

Words have the power to change someone's life

A woman named Mary Ann Bird writes about the defining moment of her childhood. "I grew up knowing I was different, and I hated it. I was born with a cleft palate, and when I started school, my classmates made it clear to me how I looked to others: a little girl with a misshapen lip, crooked nose, lopsided teeth and garbled speech.

"When schoolmates asked, 'What happened to your lip?' I'd tell them I'd fallen and cut it on a piece of glass. Somehow it seemed more acceptable to have suffered an accident than to have been born different.

"I was convinced that no one outside my family could love me. There was, however, a teacher in the second grade who we all adored — Mrs. Leonard by name. She was short,



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round and happy — a sparkling lady. "Annually we had a hearing test. Mrs. Leonard gave the test to everyone in the class, and finally it was my turn. I knew from past years that as we stood against the door and covered one ear, the teacher sitting at her desk would whisper something, and we would have to repeat it back — things like: 'The sky is blue' or 'Do you have new shoes?'"

"I waited there for those words that God must have put into her mouth, those seven words that

changed my life. Mrs. Leonard said, in her whisper, 'I wish you were my little girl.'"

Wow, the things we say truly do impact people. You know in a very real way words are prophecy. Seven words! That's incredible isn't it? That's all it took. Seven words can change someone's life. That is the power of the tongue.

The Bible has a lot to say about your tongue. Proverbs 18:21 says, "The tongue has the power of life and death."

Proverbs 12:18 says, "A reckless word pierces like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing." "A deceitful tongue crushes the

spirit" (Proverbs 15:4). "A gentle tongue can break a bone" (Proverbs 25:15).

One of the most insightful verses in Scripture is Matthew 12:34, where Jesus said, "Out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks." Jesus was saying that words are clues. They reveal our thoughts and feelings. They reveal who we are. Here is a reality: like it or not, our words are a confession of our soul — they give us a glimpse into what is going on in our heart, and they tell us what our heart really believes.

Here is a good conversation piece for dinner tonight. Every word you've ever said is still a sound wave that is traveling through space. According to physicists, if we had the right equipment, we could recapture everything you've ever said. Every-

thing you've ever said is somewhere in space (does that make you nervous?).

Do you know what that would mean? It means that is also true of the first words ever spoken. In Genesis 1, God said, "Let there be light." And according to the Doppler Effect, the universe is still expanding. How amazing is that? Those first words that God spoke calling the universe into existence are still creating new galaxies billions of light-years away! Wow, serving God is exciting!

So here is the point — (there are two of them) first, speak words of life. Speak words that build up instead of tear down. Make Ephesians 4:25 and 29 a reality in your speech — "Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to

his neighbor, for we are all members of one body."

"Do not let any unwholesome (literally rotten) talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit (that it would be a gift to) those who listen."

Secondly, it's pretty amazing that every prayer you've ever prayed is still somewhere in the universe. Let me encourage you to journal your petitions so you remember what you prayed. Friend, don't give up hope! Something happens when you pray that doesn't happen when you don't.

Steve Rains is the pastor at the Calvary Gospel Church, Fourth and College. Go to the church's web site at calvarygospel.net or e-mail Rains at calvarycolumn@st-tel.net.

Brewster's A Cafe open during week

The A Cafe is now open for business from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday at this time. They may extend their hours

to include Saturday and Sunday later. It is run by Candi Aschenbrenner. It's great to have a cafe in town again. Candi offers a special each day.

The city-wide garage sale was a great success this year as always. People got rid of a lot of stuff to get more stuff to replace it, but it was a lot of fun.

Jeremy Presley graduated from medical school in May. He will be doing his internship at the Via Christi Hospital in Wichita. He is the grandson of Betty and Johnnie Schroeder.

Ed and Toni Ackerman are the proud grandparents of a new baby girl, born May 30, 2007. Her name



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is Pollyanna Jo. Her parents are Pat and Karla Damman of Clifton.

