

Two selected for leadership program

SALINA — Josh Jennings of Colby and Brian Waugh of Oakley were two of the 30 newest members of the Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership program, also known as KARL, said Jack Lindquist, program director.

“Marking the 17th anniversary of the opening of the Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership program office, the board of directors announced Jennings and the 29 others at Rolling Hills Zoo west of Salina on Saturday.

The Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership program is a private, not-for-profit organization dedicated to identifying and developing leadership in order to enhance the quality of life for all Kansans.

“Its goal is to educate, broaden the perspective, and enhance the leadership skills of young Kansans and funding comes entirely from private sources.

The training carries a direct cash value of nearly \$15,000 per person with funding provided by contributions from the private sector.

Works of art

Shawna Allison helped children at Colby Wesleyan Church's Vacation Bible School with their craft project. The church's school was held this week.



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Reason brings hope

Dr. W.G. Romine, II
When unexplainable surprises in life occur, understanding why you were chosen dispels confusion and chases fear from the equation. Possessing reason gives purpose to all life's events.

Purpose waters hope, hope springs eternal. Why do good people suffer? Are we truly the victims of chance, or specially selected examples of what is possible to endure during this human existence? Man has tolerance levels, but few know exactly what they are. How much can you endure, when sudden extremes are pushing buttons you never knew you had? Without certain tests in life we all would die early of boredom. The secret is to master stress without stressing out.

We have certain Biblical truths which can make the journey a bit more enjoyable. Are you interested? Well for those who are, let me unfold a short collection of verses that will empower you and shed some light on the reason 'stuff happens.' The most intricate part of us is our human soul. This is the place where reason can be defined because the mind must accept it before our body and soul can gain homeostasis.

The following verses are adapted from the King James translation. "There is no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful who will not allow you to be tempted above what you are able to endure; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that you may be able to handle it." -1 Corinthians 10:13

"My brothers and sisters, count it all joy when you are caught up in different temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith works patience.

However, let patience have her perfect work, that you may become perfect and complete, lacking nothing. Happy is the person who en-

dures temptation: for when they are tried, they shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised to them that love Him. Let no man or woman say when they are tempted, I am tempted by God: because God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempts He any person: but every person is tempted, when they are carried away by their own lust, and enticed. Then when lust has conceived, it brings forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, brings forth death. Do not error, my beloved brothers and sisters." -James 1:2-4, 12-16

The excuse is taken away in the last statement James, brother of Jesus and head of the First Century Church, makes by reminding the believers not to error. Knowledge empowers us and provides hope to endure all life's ups and downs. The Old King James says, do not err, which means do not act without understanding.

Because we don't speak this way today, it's hard to follow the word usage to its intended meaning. James knew mistakes would happen as the Church was being developed. His intent was to minimize errors through educating the believers, empowering them with choice. Every temptation is not evil or bad for us. We just need to extract the benefit from them as they come, so we can become stronger examples of what Christ Jesus died for. Jesus didn't die for perfect people. He died to perfect people. Not to make us mistake free, but to free us from the need to be mistaken.

Dr. W.G. Romine, II is from Colby's Redeeming Love Ministries



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Pennsylvania church leaves denomination

PITTSBURGH (AP) — In a move emblematic of mainline Protestant divisions over sexuality, members of the largest church in the Pittsburgh Presbytery voted to leave the Presbyterian Church (USA) and join a smaller, more conservative denomination.

At a congregational meeting, 951 members of Memorial Park Presbyterian Church in McCandless Township voted to be affiliated with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

Fifty-two percent, or 761 members, of the 1,450-member congregation needed to approve the plan.

“We are saddened that Memorial Park members and leaders have elected to separate from the Presbyterian Church,” James Mead, pastor-to Pittsburgh Presbytery, said in a statement.

“However, we believe that wrestling with such painful issues is part

of God's redemptive plan for the world.”

Memorial Park church officials said last month they were concerned about the national denomination's move away from traditional doctrines concerning the Holy Trinity and the authority of the Bible, and its increasingly liberal views on gay ordination.

Memorial Park church officials have said their issue isn't with the presbytery, a regional body of churches, but the national church.

The Presbyterian Church (USA) is among several Protestant denominations embroiled in a bitter debate between conservatives and liberals over what role gays should have in their churches.

The national church's highest court ruled in 2000 that Presbyterian churches may bless same-sex unions as long as they don't equate the relationships with marriage.

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