

# God’s throne revealed in Bible as place of glory, mercy, judgment

The Bible tells us a lot about the throne of God.

In the sixth chapter of Isaiah, our infinitely holy God appears dramatically, exalted upon his throne of glory (see also the fourth chapter of Revelation). In the fifth chapter of Revelation, his throne is also one of supreme authority, for he alone is worthy to open the scroll. Romans 14:10, 1 Corinthians 3:11-15 and 2 Corinthians 5:10, all declare that Christians will appear before the judgment seat of Christ to receive eternal rewards to be enjoyed in heaven.

The 20th chapter of Revelation, on the other hand, reveals a terrifying Great White Throne judgment where all those who died in their sins, having not trusted Jesus as their Savior, will be condemned forever. So God’s throne is one of glory, authority and judgment.

Meanwhile, Christians are invited, in Hebrews 4:16 to “come boldly before the throne of grace” to receive “grace to help in time of need.”

Unfortunately, according to Isaiah 14:12-15, Lucifer, God’s highest created being, coveted God’s throne of glory (he wanted to be



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worshipped), his throne of authority (he wanted to rule over everything) and his throne of judgment (he wanted to condemn mankind, whom he hates). For that, Lucifer, along with a third of the angels who joined him in rebellion, was cast out of heaven, and became the devil – also known as Satan.

In the Garden of Eden, Satan, in the guise of a beautiful serpent, convinced Eve that if she would defy God’s one command to her and Adam and eat the forbidden fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, she would herself become “as God” (Genesis 3). She ate, as did Adam, and all of mankind was plunged into sin and condemnation (Romans 5). Since then, every person born into this world (except Jesus Christ) is born a sinner in desperate need of salvation.

Our Savior Jesus Christ left his exalted throne in heaven to be born in human flesh in order to be nailed to the cross as the perfect sacrifice for our sins (Philippians 2). God the father raised his son from the dead in a physical glorified body, and he is now seated on his throne at the right hand of God the Father in heaven, making intercession for all who have been saved by faith in Him (Romans 8, Hebrews 7, 1 John 2).

Every person who humbly recognizes his sinfulness and turns from sin, trusting Jesus Christ to save him through his sacrificial death on the cross and his bodily resurrection from the dead, is then saved from condemnation and born spiritually into God’s family.

The individual receives a new nature at that moment as God’s Holy Spirit enters into him (Colossians 3). Unfortunately, our old sinful nature also stays with us until we die, so that there is a constant battle within each Christian between our old and new natures (Galatians 5).

It is that old sinful nature within

us that urges us, like Lucifer, to covet God’s throne. We want to sit upon his throne of glory. Who doesn’t secretly want to receive credit for good things done in order to be admired?

We want to usurp his throne of authority. Who doesn’t want to be boss – we even want to tell God what to do.

We want to sit on his throne of judgment, condemning anyone who has hurt us, or who has failed morally.

The only real solution to this is to remember his amazing grace to us – the sinless Son of God dying on the cross for our sins – and to yield our bodies, minds and wills to the king of kings and lord of lords, Jesus Christ (Romans 12).

Let him take his rightful place on the throne of your life and live his resurrection life in and through you. Then some day, when you receive your heavenly rewards, you will cast your crowns at the feet of him who sits enthroned before you in heaven (Revelation 4).

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## Abilene Hustlers 4-H Club

The Abilene Hustlers 4-H Club met Monday at the Thomas County 4-H building for the annual parent’s night meeting. Parents serving as club officers were: Lynette Koon, president, Tamra Ziegelmeier, vice president, Jay Todd, secretary, and Diane Gerstner, treasurer. Mark Bartlett led the flag salute and roll call was answered by 4-H member’s favorite month. Eighteen members along with parents, leaders and guest Floy Harrison from Sublette attended.

Daniel Freeman led the club in singing “You Are My Sunshine.” Vice President Cassie Wells gave the reporters report, and Gerstner gave the treasurer’s report and said the 4-H Council has requested more project leaders.

Freeman demonstrated how to balance your checkbook. Koon announced members would play “Cluck Cluck Goose” for recreation. Ziegelmeier announced next month’s program.

Gerstner led the 4-H pledge and the meeting was adjourned. Refreshments were served by the Denny and Haines families.

– Cassie Wells, reporter

## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
<b>Hi-Plains Co-op</b>	
Wheat (bushel)	\$7.41
Corn (bushel)	\$7.16
Milo (hundredweight)	\$12.14
Soybeans (bushel)	\$13.96

## THANK YOU

Words cannot express our gratitude for the strength and support you’ve given our family since Rick’s unexpected death. Your cards, phone calls, food, flowers and memorial gifts have been greatly appreciated, and your friendships and kindness will always be remembered.

