

Family

Apostle’s goals changed

In this series on the life of the Apostle Paul, last month we saw how Paul’s early life and unique education gave him the tools to be God’s missionary. This month, we will look at Paul’s life starting as a young rabbi until his conversion experience.

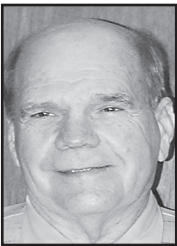
The Apostle Paul was well on his way to becoming a most promising young Jewish rabbi (minister, teacher, lawyer, all combined into one) in Jerusalem. At the same time, the Christian Way was growing in Jerusalem. Paul considered the Christian faith to be a heresy. He eagerly accepted a leadership role in trying to uproot Christianity, and he was not a man to do anything halfway. He believed that persecuting Christians was one way of serving God, and he threw himself headlong into this work.

The first time we hear of Paul mentioned in the Bible is in Acts 7:58. A young Jew by the name of Stephen was stoned to death because of his Christian faith and preaching. Acts 8:1 tells us that Paul watched and approved.

After this event, Acts 8:3 reads, “As for Saul [Paul’s Jewish name], he made havoc of the church, entering every house, and dragging off men and women, committing them to prison.” It was Paul’s hope to entirely exterminate Christianity, and because of his determination, many Christians left Jerusalem.

Having heard that Damascus, the capital of Syria, was one of the places where Jewish Christians had taken refuge, Saul went to the high priest, and received letters empowering him to seize, bind and bring to Jerusalem all the Jewish Christians he might find there (Acts 9:1-2).

With letters in hand, he starts for Damascus. If we could look at Paul on the Damascus road, we would see a zealous man who thought he was doing God a service by persecuting Christians. If we could talk to him and ask him why, perhaps he would say, “Jesus of Nazareth has been crucified and is dead. Do you believe a crucified nobody could be the promised Messiah? Those that follow him are saying he is alive and that they are doing miracles through him. Their power must come, instead, from Satan and not from God, and I am going to do everything in my power to destroy this group before it destroys our Jewish faith.”



Wes Barnett

• From the Pulpit

The account of the conversion of Paul is given three times in the book of Acts (Acts 9:1-9; Acts 22:1-16; Acts 26:9-18). Paul was nearing Damascus when a brilliant light from heaven surrounded him. A voice called him by his Hebrew name: “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?” He could only ask, “Who are you, Lord?” The next words he heard crushed him and changed his life forever. The voice answered, “I am Jesus whom you are persecuting” (Acts 9:4-5).

The Scripture indicates that Paul fell to the ground. The voice told him to go to Damascus, and he would be told what to do next. The men with Paul saw the light, but did not see the Lord; they heard a sound but did not hear the voice. When Paul’s companions recovered and looked at Paul, they discovered he had lost his sight, and took him by the hand and led him into Damascus.

After Paul’s conversion, he regarded his former conduct as blasphemous. Paul must have remembered with deep regret and sorrow those things that previously seemed right to him. He mentions four times in his writing that he had been a persecutor of the Church: in 1 Corinthians 15:9;

Galatians 1:13; Philip-  
pians 3:6; and 1 Timo-  
thy 1:13.

Though Paul was probably in Jerusalem during the final period of Jesus’ life, he never gives any hint in his writings that he heard or saw Him. It was in later debates with Jesus’ followers that Paul became alarmed at the rapid growth of Christianity. The fact that he was ignorant of what he was doing and an unbeliever as well did not lessen his guilt, but it does show the mercy, grace and love of God.

On the Damascus Road, the Lord did not seek vengeance or restitution from Paul, but showed mercy and love to him. Paul knew the prayers of the Savior on the cross when Jesus prayed, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And with the knowledge of God’s grace and forgiveness, he was able to put this error behind him and carry on.

In Philippians 3:13-14, he says: “Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.” What a great lesson for each of us.

Roughly 12 years passed between Paul’s conversion and God’s calling Paul as a mission-  
ary. Next month, we will look at this period of Paul’s life.

