is supposed to

push all of us to be immersed in the world."

Come to think about it, that is exactly what Jesus modeled for you and me isn't it? And aren't we supposed to go and do likewise?

Well, thanks for joining me in reflecting about being down by the underpass. We may not have too many transients that pass through like Roy, but there are needs throughout our community. I want to encourage you to do something as the seasons change. While you are at it, why not take some younger generations with you and model letting love live? Be wise in what you do, but let's do something!

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matters of record

Accidents

The following accidents were investigated by the Goodland Police Department.

Sept. 23 — 1:53 a.m., 2218 Commerce, 2006 Ford owned by Johnnie Howard was parked and hit by an unknown vehicle.

Goodland Police

The following crimes have been reported to the Goodland Police Department:

Sept. 23 — 9:18 a.m., 515 E. 5, Apt. 211, Jeffrey Holmes reported a theft.

9:31 a.m., 412 Broadway, Elmer Woodard reported a theft.

4:14 p.m., 824 W. old U.S. 24, Zachary Hilzer reported a theft.

10:14 p.m., 2218 Commerce, arrested Kyler Lynn West for battery and disorderly conduct. Victim was Billy Roger Lott. Case referred to city attorney.

Sept. 24 — 12:10 p.m., 816 Cherry, Barbara J. Ray, reported case of burglary and theft.

Sept. 25 — 12:23 a.m., 2218 Commerce, arrested Willard Keith Osborne for battery against police officer Frankie Hayes and Undersheriff Roger Studer, disorderly conduct, obstructing the legal process and criminal damage to property at Howard Johnson Hotel. Case referred to city attorney.

5:59 a.m., 602 W. 14, Brittany Fisher reported a case of burglary and theft.

7:20 a.m., 1209 Harrison, Northwest Kansas Technical College reported a case of burglary and theft.

7:35 a.m., 1104 Cherry, Travis Mote reported a case of burglary and theft.

9:15 a.m., 1802 Sandy, Christopher McQuigg reported a case of burglary and criminal damage to property.

12:12 p.m., East Fifth and Walnut, Matthew Waldman reported a case of burglary and theft.

5:34 p.m., 218 Caldwell, arrested Joseph Lindsley, Joseph Slusher and A.J. Zimkus for possession of drug

paraphernalia and possession of stolen property. Case referred to county attorney.

6:17 p.m., 1007 E. business U.S. 24, Chuck Redlin reported a case of burglary and theft.

6:35 p.m., 1200 Arcade, T.J. Hawkins reported a case of burglary and theft.

Sept. 26 — 11:41 a.m., 323 W. 3, Randie Rowe reported a case of burglary and theft.

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: Royal Rangers Missionettes 6:30 p.m.

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

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

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)

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: Dorine Chambers

Worship Service: 10:45 am CST

Sunday School: 9:45 am CST

Winona:

Minister: Sheryl Johnson

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: 9:30 am

Sunday School: 8:30 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: Worship: 5:30 pm

Sunday: Adult Classes: 9:15 am

Worship: 10:30 am

Wednesday: Wednesday Nite Live

5:45 - 6:45 Simple Supper "Free will Offering

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Classes for all ages

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: 10:30 am

Sunday School: 9:30 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

The following sponsors urge YOU to attend
your chosen House of Worship this Sabbath:

Short & Son Trucking

Hwy. 24

Koons Funeral Chapel

North Main

Good Samaritan Center

208 W. 2nd

KLOE/KKEJ/KWGB

3023 W. 31

~ NEW LISTINGS ~

521 Harrison

\$120,000



Spacious brick ranch in prime location describes this new HomeLand listing. It offers 2 main floor bedrooms, large living & dining rooms, roomy kitchen w/informal dining as well as office/den. The basement includes 2 bedrooms, family room and bath. There is built-in storage galore and a bow window in the living room. An attached 2 car garage, detached oversized garage and sprinkler system complete the package. The Seller is offering a \$5,000.00 allowance to use as you desire. Call Rose Koggie.

224 E. 4th

\$20,000



This old style has had major exterior upgrades - newer siding and roof and newer chain link fence. The wiring and plumbing have been updated. The kitchen cabinets are newer too. This home needs work but offers the potential for a roomy, comfortable home. Call Rose Koggie.

~ PRICE REDUCTIONS ~

\$35,000

517 W 10th



This 2 + 1 bedroom, 1 bath home would make a great investment property. This property also offers a 12'X 24' Guest House in the backyard for additional income. The Guest House offers 1 Bedroom, Bath and the kitchen appliances. For more information or to see, call Rose Koggie.

309 E. 14th

\$20,000



This Bungalow Style home consists of 2 living units. Both the main floor and the basement are self-contained, 1 bedroom apartments. The 2 apartments share a utility area. There are kitchen appliances (2 ranges and 2 refrigerators) and a washer & dryer. The roof was new in 1999. For more information or to see, contact Rose Koggie.

416 Main

\$63,000



This 4 BR Home offers lots of room for your family. It has a newer kitchen, large living and dining rooms with hardwood floors. It has a loft bedroom with its own bath. There are 3 large bedrooms on the main floor and 2 bathrooms. The backyard is very private, shaded and beautiful. Nicely located on North Main Street, Goodland, KS. Call Rose Koggie.

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