

A life of passion could be a life of promise

Perhaps you have heard Tim McGraw's song "Live like you were dying." It is song about living life to the fullest and not waiting for some bad report to jar you to your senses.

The chorus goes, "I went sky diving. I went Rocky Mountain climbing. I went 2.7 seconds on a bull named FuManchu, and I loved deeper and I spoke sweeter, and I gave forgiveness I'd been denying and he said someday I hope you get the chance to live like you were dying."

I like that song, it gets me thinking. It gets me thinking about life and having a passion for it.

Have you ever met someone who is breathing and walking but seems pretty much dead inside? They have no purpose, direction, or meaning they just wander from day to day. Maybe you feel that way at times?



steve rains

• moments from calvary

The past few weeks we have been looking at the life of Christ. We have seen his passion for trust, for obedience, and surrenderance. This beautiful fall afternoon, I want you to see His passion for life.

As you look at the resurrection of Christ (John 20:1-18) you see several individuals present at the tomb. One of those is a lady by the name of Mary Magdalene. She was one of the first followers of Christ. She was high energy, impulsive, and carrying. She not only traveled with Jesus, but contributed to the needs of the group. Christ drove seven

With the kind of track record and reputation she had prior to her encounter with Christ, many may find it hard to believe that she was the first person He appeared to and not the last. She was alive physically, but had been in bondage to a lot of stuff. Do you know anyone like that?

Here Jesus is and the person He first appears to after His resurrection is not a disciple, but to a woman whom He had delivered from a messed up life. Why? Because He loves people, and wants to give them life.

Look at verse 11 of John 20. It says, "Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb." Can you picture that scene? She is sad over the death of Christ and now His body is missing from the tomb. You know life outside the tomb is three things. Life outside the tomb of Christ is disappointing. Isn't that true of life some times? Disappointment comes in all forms, especially as it relates to spirituality and religion. The reason life outside the tomb is so disappointing is because you don't have anything to anchor your life to. It takes faith to trust in the story of the resurrection.

Secondly, life outside the tomb is confusing. You can't understand why stuff is happening like it is. Perhaps Mary was thinking, "I thought He was the Messiah?" At times we all resort to that kind of

thinking don't we? Finally, life outside the tomb is frustrating. It is frustrating because you can't fix it. You can't take away the doctors bad report. You couldn't stop the accident. Many times we find ourselves in situations beyond our control. Mary was there, how about you? Why didn't Jesus give them a play by play of this week in His life? He doesn't do it for them, or for us. Instead He lets us journey in faith. He watches us and helps us through the frustrations of life if we let Him.

For the person standing outside the tomb, I have a question for you. Are you willing to look inside? Are you willing like Mary to stoop and look in?

I think looking in the tomb will do three things for a person. It will allow you to see things you have not seen before. It allows you to

ask questions you have never asked before.

That is one thing about God that I love. He isn't afraid of our questions. He is big enough to handle what you feel and think.

One last one, when you look inside the tomb you come to the end of your knowledge. The power of God was there, and she began to come to the end of what she knew, and that is the first step to finding real faith to follow Christ.

I want to encourage you to take the journey, explore the faith, and enjoy your Creator.

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Art show opens Sunday at center

Goodland's coffee shop mural and listen to performances by piano students Sunday at the Carnegie Arts Center.

Laurie Albin, the WaKeeney artist who painted the art deco mural on the south side of the Goodland Grind and Gallery, will be on hand for an opening reception for her work from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday at the Carnegie Arts Center.

She is a freelance artist whose work includes custom portraits, still lifes, landscapes and homesteads. Her work has been exhibited at the Wichita Center for the Arts, the Dane Hansen Museum and other exhibits around the state.

Albin received the first-place booth at the Dane Hansen Logan Arts Festival, Patron Purchase

award at the Smoky Hill Show and honorable mention at Russell's Original Art Review (the ROAR Show). She has also entered a number of county fairs, receiving "Best of Show" and Grand Champion awards.

