

Couple answers a higher calling

By Tisha Cox
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Good Shepherd Thrift Store is closing. However, its owners, Nick and Melinda Garrity, have answered a higher calling.

The couple opened Good Shepherd Thrift Store two years ago after they moved to Colby from Castle Rock, Colo.



N. Garrity

“We moved to simplify our lives and to focus our attentions on the things of God,” Nick said. They also wanted to meet and help people and the thrift store seemed to provide the ideal opportunity to evangelize and raise money for worthwhile Christian projects.

However, the store is now scheduled to close as they have a final weekend blowout Friday and Saturday.

“It’s going to be a garage sale mentality,” Nick said. “We hope to have a lot of fun and completely clear out the store.”

Melinda said they had “great” volunteers who provided the business with the help it needed. They include Melinda’s mother, Pat Bell, Ruth Galloway, others including several pastors’ wives and community service workers. “They were a true blessing over the past couple of years and we would like to thank them for all of their wonderful help,” Melinda said.

The closure of the store is in response to a calling the couple have felt.

“In recent months, we have felt led into much more of a teaching and Christian discipleship role. Our primary purpose in starting the Good Shepherd Church is to

glorify God by the faithful preaching of His Word and provide an environment where people can seek, find and develop the single most important thing in all of life — a vital, vibrant, saving spiritual union with Jesus Christ,” Nick said.

Their teachings go back to the original meaning of the Bible and what it says.

“We seek to diligently preach the original meaning of the original Bible writers as they were inspired by the Holy Spirit to draw people to God through Jesus Christ,” Nick said.

“The truth of who we actually are is revealed to us in the Bible regardless of what we may personally believe.

If the Bible happens to contradict the personal opinions that a person holds, we must humble ourselves before the Word and change our minds.

What we believe determines how we behave, therefore, it is vitally important that we believe the truth or else we will live a lie in this life and suffer eternal separation from God in the life to come.”

Their goal is to “worship God in spirit and in truth and bring glory unto His name.”

The church has been meeting at the Good Shepherd store in recent weeks, but as of April 8th, services will be held Sundays from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. across the street at the Wings on the Prairie.

“It’s a complete blessing to us that they have offered their facility to us and we are most grateful. It’s going to be wonderful,” Melinda said.

trol enough to answer for them. Many are specializing in apologetics to answer for the woes others created. If you did it, you should apologize. But if they did it, they should take the heat for their own mistakes. Parents think their own children can do no wrong; while the neighbor’s kid is paving a path toward prison. There is a slang term used by young people which identifies their upbringing, The Hood. This term is used inclusively, involving them and their neighbors. If the neighbor’s kid is bad, there is no fence you can build to protect your child from their influence.

Become proactive! Lift up a standard in your neighborhood that puts you in front of their problem child, and lead them toward a better way. The child’s parents will thank you every time they think of how destructive little Joey used to be. Don’t wait on CHANGE to be their idea. You were created to be the tip of the spear. The next time you feel you’re getting the shaft, remember that you should be at the head of the spear.

Most people identify a maze as an acceptable challenge. It’s acceptable because they believe they can find their way through the challenge presented.

Are we challenging today’s youth, to lead, follow, or get out of the way?

Will they become strong independent thinkers if we don’t challenge them today? Can the miracle of life itself prepare them for independence?

Growing old can be a scary thing. Remember how frightening puberty was?

Growing up can be more frightening than growing old.

Let’s prepare today’s youth to control their own destiny by teaching them to be proactive today. The best way to teach them is to lead by example. You can do it...

- FORESIGHT:
- Self Esteem
 - Courage
 - Discipline
 - Empowerment

Christian group to perform

Jeremiah People will perform at 8 p.m. Friday, March 30 at the Colby Berean Church, 1000 S. Franklin. The group presents Christian drama and music for the entire family. For information, call 462-1968.



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Worship in the church of your choice this weekend.



BREWSTER COMMUNITY CHURCH, Mike Pinkelman, Pastor, Brewster - 694-2720, Sunday School (all ages) 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Bible Study 7:00 p.m., Wed. mornings 6:30 a.m. - Men’s Bible Study, Wed. 7:00 p.m. - Children’s Ministries (Royal Rangers/Missionettes), Wed. 7:15 p.m. - Intercessory & Prayer, Thurs. 4:00 p.m. - Women’s Bible Study

Schedule of church services

ASCENSION-ON-THE-PRAIRIE EPISCOPAL, Rev. Don Martin, College Drive & Wheatridge Rd., 462-3041, Holy Eucharist, 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Evening Prayer, 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, September through May. Christian Education for Youth, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, September through May

COLLEGE DRIVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD, Pastor, Jeremy Gundling, 245 W. College Dr. - 462-8234, Early Service - 8:00 a.m.; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.

BEREAN CHURCH, 1000 S. Franklin, 460-2763, www.colbyborean.com; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. Awana Clubs, Wednesday, 7 p.m., Middle & High School, Wednesday, 7 p.m. @ the Heartland Christian School Gym

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Rev. Carroll H. Morony, Grant & Webster Street, 462-2867. Sunday School 9:15 a.m., Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

COLLEGE VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH, (SBC), Pastor Tom Huffman, 1185 Wheatridge Rd. at College Drive, 460-7144, Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship services, 10:45 a.m.

