

# ONE

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## ON THE COVER

The winning drawing from this month's coloring contest with the theme "What If Jesus Played Sports" was created by Bryson Dumler, 9, from First United Methodist Church.

# One of the most well-known prayers

Hello dear ONE readers! This is my last "welcome" article as the ECMA President. It has been a joy to welcome you each month and tell you about the topic of the latest edition of the ONE. This month we are looking at faith and sports.



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Have you ever wondered what sport Jesus would play if he lived in 2018? Well, some of the youth thought it would maybe be golf, baseball, basket-

ball, or even soccer. Me, I see Jesus more as a Pickleball player, or maybe also a golfer, as he did do a lot of walking in his day.

One's faith can and does impact one's sports life. I know there is a lot of talk about how the youth these days do not value the church, as they choose to play sports instead of going to church on Sunday morning. That might be true, but I also would

like to believe those youth also have a faith. It might not be like yours or mine, but a faith nonetheless. I believe each of us, as children of God has a relationship with God. So if you have never thought about how your faith connects to sports, I invite you to take some time this month and to ponder it for yourself and read the following articles.

Peace and blessings my friends. I will meet you in future editions of the ONE, not as ECMA President, but only as The Rev. Marie Sager, Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church. :)

## News to know

### SALVATION ARMY SETS UP PAPER PANTRY

The Salvation Army has established a Paper Pantry and is distributing items out of its office at 203 E. Seventh St., Suite A.

Julie Smith, the Salvation Army's Ellis County coordinator, said the organization received a grant, which is allowing it to distribute toilet paper, facial tissues, paper towels, women's products and cleaning supplies, including laundry detergent.

The distribution is taking place from 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays and 1 to 3 p.m. on Thursdays. Those who qualify can receive the commodities once every three months. To qualify, individuals must be able to provide proof of income, proof of family size, and either a driver's license or state ID, Smith said.

Monetary donations are welcomed, she added. More information is available by contacting Smith at (785) 621-2794.

### RELAY FOR LIFE EVENTS SCHEDULED

Ellis County Relay for Life events are scheduled for June 1 and 8.

Relay for Life is an annual fundraising event for the American Cancer Society. The annual walk will take place from 7 p.m. to midnight on Friday, June 1, at the Downtown Pavilion, 10th and Main in Hays.

During the walk, team members will take turns walking a designated path.

Each team is asked to have a member on the path at all times to signify that cancer never sleeps.

Each team will also set up a themed campsite at the event and will continue its fundraising efforts by collecting donations for food, goods, games and activities. This money will count towards the team's overall fundraising goal.

Those wanting to sign up may visit [http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY18NOR?pg=entry&fr\\_id=88099](http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY18NOR?pg=entry&fr_id=88099).

The Relay for Life Four-Person Golf Scramble will get underway at 9 a.m. Friday, June 8, at the Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course. Cost is \$80 per player.

Those wishing to sign up for the scramble may contact Jeremy Coulter at (785) 625-9949 or [jr\\_coulter@yahoo.com](mailto:jr_coulter@yahoo.com).

More information about the walk is available by contacting Mary Ann Randa at (785) 623-1971 or Kim Peach at (785) 639-3603 or [kim.peach@cancer.org](mailto:kim.peach@cancer.org).

### WORKSHOP TO FOCUS ON SUBCONSCIOUS BIASES

Subconscious biases, understanding them and dealing with them will be the subject of a workshop conducted by the Fort Hays State University Management Development Center.

"You're Racist (But Then Again, We All Are): Understanding Subconscious Bias" will be offered from 1 to 4:30 p.m. on

Tuesday, June 5, in Stouffer Lounge of the FHSU Memorial Union.

Hannah Hilker, with the center, said attendees will explore their own biases and how those biases can influence behavior, as well as learn about valuable tools to help control for implicit bias when working with others.

The workshop will be taught by Brett Whitaker, assistant professor of Leadership Studies at FHSU. Cost for non-FHSU personnel is \$119; Hays Area Chamber of Commerce members will receive a 15 percent discount, Hilker said. FHSU personnel may be able to have part or all of their registration paid by the university.

More information is available from Hilker at (785) 628-4121 or [hehilker@fhsu.edu](mailto:hehilker@fhsu.edu).

Registration can be completed online at <https://webapps.fhsu.edu/MDC2.0/Default.aspx>.

### MESSIAH LUTHERAN PLANS SUMMER PICNIC

Messiah Lutheran Church will be having a church picnic at noon Sunday, June 10, at Auble-Bickle Park, 30th and Sherman. Attendees are asked to bring a side dish and dessert to share. The Noble Men of the church will be preparing hamburgers and hotdogs.

RSVP's are due to the church office, (785) 625-2057, by Monday, June 4.

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# What role does prayer have in sports?

As a former chaplain of the Kansas Wesleyan University Football program in Salina, I was tasked with the awesome responsibility of bringing a little bit of spirituality into sport. At first, I was amazed at the dichotomy, especially in football, as players and coaches would use an array of “colorful”... and inappropriate... language, be it in the heat of battle during a game, or in the competitive arena of practice, or the highly private area of the locker room. I mentioned earlier I was amazed at the dichotomy; in effect, two things that shouldn’t be together, but are.

