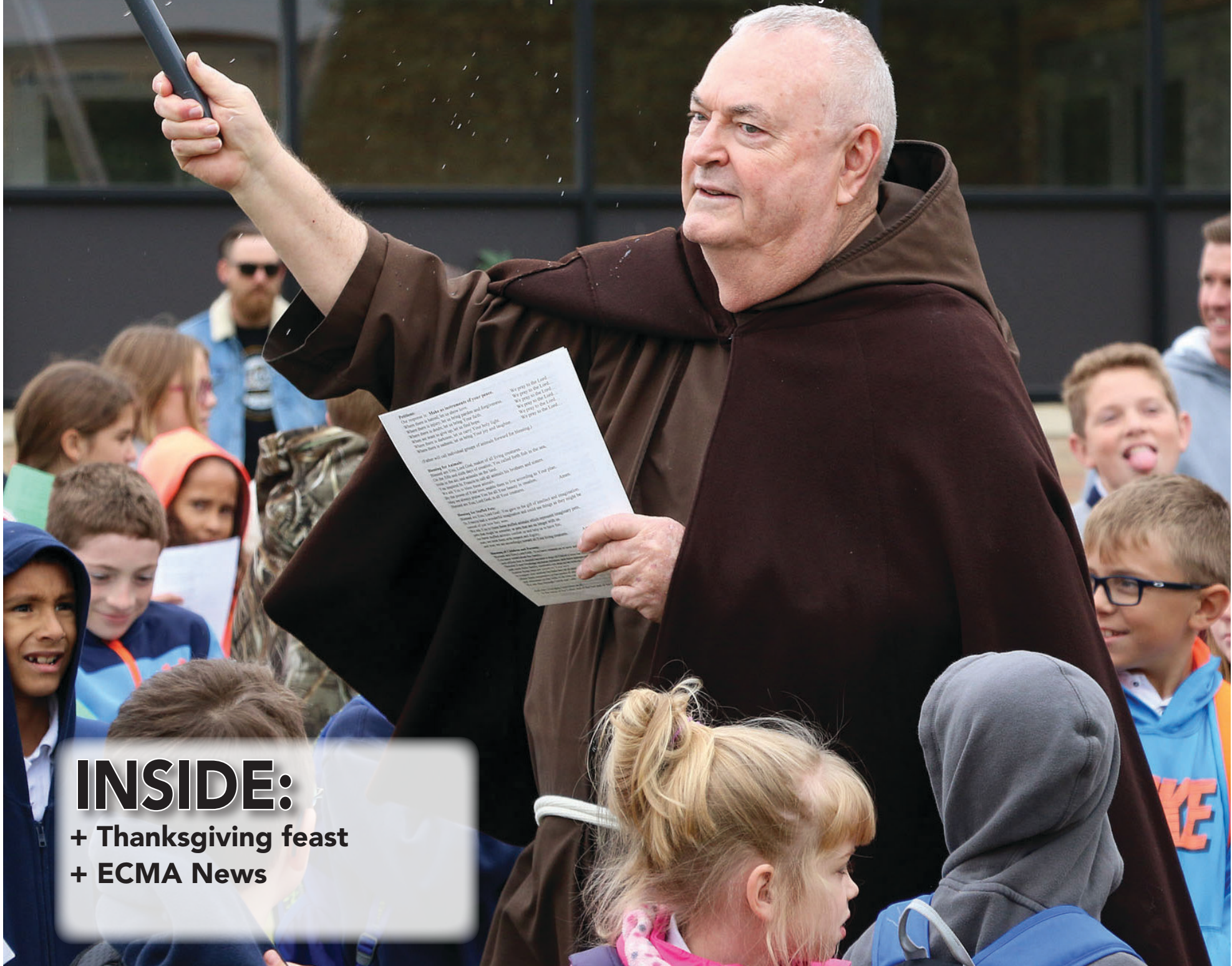


ONE

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Cost is different for each of us

It was the day of orientation for new seminarians at Phillips Theological Seminary. We gathered in the chapel for a prayer service listening to the words of our seminary president as he spoke of the call from Jesus, "Take up your cross and follow me." He reminded us that before we could answer that call and pursue ordained ministry, we also needed to "count the cost." I reflected on "the cost" in my own personal life. For seminary, I would be uprooting my husband and children from our home in Wichita, leaving behind our many friends and family. We had given up good jobs and would face some financially lean times. As difficult as that all seemed to me, I was amazed as I listened to my new classmates as they shared their stories. Some had moved



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across the country, sold their belongings to help finance the relocation, and given up lucrative careers to answer the call to follow Jesus. Many had sacrificed more than I could have imagined. Surely, they had counted the cost of discipleship or they would not have been present in the chapel.