*The family of Rick L. Shea*

## Scott William Shrout

Scott William Shrout, 32, Colby, died suddenly Sunday, Feb. 3, 2013, at his home in Colby.

He was born April 25, 1980, in Hays, the son of Ted and Elizabeth Ann (Sullivan) Shrout. Following a house fire in Great Bend when he was 4 years old, he was raised by his maternal grandmother, Anna (Thompson) Sullivan. A graduate of the Bird City High School, he studied computer science at the Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland.

In May 2011, he married Taresa Dole.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; his grandmother, of Colby; and a son, Zandler Shrout, and stepson, Landen Capps, both of Colby.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2013, at the College Drive Assembly of God in Colby, with Pastor Steve Todd officiating.

The family suggests memorials for the boys’ college fund in care of the church, 245 W. College Dr., Colby, Kan., 67701.

Condolences for the family may be sent to [cdag@st-tel.net](mailto:cdag@st-tel.net).

## Power scam threatens

Midwest Energy wants customers throughout central and western Kansas to be aware of a scam where criminals call or show up to homes and businesses, threatening to cut off service unless immediate payment is made or transferred by wire.

The week of Jan. 20, a business owner in Hays received a call from a man, who said he was from “the electric company,” saying the customer’s account was past due, and that he would disconnect service if the owner didn’t make an immediate payment by wire transfer. The owner said his wife handled the bills, and asked for a number where she could call back.

The owner’s wife dialed and spoke to a female, who repeated the request for payment by wire. Still suspicious, the owner’s wife hung up and called Midwest Energy, which verified her account was current, and that the company does not accept wire transfers for payment. Midwest Energy advised the customer to make a report with the Hays Police Department.

Similar scams have been noted recently at other electric coopera-

tives in western Kansas.

“Pioneer Electric Cooperative in Ulysses has also had a scam, but in their version, their customers have had a person show up on the doorstep, demanding \$100 or threatening disconnection,” said Shana Read, Communications Director for Kansas Electric Cooperatives in Topeka. “Victory Electric in Dodge City has had similar scams targeting Hispanic customers there.”

“We never disconnect service over the phone, or on weekends,” said Michael Sadeghi, Midwest Energy’s Director of Customer Service. “If you’re ever in doubt whether a person at your home or business works for Midwest Energy, or if someone calls pretending to be with Midwest Energy, please call us at (800) 222-3121.”

## 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.*

## Send a card

A card show-er is planned to help Helen Thacker of Sharon Springs, formerly of Russell Springs, celebrate her 80th birthday on Saturday, Feb. 9, 2013.

She would enjoy hearing from family and friends following her recent move.

Birthday wishes will reach her at 608 N. Kennedy, Apt. 3, Sharon Springs, Kan., 67758.



Helen Thacker



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## Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



Floyd & Barbara Highland!  
Thanks for being the best Parents, Grand Parents and Great Grandparents.

Love,  
Warren, Michele & Kelly Baum  
Kalie Highland, Kacey,  
Tashia, Ayden & Jaya Highland

# Services Directory

Worship in the church of your choice this weekend.



Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

**FAITH FELLOWSHIP CHURCH**, Pastor Dan Keel. 815 W. 3rd. Sundays at 2 p.m. 337-401-7207 (temp)

**CELEBRATION COMMUNITY CHURCH**, 1890 S. Franklin Ave. - Colby Community Building. Pastor Dave Funk. Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. [www.celebratejesus.org](http://www.celebratejesus.org)

**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.

**COLLEGE DRIVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD**, 245 W. College Dr., Colby. Pastor Steve Todd. Sunday School 9 a.m. for all ages. Worship 10:15 a.m. Kid’s Church for Kindergarten- 5th grade during Worship Service. Nursery available for kids birth - 5 yrs old. Wednesday night: Family night September - May. Meal served 6 - 6:30 p.m. CD Kidz for kids birth - 5th grade, Youth Group for 6th - 12th graders and Adult Bible Study at 7 p.m. 785-462-8234. [cdag@st-tel.net](mailto:cdag@st-tel.net).

**BEREAN CHURCH**, 1000 S. Franklin, 785-460-2763, [www.colbyborean.com](http://www.colbyborean.com); Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m and Saturday, 5:30 p.m.. Pastor Mark Carlton, Youth Pastor Ben Phillips. 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.

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**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. Contemporary Evening Service at 4 p.m. through the semester.

**PLEASANT HOME CHURCH**, Pastor, Perry Baird, 785-728-7380, 3190 Road 70, Edson, Worship, 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:00 a.m. (MST)

**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](http://colbypres.org).

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

**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. 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 by appointment. Call 785-462-3571.

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**COLBY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, Rev. James Markdock, 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](http://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](http://www.colbychurch.com)

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