I had been a football player most of my younger days, and so I wasn’t shocked by the language that they used, but I was amazed by the deep spirituality that welled up within them, especially in the need for and use of prayer. Now, you may be thinking that their prayers were mainly said when the game was on the line or on any given third and long play, but that’s not what I’m referring to. (Not that prayers weren’t said during those times, mind you...)

But the prayers that were amazing were the ones when a player...on either

team...went down for an injury. Every player would ‘take a knee’ and say a prayer for that fallen comrade...even if they were on the other team. And win or lose, after each game the whole team would gather around and the team captain would lead the team in prayers, followed by the Lord’s Prayer.

It was the faith and leadership of the head coach that was the driving factor.

The head coach, who could make a sailor blush with his “colorful” language, made sure that ‘his boys’ were schooled not only on the ways of the gridiron, but also in the ways of the Lord. During games I was usually close to him, especially when he was “waxing philosophical” in his inimitable way and using “colorful language” to describe his disagreements with the officials. I was so close, in fact, that during a “discussion” with an official during a game, one of the assistant coaches pulled me away from him, counselling me that he might take a swing at me if I tried to pull him away from an official during his diatribe. I

assured him that the head coach and I prayed together almost daily, and he wouldn’t dare hit his prayer-partner. (After that, though, when he was in ‘discussions’ with the officials, I did stay at least three feet away from him.

Sometimes angels speak through assistant coaches, I’ve learned.)

Probably the most amazing “prayer dichotomy” that happened was when a new group of freshmen

recruits came in for practice. I got to know most of them, but one, Manny, from Los Angeles, was smallish, tattooed and talked and acted tough. He saw that I was chaplain, and surprisingly, we hit it off. Manny was a defensive back, and was uber fast, and I enjoyed watching him as he developed. His dad wasn’t in the picture, but he idolized his Mom, who was a nurse in L.A. For three years, Manny hit the weight room hard. He went from being small as a freshman to specimen status as he began his senior year. Still uber fast, he was now big enough to make an impact. I’ll never forget the sound

of the impact that was made during the first exhibition game of the season. A receiver went up to catch a pass and Manny and a linebacker hit him at the same time... only the linebacker hit Manny instead. I looked up at the sound... and before Manny hit the ground I heard him yell “I can’t feel my legs!” I was one of the first there. “I can’t feel my legs!” he said to me. “Would you pray for me?”

The athletic trainers strapped him tightly in stretcher and neck brace, and he was taken away in an ambulance to the E.R. The team knelt and I lead a prayer, the captains led prayers, and I left for the hospital. I went to his room in the E.R. and asked if I could pray for him and told him the whole team was praying for him, too. He asked if I would call his Mom. As he talked with her, he wept. I wept, and I suspect, his Mom did, too. Soon, our prayers were answered as the feeling started coming back in his legs. A “stinger” the doctor said. It mimics paralysis and is scary but short-lived. During Manny’s most difficult hour he turned to God. I’m not sure that would have happened without the role of prayer in his sport.

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## Faith, baseball, and Paul

Sports have been an important part of my life since I was a little girl. Our front yard was the scene of many baseball and softball games with family. My father had to repair more than one broken window over the years because of an errant line drive or foul ball. He coached my brother, sister, and me in rec league baseball and softball while my mother kept the cooler full of ice water for our teams. Every summer our family made trips to Kansas City and St Louis to see games.

Most family vacations involved visiting a new ball park in such places as Houston, Los Angeles, Chicago, and Denver. As an adult, those traditions have continued as my husband and I coached our children and traveled to sporting events around the country. My interests have expanded to include professional

football and college basketball.

Our interest and participation in sports have taught us several life lessons that are important to our faith journey. The first would be the ability to be coached. Ask any high level coach which athlete he/she would prefer to have on the team: the highly skilled athlete who knows it and is not readily accepting of instruction or the skilled athlete who works hard and is eager to learn how to become better? Of course, the coach

would say the athlete who is teachable. The first athlete may excel at the sport but will never reach maximum potential without a willingness to learn from the wisdom of the coach. The same is true about faith, which is a life long journey not a stagnant state of being. We need prayer, the teachings of

scripture, and the counsel of others in worship and fellowship so that we might receive “spiritual coaching” to guide us along the way.

Teamwork is another lesson that we all learn in sports, from little league to the Super Bowl. Victory does not come from the efforts of one player. It comes from all team members playing their position, performing to the best of their ability to help the team as a whole. It is inspiring to see athletes being interviewed after the big game who give credit to the efforts of teammates instead of relishing in their own achievements. The same is true in the church and congregational life. As the apostle Paul reminds us in the first letter of Corinthians, the church is like a body and each part has a special purpose. We all have our own gifts and talents and none is more important than the other.



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LINN ANN HUNTINGON

Pastor Steve Dinkel stands in the foyer of Liberty Foursquare Church, a church he has pastored since 1994.