The call to "follow Jesus" is not just for those called to ordained ministry. All who seek to be faithful disciples of Jesus are called to "take up your cross" and that also means "counting the cost" of discipleship.

The cost will be different for each one of us, but it always involves moving out of our comfort zone into a new way of living in service to others. When we count the cost, we realize that we cannot negotiate the terms with Jesus. We cannot say, "Well, if the cost becomes

too much, then I'm not willing to follow Jesus anymore." That is not the way it works. As disciples of Jesus Christ we are all in, or we are not. Being all in, for whatever will be required of us, is the ultimate cost of discipleship.

In my own life, the cost has sometimes seemed heavy, but never as great as others I have known. I have a high school classmate who moved, as a single mother, with her teenage children to Haiti to open an orphanage. She has endured extreme poverty, hurricanes, earthquakes, language barriers, government "red tape," and numerous other dangerous trials.

Yet, she frequently says, and I would agree, that the cost of discipleship is always worth it. Knowing that you are walking in the midst of God's will and plan for your life provides peace and fulfillment that cannot be found by other means in this world.

News to know

Options fundraiser looks to 'Change a Life'

Gutch's Bar and Grill is teaming up with Options Domestic and Violence Services to "Change a Life."

Those who dine at Gutch's, 111 W. Seventh, through the end of October may ask their server to round up their change to the nearest dollar. That money will go to Options to benefit victims and survivors of domestic violence. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Since 1983, Options has worked to empower victims and survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault. Options serves 18 counties in Northwest Kansas: Ellis, Russell, Trego, Cheyenne, Rawlins, Decatur, Norton, Phillips, Smith, Sherman, Thomas, Sheridan, Graham, Rooks, Osborne, Wallace, Logan and Gove.

Options provides free confidential crisis intervention, emergency accommodations, counseling, court advocacy, support groups and other services.

Women or men in need of Options' services may call its hotline at (800)

794-4624.

Presbyterian women plan fundraiser

The Presbyterian women will hold their annual "Country Kitchen" fundraiser from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 27.

The women will be selling their famous apple pies, plus craft items and other assorted baked goods at First Presbyterian Church, 2900 Hall St.

Murder mystery dinner scheduled

The Fort Hays State University Criminal Justice Club will be hosting a murder mystery dinner, "A Dinner to Die For," on Saturday, Oct. 27, at Thirsty's Brew Pub & Grill, 2704 Vine.

Attendees are encouraged to dress up for the 1920's gangster themed event that features a cash bar, beginning at 6 p.m., and dinner at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$50 each for individuals and \$85 per couple. There will also be silent auction items available.

All proceeds will help club members travel to Baltimore next spring to attend the National American Criminal Justice

Association meeting and competition.

Tickets can be purchased in the Criminal Justice Department in Rarick 233 on campus, or at Thirsty's. Club members are also happy to deliver tickets in the local area. Individuals may contact Tamara Lynn at tjlynn@fhsu.edu with questions or to request tickets.

Habitat to host 'Food Festival'

Habitat for Humanity of Ellis County is hosting its "2018 Vine and Dine Food Festival" from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, at Big Creek Crossing.

Participants will be able to sample food from 16 local vendors. Adult tickets are \$20 each. Tickets for children ages 4 to 12 are two for \$20, and children age 3 and under eat free.

Tickets and a full list of vendors are on Facebook. Tickets may also be purchased from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays at the Habitat ReStore, located in the Big Creek Crossing parking lot, or at the door the day of the event.

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SUBMISSIONS

ONE and the Ellis County Ministerial Alliance encourage submissions from ECMA congregations. Photographs, stories, testimonies and other submissions should be directed toward your church leaders or sent via email to one@dailynews.net.