MINGO BIBLE CHURCH, 420 Main Mingo, 785-462-2992: An independent community church served by Village Missions Pastor Chris Shubert. Sunday School: 9:30AM - all ages. Sunday Services: 10:45AM. Sunday Nights: 1st Sunday of the month: potluck following morning service - no evening service; 2nd Sunday: services at 6:30 PM; 3rd Sunday: informal fellowship - bring a snack to share!; 4th and 5th Sunday: services at 6:30 p.m.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, 462-2179, Father Dana Clark, Pastor, Saturday Eve. Mass 5:30 p.m., Sunday Masses 8:00 & 10:00 a.m., Confessions will be heard Saturday 4:30-5:05 p.m. and from 7:30-7:45 a.m. and 9:25-9:40 a.m. on Sunday.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Rev. Carol Rahn, 515 W. 4th, 462-6342, Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Adult Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Kid’s Club for kids age 3-5th grade meets first Wednesday of the month from 5:15-6:45 p.m.; Youth Group for 6th-9th grade meets the first Wednesday of the month 6:30-8:00 p.m., and the second Wednesday 7:00-8:00 p.m.

WESLEYAN CHURCH, 320 W. Pine - 462-8391, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:40 a.m., Sunday Evening Cell groups at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Youth Ministries, Kids Clubhouse 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS, 1145 S. Franklin - 460-6605, President Gary Slavens, 460-2656; Rocky Robbins, 1st counselor, 460-1101; Tim Wilson, 2nd counselor, 785-846-7796. Sacrament meeting 10 a.m., Sunday School and Primary 11:20 a.m., Priesthood, Relief Society, YM/YW, 12:10 p.m.; Family History Center open to public, 7-9 p.m. Thursdays or by appointment. Call 462-3571.

COLBY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Rev. James Mardock, pastor, 950 S. Franklin, 462-6521, Sunday Worship Services at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m., 6:30 p.m., Fellowship coffee 9:30 a.m., Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., KXXX broadcasts 11:00 worship. http://www.gbmg-umc.org/colby-umc/

REDEEMING LOVE MINISTRIES, INC., 345 N. Franklin, Dr. W.G. and Rev. Orvella Romine, Saturday Evening 7p.m. Worship, Equipping Class, Sunday, 10a.m., Sunday worship, 11a.m., Wednesday, R.L.M Training Centers (Bible School), 7p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, 510 E. 4th, Jay Kelley, minister, Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., Sunday Eve. Worship 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

COLBY EVANGELISM CENTER, Rev. Robert Cooper, 815 West 3rd - 462-2062, Sunday School 9:45; Sunday service 10:00 and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.; Friday Youth Power Hour at 7:00 p.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, (Disciples of Christ), Pastor Bradley L. Herndon, 385 W. 3rd - 460-2718, Sunday Morning Worship at 9:00 a.m.; Sunday School at 10:30 a.m. E-mail: fccolby@st-tel.net

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, Rev. John L. Schmidt, East 5th & Country Club, 462-3497, Services, Sat., 5:30 p.m., Sunday; Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 9:15 a.m.; Services, 10:30 a.m. Visit us at www.trinitycolby.com

OUR SAVIORS LUTHERAN CHURCH, Brewster, Sunday worship 9:00 a.m.; 2nd Sunday of the month at 8:00 a.m.

PLEASANT HOME CHURCH, Pastor, Charlie Busch, 694-2242, 3190 Road 70, Edson, Worship, 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Evening service, 6:00 p.m.

LEVANT COMMUNITY CHURCH, 205 1st St., Pastor Jerry Vincent, 586-2376, Sunday School (classes for 3 years & up and 3 adult classes) 9:30 a.m., Morning worship 10:30 a.m.

WINONA METHODIST CHURCH, Rev. Sheryl Johnson, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m., Morning Worship 9:15 a.m. (CDT)

BREWSTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, PO Box 250, Brewster. Pastor Dorine Chambers, 785-462-6044, Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.

THE SHEPHERD’S STAFF, REXFORD, Joan Dingwerth, Director, 687-2565

REXFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH, Rexford, Pastor Lane Purcell, 687-3305, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

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Taking the initiative can lead to blessings

By Dr. W.G. Romine, II

Proactive: Taking the initiative by acting rather than reacting to events.

We must mobilize before our strength is diminished!

Insight

It’s often difficult to lead. But it’s easier than following a path you would have never chosen. When you were designed the Creator wanted you to have dominion. Some times it’s necessary to take dominion!

The commandment was both a CHARGE and a BLESSING. So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth - Genesis 1:27-28 You were created to be in charge of your circumstances.

The problem with most of us is we are waiting on someone else to activate us.

It is most disappointing to assess life’s accomplishments and realize most of your time was spent reacting to circumstances you’ve never created. Casting blame toward others never gets back the years stolen by the locusts of indecision.

Follow the leader was a form of programming with a built in safety mechanism called denial; shame on us for teaching our children the same childhood game of denial. If it doesn’t turn out right you can say, It wasn’t me! Good leaders are hard to find because most are being taught to follow without the benefit of real vision or insight.

Mistakes will always happen, but it would be nice if we were in con-



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