# Q & A Treasurer of the ECMA

as told to  
Linn Ann  
Huntington

*Editor's Note: This is the fourth and final part of a multiple-part series titled "Get to Know the Officers in the Ellis County Ministerial Alliance (ECMA). In this article we meet ECMA's treasurer, Pastor Steve Dinkel. He is the senior pastor at Liberty Foursquare Church, 400 E. Seventh St.*

#### **Personal Information:**

Where were you born and raised?

I was born in Plainville and raised in Quinter.

#### **Please tell us a little about your childhood.**

I was raised in a wonderful family and attended public school in Quinter, other than one year during high school when I attended Catholic boarding school, exploring a future in ministry. I started kindergar-

ten and graduated from high school with around 20 of the 38 fellow Quinterites. Although I have only one sibling, a brother who resides in Grinnell, I also have around 70 first cousins, many of whom I grew up with and saw on a regular basis. Visiting with that many cousins, and working at Unruh Chevrolet during my teenage years helped me to develop my communication skills. I studied theology at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Okla., and Radio and TV Communications at Fort Hays State University. I also worked as the Sunday morning disc jockey at KJLS Radio, producing a show called "The Master's Music" for several years.

**How long have you been married?  
Please tell us a little about your wife,  
children and grandchildren?**

I met my wife of 36 years at church during my college years at FHSU. We struck up a friendship and love that continues to grow with each passing year. Kathy (Mall) is a Hays original. She leads women's ministry and children's ministry at Liberty. God blessed us with four great kids, some amazing in-laws, and two perfect grandchildren. Our kids have grown up serving in the church, and two of them remain in Hays working with us at Liberty. Our oldest son Chris and his wife Visi (whom he met on a mission trip to Albania) lead our worship teams. They are parents to our 1-year-old grandson, William, who LOVES the drums. Our son-in-law Chris Lofstrom and daughter Molly, who met in Bible School, are our youth leaders, and parents to our sweet granddaughter, Marcelyn. Matthew and Rebekah met at church in Kansas City and married just a few months ago. Our daughter Amanda lives in Wichita and works as a stylist in a salon in Old Towne.

#### **How long have you lived in Ellis County?**

I've lived in Ellis County for 40 years (this month). After attending school at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, I moved back and attended school at FHSU. While in school I worked in sales at Wiesner's Department Store, Creative Carpets, and Heim's Furniture Galleries. After Kathy and I were married, we opened and operated a janitorial service called Sure Clean. After Chris was born, we sold the business so that Kathy could be a full-time mom, and I went back to work in sales. I worked at Western Office Supply, and Northwestern Office Suppliers for a number of years. It was during that time we began to lead a small new church called Liberty Christian Fellowship. The church has grown steadily through the years. Around five years ago we transitioned the church into a Foursquare denominational church.

#### **Please list your hobbies and interests outside of work.**

Kathy and I do most everything together; we enjoy gardening, taking occasional trips in our RV, and spending time taking long countryside drives. I also enjoy helping people purchase automobiles. The "car bug" bit me when I worked at Unruh's in Quinter, and the best remedy for the disease is to help others find their perfect vehicle.

#### **Academic Information:**

Please list degrees/certificates held and from where.

After I became a pastor, I decided to finish my education. Through distance education, I graduated from Oral Roberts University Bible Institute and Victory Bible Institute, both in Tulsa, Okla. I also graduated from Fort Hays State University with a General Studies degree.

#### **Career Information:**

Please list your current job title.

Currently I am the senior pastor at Liberty Foursquare Church and a Divisional Pastor for the Harvestland Foursquare Churches of Central Kansas and Nebraska. I have served Liberty since 1994.

#### **What aspect of your work do you enjoy the most?**

My favorite part of pastoring is discipleship — teaching



**A photo of Pastor Steve Dinkel and his wife Kathy hangs on the "family wall" at Liberty Foursquare Church.**

people to study their Bible and teaching them how to live a life that honors God. In addition to leading the weekend services, Kathy and I also lead discipleship groups. The relationships that are built around studying God's Word are always the richest ones. Our longest running discipleship program is a ministry called Cleansing Stream ([cleansingstream.org](http://cleansingstream.org)). Through a multi-session study, people are taught how to face and overcome traumatic events from their past that continue to trouble them. Often times these continued struggles can manifest in patterns of failure and sin. Hundreds of people have gone through the program and are better as a result. I never get tired of seeing the transformation that takes place when God is invited into the difficult places of our lives.

I also enjoy the church community at large. The diversity of the Body of Christ always encourages me. I am part of a team of pastors that meets weekly to pray for each other and for our area. I've served on the board of the Hays Good Samaritan Home for a number of years, as well as helped with planning the Festival of Faith events in years past.

What aspect of your work do you find the most challenging?

The greatest challenge is finding time to do everything I want to do. I find myself reading too many books at one time, scheduled for too many meetings each week, and frustrating myself, and others, by saying yes when I should probably say no. But I wouldn't trade ministry for anything. Making new friends that will last for eternity is better than a new car — and I really like new cars!

