

# Ordinary Mary was used in extraordinary way

A small boy was writing a letter to God about the Christmas presents he wanted badly.

He wrote: "Dear God, I've been good for six months now," but after thinking about what he just wrote, he crossed out the "six months" and wrote "three."

After another pause, that was crossed out and he put "two weeks." There was another pause and then that was crossed out too. In frustration, he threw the pencil down and got up from the table.

While doing so, his eyes met the nativity scene that was set-up under the Christmas tree. The little boy made a beeline for the nativity grabbing a pillow case in route.

He picked up Mary and put it inside the pillow case and returned to the table and picked up the pencil.



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● moments from calvary

This is what he wrote: "Dear God, if you ever want to see your mother again..." Don't you love child-like faith and honesty?

I want us to learn from Mary, the mother of Jesus. What draws me to this topic today is just her plain old ordinariness.

Like in most things, there are a lot of misconceptions about Mary: Not once in the Bible does it say we're to worship her. Not once does it say she was perfect or sinless. It does not say she was God. God took an ordi-

nary woman and used her in an extraordinary way. That's what makes her special.

Why did God choose Mary? It wasn't because of her education because she didn't have any. And it wasn't because of her wealth because she was poor. And it wasn't because she was mature because she was a teenager.

God chose Mary because she trusted God. Mary had all kinds of fears, but she never let her fears control her. Instead, she modeled the three things you must have in your life in order for God to use you.

We find these as you look at Luke 1. Why don't you grab your Bible

and check it out. Put yourself in Mary's sandals for a moment. How would you respond if you were her, and an angel showed up and said, "You will be the vessel that brings forth the Savior of the World!"?

In fact, the Bible records her response, "Mary was greatly troubled" (Luke 1:29). In the Bible's original language "greatly troubled" literally means petrified or scared to death. Why? What was she possibly afraid of?

Maybe, the fear of criticism — "What will everyone think of a teenager who is pregnant?" What about the fear of the supernatural — "What will happen to me?" What about the fear of inadequacy — "How can I handle this?" The fear of change — "How will this change my life?"

Unless I miss my guess, those are the same four fears that keep you from fully committing your life to Christ. How do you overcome them? First, understand that God uses people who desire to do His will. He uses people who are willing to pay the cost. Third, he uses people who dare to trust His promises.

We may have a "part two" to this topic and expound on those three thoughts on who God uses and how Mary demonstrated that for us. But let me leave you with this. Why did Jesus, God in the flesh, come the way he did?

I don't know what you think about God. But God chose to come as a baby so that we wouldn't be frightened. He could have come with fire and lightening bolts, and everyone

would have been scared to death, but he chose to come as a baby.

Why? No one is afraid of a baby. He came the same way everyone else comes, by birth. Why? So He could relate to us, and we could relate to Him.

There is a song that says, "He walked a mile in my shoes." God knows what you're feeling. Not just because He made you, but because in many of ways He has walked where you walked.

May the reality of God's love for you and for the world be made real to you as you walk through this Christmas season.

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## music club news

The Goodland Federated Music Club met at 7 p.m. Monday at the Catholic Church. President Linda Lucas called the meeting to order.

The club members sang the state and local theme songs and repeated the Collect. Martha Gunderson introduced the Hymn of the Month and led the singing of "There's a song in the Air." The hymn was written by Josiah G. Holland and Karl P. Harrington. The songs were accompanied by Eva Lou Selby.

Linda Koons called the roll. Seven members were present: Birkley Barnes, Martha, Linda Koons, Linda Lucas, Marlyn Mangus, Sharon Palmquist and Eva Lou.

Linda Koons read the minutes of the last meeting. The treasurer was absent, so there was no treasurer's report. President Linda Lucas appointed a committee of Marlyn, herself and Linda Koons to suggest a memorial in honor of Isabelle Hellerud who passes away last month.

After the business meeting, Eva Lou introduced the program, beginning with a course of study by Birkley on "Contemporary Christmas Songs". Birkley read background information on three Christmas songs and then led the group in

singing "It's Beginning to Look Like Christmas," by Meredith Wilson; "Here Comes Santa Claus," by Gene Autry and Oakley Haldeman; and "Mary's Little Boy Child," by Jester Hairston.

Eva Lou wrote, directed, and accompanied "A Timeless Story of Love". The program depicts the birth of Jesus Christ through scripture and songs and placement of figures in the manger scene.

Martha read the scripture, and the following songs were sung by the group: "What Child Is This?" a traditional English Melody; "The Friendly Beasts," a medieval French Melody; "Go, Tell It on the Mountain," a traditional spiritual, words by John W. Work II; "Away in a Manger," by James R. Murray; "The First Noel," a Traditional English Carol; and "Redeeming Love," by Gloria and William J. Gaither.

Those participating in the program were Birkley, Martha, Linda Koons, Linda Lucas, Sharon and Eva Lou.

The meeting adjourned for refreshments of scrumptious cookies, cakes, pretzels and an interesting variety of teas, served by hostesses Linda Lucas and Linda Koons.

The evening concluded with a gift

exchange. The challenge, as well as the fun, is to find a gift that costs no more than three dollars. Everyone was pleased with her gift.

There won't be a meeting in January. The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, at the Goodland Activities Center. Hostesses will be

Eva Lou and Birkley. The club will be treated to performances by students of Jessica Kannady's Dance Studio and students of Linda Lucas

and of Charlene Avila, both elementary music teachers.

Submitted by Birkley A. Barnes, publicity chair.

## matters of record

**District Traffic**  
The following fines were paid in the Sherman County District Court: **Sept. 29, 2001** — Clayton C. Henrickson, \$339 reinstated for

speeding and \$100 for first conviction for driving while suspended.

**May 28, 2004** — Rhonda L. Armstrong, \$132 reinstated for speeding.

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DEC. 12, 2006  
@ 10:30 AM, MST**

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**TRAILERS:**  
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•98 tandem axle 24' GN, 14,000#GW, 8-bolt hubs, rear receiver hitch, ramps  
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**FARM MACHINERY & EQUIP:**  
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•Sunflower 6054-62 field cultivator  
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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  
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Age 3 through grade 6, 6:30 p.m.  
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**Pastor:** Charlie Busch  
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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,  
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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:** 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.  
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### 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 Cattletail

**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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