

# 18th-century preacher penned 70 resolutions

From 1722-1723 Jonathan Edwards, the great preacher of yesterday, penned 70 resolutions, which he determined would govern the rest of his life.

When you consider that he was only 20 years old when he wrote them, you can see why he turned out to be the greatest theological mind ever produced by America and a key figure in the First Great Awakening.

Some of those resolutions were: Resolved, to live with all my might, while I do live. Resolved, never to do anything out of revenge. Resolved, never to do anything, which I should be afraid to do, if I expected it would not be above an hour, before I should hear the last trump.

Resolved, to study the Scriptures so steadily, constantly and frequently, as that I might find and plainly perceive myself to grow in the knowledge of the same.



## steve rains

● moments from calvary

Notice what he didn't resolve to do — make more money. Attain a better position. Have a better profit margin. All his resolutions dealt with his spirit, his character and his passionate pursuit of God's glory.

What does your resolve look like? The Apostle Paul wrote in Galatians 4:19-20 these powerful words, "My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you, how I wish I could be with you now and change my tone, because I am perplexed about you!"

Did you catch that statement

"formed" what does that mean? Paul through the inspiration of the Spirit of God wants these people and us to understand that in the core (in our essential nature) of who we are that Christ be formed in us.

How important did he think that was? How passionate did he feel about it? He compares it to a woman giving birth. Those feelings that are present during that event — anticipation, work, pain, joy — that is how bad he wants Christ formed in you. You can read it in Galatians 4:19.

Looking back on this last year, can I ask you did you grow at all? Not in pants sizes or anything like that, but spiritually. Can you see growth marks in your life? What do you

want to become? You see, growth is about becoming. What are you becoming as a person? What are you becoming spiritually? What about with your character? It is my prayer for you and this community that we would experience incredible spiritual growth, that discipleship would occur.

How? Let me give you some thoughts on becoming (or you could call it discipleship).

The goal of becoming is spiritual transformation. Romans 8:29 says, "For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers."

Conformed means to have the same form of another to be shaped into durable likeness.

I like that, durable likeness. I don't know who you want to be like, who your role models are, but the idea of

an inward and real formation of our essential nature being shaped into a durable likeness of Jesus sounds exciting.

God doesn't just want to deal with the symptoms of our lives, but he wants to get to the root. He changes us from the inside out. Listen, spiritual maturity is not measured by how long you have been a Christian, but by the transformation that has happened in your heart. That is maturity!

Two more quick thoughts: The heart of becoming is love. How do you know if you are maturing? Simple, are you growing in your love for God, and are you growing in your love for your neighbor?

Why is that so important? Because anyone can make a list with stuff like go to church, pray for my dinner, wave to my friends, vote and check those items off and feel pretty

good about themselves, but the reality is they don't have a changed heart.

They treat people badly and are selfish and arrogant. Listen, it is not about checking off a list; it is about our hearts. Jesus said the measure of love is God and people. It is possible to become more and more religious and less and less like Jesus.

The last thought: the path of becoming is training. You have to arrange your life around those things that will enable you to do what you cannot do now by direct effort. 1 Corinthians 9:27 tells us that.

Well, I am out of time and room. Remember to love God and love people.

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# Snow cancels potluck dinner, bingo, open house for Jack Faber

Here's hoping everyone had wonderful holidays after digging out of the snow. Sounds like more is on the way this week. We do

need the moisture, so can't complain. Just be careful in driving in it and walking; it was really icy after the last one.

The center has been very quiet, a lot of people still out of town, sick or just want to stay off the ice and snow. We canceled the potluck, and if this storm moves in, we'll probably cancel Friday's dinner and bingo. We even had to cancel our open house for Jack Faber last week. We will be having it in January sometime.

Christmas guests of Warren and Bonnie Reid were Lance Reid of Andale; John, Laurie, Mallory and Julie Jones of Kismet; Rya and Amanda Kisner and Brandon Kisner of Goodwell, Okla.; Jordon, Amanda and Blayne Reid of Oakley; and Nathan, Judy, Jeff and Jayde Reid of Brewster.

Marion and Coleen Crumrine traveled to Lakin Christmas Eve to be with daughter Carline Moore and husband Joe and their grandchildren, Jonathan Moore and wife Angela and children, Seth, Keaton and baby Sara and Matthew Moore and wife Sondra and baby Kaylee. Matthew's family leaves the first of the year for Savannah, Ga., where he will be stationed until June, then he goes back for his second term in Iraq.

Christmas night, daughter

## betty jo baird

● brewster news

Carolyn Somers and husband Brian and children were at her folks Marion and Coleen for exchange of gifts and a good visit. Wednesday evening Marion and Coleen went to their son Willard's home for supper and exchange of gifts, as grandson couldn't come home until then.

I was sick all weekend with this cold thing going around, so Mike, Autumn and I spent a very quiet Christmas at home. Of course Christmas morning with a 4-year-old isn't very quiet, if you know what I mean.

The Northwest Kansas Heritage Center and Library will have their annual meeting at Hunter Hall Jan. 20 at noon. Roast beef, ham and drinks will be provided. Everyone is to bring a dish to share. Everyone welcome. Meeting will follow the meal. Guest speaker will be Fred Maglie from St. Francis.