The ECMA advisory board will choose appropriate and timely submissions for publication.

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On the cover

Father Earl Befort sprinkles holy water over Holy Family Elementary students and their animals during the school's pet blessing ceremony Oct. 4. (JOLIE GREEN, HDN).

'A Future Not Our Own'

Archbishop Oscar Romero (1917 to 1980) was a Salvadorian priest and pastor who became a voice for the voiceless poor and disposed Salvadorian people who were being murdered and oppressed by their own government. His sermons, demanding social justice for poor people and criticizing politicians and military leaders, reached hundreds of thousands of people via his weekly radio broadcasts. He was regularly threatened with death in an attempt to silence his Gospel commitment to those whom Jesus called "the least of these." In his diaries, Romero wrote: "Between the powerful and the wealthy, and the poor and vulnerable, who should a pastor side with? I have no doubts. A pastor should stay with his people." He preached and taught that soldiers should obey God's law over the orders of their officers to kill innocents

On March 24, 1980, Romero was celebrating Mass with a small gathering at the chapel of the Hospital de la Divina Providencia in San Salvador. A gunman from a right-wing death

squad shot him as he stood at the altar. Romero was 62. On Oct. 14, 2018, Pope Francis was to proclaim him a saint in a canonization ceremony in the Vatican almost 40 years after he was assassinated by government backed military.

A prayer, often attributed to Archbishop Romero was composed by Bishop Ken Untener of Saginaw, Mich., in memory of Oscar Romero. The prayer "A Future Not Our Own" has been both a challenge and reassurance throughout my ministry.

A Future Not Our Own

It helps now and then to step back and take a long view.

The Kingdom is not only beyond

our efforts, it is beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.

Nothing we do is complete, which is another way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said.

No prayer fully expresses our faith. No confession brings perfection, no pastoral visit brings wholeness. No program accomplishes the Church's mission. No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about.

We plant the seeds that one day will grow.

We water the seeds already planted knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces effects far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing this.

This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders, ministers, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own.



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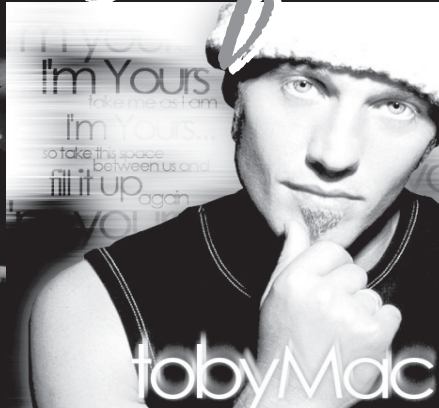
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Abdullah: Arrested 17 times

Earlier this summer, I was one of 200 Christians who sat in wonder, listening to the stories of a church planter and ministry leader to north Africa and the Middle East. He shared story after story of new believers boldly sharing their faith in an act of obedience to Jesus; but the oppressive government and cultural structures where these believers live saw these acts of sharing the Christian faith as defiant, dangerous, and criminal.

One story stands out.

It was the story of a man named Abdullah who had been arrested 15 times for sharing his faith. Abdullah took the words of Jesus seriously, and

believed that the Great Commission was meant for him. Each Friday he took 10 Bibles to a local Muslim village to share the Good News about Jesus. On this particular day, he had given out 9 when a policeman arrested him. He was hauled off to a waiting room and was told that he would have to wait until the supervising officer could take his case.

So Abdullah waited in this room, with his one remaining Bible, along with another man. He began to share the Gospel with him, and at 4 o'clock in the morning, this other man accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior.

The next morning, the supervising officer told Abdullah, "We know you are a good man, but you must stop sharing about Jesus. Please sign and initial this form." Here were two points he had to sign off on:

- I will stop telling others about Jesus. Signed: _____
- I will stop giving the Bible to others. Signed: _____

In both instances, Abdullah did not sign his name. Instead, he wrote, "I will try." Miraculously, they released Abdullah and he went back home.

