

# Obedience can be a problem for us, our pets

My family has a couple of dogs. One of our dogs likes to run. She can run fast and she can run far. They say it is in her blood to do so, but I have a notion that it is more of a hearing problem. She gets out, and if she gets to the alley you better get in the truck or on the 4-wheeler, because she is now a dog on a mission. You can yell "Stop" and it doesn't faze her. You can yell "Rib Eye" and just goes bye-bye. Really I think she has an obedience problem.

So, my dog struggles with obedience, and if I am honest so do I. How about you? As I mentioned in last week's article, I want us to take a little journey together for the next several weeks.

Today's journey is a passion for obedience. Don't put the article



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down yet, stick with me!  
The question I want to ask you is, "Will you obey God no matter what He asks you to do?"

Jesus made a statement and it is the most selfless statement. In John 6:38 He said, "For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me." That is an incredible statement.

Do you live your life with such a mandate, because the reality is that is a pretty foreign concept in our cul-

ture. A culture that says, "I will do it my way, in my time." "I was born to do what I want to do." You know all the clichés.

The problem with that philosophy is that it hinders a relationship with the Lord and others, because it is more about the individual than the God who created the individual.

When you choose to obey you willfully make a decision to walk in submission. Isaiah 1:19 makes this statement, "If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the best from the land." Walking in obedience with the Lord requires trust.

We looked at that last week, but

it also requires obedience. The truth is you will not obey God unless you trust Him.

Obedience is a part of the trust factor. You see Jesus living this life of trust during the temptation in Matthew 4. Also, while in the Garden of Gethsemane before His betrayal. He recognized that he needed to do what His Father needed Him to do.

So what are some requirements for obedience? First, obedience requires a decision. It starts with your will. Conforming our will into God's plan is not based on feelings, but on decision.

Will we trust God enough to obey Him when He lets me know His will? That goes beyond what you're comfortable with, and reaches right

into what is first in our life doesn't it?

Obedience also requires discernment. You have to be able to hear from God. Yes, I believe God speaks today in a number of ways. I haven't seen or found any evidence that He doesn't. Listening to the voice of God is a primary issue for the person who is pursuing Him.

Why? Because, if you can't hear the voice of God, you can't do the will of God. The challenge in hearing the voice of God is that it requires at times for us to be silent, and for some people silence is uncomfortable. We live in an I-pod world where noise is plentiful.

One final thought, obedience requires determination. You have to determine to follow through with

what has been spoken or impressed to you. You have to determine to do what God wants. Too have His agenda for you life.

As I write about this I can't help but think this is an incredible opportunity for you and me. Just think about it you can live for yourself, and that is pretty small, or you can live for the one who flung the stars into heaven, who knew you in your mothers womb, and had you in mind when He said, "Father forgive them for they do not know what they do!"

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# Couple weds in July wedding



Aileen and Donald Raymer

Aileen Cebula and Donald Raymer, both of Goodland, were married Saturday, July 7, 2007, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Goodland with Rev. Norbert Diabala officiating.

Stanley and Gwendolyn Cebula of Goodland are the bride's parents. Steve and Debra Raymer of Goodland are the groom's parents. Donald Raymer of Phoenix, Ariz., is the groom's grandfather.

The bride was escorted by her father. The bride wore a light gold strapless dress with a beaded corset bodice with a satin pick up skirt and a chapel-length train and a cathedral-length veil. She carried a bouquet of star gazer lilies and dark pink roses.

Erica Spangler of Hays was the matron of honor. Amy and Ashley Cebula of Goodland, sisters of the bride, were the attendants. They work black halter and tea length dresses accented with fuchsia ribbon at the waist and hem.

Derrick Raymer, brother of the groom and Alan Cebula, brother of the bride, both of Goodland were the best men. Taner Litton of Beloit was the groomsman.

The groom wore an ivory tux with a fuscinate and vest and his attendants wore black tuxes with fuscina ties and vests.