**Please describe when/how you received the call to go into the ministry.**

I was raised in the Roman Catholic tradition. I served

Mass, sang in the choir, and played the church organ (poorly I might add. Just listening to the talented organists in the Hays churches makes me embarrassed to admit it). It was during a summer camp for middle school boys at the St. Fidelis Seminary in Victoria that I sensed that God was calling me into ministry. It was during the Charismatic Renewal of the 1970s, a very amazing time in recent Church history. I'm always thankful for the Catholic leaders that advised me to seek God where I would best fit. I found my home in the Foursquare Denomination, which embraces a Pentecostal/Charismatic expression and history.

#### **ECMA Information:**

Current ECMA position held and for how long? How long have you been involved in ECMA? Please list any other positions held within ECMA and when.

I have served ECMA in various capacities for my entire tenure in ministry. I have served on the Marriage Builders Committee, the Festival of Faith Committee, as president several times, vice president, and am currently in my third term as treasurer.

**Why do you believe ECMA is important to our community?**

I think being part of the ECMA is important because of the command that Jesus gave us in John 13:35 to love one another. I think sometimes we think that we have to agree with each other before we can love each other. That's just not true. I've seen Jesus do some amazing things in those who serve together, even when they don't completely agree. As I've seen the churches of Ellis County accept this assignment, we form a beautiful tapestry of belief and expression.

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# How does faith impact your sports life?

Over the years my faith has complicated my sports life. I have loved sports, especially baseball, my entire life. I played baseball and football through high school. My family watched every Bronco game that didn't conflict with youth group on Sunday night. Growing up my faith was important to me, but apart from Wednesday Night Basketball at church and an occasional prayer said before a sporting event, I didn't give much thought to the relationship between them.

When I was in college my life changed. I still played sports casually when I could, but I had no time to follow sports. Between my classes, extracurricular activities, and budding friendships, I was rarely aware of who was making the MLB playoffs, who had a chance to make it to the Super Bowl, or what was happening with NBA teams (How long have the Nets been in Brooklyn?). This sort of ignorance may not seem that remarkable to you, but to me it felt strange.

Yet busyness only partially explains why I lost touch with the larger sports world during those four years. The other major factor was my faith. Through a variety of campus fellowship groups, God shaped my faith during college in ways I am incredibly thankful for. This shaping and molding was exciting,

but also disruptive. For the first time, I found myself questioning things I'd always taken for granted, asking myself, *If our most important "victory" is in Christ, and in Christ we're called to love even our enemies, why compete against one another in sports? In a world where so many people wonder where their next meal is coming from, or how they are going to pay rent, how can I justify spending any time following "silly" sports teams when I should be focused on loving God and loving my neighbor?*



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Since graduating from college, though, my life and my faith have changed again. I have come down from the "ivory tower." I have gained more free time, remembered how much I love exercising, and reconnected with my family. My family and I are still big sports fans. I married an avid baseball fan, and we already have plenty of sports-themed clothing for our eight-month-old. From time to time, though, those old questions still nag at me and teach me some important lessons.

First, ultimate victory for us individually and for the world is in Christ: putting my own sports victory, the victory of my team, or of any team, above our victory in Christ is always going to disappoint and lead to hating others in ways that are unhealthy and unnecessary. Teams lose and that's okay. People "lose" at life, too, and that's one reason victory in

Christ is such an incredible promise.

Second, loving our enemies is one of the most difficult and yet most important invitations Jesus offers us. While we were still sinners, enemies of God, Christ died for us. Jesus died for the "other team" even while being victorious over its leaders: sin, death, and the devil. This matters in thinking about sports. Every good coach I've ever had reminded us to show good sportsmanship, to treat the members of the other team as fellow people, and to remember, even during the game, that it's only a game. We can marvel at and learn from the athletic ability, teamwork, and other gifts that God has given not just our team, but every team.

Finally, even if sports aren't the end-all, be-all, they sure are fun, and they do have the ability to bring people together. I still love talking baseball with my dad. My wife and I watch sports together while our daughter sleeps. While I don't do it as often as I used to, I still love taking care of my body by getting outside and playing sports when I can.

In the end, the main way that my faith impacts my sports life is by relativizing it in importance to the kingdom of God, loving others, and the victory of Jesus. As my life continues to change, so will my questions: *Should we encourage our kids to play sports even if they aren't safe? How do big sports teams affect their communities in positive and negative ways? When does fandom shift from a healthy hobby to idolatry?* Amid old and new questions alike, sports will continue to play a fun, special role in my life, even if they aren't at the center.

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We are called to work together in ministry to help others in need, bringing glory to God, not ourselves.

A most important lesson from sports is perseverance. Professional athletes do not reach their laudable skill levels overnight. Their success involves years and years of practice, exercise, attention to form, and learning the game. It involves perseverance even in the face of certain defeat.

My favorite example would be a former New York Yankee, Derek Jeter. We are Yankee fans at my house and my son and I often speak about a commendable trait in Jeter that went

beyond all the impressive statistics and accolades for which he is known. Whenever he hit a ball, this 5-time World Series champion shortstop ran hard to first base, no matter if it was a hit to the outfield or a ground ball back to the pitcher.