Albin gives workshops, private lessons and holds children's art camps through her WaKeeney studio. She has painted two murals in WaKeeney, where she and her husband Doug, a farmer and accountant.

Students of Nancy Shores, a Goodland piano teacher, will provide live entertainment at the opening, and refreshments will be served.

Albin's artwork will be displayed through Wednesday, Oct. 31.

matters of record

The following crimes have been reported to the Sherman County Sheriff's Department:

June 28 — 1555 W. Business U.S. 24, Goodland, Jackie Baumfalk of Goodland reported criminal use of a financial card.

July 9 — 3180 County Road 66, Edson, Darral Craft of Edson reported theft of 13 personal checks.

Aug. 3 — 500 block of Main St., Goodland, Anna Frecks of

Burlington, reported criminal damage to property involving a 2000 Chevy.

Aug. 8 — 500 block of Main St., Goodland, Danny Krayca of Goodland reported criminal damage to property involving a 1999 GMC truck.

Aug. 8 — 402 E. 17th St., Goodland, Gambinos reported a worthless check dated March 22.

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Calvary Gospel Church
Pastor: Steve Rains, Ben Coats, youth pastor
 Fourth & College • 890-3605
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 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 Dlabal
 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

**Word of Life
 Foursquare Church**
 10th & Clark • 899-5250
Pastor: John Coumerilh
Sunday: Worship Celebration
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 Wednesday: K.W.A.M.!
 Age 3 through grade 6, 6:30 p.m.
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Pastor: Charlie Busch
 694-2242
Sunday: Worship Service: 9 a.m.
 Sunday School: 10 a.m.
 Evening Service: 6 p.m.

Bible Baptist Church
Pastor: Michael Estep
 Fifth & Broadway
 890-7368
Sunday: Sunday School: 9 a.m.
 Morning Service: 10 a.m.
 Evening Service: 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m.

**Church of Jesus Christ
 of Latter-Day Saints**
 1200 15th Street • Burlington, CO
 (719) 346-7984
Sacrament Meeting: 10 a.m.
Sunday School: 11:15 a.m.
Priesthood/Relief Society: 12 a.m.

Iglesia Del Dios Vivo
 La Luz Del Mundo
 Spanish Speaking Church
Minister: Esteban Ortiz B.
 1601 Texas • 899-5275
Daily Prayer: Sunday thru
 Saturday: 5a.m. & 6 p.m.
Sunday: Sunday School: 10 a.m.

**United Methodist Church
 Brewster:**
Pastor: Dorine Chambers
 Worship Service: 10:45 a.m. CST
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. CST
Winona:
Minister: Sheryl Johnson
 Worship Service: 9 a.m. 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 a.m.
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
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**Kanorado
 United Methodist
 Church**
Pastor: Leonard Cox
 399-2468
Sunday: Sunday School: 9 a.m.
 Worship Service: 10:15 a.m.

Church of the Nazarene
Pastor: Bob Willis
 Third & Caldwell
 899-2080 or 899-3797
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
 Worship Service: 10:50 a.m.
 Evening Service: 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Evening Service: 7 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
 1116 Sherman 899-3631
Pastor: Rev. Kasey Crosby
Saturday: Worship: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: Adult Classes: 9:15 a.m.
 Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday: Wednesday Nite Live
 5:45 - 6:45 p.m. 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 a.m.
 Morning Worship: 10:45 a.m.
 Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
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 a.m. (Child care provided)
 Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.
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 a.m.
 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday: Youth group
 meets at 7 p.m.
 at Scherlings', 827 Caldwell.

Seventh Day Adventist Church
 1160 Cattletail
Pastor: Mike Larson
Saturday: Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m.
 Worship Service: 11 a.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
 13th & Sherman • 890-6161
Sunday: Christian education/fellowship:
 10:15 a.m.
 Worship Service: 9 a.m.
Wednesday: Confirmation: 6 p.m.

Church of Christ
 401 Caldwell
 890-6185
Sunday: Bible Study: 9:45 a.m.
 Worship Service: 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday: Bible Study: 7 p.m.

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