The flower girl was Katie Richman, a friend of the groom. The ring bearer was Dawson Raymer, brother of the groom. The ring bearer's pillow was a football shaped pillow made by the mother of the bride.

Aaron and Adam Cebula, brothers

of the bride, and Kyle Taylor, friend of the groom, were the ushers.

StevieLee Bender and Samantha Raymer, sisters of the groom, were the candle lighters. Reader was Janice Cebula, aunt of the bride, and Deanna Livengood, friend of the couple, took care of the guest book.

Geralyn Parker on the piano and Linda Koons on the organ provided the music with Lanae Koons on flute and Andy Scheopner was the soloist.

The pews were decorated with pictures of the bride and groom from birth through school and ended with their engagement photo.

As the bride and groom left the church the wedding party tossed mini footballs and guests blew bubbles at them.

The bride graduated from Kansas State University as a speech-language pathologist. She works for the Goodland School District.

The groom went to Garden City Community and graduated from Kansas State University. He is a Goodland High School mathematics teacher and is the assistant football coach and boys basketball coach.

The dinner, reception and dance was at the Elks Lodge in Goodland. Cheesecake was served at the reception.

The couple went on a week trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, for the honeymoon and will make their home in Goodland.

# matters of record

**Marriages**  
The following marriage licenses have been issued in the Sherman County District Court:  
Stephen Joseph Charles and Liza

Renee Fralick, both of Goodland.  
Bryant Andrew Nemechek and Miranda Ann Smith, both of Goodland.

Lester Everett Gates and Karen Kay Yates, both of Goodland.  
Coban Richard Bassett and Stephanie Lea Ann Nelson, both

of Longmont, Colo.  
Jay Michael O'Brien and Nichole Dian Gallentine, both of Goodland.