Whether it was a last out in a losing game or an additional hit in a blowout inning, the Yankee all-time leader in career hits and stolen bases ran hard and fast to reach first.

Sometimes he was safe, sometimes he reached extra bases as a result of his efforts, and sometimes he was out. However, he never ran half-hearted-

ly, conceding the out at first as other players often do.

Perseverance is an important factor in our walk of faith. Faithful discipleship is never easy. It involves prayer, study, worship, fellowship with other believers, learning from mistakes, risk taking, and trust in a loving God.

A favorite verse in our home has always been Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." This verse reminds us that even when life does get tough, we do not journey alone. We can persevere because God will be there strengthening us to accomplish much

more than we can achieve on our own.

In June, it will have been seventeen years since my father was called home to be with God. On the day of his funeral, his favorite hymn, "Precious Lord," was sung. We gave thanks to God for his love of family, his faith and courage during his battle with cancer, and his service to his church and community.

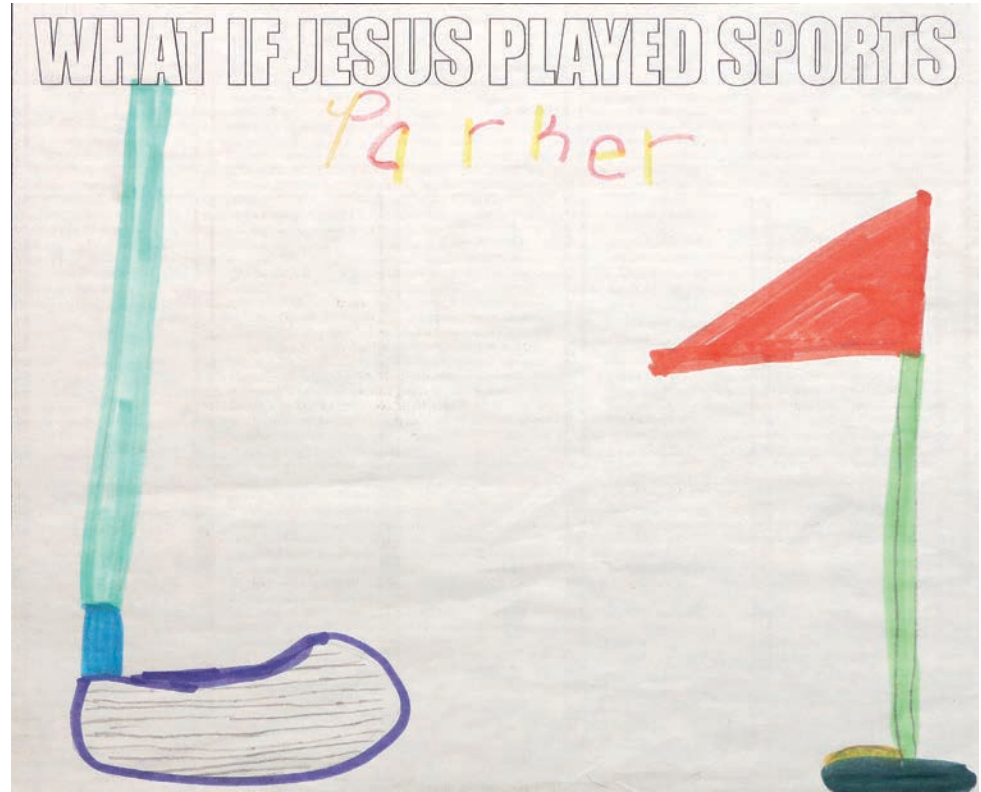
Then, as we left the church, his favorite song, "Take Me Out to the Ballgame," was played. I too give thanks to God for a father who taught me lessons of life and faith as well as a love of sports.

# ONE COLORING CONTEST

ONE is sponsoring a coloring contest in an upcoming issue with the theme "What If Jesus Played Sports." These are the honorable mention selections for this month's contest. The cover winner was Bryson Dumler, 9, First United Methodist Church.



