

Family

Has your expecter expired?

Has your expecter expired? Motivational speaker John Maxwell was fond of asking that question – and it’s worth considering in the light of scripture.

Joshua 1:7-9 (NIV) says, “Be strong and very courageous.... do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

With a promise like that, you’d think the people of Israel would expect God’s miracles in their lives. After all, God led them out of Egypt, through the sea on dry ground, gave them food in the desert and stayed with them in a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire at night – but no. They were just like us.

Numbers 13 tells of Moses sending an advance party to explore Canaan. He told the men to go through the Negev and beyond, evaluating the land, the people and the towns.

They returned carrying an enormous cluster of grapes on a pole between two men and telling of the abundance to be found. “But the people who live there are powerful,” they said, proceeding to paint a picture of an unconquerable people.

Then Caleb spoke up. “We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it.” But his minority report was shouted down by the negative

thinkers.

Who should the people have believed? The 10 men with the bad report, or the two – Joshua and Caleb – who believe God is with them?

Numbers 14 continues: “That night all the people of the community raised their voices and wept.... Why is the Lord bringing us to this land only to let us fall by the sword?”

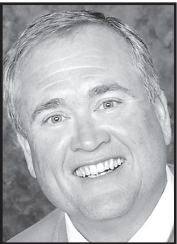
Joshua and Caleb argued that the Lord would lead his people into the land and give it to them, but the assembly threatened to stone them.

Because the people of Israel refused to trust God and follow God’s appointed leaders, they were condemned to wander for 40 years in the desert and die there!

What’s the problem? The people of God stopped expecting great things from God.

Ephesians 3:20-21 says, “Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”

Do you have an expired expecter? John Maxwell defines the symptoms as being judgmental of others in the church, starting or passing on negative rumors, and so forth.



Eugene Rothfuss

• From the Pulpit

Maxwell wrote, “Many people are not receiving miracles in their lives because their expecter has expired. Once they had dreams, now they have doubts. The future looked bright, now it looks bleak.... If this has happened to you, revitalize your expecter...”

Your life must be influenced by positive expectations, not experiences that leave you bitter, unforgiving, victimized or self-pitying. Don’t make the mistake of believing that things never change. This cheats you out of developing your potential.

You may feel God can’t be trusted – just look at the evil and pain in the world. Think it through. God had a choice – give men and women free will to choose right or wrong, or make them robots and control every movement. If he gives free will, they can choose to love him and live in relationship with him. Of course, that also means there will be sin and sickness in the world, because some will reject God.

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positive expectations, not others’ poor examples. We all have heroes, but don’t let them become idols because eventually you’ll become disillusioned. Don’t let other’s failures keep you from expecting miracles from God. Don’t let your own failures convince you God has rejected you. God will always love you and when you repent, restore you and grow you into something greater because you humbled yourself before God.

Your life must be influenced by positive expectations, not passing exhilaration. Moods change quickly. Decisions should be independent of moods, based on evidence and sound thinking. If you follow emotion, you’ll stop doing something God has called you to do just short of success, because you don’t feel like it. If you follow emotions only, you’ll never take on any ministry that might push you out of your comfort zone – because you don’t feel like doing it.

Take risks for God. Expect God to show up and do something awesome.

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On the Beat

COLBY POLICE
Tuesday

12:31 a.m. – Security check at the airport.

9:37 a.m. – Spoke to subject about civil matter at Pine and Franklin.

10:05 a.m. – Assisted ambulance crew.

11:16 a.m. – Report of people working on U.S. 24 by Wagoners, no cones; truck with flashers blocking part of road. Made contact; subjects just inside city limits but were finished with project.

11:56 a.m. – Made contact with subject at Budget Host about going door to door.

1:45 p.m. – Spoke to subject about phone scam.

1:45 p.m. – Spoke to subject about earlier civil matter at Pine and Franklin.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF
Tuesday

8:54 a.m. – Joe Briceno arrested on warrant.

9 a.m. – Rollover accident on County Rd. 8 about 1 1/2 miles north of Thomas/Logan County line.

10:05 a.m. – Assisted Highway Patrol on I-70 at mile 48 east-bound.

5:03 p.m. – Theft of lawnmower at West and Center in Rexford. Report filed; checking with City of Rexford.

11 :19 p.m. – Narcotics violation report filed.