Deaths

‘Bill’ Bremenkamp

William P. Bremenkamp, 68, Colby, died today, Friday, Sept. 18, 2009, in Victoria.  
He was born Sept. 17, 1941, in

Colby.  
Services are pending with the Harrison Chapel in Colby, (785) 462-2331.

High Plains Lions Club

The High Plains Lions met Monday, Sept. 14. The meeting was called to order by President Justin Burrus, and the group sang Happy Birthday to Francis Britton. Sheryl Brenn introduced her guests, Barbara Bickner and Pam Rundel.

Pam Rundel told the club her teaching budget had been cut and she needed financial help to purchase equipment for her special education classes at the public school.

Barbara Bickner, a Colby High senior, thanked the club for giving her the opportunity to participate in the All State band at the May state meeting. Bickner said she would like to return next spring.

Friday, Oct. 2, will be Candy Day at the high school homecom-

ing. Money from the candy goes to the club’s sight budget.

Roger Herren suggested co-sponsoring a coed youth group for 14-21 year olds.

Sheryl Brenn and Justin Burrus reported on a leadership meeting they attended.

Larry Brenn distributed the new membership cards. Melda Moore had photos of the club’s activities at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Honor Run. Sheryl Brenn circulated the Lions Pride.

The club discussed the December annual pancake feed and the winter ham-and-bean feed.

Melda Moore won the drawing. The next meeting will be Monday, Oct. 12, at the Colby Community College Student Union.

– Roger Hale

Colby woman earns degree

MacKayla Charlene Dougherty, Colby, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in apparel and textiles from Kansas State University this summer.

Nearly 500 students completed degree requirements, earning nearly 300 bachelor’s degrees, as well as master’s, doctoral degrees and several associate degrees.

Summer graduates could be in

the May commencement ceremony or the fall commencement ceremonies Dec. 11 and 12.

Corrections

The Colby Free Press wants to maintain an accurate record of our town. Please report any error or lack of clarity in a news story to us at 462-3963.

Winona festival is Sunday

There will be a Fall Festival from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Sunday at the Winona Methodist Church. Activities include crafts, a bake sale, children’s crafts and games, a story-teller, and a cake-walk. There will be homemade ice cream and a potato bar buffet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. A love offering will be taken and a door prize awarded.

4-H Club

The Abilene Hustlers 4-H Club had its monthly meeting on Monday, Sept. 7. New officers are: president, Sarah Lamn; vice-president, Brennan Ziegelmeier; treasurer, Taylor Todd; historian, Kortney Bredemeier; reporter, Brook Ziegelmeier. Recreation leaders are Kinley Ziegelmeier, Josh Koon, Tyler Todd and Ashley Standage. Seth Bredemeier and Rachel Lamn are council members.

The next meeting will be Monday, Oct. 5, with installation of the new officers. – Brook Ziegelmeier

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$3.69
Corn (bushel)	\$2.83
Milo (hundredweight)	\$4.27
Soybeans (bushel)	\$8.23

The Family of Eldora Biggs

Requests a Card Shower to celebrate her 90th Birthday on October 4th

Send cards to:  
Eldora Biggs  
1040 Maize Rd  
Colby, KS 67701

Thank You

The families of Elizabeth Basgall wishes to express our heartfelt thanks to the many friends and family for all the visits, cards, flowers, food, masses, memorial contributions, kind words and prayers. Words cannot express our gratitude for Father Dana Clark of Sacred Heart Church and Father Michael Elan. of St. Paul’s Catholic Church for their support, comfort and prayers. We also wish to thank Father James for saying the funeral Mass in Grinnell and the ladies of St. Mary’s Altar Society for the lunch provided following the service. A sincere thank you to all the staff, nurses and caregivers at Prairie Senior Living Complex for making the last few months of Liz’s life so special. Last but not least a heartfelt thank you to Lisa Varney, Geri Landry and Rosemary Bange. We could not have gotten through Mom’s illness without you. You will never be forgotten.