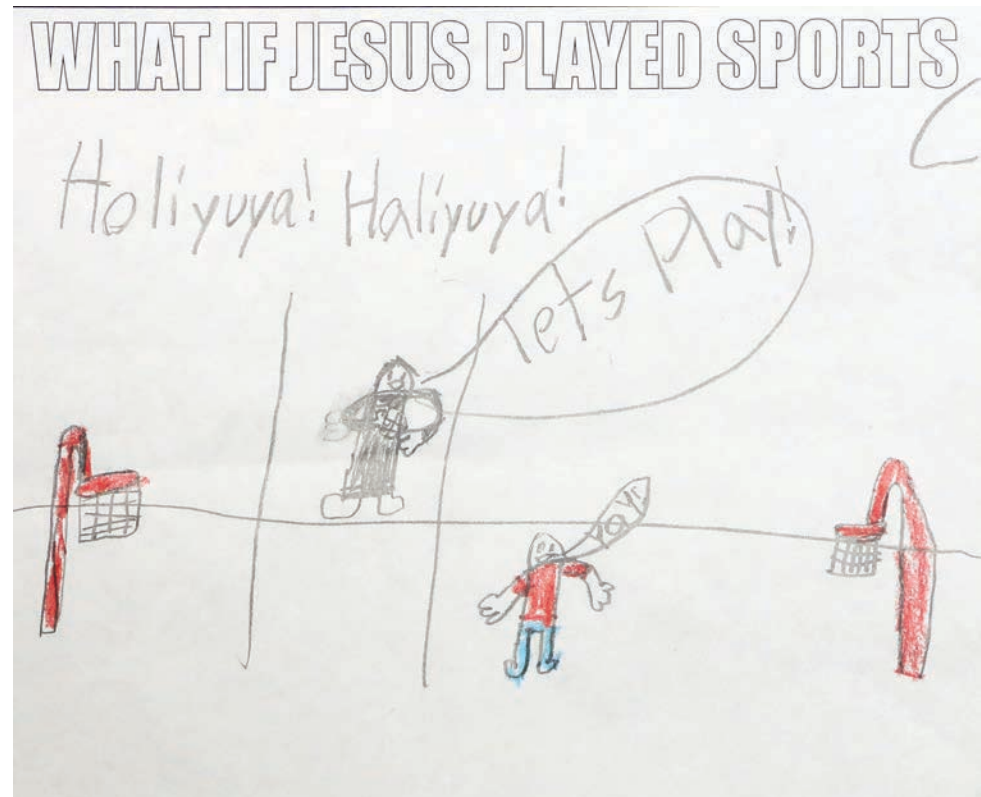
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# Outdoor mini-food pantry designed as 'blessing'

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Drivers traveling east on 22nd Street in Hays may have noticed a small box that has gone up in the parking lot of Hays Christian Church, 22nd and Marshall.

The "Blessing Box," which went up April 27, is a mini-food pantry available to anyone in the community. It was the brainchild of one of the church's members, Carolyn Smith.

Smith said she got the idea from perusing similar boxes online promoting community book exchanges and food pantries.

Smith, who is a longtime daycare provider in Hays, said she is very aware that children are going hungry in Hays. She

believes sometimes people are ashamed or their pride gets in the way if they have to fill out forms to get "handouts."

"People who are down on their luck, and maybe they're embarrassed to ask for help, they can go by and get what they need," she said. No one is going to be there to see them.

The box contains non-perishable food items, which currently include canned vegetables and boxed items such as macaroni and cheese, as well as paper products. The box is checked and restocked every other day. So far, individual donors have kept the box well stocked, she said.

The box, which measures 2 feet wide by 2 feet high by 2 feet deep, is made of wood and has a sloped tin roof. It is mounted on two wooden posts. It has a

plexiglass door on the front that allows people to see the contents inside. She said that all of the building materials were donated.

Smith said the box was built by the father of one of her daycare students who is also an attender of the church, and he included features specifically designed to make the box rodent proof.

Anyone is free to add to the items in the box, she said, although the items will change as the weather does. "Obviously, we don't want things going bad in hot weather or freezing in cold weather."

Smith expressed her gratitude to the church for providing a convenient, visible and easily accessible location for the box.

"It's there for the community, and I just want people who need something to go by and be blessed."



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Fr. Jarett Konrade

### Mass Schedule:

Saturday at 5 PM

Sunday at 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Daily Mass - Wednesday, and Friday at 7:00 AM

Reconciliation: Saturday at 4:00 PM

## Immaculate Heart of Mary Church



1805 Vine Street - Hays, Kansas

Fr. Barry Brinkman, Pastor

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Website: [www.ihm-church.com](http://www.ihm-church.com)

### Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday 5 PM - Sunday 8 AM - 10 AM - 6 PM

Sunday Spanish Mass - 12 PM

### Weekday Mass Schedule:

MWF 6:45 AM - TTh 8 AM Tuesday Spanish 6:30 PM

Reconciliation: Saturday 4 PM and Thursday 5 PM



# Ready for a spiritual harvest this summer

**G**reetings Bible Readers. Summer is upon us and it won't be long until the wheat is ready to harvest.

This can also be a spiritual harvest season if we allow the Holy Spirit to plant His word in our hearts! There are many good seeds in this month's readings; seeds that can produce a great harvest of good things. For our Old Testament readings we



**Bible Reading Plan**

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will plow through a great variety of readings. We will complete Lamentations, Song of Songs, and Ecclesiastes, and begin Proverbs. All of these books are filled with seeds of wisdom.

Our New Testament readings will continue through the letters written by the Apostle Paul. We will complete Colossians, Ephesians, Philemon, Philippians, and begin the pastoral letter of 1 Timothy. All of these

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## NEWS, from 2

### AUTHOR TO SPEAK IN HAYS JUNE 11

Author Terri Gake of Overland Park, will share her story "A Birth Mom's Journey From Grief to Wholeness" with the Hays After Five Christian women's group on Monday, June 11.

Gake, who found herself pregnant at age 15, will talk about the decisions she made in her life, "some good, some bad, some very bad," and how she finally realized she didn't have to "go it alone." Now married with two children, Gake has written a book about her experiences, titled "Heart of a Birthmom." She will have copies of her book for sale and will be available for signing.

