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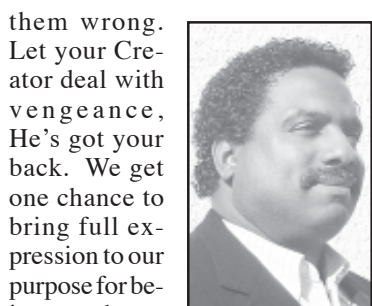
**Dr. W.G. Romine, II
Redeeming Love Ministries**
Everything we do in life is meant to prepare us for Center Stage. This is not about performance or stardom. You are preparing to meet destiny's design, life's greatest reward, and there's no reset button.

It's my turn now. That's right, now you get to make a difference in the world, and they have to notice you. This is more than a dream; it's an opportunity that comes to everyone. Unfortunately, some never notice, spending a lifetime waiting for something special to come to them. Newsflash... You will never be smart enough, talented enough, or old enough to be you. You are already what you are waiting to become. A few years ago someone put it this way, You are fast becoming what you already are. If I only knew what to do with what I already have. Somebody please tell me, what is my potential? Society thinks they need a role model or hero, when in fact, what they really need is to be the very thing they are looking for.

Will you do what you were created to do? Let's examine this question closer. Do you have an option between what you should do and what you will do? I think Yes. In fact many of us are on course toward greatness. Society is constantly being shaped by those who allow destiny's design to move them toward the center of life's stage. Eyes and ears of others are always focused on those taking charge of life's difficult challenges. Center Stage was meant for those willing to shape life's circumstances around them, molding situations to their benefit, while not being controlled by external events.

Hope is the tool of strong willed people, while despair is the prism holding back the masses.

Living life to its fullest is not about what is fair. If you've been mistreated or held back, getting even will only cause you to miss the moment designed for you to prove



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them wrong. Let your Creator deal with vengeance. He's got your back. We get one chance to bring full expression to our purpose for being here. Don't waste time getting even with people who don't matter to your self worth. Remember your occupation does not define you. It is what you do, not who you are. I have often told people, You are better than that. I will never believe God's intent for His greatest creation is to become disposable. We need to begin to see ourselves the way God does. See what He sees when He's looking at us. When I look at young people, I see potential, possibilities, and purpose. God must see what we could be, or this old world would have no reason to keep turning.

Each one of us was created to fulfill a unique destiny crafted to our individual character. Therefore no other person can or will do what you were designed to do. God does not create mistakes, people do... destiny's design for each individual is for you to discover yourself in the Creator.

The scripture says it best: Not that I have now attained (this ideal), or have already been made perfect, but I press on to lay hold of (grasp) and make my own, that for which Christ Jesus (the Messiah) has laid hold of me and made me His own. I do not consider, brethren, that I have captured and made it my own (yet); but one thing I do (it is my one aspiration): forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead. I press on toward the goal to win the (supreme and heavenly) prize to which God in Christ Jesus is calling us upward.

-Philippians 3:12-14 Amp.

Funeral picketing bill goes to governor

TOPEKA (AP) — The home state of the Rev. Fred Phelps and his followers, who protest military funerals throughout the nation, finally may have a law regulating how close they can be to services with their placards and picketing.

A picketing bill went to Gov. Kathleen Sebelius on Thursday, after the Senate voted 40-0 to approve a rewritten version first passed by the House. The governor is expected to sign it.

It has the legal novelty of not taking effect until the Kansas Supreme Court or a federal court rules that it's constitutional. Legislators added the provision to lessen concerns that Phelps and his followers would file a legal challenge, win and collect attorney fees from the state.

"Kansas families will finally have some modicum of privacy as they bury their dead," said Senate Majority Leader Derek Schmidt, R-Independence, who came up with the court-test idea.

But Shirley Phelps-Roper, a daughter of the pastor and spokeswoman for his Westboro Baptist Church, predicted the law would

have no practical effect on its activities.

"It isn't going to let you do anything to us," she said.

Under the bill, protesters can't be within 150 feet of a funeral one hour before, during or two hours after the end of the service. Violators would face up to a \$1,000 fine and six months in jail. Last year, the House and Senate deadlocked over a final

version and nothing passed.

It makes it unlawful to obstruct any public street or sidewalk and allows family members to sue if they feel protesters defamed the deceased — an exception to the general rule of law that one cannot libel or slander the dead.

Once the bill is signed into law, Attorney General Paul Morrison in

required to take the necessary steps to get a court ruling on the bill's constitutionality.

"The attorney general will use every resource constitutionally available to him to protect Kansas families from disrespectful intrusions during their time of grief and mourning," said spokeswoman Ashley Anstaett.