Wednesday

8:01 a.m. – Late entry: Joshua Dean Wolfrum arrested on warrant at 8:07 p.m. Tuesday.

3:21 p.m. – Served arrest warrant on Skylar Kraft for Rooks County.

7:20 p.m. – Vehicle hit deer on U.S. 83 at Nine-Mile Corner

9:46 p.m. – Assisted subjects on I-70 at mile 72.

10:54 p.m. – Suspicious vehicle circling the block at 405 Main in Brewster. Vehicle parked at residence when deputy arrived.

Daughters of Isabella

Immaculate Heart of Mary Circle of the Daughters of Isabella met Oct. 7 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church for a gourmet supper prepared by Joan Albers, Donna Juenemann and Thresia Aschenbrenner.

Regent Theresa Baker called the meeting to order, lit a candle and read the names of deceased members, with a prayer in their memory.

All participated in the opening ode and the pledge to the flag, and Albers read an article from the chaplain’s guide about unity.

Thank-you notes were read from the Eugene Sramek family, and from Ceann Rinehart at the passing of her sister Mary Helen. A donation was made to the Mary Elizabeth Maternity House in Hays.

Albers reported 191 known saves for the Forty Days for Life campaign. Countries in Europe, England and Australia are getting involved, too.

Sunday there will be sausage, biscuits and gravy served after each mass. A signup sheet was available for work times and donations.

The circle will be making the red Jell-O salad for the Thanksgiving dinner Sunday, Nov. 7.

New hourly donation report sheets were given to each member listing categories to credit hours to.

Hostesses for the Thursday, **Markets**

Quotes as of close of previous business day

Hi-Plains Co-op

Wheat (bushel)	\$6.31
Corn (bushel)	\$5.11
Milo (hundredweight)	\$8.60
Soybeans (bushel)	\$10.90

Nov. 4, meeting will be Fawna McFee, Hankie Beckman, and Susan Veeh.

– Theresa Baker

Corrections

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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. Worship Service 10:15 a.m. Sunday School 9 a.m. for all ages. Wednesday Youth at The Rock 3:30 and 7 p.m. Sunday evening services at 6:30 p.m. on all Sundays except the 5th Sunday of every month. 785-462-8234. cdag@st-tel.net.

BEREAN CHURCH, 1000 S. Franklin, 785-460-2763, www.colbyborean.com; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m and Saturday, 5:30 p.m.. Pastor Mark Carlton, Senior Pastor and Pastor Jason Purdy, Youth Pastor. Middle School Group Wednesday 7 p.m. at the Attic and High School Youth Group Sunday 6 p.m. at the Attic. AWANA Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at the church.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, (Affiliated with American Baptist Churches USA) Rev. Craig Crossman, 615 W. Webster, 785-462-2867. Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.; Family Worship: 10:30 a.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 Pastor Tom Peyton. Sunday School: 9:30AM - all ages. Worship Services: 10:45AM. Sunday Evenings 6:30. 3rd Sunday informal fellowship - bring a snack to share! First Sunday of month - carry-in dinner following morning worship.

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 9:00 a.m. Podcasts of the worship services are available at the church website colbypres.org.

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 Andy Rose, 785-460-6807; Erwin Mitchell, 1st counselor, 785-460-1952; Calvin Haverfield, 2nd counselor, 785-953-1043. 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, 7-9 p.m. Thursdays or by appointment. Call 785-462-3571.

REDEEMING LOVE MINISTRIES, INC., 345 N. 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), 6p.m. Shoponline 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., Wednesday, Bible Study 7:00 p.m. www.colbychurch.com

OASIS WORSHIP CENTER, Colby, Pastor J. Curry, 785-462-0913. Sunday Service at 2 p.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, (Disciples of Christ), Pastor Lyle Knebel, 385 W. 3rd - 785-460-2718, Sunday Morning Worship and Children’s Church at 10:00 a.m.

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. Robert Alexander. East 5th & Country Club, 785-462-3497, Services, Sat., 5:30 p.m., Sunday; Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 9:00 a.m.; Services, 10:30 a.m. Visit us at www.trinitycolby.com.

LEVANT COMMUNITY CHURCH, 205 1st St., Pastor Charles Taff, 785-586-2376, Sunday School (classes for 3 years & 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, Tue. 5:00 p.m. - Women’s Bible Study.

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