The dinner program will take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Rose Garden Banquet Hall, 2250 E. Eighth.

Also on the program will be longtime Hays physician Thomas McDonald, an avid birdwatcher, who will share his "Passion for Purple Martins."

Cost is \$12.50. Reservations are due by Thursday, June 7, to (785) 202-1036 or to [daisymae0917@yahoo.com](mailto:daisymae0917@yahoo.com). Hays After 5 is affiliated with Stonecroft Ministry of Overland Park.

### DISASTER RECOVERY TRAINING SCHEDULED

Disaster recovery training will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, June 19, at the Ellis County Emergency Services Building, 1105 E. 22nd St.

The training is designed "for all agencies that provide assistance during disaster recovery – including non-government organizations, community groups, charities and all levels of government – city, county, and state," according to a Facebook post announcing the training.

The session for Ellis and surrounding county agencies (non-government and government partners) is sponsored by Ellis County Emergency Management and the Central and Western Kansas Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Brandon J. Holstrom, regional disaster officer with the Red Cross, said, "After the disaster has occurred, communities often struggle with what steps should be taken next. Moving into the recovery phase sometimes can

# Churches schedule Vacation Bible Schools

Churches across Ellis County have scheduled Vacation Bible Schools this summer. The following are listed in order by date:

VBS "Time Lab" is coming to North Oak Community Church, 3000 Oak St., on Monday through Friday, June 4-8. Classes will be held from 9 a.m. to noon for kids who have completed kindergarten through 5th grade, as well as middle school students. Registration is available online at <https://northoak.myanswers.com/time-lab/>.

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Liberty Foursquare Church's VBS will feature a "Maker Fun Factory" (created by God, built for a purpose). Classes for ages 4 through grade 4 will run from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, June 26-29. The church is located at 400 E. Seventh St. No registration is necessary.

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Hays Christian Church, 22nd and Marshall, will offer "Summer Fun" VBS Monday through Friday, July 9-13. Children age 3 through those enter-

ing 5th grade in the fall will meet from 6:30-8:45 nightly. Those entering grades 6 through 12 will meet from 9 to 10 p.m. Registration is available at [hayschristianchurch.org](http://hayschristianchurch.org). A closing program and free barbecue will take place at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, July 15.

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Messiah Lutheran Church will offer "Flash Canyon—God's Promise on Life's Wild Ride" VBS from Sunday through Friday, July 22 to 27. Classes will run from 5:30 to 8:10 p.m. for ages 4 through incoming 6th graders. Registration forms are available at the church, 2000 Main St., or at [messiahlutheranhays.com](http://messiahlutheranhays.com).

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First Baptist Church, 12th and Fort in Hays, will offer VBS from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, July 23-27. Classes will be available for ages pre-K through 5th grade. The theme this year is "You Are One in a Minion." Registration is available by calling (785) 625-9454.

be difficult if community partners and resources are unknown or limited.

"The Multi Agency Resource Center (MARC) concept eases these concerns and provides an organized plan to bring everyone together to meet the disaster needs of the community," he said.

The training is at no cost, but, because lunch is included, participants are asked to register by e-mail to Debra Tucker@redcross.org. More information is available by calling her at (785) 230-2333.

### CHURCH PLANS CROSSCURRENT YOUTH CONFERENCE

Celebration Community Church, 5790 230th Ave., will be hosting the CrossCurrent Youth Conference on Friday and Saturday, June 22-23.

The theme of this year's conference for middle school and high school students is "Rhythm." According to the event's website, "The non-denominational conference is designed to encourage teens to make a commitment to follow Jesus and grow in their faith."

Speakers will include Jeff Burnett, Tre Giles, Derek Mayfield and Pastor Brant Rice. Activities will include a pool party Friday night at the Hays Aquatic Park.

The registration fee is \$40 by Thursday, May 31. More information is available at [www.c2yoco.com](http://www.c2yoco.com), or [tre@c3hays.com](mailto:tre@c3hays.com) or (719) 306-6135.

### AUTHOR TO KEYNOTE SUMMER FELLOWSHIP

Author Jessie Cruickshank will be the

keynote speaker for the Foursquare Divisional summer fellowship to be hosted by Liberty Foursquare Church, 400 E. Seventh St., on Sunday, June 24.

Cruickshank, director for continuing education for the Gateway District, will speak at the 10 a.m. worship service. She is a graduate of Harvard University, with a Master's Degree in adult learning. Her latest book, titled "Activating 5Q," deals with empowering and releasing the five-fold ministry within the local church.

The fellowship will continue at 5 p.m. with a potluck dinner, followed by a joint worship serve at 6 p.m. The event includes the Harvestland churches located throughout Central Kansas and Nebraska. The public is invited to attend.

# Backpacks for Kids seeking donations

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School may just have ended, but First Call for Help is already busy collecting backpacks, school supplies and monetary donations for the 2018-2019 school year.

Each year the Backpacks for Kids Program fills backpacks with school supplies and hygiene bags to help students whose families reside in Ellis County and struggle financially or are going through a hardship.