The next Friday, Abdullah took 10 Bibles and returned to the same village! He began handing out Bibles, and shortly he was arrested for the 17th time for sharing his faith. They took him to the same waiting room, and there in the room was the same man Abdullah had seen last week in the waiting room that had accepted Jesus. He said, "Praise the Lord! I have questions and I have been praying all week that I would see you

again, and the Lord has brought you back!"

The speaker at our conference said that curiously these

persecuted Christians, like Abdullah, do not ask that the persecution would stop. Instead, their prayer request is that they would be more bold in sharing their faith. I am struck by their audacity and their obedience to simply do what Jesus said we should be doing. Persecution is a real phenomenon. A friend of mine, "PK", who is a leader in the country of Laos has been imprisoned seven times for sharing his faith. He reports of pastors being beaten there, and terrible persecution. Open Doors is a ministry that tracks persecution and it reports the following on its website (<https://www.opendoorsusa.org/christian-persecution/>):

•215 million Christians experience high levels of persecution in the countries on the World Watch List. This represents 1 in 12 Christians worldwide.



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ONE is sponsoring a coloring contest in an upcoming issue with the theme "Peace on Earth and Good Will to All People." The deadline for submission is Nov. 13. The winner of the contest will have the artwork appear on the cover of the December issue of ONE. Participants should put their name, age, grade and church on the back of their submission. Participants will portray "Peace on Earth and Good Will to All People" with their artwork. Submissions can be dropped off at your church or at The Hays Daily News, 507 Main.

PEACE ON EARTH AND GOOD WILL TO ALL PEOPLE



COMMUNITY *banquet*

By Linn Ann Huntington
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On Thanksgiving Day, cooks across Ellis County will be getting up early to put their turkeys in the oven and begin preparations for their Thanksgiving dinner.

Pam Burgardt will begin her preparations three days before Thanksgiving. That's when she cooks the 40 twenty-pound turkeys she will need for the Ellis County Ministerial Alliance's free community Thanksgiving dinner.

Burgardt, owner of the Rose Garden Banquet Hall, has hosted the ECMA's feast, for several years. This year's banquet will be from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 22, at the hall, 2350 E. Eighth.

The ECMA is planning for 600 meals, according to the Rev. Celeste Lasich, ECMA board member and pastor of Hays First Presbyterian Church.

Burgardt does all the cooking herself. A meat cutter will debone all the turkeys, and another staff member will lift the heavy pans for her. A volunteer will help her in the kitchen Thanksgiving morning, but Burgardt alone does all the cooking for all the events she caters.

In addition to the 40 turkeys, Burgardt will prepare 12 pans (12" x 24") of dressing, 28 gallons of mashed potatoes, 8 gallons of gravy, 28 gallons of green beans, 30 pounds of coleslaw, 600 dinner rolls, and 80 pies.

She bakes the assorted pies—apple, cherry, pumpkin, and pecan—a day in advance. She also gets the dressing and green beans in pans the day before.

The rest of the menu she prepares the morning of.

"By the time I am done cooking, I don't want to eat. I'm tired of smelling turkey," she says.

The ECMA community feed is not Burgardt's only catering event that day. She is also cooking and delivering to another location the full turkey dinner for 75-100 people.

Burgardt has been in the food service business for 17 years. "I always enjoy it," she says, noting that her firm has received the distinction of No. 1 Caterer in Hays from The Hays Daily News contest 16 of those 17 years.

In an average week, she caters 10 to 15 events. The largest event she ever catered was for 1,257 meals. "We had 12 lines of people," she says, "and served everyone in 22 minutes."

The week of Thanksgiving she already has seven catering jobs scheduled, one of them requiring delivery to Great Bend. The total number of meals she will be preparing that week, including the ECMA event, is 2,340 meals.

At press time, she said, she could still add a couple of events that week.

On Thanksgiving, ECMA volunteers will serve diners going through two lines. Five of Burgardt's staff will work with the volunteers and troubleshoot any potential problems.

Because plates, silverware and glasses will be disposable, clean-up will be done by 2:30 to 3 p.m., Burgardt says, "just in time for me to go home and fix Thanksgiving dinner for my family." But it won't be turkey, she notes quickly. "It'll be prime rib."



FILE PHOTO, Hays Daily News

Fort Hays State University football player Jose Delgado eats at last year's Thanksgiving meal. The FHSU football team stayed in town because of its playoff appearance and attended the ECMA Thanksgiving meal.