Nettie Mills, son Kenneth Mills and family of Arriba, Colo., visited her over the weekend. Her grandson, Dan Mills from Wyoming, is getting married today.

Frances Jones is going to Hutchinson for a birthday party on Saturday to honor Rex Amos' 80th birthday.

That's it for the news this week, sorry it's so short. Please get your news in to me on Monday or Tuesday each week.

"Life is not promised to you. Nor is it promised that it will go the way you want it to, when you want it to," Rosalind Cash.

matters of record

District Traffic
The following fines were paid in the Sherman County District Court:
Feb. 19, 2007 — Kenna L. Lopez,

\$120 reinstated for speeding and \$10 for no seat belt.

March 1 — Jonathan R. Oberg, \$120 reinstated for speeding.

March 17 — Larry G. Nenstiel, \$138 for speeding.

March 17 — Jacob A. Schaale, \$156 reinstated for speeding.

March 30 — Martin S. Egan, \$126 for improper parking.

April 1 — Carl G. Boyd, \$108, for speeding.

Worship warms the heart

Calvary Gospel Church

Pastor: Steve Rains, Ben Coats, youth pastor
Fourth & College • 890-3605
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 through out 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: 12:30 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

10th & Clark • 899-5250
Pastor: John Coumerilh
Sunday: Worship Celebration
and Kids' Church: 10:30 am
Wednesday: K.W.A.M.!
Age 3 through grade 6, 6:30 p.m.
(during school year)

Pleasant Home Church

Serving the rural community
for over 100 years
Rt. 1, Box 180 • 694-2807 • 3190 Road 70
Pastor: Charlie Busch
694-2242
Sunday: Worship Service: 9 am
Sunday School: 10 am
Evening Service: 6 pm

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
(719) 346-7984
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
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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.
Activities: Junior High & High School Youth Groups,
Adult Bible Study, Choir, Men's and Women's Groups,
Devotions Study, Monthly Fellowship
Special Notice: Handicap Accessible, Hearing
Assistance Equipment and Infant and Toddler
Nurseries Available

Kanorado United Methodist Church

Pastor: Leonard Cox
399-2468
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
5:45 - 6:45 Simple Supper "Free will Offering
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Classes for all ages

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
Bateman's Funeral Home, 211 E. 11th
890-3450
Sunday: Sunday School for all ages:
9:30 am (Child care provided)
Morning Worship: 10:30 am
Thursday: Bible study 9:30 a.m.
Wheatridge Center

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

13th & Center
Church 890-2115 or Rectory 890-6969
Priest: Father Hal Lycett
Holy Eucharist: 10:00 a.m. Sunday
10:00 a.m. Thursday
Morning Prayer: 8:00 a.m. Wed. - Sun.
For emergencies 890-6969

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: Mike Larson
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

Church of Christ

401 Caldwell
890-6185
Sunday: Bible Study: 9:45 am
Worship Service: 10:45 am
Wednesday: Bible Study: 7 pm

The following sponsors urge YOU to attend your chosen House of Worship this Sabbath:

Short & Son Trucking
Hwy. 24

Koons Funeral Chapel
North Main

Good Samaritan Center
208 W. 2nd

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3023 W. 31



Help Wanted

The NWK Home Care, a Medicare Certified Home Health Agency, has an opportunity for a REGISTERED NURSE for the Goodland and Colby area. The position is part-time and for more information contact Vicki at 785-332-6399.

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Sunflower Contest

RULES

- Write down as many words (at least 3 letters) that you can think of using the word "Magnoliopsida"
- Do not use proper names
- Bring your completed list to The Goodland Star-News office at 1205 Main or at our booth at the Fair by 12:00 p.m. by Monday, August 13th

Winner will be announced in the Friday, August 17th edition

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(If you have more than 50, please attach an additional sheet)

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Phone _____ Age _____

Winner of the Sunflower Contest will receive a FREE 1 year subscription to:

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