

Appreciate incredible nation by taking time to vote

We are coming up on another important date. In a little over two weeks, you will have the incredible privilege to go and vote.

This column isn't to tell you who to vote for or to debate any issues that are on the ballot.

My conviction, and I hope it has been pretty clear through some of the topics of this column, is simply vote biblically.

The purpose of this article is to remind us what an incredible nation we have. Sure this would be a good Fourth of July column, but let's be reminded of it now.

In their book, "Geeks & Geezers," Warren Bennis and Bob Thomas put it this way: "The era into which we are born has a profound impact on our lives, although we are rarely aware of it day to day."

What I want you to understand,



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from a biblical perspective, is this — there are no accidents. You were born when you were born and you were born where you were born by divine appointment.

Your life has incredible purpose. It doesn't matter what you do, whether you are making important decisions that affect the livelihood of many, or you work behind the scenes stocking shelves.

Acts 17:26 says, "From one man God made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where

your life. You were born into a generation, and you have a generation responsibility.

Acts 13:36 is King David's epiphany: "When David had served God's purposes in his own generation he fell asleep."

I was born in Michigan back in the early 1970's. I am part of what sociologists have labeled Generation X. We are the 13th generation to call ourselves Americans. Like each of us, I have a generation responsibility: to serve God's purpose in my generation.

We also have a biblical responsi-

bility to respect and learn from former generations and a responsibility to teach and inspire future generations.

Psalms 71:18 says, "Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, O God, till I declare your power to the next generation."

Franklin Delano Roosevelt said, "There is a mysterious cycle in human events. To some generations much is given. Of other generations much is expected. This generation has a rendezvous with destiny."

I wish I had more space for this article, but I hope you hear the urgency of the moment. We aren't just coming up on a midterm election moment. Those that founded this great nation gave us the incredible privilege and responsibility to be involved in setting the course for this nation. By voting, you are helping

that process.

Look back and see what was birthed and how it has come to be. Revisit those decisions that were made that caused damage to our nation. Winston Churchill said it this way: "The farther backward you look, the farther forward you are likely to see."

There is an imminent danger that faces every generation, and the danger is this: forgetting what God has done for previous generations.

That is precisely what happened in Judges 2:10: "After that generation died, another generation grew up who did not acknowledge the Lord or remember the mighty things he had done for Israel."

The bottom line is this: if we lose our sense of history, we lose our sense of destiny. Understanding our history is part of fulfilling our destiny.

I believe America was ordained by God. I think it's tough to come to any other conclusion historically or biblically. Nations don't rise or fall without God's providence.

Psalms 48:7 says, "God reigns over the nations."

Just as individuals have a unique destiny, countries have a unique destiny. We've so individualized the gospel that we've forgotten that God enters into corporate covenants with nations.

So do your part in voting, but also please pray for those who lead this nation, state and community. God instructs us to pray for them all the time, not just when we agree or things are going good.

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Thanks extended to pharmacists, pastors

Thirty years ago, volunteers across the country started hospices to provide compassionate, comforting care to the dying, their family and friends.

The hospice philosophy of patient- and family-focused care in the last months of life remains the same even as hospice has evolved from a volunteer-led movement to an integral component of the health care system, caring for more than one million Americans in 2004.

Hospice's role is to honor individual wishes, faith and cultural traditions and the natural cycle of life. Hospice volunteers and staff across the country help patients and families grapple with difficult decisions and situations every day.

It has been said that hospices provide a caring sanctuary, nurturing the dying, supporting the living and caring for the community. The vision of hospice care providers is a world where individuals and families facing serious illness, death and grief will experience the best that humankind can offer.

Hospice Services extends our heartfelt appreciation to two very special groups who are so important to the care we provide. National Pharmacy Week Oct. 15-21 and National Pastoral Care Week Oct. 22-28 recognize these very special people who reach out to care for our community and who partner with Hospice Services to provide quality end-of-life care in northwest and north central Kansas.

Pharmacists are there to answer questions while dispensing the necessary medications to control pain and manage symptoms. They dedicate themselves to educating the public about prescription and over-

the-counter medications. They help us choose the best antidote for our ailments when a physician's prescription is not warranted.

For Hospice Services, these pharmacists go the extra mile many times by coming in late at night or early in the morning. We extend our thanks and appreciation during this special week and all year.

Pastors provide spiritual guidance and also friendship and companionship at a time when both may be in short supply. They share something more precious than money — they share their time.

For people being cared for by hospice, the pastoral care providers remain one of the unfailing sources of comfort by continuing to be there when the person needs them the most. For some, the visit may be religious or simply the fact that they were present providing time and caring.

The heart is full of meaning and symbolism. Many hospices utilize the heart as a symbol of compassionate care.

We are proud to partner with area pharmacists and pastoral care providers who make up such a vital part of "our heart." For that, we say "Thank you!"

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

Oct. 14 — 1:20 a.m., 400 Center,

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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

Foursquare 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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(during school year)

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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: 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: 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 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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