Volunteers needed to help with Thanksgiving meal

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Volunteers are needed to help with the Ellis County Ministerial Alliance's free community Thanksgiving meal from noon to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 22, at the Rose Garden Banquet Hall, 2350 E. Eighth.

"We couldn't put on this event without the help of volunteers," said Linda Mills, executive director of First Call for Help, who is also on the planning committee. She said around 100 volunteers are needed to

help the day of the dinner.

Volunteers will assist with parking, they will serve food, serve as table hosts, refill drink glasses, clear tables and help with cleanup following the dinner, Mills said.

Cash donations will be accepted at the event. Those wishing to donate non-perishable food items may bring them to the banquet hall at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 21, the evening before the event.

Another 20 to 44 volunteers are needed to help bag those items, which will be distributed at the meal

to those in need, Mills said.

From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, volunteers will be at both Dillon's stores and Walmart collecting non-perishable items for the grocery bags. "We'll be handing out a list of suggested items to donate" as shoppers go into these stores, said Annie Erbert.

Volunteers wanting to work Nov. 21 or 22 may sign up by calling First Call for Help at (785) 623-2800 or going online to <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2510415/true#/invitation>.

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Church members to distribute Halloween candy

Members of Messiah Lutheran Church will be passing out Halloween candy during “Trick or Treat on the Bricks” from 3 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31. They will be located in front of the Schwartz & Park Law office at 1401 Main, Suite B.

‘Trunk or Treat’ will be Halloween night

North Oak Community Church, 3000 Oak St., will be hosting its annual “Trunk or Treat” from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31, in the church parking lot.

The event will feature games, food, and lots of candy in a safe, family-friendly environment. The community is invited.

Ladies retreat to be in Wichita

The Kansas Foursquare Ladies Retreat will be Friday through Sunday, Nov. 2 to 4, at the Drury Broadview Hotel in Wichita.

The speaker will be Quinn Kelly, a licensed marriage and family therapist. Kelly, the mother of four young boys, has an Internet blog titled “Sanctification and Spit Up.”

Registration costs and other information are available by calling Liberty Foursquare Church at (785) 625-6245.

‘Peddlers’ Fair’ planned at Methodist Church

The women of Hays First United Methodist Church will be holding their annual “Peddlers’ Fair” from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, in the church gym. The church is located at 305 W. Seventh.

On sale will be handmade crafts, such as door wreaths and kitchen items; tree ornaments; stainless steel cutlery; baked goods, including bierocks, pastries, and frozen casseroles; and other items.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. shoppers may purchase soup and pie in the church dining room. Adult tickets for the luncheon are \$8. Tickets for children ages 10 and under are \$3.

In addition to a silent auction, a quilt will be raffled off. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. The drawing for the quilt will be at 1:30 p.m.

Proceeds will be distributed to various not-for-profit agencies in Ellis County.

Soup supper, pie auction slated

Messiah Lutheran Church will be hosting a soup supper and pie auction beginning at 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4, in the church’s courtyard.

A free will offering will be taken at the soup supper. Sharon Leikam, one of the event organizers, said a special item at the auction will be a German chocolate cake baked by Dylan Warner, a high school junior and longtime 4-H’er.



COURTESY PHOTO

Alicia Windholz at Hays Christian Church shoebox packing party last year. Shoebox collection is coming up Nov. 12 to 19.

At the church’s April pie auction, Warner’s cake sold for more than \$255, Leikam said, and he has promised to bake another one for this auction.

Proceeds will go to mission outreach projects. The church is located at 2000 Main.

Author, life coach to speak at FHSU

If you disappeared today, what impact would you leave on the world? That’s the key question posed by Pete Smith, author, speaker, and life coach.

Smith will be speaking in Hays from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6, in Stouffer Lounge of Fort Hays State University’s Memorial Union. His presentation, titled “Dare to Matter: Rising to the Level of Significance,” is free and open to the public.

Smith’s appearance is being sponsored by FHSU’s Management Development Center. Those attending will have a chance to win one of his books, while also learning about motivation, engagement, fulfillment, and the relentless pursuit of significance.