Last year 633 backpacks were distributed to Ellis County students in grades pre-K through high school, “and we would love to be able to assist as many families again this year,” said Linda Mills, First Call’s executive director.

“Each backpack, including supplies, averages \$50-\$55, making this feat impossible without the generous support of our community,” she added.

Families in need may also start reserving backpacks for the students in their households. The reservation form is at [firstcallelliscounty.com/Backpacks-for-kids](http://firstcallelliscounty.com/Backpacks-for-kids) and has been sent to schools.

“Of course, parents can also give us a call at (785) 623-2800 with all the pertinent information, and we will be happy to put them on the list,” Mills said. The backpack reservation deadline is Monday, July 23.

Backpack distribution will be 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2, at the Hays Armory, 200 Main St.

“As supplies come rolling in, we will need volunteers to sort supplies,

pack backpacks and hygiene kits,” Mills said. “We will also need volunteers on Aug. 1, 2 and 3 for setup and distribution.” Those wishing to volunteer may call Laura Shoaff, Backpack for Kids coordinator, at (785) 623-2800.

Items needed are watercolor paints (primary), hygiene products (shampoo, bar soap, comb, deodorant), new backpacks, composition notebooks, 1-inch three-ring binders, pencil boxes/bags, notebook paper (wide-ruled and college-rule), facial tissue, pocket folders, liquid glue, pencil eraser tips, large pink erasers, 10-pack washable markers, 24-pack crayons, scissors (blunt and pointed), 12-pack colored pencils, dry erase markers, glue sticks, 12-inch rulers, one-subject spiral notebooks (wide and college-rule),

highlighters, combination locks, earbuds, pencils (regular or mechanical), pens (blue, black, and red) and ruled notecards. This list is also on the website.

Monetary donations may be mailed to First Call for Help, 607 E. 13th St., Hays, KS 67601. Those who donate financially are asked to write B4K or Backpacks For Kids in the check memo. Or individuals may take supplies to First Call’s office, at the above address, from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. The staff will also pick up items, Mills said.

“Please consider donating financially or by contributing new school supplies. Your support is truly appreciated, not only by us at First Call For Help, but by the parents and students we assist,” Mills said.

## Just meet me in the middle

When Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion approached him and appealed to him, saying, “Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, suffering dreadfully.” He said to him, “I will come and cure him.” The centurion said in reply, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof; only say the word and my servant will be healed. For I too am a person subject to authority, with soldiers subject to me. And I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come here,’ and he comes; and to my slave, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, “Amen, I say to you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith. I say to you, many will come from the east and the west, and will recline with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob at the banquet in the kingdom of heaven, but the children of the kingdom will be driven out into the outer darkness, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.” And Jesus said to the centurion, “You may go; as you have believed, let it be done for you.” And at that very hour his servant was healed (Matthew 8:5-13).

The centurion in Matthew’s Gospel was a man who dealt with authority. He knew the value of obedience, but he also knew the value of compromise. He told Jesus that he expected obedience from those under his command.

But he knew that Jesus was much too important for him to demand anything. So, he decided that compromise was the best approach. He wanted his servant healed, but he also knew that he had to give into Jesus’ time and energy. And so, he told Jesus that he did not have to come to his house. Simply say the word, he told him, and knowing Jesus, that was enough for him.

Zedd’s song that he sings with Grey and Maren Morris is a song about compromise, or as they call it “meeting in the middle.”

“Take a seat. Right over there, sat on the stairs, stay or leave. The cabinets are bare and I’m unaware of just how we got into this mess. Got so aggressive. I know we meant all good intentions. So pull me closer, come on over. I can’t let you go. Why don’t you just meet me in the middle.”

One of them in the relationship made a mistake, and now he or she is seeking some type of “making up.” They are doing the right thing—they are seeking a compromise to the mess they are in. The couple realize that they had to meet “in the middle,” that is, to admit that the other in the relationship was important enough for each of them to give in a little bit.

The use of compromise is a common solution to

resolving disagreements in negotiation and mediation processes and therefore important for relationships. However, while it may produce an agreement, compromise does not always resolve problems. This is because compromise is frequently a “settled” resolution to a problem and not typically the optimal solution sought by either party. It may generate a functional or material solution but not resolve emotional or behavioral issues associated with the disagreement. As a result one or both parties in the dispute may continue to harbor ill feelings or other dissatisfaction that can surface again if the parties continue to have contact with each other.

Compromise is a great idea, but there are often ill feelings or other dissatisfactions that result, and when they do, they will probably not be solved easily. The couple who are compromising must understand their human desires not to give in to another, and must face them head on so that an agreement will truly result.

Good and gracious God, I know that I must learn to give in to another in order to love well. That means that I must learn to compromise so that my relationship with others will truly blossom. Be with us, we pray.

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- 2 — “Whatever It Takes” / Imagine Dragons Matthew 5:13-16
- 3 — “Meant To Be” / Bebe Rexha featuring Florida Georgia Line Luke 3:1-3
- 4 — “Wait” / Maroon 5 Luke 23:27-28
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