Dearest child, I want to tell you a secret. I want to show you a path of joy. I want to open a door for you that leads to blessing. The key to that door is marked "giving." And not merely "giving," but "giving without expecting any reward or praise from other people.

When you give secretly to others without expecting them to reward you, I will reward you with a quiet inner joy. When you do your good

deeds, expecting no fanfare from people, there will be great fanfare for you in heaven.

Trust me, my child. Think today of some need that you can meet in secret. Then go about meeting that

need in a quiet and thankful way. I will be with you. And we will rejoice together! Generously, God. Mat-

thew 6: 1-4. Have a Safe and Happy New Year!

## Worship warms the heart

### Calvary Gospel Church

**Pastor:** Steve Rains, Ben Coats, youth pastor  
Fourth & College • 890-3660  
**Sunday:** Kid's Church: 10:30 am  
Morning Service: 10:30 am  
Evening Service: 5:00 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Royal Rangers Missionettes 6:30 p.m.  
Adult mid-week service: 7:00 p.m.  
Youth @ the Rock House: 7:00 p.m.  
Small Group Ministries meets throughout the week.  
www.calvarygospel.net

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help

**Pastor:** Father Norbert Diabal  
307 W. 13th • 890-7205  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**  
4:30-5 pm Saturday or by appointment  
**Mass Schedule:**  
Saturday: 6 pm, Sunday: 10:30 am  
**Spanish Mass:**  
Sunday: 4 pm

### Sonrise Christian Church

Ninth & Caldwell • 899-5398  
**Minister:** Charles E. Kerr, Jr.  
**Sunday:** Worship Service: 9:30 am  
Sunday School: 10:45 am  
Team Puppeteers: 6 pm  
**Wednesday:**  
Junior/Senior High Meeting: 7 pm  
Adult & Children's Classes: 7 pm  
Jets, 4th grade and under: 3:30 - 4:30

### Word of Life

**Joursquare Church**  
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**Sunday:** Worship Celebration  
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### Bible Baptist Church

**Pastor:** Michael Estep  
Fifth & Broadway  
890-7368  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 9 am  
Morning Service: 10 am  
Evening Service: 6:30 pm  
**Wednesday:** Evening Bible Study: 7 pm

### Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

1200 15th Street • Burlington, CO  
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**Sacrament Meeting:** 10 am  
**Sunday School:** 11:15 am  
**Priesthood/Relief Society:** 12 am

### Iglesia Del Dios Vivo

La Luz Del Mundo  
Spanish Speaking Church  
**Minister:** Esteban Ortiz B.  
1601 Texas • 899-5275  
**Daily Prayer:** Sunday thru  
Saturday: 5 am & 6 pm  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 10 am

### United Methodist Church

**Brewster:**  
**Pastor:** Dorine Chambers  
Worship Service: 10:45 am CST  
Sunday School: 9:45 am CST  
**Winona:**  
**Minister:** Sheryl Johnson  
Worship Service: 9 am CST  
Sunday School: 10:15 am CST

### First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)  
**Pastor:** Rev. Ted Amos  
Eighth & Arcade • 890-5233  
**Sunday:** Worship Service: 10:30 am  
**Sunday School:** 9:15 a.m.  
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**Sunday:** Sunday School: 9 am  
Worship Service: 10:15 am

### Church of the Nazarene

**Pastor:** Bob Willis  
Third & Caldwell  
899-2080 or 899-3797  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 9:45 am  
Worship Service: 10:50 am  
Evening Service: 6 pm  
**Wednesday:** Evening Service: 7 pm

### First United Methodist Church

1116 Sherman 899-3631  
**Pastor:** Rev. Janet Hernandez  
**Saturday:** Worship: 5:30 pm  
**Sunday:** Adult Classes: 9:15 am  
Worship: 10:30 am  
**Wednesday:** Wednesday Nite Live  
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### Goodland Bible Church

109 Willow Road • 899-6400  
**Pastor:** Chad DeJong  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 9:30 am  
Morning Worship: 10:45 am  
Evening Worship: 6 pm  
**Wednesday:** AWANA (Winter)  
and prayer: 7 p.m.

### First Baptist Church

**Pastor:** Travis Blake  
Fifth & Center • 890-3450  
**Sunday:** Sunday School for all ages:  
9:15 am (Child care provided)  
Morning Worship: 10:30 am  
**Wednesday:** Bible study 7 p.m.  
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**Holy Eucharist:** 10:00 a.m. Sunday  
10:00 a.m. Thursday  
**Morning Prayer:** 8:00 a.m. Wed. - Sun.  
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### Harvest Evangelical Free Church

104 E. Hwy. 24 • 890-7918  
**Pastor:** Brian Fugleberg  
**Sunday:** Worship: 10:30 am  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
**Wednesday:** Youth group  
meets at 7 p.m.  
at Scherlings', 827 Caldwell.

### Seventh Day Adventist Church

1160 Cattletrail  
**Pastor:** Jim Martin  
**Saturday:** Sabbath School: 9:30 am  
Worship Service: 11 am

### Emmanuel Lutheran Church

13th & Sherman • 890-6161  
**Sunday:** Christian education/fellowship:  
10:15 a.m.  
Worship Service: 9 am  
**Wednesday:** Confirmation: 6 pm

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