

Imitate energy, innocence of children in worship

Have you ever had one of those moments when you opened your eyes to begin a new day and knew something was wrong right from the start? I had one of those mornings recently.

I boldly proclaimed on a Sunday morning not too long ago that we are leaving for kid's camp at 5:30 a.m. Guess who overslept? The alarm was set; it was just going to awaken me that afternoon. You should have seen us! We would have given any of the winners of the Amazing Race a run for their money.

Obviously we were late for departure and late arriving with the 13 kids that went, but we weren't late on what God wanted to do in the lives of those 400-plus kids at summer camp.

I love seeing kids develop men-



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tally. I love seeing them develop athletically. But, nothing is as exciting to me as to see a young person (or adults) develop spiritually. One of our core values as a church is that the next generation is of utmost importance.

We just wrapped up our Vacation Bible School this week at Calvary. The place was crawling with kids. The energy, the life, the innocence, the trust and the determination of those kids was inspiring

ences this summer is that for the most part kids aren't impressed with each other, but they are willing to engage with each other. Their innocence allows them to see beyond the shell of the clothing or image and invite another into their circle.

In many ways, I believe you see a reflection of Christ's love in that you can be you, and I will still hang with you. I value you because you are a person, not because of what you have or don't have.

to say the least. You know there is nothing like the value of a child. One of the things that was so enjoyable about those two experiences this summer is that for the most part kids aren't impressed with each other, but they are willing to engage with each other. Their innocence allows them to see beyond the shell of the clothing or image and invite another into their circle.

Another aspect of those two events that spoke into my life was the children's willingness to jump into the services. With really no coaxing or anything, they would just begin to express gratitude to God. I realize that not everyone is from a church like Calvary where there is a lot of expression in worship (clapping, lifting hands, voices raised, etc.), and that is all right.

Jesus, in Matthew 18:2-3, exhorts us passionately to have child-like

faith. What is so important about child-like faith? First off, there is the trust a child possesses.

Unfortunately, it seems that the older a person gets the less likely they are to trust. As you read through the pages of Scripture, if there is a message that stands out it is the message that you and I must trust God and depend on Him and not ourselves. That naturally leads to the second characteristic kids possess and that is humility.

What is humility? Well, there are a lot of ways we could define it, but perhaps the easiest would be the willingness to ask for help. How easy is it for you to ask for help?

Let's cut to the chase — none of us are a "Self-made Man/Woman." To get to where you are, you had to have help from others along the way.

Others have invested in our life. Are you willing to have child-like faith and say, "God I need your help — please work your plan in my life."

One of the great things of living here in Goodland is the investment this community makes in its children and youth. I want to encourage us as another school year quickly approaches that we not only encourage our kids to excel academically, socially and athletically but may we also encourage them and lead the way for them to excel spiritually.

Enjoy the rest of your summer. Play hard, laugh a lot and have a child-like faith.

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Wheat harvest over; Brewster blessed with best crop in six years

The wheat harvest is pretty much finished up for this year. It was a wonderful one for the Brewster community — we are so blessed.

I haven't seen a crop like that in six or seven years. The estimated total bushels brought into Archer Daniels Midland and Frontier Ag was 3.5 million bushels.

Nancy and Beth Hawkins and Vicky Dumler were all home this past week for some visiting. It was good to see them all at the center.

The summer reading program presented a rock band skit and sang several songs at the center Monday. Twelve kids were involved. They served cookies and Kool-aid, it was enjoyed by all who attended.

Matthew and Daniel Allen both graduated from college on July 21, 2007. Matthew from Fort Hays State University and Daniel from the University of Notre Dame. They are the sons of Noland and Geryl Allen and grandsons of Ceci and Jr.

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Allen of Brewster.

The Prairie Gem 4-H Club had their style show at the Center last Friday. Those showing clothing were Layton Werth, Rose Bear and Melissa Baird. They served cookie bars afterwards. Good luck at the fair. Don't forget to go and enjoy everything it offers.

Eric and Angela Jones had a baby girl on July 18. Her name is Lainey Kay. She is the granddaughter of Laurie and John Jones and great-granddaughter of Warren and Bonnie Reid.

Laurie Jones and her girls came in for cake and coffee Thursday.

The Thomas County Nurse will be taking blood pressures again. First date is September 11, 10 to 11 a.m. It will be the second Tuesday of each month from 10 to 11 a.m.

Gloria Ribordy and Mary Garrett

Atwood girl to give farewell concert Sunday

An Atwood native who has been accepted to the Berklee College of Music in Boston will give a farewell concert Sunday at the Jayhawk Theatre in Atwood.

Shantel Leitner of Atwood, who studied music and performance at Butler Community School in El Dorado, will perform in a farewell benefit concert at 2 p.m. (Mountain Time) Sunday.

Her friends, Adam Jensen and Zeb Hatfield, who play with Hopkins Switch in Wichita, will sing with Shantel old and new covers that have a mellow, "feel-good"

vibe, she said. Bryan Anneler will be doing the sound.

The concert will be open to the public, and donations will be accepted in the lobby of the Jayhawk Theatre.

Berklee is the premier institution for the study of contemporary music. Applicants are required to complete a live audition and interview — Leitner interviewed in Denver. About 8,000 to 10,000 students from all over the United States and other parts of the world apply each year, while the student population is only about 3,900.

took Carmelita Clark to the Denver airport to visit her daughter Marla in Phoenix. They had a little trouble with luggage in Denver and Phoenix, but things turned out all right. John McMahan is home from Iraq. I'm

sure his wife Susan and their children are very happy to have him safe at home again. Welcome home, John.

Avery and Dawn Schultz painted some of the store windows for the fair. They all look very nice. Thanks

Avery and Dawn.

The Annual Watermelon Feed is just around the corner, so keep that in mind. It will be Friday, Aug. 17. There's always a large turnout, and the Heritage Center needs our sup-

port to keep the library and museum opened. Try to donate a little more this year for your supper.

Guess that's all for this week. Just pray for some rain and cooler temperatures.

Worship warms the heart



<p>Calvary Gospel Church <i>Pastor:</i> 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 throughout the week. www.calvarygospel.net</p>	<p>Our Lady of Perpetual Help <i>Pastor:</i> 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</p>	<p>Pleasant Home Church <i>Serving the rural community for over 100 years</i> 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</p>
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<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Church of Christ 401 Caldwell 890-6185 Sunday: Bible Study: 9:45 am Worship Service: 10:45 am Wednesday: Bible Study: 7 pm</p>
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