

Make sure you are still enjoying the lemonade

Last week we looked at the topic of making lemonade out of those lemons life throws us. We saw from the Old Testament example of the Israelites that living a life of grumbling and complaining is a recipe for defeat.



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• moments from calvary

You and I lose if we chose to take that approach, and it is a choice. Last I knew we are responsible for our word selection and attitude.

Today, I want to fill your glass with some more lemonade! So let's get started.

I love the quote, "Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible, and receives the impossible." Whoever made that statement knew how to make some lemonade! What do you see in your current life situation? Can you see past the stormy weather that you are facing? Do you have a hope beyond the doctor's

report? Do you possess a treasure that brings dividends way beyond your checkbook balance?

Let's face it we all wrestle with doubt, unbelief, and negative attitudes at times. I am not trying to be pie in the sky about life by any means, but I just believe God has my best in mind. He can give me strength to make some lemonade, but it is my choice to squeeze or be squeezed.

After all 1 Corinthians 10:13 tells me, "No temptation has seized you except what is common to

man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it." Did you get it, God is faithful! God is with you! He believes you can make it through this deal.

There is an old Scandinavian fable about a gold mill. The skipper of a commercial fishing boat somehow acquired a wonderful machine that produced gold on command. To keep it out of the hands of others he took it out to sea in his boat so he could have it all to himself.

The skipper had plans to make himself enormously rich. But two

things went wrong with his selfish plans.

First, he failed to learn how to stop the machine. Second, he was warned that it would produce salt as well as gold. When he wanted it to produce gold he wasn't to even think of salt or it would produce salt instead of gold.

The skipper commanded the machine to produce gold, but try as he might the forbidden thought of salt leaped into his mind. The more he tried to think gold, the stronger become the thought of salt. The machine turned out more and more salt.

The skipper became alarmed as the boat began to fill with salt. He didn't know how to stop it from making salt. He watched helplessly as salt filled up his boat, and then, because of the weight of the salt,

the boat sank.

As the fable goes, the mill has been on the bottom of the ocean relentlessly grinding out salt ever since. And that, my dear children, is the Scandinavian story of how the ocean became so salty.

The story makes a point doesn't it? It is difficult to think only positive thoughts. Negative thoughts or what I like to call "Stinkin Thinkin" have a way of lurking at the edges of the mind, slipping in and taking over how we view life, or a situation that we are facing in life.

As Robert Strand says, "But faith is not some kind of mental gymnastics or mind game. Faith seems to be a matter of degree, a matter of circumstances; in other words, sometimes we believe more than at other times. Peter, for example, did actually walk on the water like

Jesus. According to Matthew, it was 'when he saw the wind; that he began to sink. He was no longer looking at Jesus.'

What can we apply to our life from that story of Peter? Simple, an element of strong faith is keeping a focus on Jesus — the object of our faith. Don't let the problems overcome you; let's see Jesus overcome the problems!

Here is a great verse for us to learn to live by; "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief" (Mark 9:24). Have a super weekend. Make sure you connect to a church this weekend.

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Some fruit trees need pollinators

This past week at the Master Gardener training here in Goodland, our speaker, Ward Upham, a K-State Research and Extension Horticulture specialist, presented information on growing fruit in Kansas.



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One thing that caught my attention was his discussion of pollination. I have run across trees that didn't produce fruit over the years, and pollination — or the lack of it — is something to be considered in these cases.

Fruit and nut trees must be pollinated before fruit will develop. If you are planning a fruit planting, be sure to check to see if the type you are buying requires a second variety as a source of pollen.

This different source of pollen has to come from a different variety, not a second plant or tree of the same variety. For example, a Jonathan apple tree cannot be pollinated by another Jonathan, but rather another variety such as Golden Delicious.

Varieties of apples, sweet cherries, pears, Japanese plums, blueberries and elderberries generally need a second variety for a pollen source. There are some exceptions — such as Golden Delicious apple and Stella Sweet Cherry — which are self-pollinating. For these, one

tree is sufficient. Apricot, tart or pie cherry, European plum, peach, nectarine, blackberry, raspberry, currant, gooseberry, grape and strawberry plants are all self-pollinating, and only one tree or plant is adequate for fruit development.

If you have only one fruit tree that requires a pollinator, you can still get fruit by using a bouquet of blossoms from another variety of the same species. For example, you might have two pear trees that are different varieties but are too far apart for pollination. One of these pears is self-pollinating but the other isn't.

