



Members of Colby's Trinity Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School spell the word trust Thursday. The school was held this week. Vacation Bible schools are a popular event for children and churches during the summer months.

# United Methodist Vacation Bible School nears

Colby United Methodist Vacation Bible School will be held 9:30 a.m. to noon, June 18-22 at the Prairie Museum of Art and History. All children from 3-year-old pre-school completed to sixth grade are invited. Low-Rope Team building activities will be available for students in grades 1-6. Contact CUMC to reserve a spot 460-2761.

# Presidents honor Graham

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Visitors to the new, presidential-style museum honoring evangelist Billy Graham enter and exit the building through crosses as tall as 40 feet high, a design meant to emphasize that the \$27-million complex is an extension of the minister's work. "My hope is there will be thousands of people who come here every year and accept Jesus Christ as their savior," said the Rev. Franklin Graham, son and successor to his father, the world's most widely heard preacher. On Thursday, former Presidents Carter, Clinton and George H.W. Bush were expected to be among 1,500 well-wishers at the private dedication of the Billy Graham Library in Charlotte. Billy Graham, 88, suffers from fluid on the brain, prostate cancer and Parkinson's disease, and is largely confined to his home in Montreat. Still, he was scheduled to speak at the ceremony. It will take place in view of his childhood home, which was moved to the library site and restored. His wife Ruth, 86, has degenerative osteoarthritis of the back and neck and is bedridden at their home. Billy Graham has toured the museum, "tearing up" when he came to the room dedicated to Ruth, Franklin Graham said. His only complaint? "Too much Billy Graham," according to his son.

# Sanctuary

By Jay Kelley  
"Therefore say: 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Although I sent them far away among the nations and scattered them among the countries, yet for a little while I have been a sanctuary for them in the countries where they have gone.' Ezekiel 11:16  
The Babylonian captivity, the time of Ezekiel's prophetic ministry, was a time of shame for the Israelites. Not only had Jerusalem been destroyed, but the temple in which so many had trusted was gone as well.  
We can imagine that some were making any excuse and one only need to read the beginning of this chapter to see the leaders of those left behind were telling their people that their troubles were the fault of those taken.  
"We are the meat," they said, implying that the captives were simply the discarded bones.  
Ezekiel has a different view. The corporate nation is guilty and no one group can define themselves as the faithful. Of course, there is a faithful remnant. Ezekiel is one of them. That remnant, however, was not enough to remove the idolatry and superstition which ran rampant in the nation, so God removed them from the land.  
In doing so, he became again their sanctuary. Oh, he had always been the sanctuary of Israel. The temple was not special in and of itself. God's presence among His people is what gave the temple and the nation their significance.  
There is a lesson in that for us. The church is the kingdom of God and we receive our identity from Him. Our physical attributes, the size or wealth of our congregation, the opulence of our facilities, or the attractiveness of our programs do not give us our identity.  
It is Jesus who gives us our identity and all he demands is faithfulness. That is all God demanded from the Israelites.  
Instead of faithfulness, he got lip-service. He got second-rate sacrifices, idolatrous practices, gross immorality and alliances with ungodly nations. His temple, and indeed God as well, were treated like a talisman — a lucky charm.  
They acted as though the temple would keep them safe, regardless of what they did.  
We don't do that now, do we? Do we give Him lip-service with no real commitment?  
What does God think of us?  
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# Time of innocence

Dr. W.G. Romine, II  
What happened to the children? A few days old and full of trouble. This is actually a reference quote taken from the Bible, identifying the spiritual state of a newborn long before his first words are formed. You see, since the fall, the spiritual state of man's union is riveted with chaos. Even the nursing newborn is not exempt from the effects of grandfather Adam's disobedience. However, there is hope for all of us somewhere.  
Before we look at the solution, let's examine the problem. I know you're only interested in the solution, but without examining the problem the solution alone will not keep it from happening again. Don't you agree? We must not be satisfied with saving our children alone. We must seek to rescue all future generations. Did you know God sees your life through a generational continuum? You are not the sum of a single lifetime. Instead, He measures you with the rod of your bloodline. God sees our children's children to the end of measured time. The gene-pool or blood-pool that starts with you stretches over many generations, until the last family member is deceased. When a family suffers the loss of a young person, they also suffer the loss of all future offspring that would have been born to them. Pause and think on that. This is one reason I love driving through Kansas. The interstate and highways are spotted with reminders of how precious life is.  
The Bible tells of God's frustration with Cain when he confronts him over the killing of his brother Able. God acknowledges the cry of Abel's blood coming from the soil or ground. What makes this so important is the reference to blood is also identified in the plural as bloods. You see, God was hearing the future generations of Abel's children which will never be, due to the destruction he suffered from his brother's hand. Cain got a life sentence without the possibility of parole. I know it didn't seem severe enough, but the LAW was still about 2,000 years in the future.  
When judged, Cain said, "this punishment is more than I can bear."  
Cain didn't just kill Able; he killed all that Able would add to society including his posterity through procreation. Wow! No wonder God said, "Thou shall not kill."  
If we could see past a single person into the future they represent, life would be given more opportunity to express its potential and fulfill destiny's design. Many of the great men and women of this world came from fruitless beginnings, rising to genius and lifting others to endless possibilities. While it may be true in some cases that the fruit does not fall far from the tree, we have no idea what will come from the seed of that next piece of fruit.  
Babies are born knowing the difference between good and evil before they understand right from wrong. Adam and Eve get the blame for that. What you and I must realize is that innocence only existed before the fall of the human race. Since the expulsion of mankind from the Garden of Eden, man's conscience is seared with the effects of sin. According to the Bible, we are all born in sin and shaped in iniquity (the sins of our forefathers). Scripture also states, "Man is a few days old and full of trouble." The solution is also found in the Bible; "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he shall not depart." You know this verse alone will not produce the desired results. If you have raised or are raising children without discipline, it is possible to raise Cain. What is your rod of correction?  
Romine is from Colby's Redeeming Love Ministries



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# 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**, (Affiliated with American Baptist Churches USA) Carroll H. Morony, Pastor, 615 W. Webster, 462-2867. Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.; Family Worship: 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening Serendipity: 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.
- COLLEGE VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH**, 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.
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- 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, 460-6521, Sunday Worship Services at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m., Fellowship coffee 9:30 a.m., Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., KXXX broadcasts 11:00 worship. www.colbyumc.org
- 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
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