Tom and Lexie Basgall and Family,  
Maureen and Grant Ostmeyer and Family,  
Gerri and Kenny Geist and Family,  
and Stan Basgall and Family

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Essay/Poster Contest: Winner to be announced at 4:00 PM

- High School - Poem: “How a community can pull together concerning Alcohol and Drug Addiction?”
- Middle School - Essay: “How a community can pull together concerning Alcohol and Drug Addiction?”
- Grade School Drawing of how “ITS OK 2 SAY NO WAY”

SERVICES DIRECTORY

Worship in the church of your choice this weekend.

THE SHEPHERD’S STAFF, REXFORD, Joan Dingwerth, Director, 785-687-2565.

Schedule of church services

**GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP**, 2nd and Sunrise, Oakley. Pastor James Bloom, Sunday Morning Worship and Children’s Church 10:15 a.m., Wednesday evening Bible Study and Intercessory Prayer 6:30 p.m. 785-671-4020.

**COLBY INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH**, 730 E. 3rd (former Jaycee’s building), Pastor Bernard Heinz, 785-460-0313, Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

**ASCENSION-ON-THE-PRAIRIE EPISCOPAL**, Rev. Don Martin, College Drive & Wheatridge Rd., 785-462-3041, 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**, 245 W. College Dr., Colby. Pastor Steve Todd. Sunday School 9 a.m. for all ages. Wednesday Youth at The Rock 3:30 and 7 p.m. Sunday Nite Life at The Rock 5-6 p.m.. 785-462-8234. cdag@st-tel.net.

**BEREAN CHURCH**, 1000 S. Franklin, 785-460-2763, www.colbyberean.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, 785-462-2867. Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.; Family Worship: 10:30 a.m.; Bible Study: Sundays at 7 p.m. RC Club 2nd and 4th Sundays at 2 p.m.

**COLLEGE VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH** (Affiliated with Southern Baptist), 1185 Wheatridge Rd. at College Drive, 785-460-7144, Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship services, 10:45 a.m. Prayer Service at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday’s.

**PLEASANT HOME CHURCH**, Pastor, Perry Baird, 785-890-3375, 3190 Road 70, Edson, Worship, 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

**WINONA METHODIST CHURCH**, 501 Bellview Ave. Rev. Sheryl Johnson, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m., Morning Worship 9:15 a.m. (CDT)

**MINGO BIBLE CHURCH**, 420 Main Mingo, 785-462-2992: An independent community church served by Village Missions Intern Pastor Pat Colley. 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**, 785-462-2179, 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, 785-462-6342, Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

**WESLEYAN CHURCH**, 320 W. Pine - 785-462-8391, 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 - 785-460-6605, President Gary Slavens, 785-460-2656; Erwin Mitchell, 1st counselor, 785-460-1952; 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 785-462-3571.

**REDEEMING LOVE MINISTRIES, INC.**, 345N. Franklin, Dr. W.G. and Rev. Orvella Romine, Equipping Class, Sunday, 9 a.m., Sunday worship, 10 a.m., Wednesday, R.L.M Training Centers (Bible School), 6 p.m. Shop online at: www.rlmregionalchurch.com.

**COLBY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, Rev. James Mardock, pastor, 950 S. Franklin, 785-460-6521, 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

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**, Minister, Jarrod Spencer. 510 E. 4th, Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., Interpretation for the deaf, Wednesday, Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**, (Disciples of Christ), Pastor Lyle Knebel, 385 W. 3rd - 785-460-2718, Sunday Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.; Sunday School at 11:15 a.m. E-mail: fccolby@st-tel.net.

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

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**, Rev. Don White and Rev. Tim Llewellyn, East 5th & Country Club, 785-462-3497, Services, Sat., 5:30 p.m., Sunday; Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 9:30 a.m.; Services, 11:00 a.m. Visit us at www.trinitycolby.com.

**LEVANT COMMUNITY CHURCH**, 205 1st St., Pastor Jerry Vincent, 785-586-2376, Sunday School (classes for 3years & up and 3 adult classes) 9:30 a.m., Morning worship 10:30 a.m.

**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, 785-687-2565.

**REXFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH**, Rexford, Pastor Lane Purcell, 785-687-3305, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

**BREWSTER COMMUNITY CHURCH**, Mike Pinkelman, Pastor, Brewster- 785-694-2720, 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.

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