Take prunings from the self-pollinating tree, place them in a container of water and hang them on the sunny side of the tree that needs a pollinator. The bees move from the flowers in the bouquet to the flowers in the tree and pollinate them. The trees must be blooming at the same time, and the bouquet should be replaced every two or three days to keep the flowers fresh and the pollen viable.

Arts center to show paintings on the West

A Scott City native's expression of his love of the Wild West will be displayed at the Carnegie Arts Center in March.

Since his childhood, Jerry Thomas says, he has always loved the West, and his interest in the wildlife, the trails and history of the region inspired him to express himself in art. His attention to detail is reflected by the realistic portrayal of images in his paintings.

His work will be exhibited beginning with an opening reception from 1-3 p.m. Sunday. Musical entertainment will be presented by the Klemm family at 1:15.

Thomas' art has been displayed in both private and corporate collections in the United States and abroad. He began publishing his work almost 20 years ago in Manhattan. Since then he has earned several awards, among them being named the Kansas Governor's Annual One-Shot Turkey Hunt "Artist of the Year," Kansas Ducks Unlimited Sponsor Artist, National Ducks Unlimited Guest Artist, twice as Kansas Wildlife Artist of the Year, the Nebraska One Box Association Artist of the Year, the Waterfowl USA Celebrity Hunt and Pheasants Forever Artist of the Year.

Thomas' accomplishments include designing the Kansas state

Duck Stamp in 1992 and 1996 and being commissioned to provide works for the U.S. Calvary Museum, the Little Bighorn Associates, Historic Fort Hays, the Fort Larned Old Guard, Kansas State University football and the Fort Wallace Memorial Association.

He has done cover illustrations for *Waterfall*, *Journal of the West* and *Military Heritage* magazines. For the Kansas State Historical Society, Thomas created covers of the eight historic forts of Kansas for a series of books published by the society and the Frontier Forts of Kansas Network created by U.S. Sen. Nancy Landon Kassebaum Baker.

Thomas' two new releases featuring Custer's 7th Calvary, "Get 'Em Boys" and "Scouting the Trail," were commissioned by the Fort Wallace Memorial Association. A special commission, "The Sacred Place," which features Cheyenne Indians of Western Kansas, was dedicated to the El Quartejejo Museum in Scott City, where a wing of the museum will be added to display all of Thomas' work.

Center hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at 120 W. 12th. The exhibit is sponsored by Lobo Productions.

matters of record

Sherman County Bastille
The following people were booked into the Sherman County Bastille:

Feb. 16 — 9:32 a.m., Nicholas E. Slusher, 19, of Goodland. Arrested by sheriff deputy for obstructing legal process, operating motor vehicle without license and speeding. Bond supplied.


8:21 p.m., Lukins J. Medrano, 20, of Goodland. Arrested by deputy

sheriff for unlawful vehicle registration. Bond supplied.

Feb. 18 — 6:02 p.m., Victor Jabara Williams, 33, of Texarkana, Texas. Arrested by state trooper for speeding and driving while suspended (second or subsequent conviction). Bond supplied.

Feb. 19 — 5:01 p.m., Jerry DeWayne Blake, 47, of Goodland. Arrested by deputy sheriff for violation of probation. Court pending.

Worship warms the heart



<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Word of Life A Joursquare Church 10th & Clark • 899-5250 Pastor: John Coumerilh Associate Pastor: Ben Coumerilh Sunday: Worship Celebration and Kids' Church: 10:30 am Life Groups - call for times and locations www.wordoflifegoodland.org</p>	<p>Pleasant Home Church Serving the rural community for over 100 years Rt. 1, Box 180 • 694-2807 • 3190 Road 70 Pastor: Perry Baird 890-3375 Sunday: Worship Service: 9 a.m. Sunday School: 10 a.m. Evening Service: 6 p.m.</p>
<p>Bible Baptist Church Pastor: Clifford Middlebrooks 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.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>United Methodist Church Brewster: Pastor: Dorine Chambers Worship Service: 10:45 a.m. CST Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. CST Minister: Sheryl Johnson Worship Service: 9 a.m. CST Sunday School: 10:15 am CST</p>	<p>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 Special Notice: Handicap Accessible, Hearing Assistance Equipment and Infant and Toddler Nurseries Available</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>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</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: Daily, 8 a.m. Thursday and Sunday For emergencies 890-6969</p>
<p>Seventh Day Adventist Church 1160 Cattletrail Pastor: Mike Larson Saturday: Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service: 11 a.m.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>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.</p>	

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