## Worship warms the heart

<p><b>Calvary Gospel Church</b> Pastor: Steve Rains, Ben Coats, youth pastor Fourth &amp; College • 890-3605 <b>Sunday:</b> Kid's Church: 10:30 am Morning Service: 10:30 am Evening Service: 5:00 p.m. <b>Wednesday:</b> 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. <a href="http://www.calvarygospel.net">www.calvarygospel.net</a></p>	<p><b>Our Lady of Perpetual Help</b> Pastor: Father Norbert Diabal 307 W. 13th • 890-7205 <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</b> 4:30-5 pm Saturday or by appointment <b>Mass Schedule:</b> <b>Saturday:</b> 6 pm, <b>Sunday:</b> 10:30 am <b>Spanish Mass:</b> <b>Sunday:</b> 12:30 pm</p>	<p><b>Pleasant Home Church</b> Serving the rural community for over 100 years Rt. 1, Box 180 • 694-2807 • 3190 Road 70 <b>Pastor:</b> Charlie Busch 694-2242 <b>Sunday:</b> Worship Service: 9 am Sunday School: 10 am Evening Service: 6 pm</p>
<p><b>Word of Life Foursquare Church</b> 10th &amp; Clark • 899-5250 <b>Pastor:</b> John Coumerilh <b>Sunday:</b> Worship Celebration and Kids' Church: 10:30 am <b>Wednesday:</b> K.W.A.M.! Age 3 through grade 6, 6:30 p.m. (during school year)</p>	<p><b>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints</b> 1200 15th Street • Burlington, CO (719) 346-7984 <b>Sacrament Meeting:</b> 10 am <b>Sunday School:</b> 11:15 am <b>Priesthood/Relief Society:</b> 12 am</p>	<p><b>Iglesia Del Dios Vivo</b> La Luz Del Mundo Spanish Speaking Church <b>Minister:</b> Esteban Ortiz B. 1601 Texas • 899-5275 <b>Daily Prayer:</b> Sunday thru Saturday: 5 am &amp; 6 pm <b>Sunday:</b> Sunday School: 10 am</p>
<p><b>Bible Baptist Church</b> Pastor: Michael Estep Fifth &amp; Broadway 890-7368 <b>Sunday:</b> Sunday School: 9 am Morning Service: 10 am Evening Service: 6:30 pm <b>Wednesday:</b> Evening Bible Study: 7 pm</p>	<p><b>United Methodist Church Brewster:</b> Pastor: Dorine Chambers Worship Service: 10:45 am CST Sunday School: 9:45 am CST <b>Minister:</b> Sheryl Johnson Worship Service: 9 am CST Sunday School: 10:15 am CST</p>	<p><b>First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)</b> Pastor: Rev. Ted Amos Eighth &amp; Arcade • 890-5233 <b>Sunday:</b> Worship Service: 10:30 am <b>Sunday School:</b> 9:15 a.m. <b>Activities:</b> Junior High &amp; High School Youth Groups, Adult Bible Study, Choir, Men's and Women's Groups, Devotions Study, Monthly Fellowship <b>Special Notice:</b> Handicap Accessible, Hearing Assistance Equipment and Infant and Toddler Nurseries Available</p>
<p><b>Church of the Nazarene</b> Pastor: Bob Willis Third &amp; Caldwell 899-2080 or 899-3797 <b>Sunday:</b> Sunday School: 9:45 am Worship Service: 10:50 am Evening Service: 6 pm <b>Wednesday:</b> Evening Service: 7 pm</p>	<p><b>First United Methodist Church</b> 1116 Sherman 899-3631 Pastor: Rev. Kasey Crosby <b>Saturday:</b> Worship: 5:30 pm <b>Sunday:</b> Adult Classes: 9:15 am Worship: 10:30 am <b>Wednesday:</b> Wednesday Nite Live 5:45 - 6:45 Simple Supper "Free will Offering 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Classes for all ages</p>	<p><b>Goodland Bible Church</b> 109 Willow Road • 899-6400 Pastor: Chad DeJong <b>Sunday:</b> Sunday School: 9:30 am Morning Worship: 10:45 am Evening Worship: 6 pm <b>Wednesday:</b> AWANA (Winter) and prayer: 7 p.m.</p>
<p><b>First Baptist Church</b> Pastor: Travis Blake Bateman's Funeral Home, 211 E. 11th 890-3450 <b>Sunday:</b> Sunday School for all ages: 9:30 am (Child care provided) Morning Worship: 10:30 am <b>Thursday:</b> Bible study 9:30 a.m. Wheatridge Center</p>	<p><b>St. Paul's Episcopal Church</b> 13th &amp; Center Church 890-2115 or Rectory 890-6969 Priest: Father Hal Lycett <b>Holy Eucharist:</b> 10:00 a.m. Sunday 10:00 a.m. Thursday <b>Morning Prayer:</b> 8:00 a.m. Wed. - Sun. For emergencies 890-6969</p>	<p><b>Harvest Evangelical Free Church</b> 104 E. Hwy. 24 • 890-7918 Pastor: Brian Fugleberg <b>Sunday:</b> Worship: 9:30 am No Sunday School for Summer <b>Wednesday:</b> Youth group meets at 7 p.m. at Scherlings', 827 Caldwell.</p>
<p><b>Seventh Day Adventist Church</b> 1160 Cattletrail Pastor: Mike Larson <b>Saturday:</b> Sabbath School: 9:30 am Worship Service: 11 am</p>	<p><b>Emmanuel Lutheran Church</b> 13th &amp; Sherman • 890-6161 <b>Sunday:</b> Christian education/fellowship: 10:15 a.m. Worship Service: 9 am <b>Wednesday:</b> Confirmation: 6 pm</p>	<p><b>Church of Christ</b> 401 Caldwell 890-6185 <b>Sunday:</b> Bible Study: 9:45 am Worship Service: 10:45 am <b>Wednesday:</b> Bible Study: 7 pm</p>

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