

During the storm, it rained on everybody's yard

Do you remember that song, "I love a rainy night" by Eddie Rabbitt? Yes, I know it is an oldie, but I can't help singing it to myself when it is raining at night.

If you are not familiar with that one, maybe we should go with the old classic "Singing in the Rain." I throw that out there, because it sure was nice having those storms come through recently and give us the much-needed moisture.

All that rain got me thinking. We all benefited from it, we all enjoyed it, and we all needed it. Did you notice the "keep" word in the last two sentences? "All" — people tell me "all" means "all;" that is what "all" means.

Anyway, everyone was blessed by the rain. Jesus said this in Mat-



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thew 5:44-45, "But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous."

Perhaps you didn't catch that or read over it too quick, but God said, "I am going to rain on the righteous (those who are in right standing with me), and I am going to rain on the unrighteous (those who aren't in

right standing with me)."

Can you believe God would do something like that? That He would provide your

neighbor's yard with just as much moisture as your yard, even when you go to church every Sunday? Do you know what the big theological word for that is? It is called common grace.

Common grace is blessings given without respect to merit or deserving them. His divine love and providence in some forms benefit everyone, even those who rebel against Him or deny His existence. The reality is this; you have been a recipi-

ent of God's blessing. So then, what do you do with that blessing? Why would God bless you? It is simple really. You find the answer clear back in Genesis with the life of Abraham.

We read, "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you. I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you and whoever curses you I will curse; and all the peoples on earth will be blessed through you" (Genesis 12:2-3).

With these words, God lays upon Abraham a blessing but a responsibility too. You see, unfortunately we've been trained to see the word "blessing" and automatically think of it as being directed toward our personal being. God

"blesses" — we receive the "blessing."

I like what author Mike Devries writes: "If we look more closely at what God says to Abraham, it quickly becomes apparent: 'Blessings' are always something to be given away. We have not been blessed in order to enjoy them for ourselves, as if we were hoarding the last piece of birthday cake long after the party is over. No, in fact we have been blessed in order to be a blessing."

God tells Abraham He is going to bless him, and three times He tells him others will be blessed because of him. Praise God if you can look at your life and say, "Wow, I am blessed."

The reality is we could all say that

when we compare how we live to 80 percent of the world's population. God blesses us so we can bless others.

In other words, to live generously is to fully live in tune with the heart of God. Receive, so that you can give. Live generously, because this is the way God lives.

So, the weekend is already upon us. If I can ask, how are you going to live generously this weekend? Sure you have needs, but how can you be a blessing? May you experience the fullness of Christ in your life today and everyday.

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Girl Scouts councils combine to form Kansas Heartland Council

Girl Scouts in northwest Kansas are about to gain thousands of new friends and just as many new opportunities when the Girl Scouts of the Sunflower Council combine with five other councils in Kansas to form the Kansas Heartland Council.

Starting Oct. 1, the new council will serve 15,000 girl members and 5,000 adult volunteers. Then the scouts will have even more places to go, things to do and people to meet.

Northwest Kansas Girl Scouts will still be served by a regional office in Hays, where they can speak with Girl Scout staff who will assist them with purchasing uniforms, handbooks, badges and other items, answer questions and offer support to members and troops.

Girl Scouts' local presence will be as strong as ever, said Linda Mills,

chief executive officer for Sunflower Council, and girls will remain in their current troops; the only difference is that they will have access to all the Girl Scout programs and summer camps offered in 80 counties across Kansas.

"The changes that are taking place in Kansas are happening across the country," Mills said, "and it's all part of Girl Scouts' overall goal to redefine itself as the world's best leadership development program for girls."

"This new structure will allow Girl Scouts to make the most effective use of resources and create even more opportunities in Girl Scouting for a greater number of girls. There is already a high level of cooperation between our councils because we draw upon many of the same re-

sources, and we will now be in the position to develop our resources more effectively and decrease duplicating efforts."

The operational headquarters for

the Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland will be in Wichita. In addition to Hays, regional offices will be in Emporia, Garden City, Hutchinson and Salina. Shelly Chenoweth has

been appointed to lead the Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland as its first CEO. In addition, a new board of directors will soon be elected that will include representatives from all

of the council's regions.

Visit the Girl Scouts web site at www.gogssc.org/links.asp and click on the Realignment Web site page or call (785) 625-5671.

matters of record

Accidents

The following accidents were investigated by the Goodland Police Department.

July 14 — 7:04 p.m., 1200 Main, a 2000 Pontiac driven by Matthew L. Pelkey was driving west on 12th and attempted to make a U-turn. Because of a sun glare Pelkey did not see a 1999 Chevrolet driven by Steven A. Goodman, and hit the car.

July 16 — 9:10 a.m., 1500 Arcade, a 2005 Sterling driven by Harvey E. Larm, was driving south and adjusting his seat when he hit a 2000 Ford owned by Jade Farms, which was legally parked by the curb.

July 20 — 3 a.m., 800 Center, a 1995 Buick driven by Carroll Mogge was driving north on Center and making a left turn when the car struck a 1999 Ford driven by Frances A. Maricle, who was driving south on Center.

3:23 p.m., 1300 Grand, Harry Hurst was driving a 2001 Ford and pulling away from dumping wood chips and struck a gas meter in the alley behind 312 W. 12th.

July 21 — 10:18 a.m., 320 E. Eighth, a 1986 Chevrolet driven by Kayla Tatman was backing and hit a 1997 BMW owned by Judy Brenner.

July 28 — 5:38 p.m., 2500 S. K-27, a 1995 Ford driven by Jeffery L. Homes was stopped at a stop sign and a 1998 Honda driven by Jeanette E. Farenholtz was stopped behind Holmes. Semi trailers turned left onto 2500 black and Commerce and Holmes backed up and hit Farenholtz's car causing damage to the front.

July 30 — 9:45 a.m., 209 Aspen, a 1992 Chevrolet driven by Ronald K. Rempe was backing up and hit a 2000 Oldsmobile owned by Deborah Martin that was legally parked.

Worship warms the heart

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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
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 694-2242
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 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
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.
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. Kasey Crosby
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: 9:30 am
 No Sunday School for Summer
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

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