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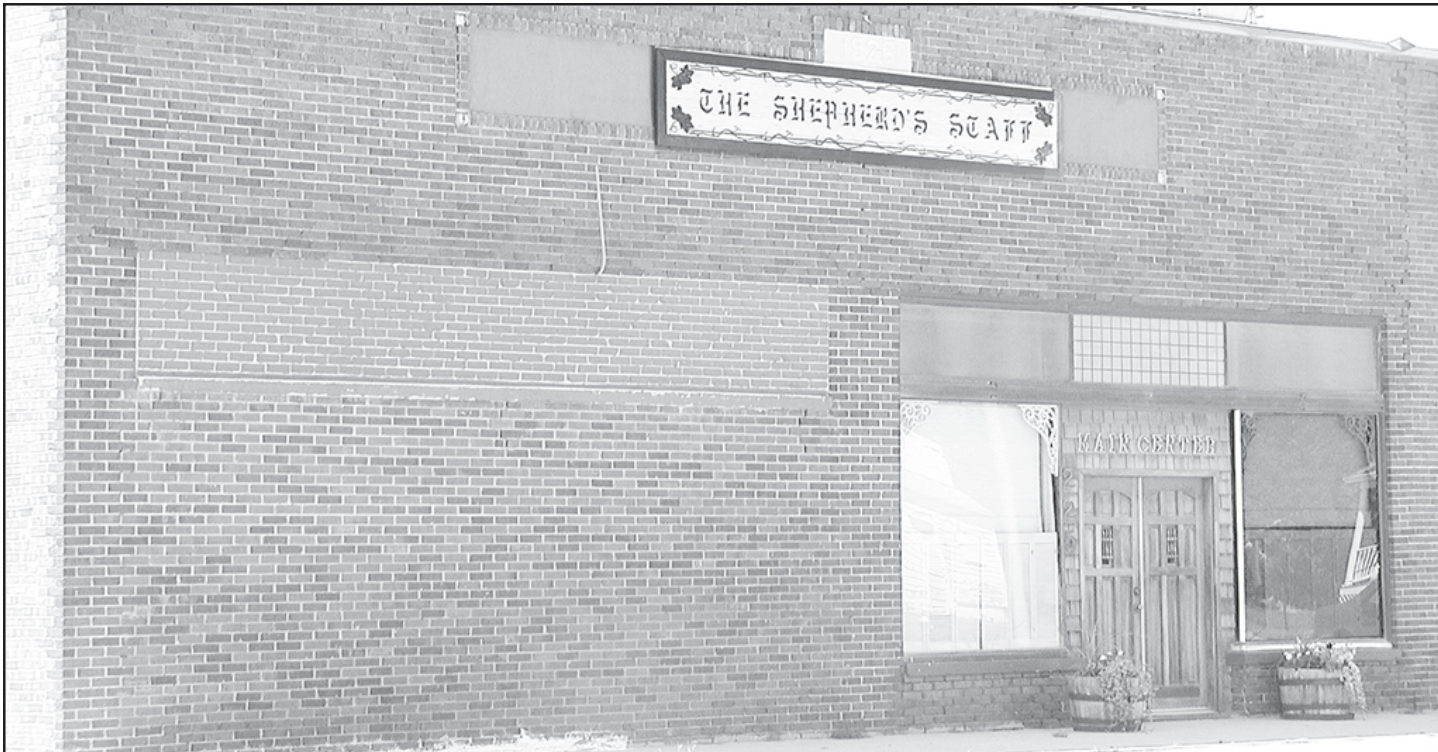
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MINGO BIBLE CHURCH, 420 Main Mingo, 785-462-2992: An independent community church served by Village Missions Pastor Chris Shubert. Sunday School: 9:30AM - all ages. Sunday Services: 10:45AM. Sunday Nights: 1st Sunday of the month: potluck following 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.

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Celebrate the victory

Rev. John Schmidt
Colby Trinity Lutheran Church

".....we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God." (1 Corinthians 1: 2)

On March 21, at our Midweek Lenten service, I asked the question, "What do you see when you see the cross?"

In that sermon, I made a reference that, to the world, any specific device capable of death would do just fine in place of the cross.

What do we see when we see the cross? That seems to me to be a pretty good question as we approach the celebration of the empty cross, the Festival of Easter.

Sadly, for many, the cross has taken on meanings that are not the intended one on the Christian faith. One needs only to look at the presence of the cross in jewelry worn by people who have no connection whatsoever with the Christian faith to see how this sacred symbol has been misappropriated by the world.

It is sad that for many the cross is simply another object that can be worn about the neck.

We are blessed to know the true meaning aren't we? When a disciple of Christ wears a cross, it conveys and bears witness to our confidence in what God has done on that cross. Our sins are forgiven. Our life with God in Heaven is assured.

St. Paul struggled with this same problem - the cross was (and is) misunderstood: we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles ... One can hardly be surprised that the same confusion is encountered today.

The cross for Christians takes on an entirely new meaning. It is now the greatest symbol of victory ever! Victory over sin! Victory over death! And it is that victory we celebrate this Easter season.



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