More information is available by contacting Hannah Hilker at (785) 628-4121 or visiting <https://fhsu.edu/cob/mdc/Pete%20Smith/dare-to-matter>.

Shoebox Collection Week is Nov. 12 to 19

The countdown has begun. Across Ellis County, churches, other organizations, and individuals are

busy packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

The ministry is part of Samaritan’s Purse, a disaster relief organization headquartered in Boone, N.C., and directed by the Rev. Franklin Graham. For the past 25 years, Samaritan’s Purse has been collecting shoeboxes filled with gifts and delivering them to children in need around the world.

A list of gift suggestions is available online at samaritanspurse.org/occ. Children receiving a shoebox also receive a booklet titled “The Greatest Journey,” which tells them about Jesus and how much he loves them. For many of the children, this is the first time they have ever heard of Jesus.

Shoebox Collection Week is Nov. 12-19. Hays has two drop-off sites this year, Messiah Lutheran Church, 2000 Main, and CrossPoint Church, 1300 Harvest Road. Last year, 2,933 boxes were collected from people in Hays and the surrounding area, said Rachel Albin, the ministry’s area director for Northwest Kansas.

Information about specific drop-off hours at each site is available by contacting Albin at (785) 639-1325 or ralbinmk@yahoo.com.

Cake decorator to be featured at dinner

Melissa Pyle of Hays wears many hats. She is a baker. She is a cake decorator. She is an event planner. She is the owner of Melissa’s Party Cakes and Creations. On Monday, Nov. 12, she will be sharing with the Hays After 5 Christian women’s group all the different services she provides.

The event will take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Rose Garden Banquet Hall 2350 E. Eighth.

Also on the program will be inspirational speaker Debbie Haynes of Wichita. Haynes has traveled from Kansas to Hawaii and back again. In her talk, titled “From the Shores of Paradise to the Heart of the Plains,” Haynes will share how her journey “was at times bumpy, definitely not a straight path, and worth the journey.”

Cost of the dinner program is \$12.50. Reservations are due by Thursday, Nov 8, to (785) 202-1036 or to daisymae0917@yahoo.com. Hays After 5 is affiliated with Stonecroft Ministry of Overland Park.

ECMA Board to meet Nov. 14

The Ellis County Ministerial Alliance will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 14, at the Hays First United Methodist Church, 305 W. Seventh. The ONE Magazine Editorial Board will meet at 9 a.m. The full ECMA Board will meet at 10 a.m.

Presentations to the board must be scheduled in advance with the ECMA president at president@ourecma.com.

2018 Festival of Faith



ABOVE: The Celebration Community Church worship band leads the audience in a song at the 27th annual Festival of Faith on Oct. 3 at Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center in Hays. **FAR LEFT:** Vickie Rohleder, left, and Kerri Barnard, both of Hays, pray together at the Festival of Faith. **LEFT:** Yvette Moritz, left, and her husband, Brad Moritz, speak about faith in family and education.



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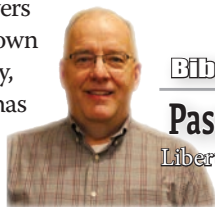
MWF 6:45 AM - TTh 8 AM Tuesday Spanish 6:30 PM

Reconciliation: Saturday 4 PM and Thursday 5 PM

Pray for those who have yet to hear of God's love

Welcome to the November Bible reading plan. As I consider this month's theme for our magazine, "The Cost of Faith," I think of all of the men and women who gave their lives, and those who continue to give up their lives so that Believers around the world may own a Bible of their own. My, how the Word of God has changed me.

Often times I take the availability of the Scriptures for granted, but many people today still do not have a Bible translated into their language. As we read this issue, we need to remember, and thank God for Tyndale, Wycliffe, and Luther, who all paid a high price that we may have a Bible. I would like to invite you to a free event this November that will communicate the progress of Bible translation around the world. The Wycliffe Associates will be host-



Bible Reading Plan

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ing a dinner and program at FHSU on Friday evening November 2. Admission is free, but reservations are required. If you would like to join me at the event, just call the church office at (785) 625-6245 and we will help you secure a seat. May we be found faithful to provide

Bible translation for the generations to follow as those before us have done.

Speaking of generations before, our Old Testament readings will conclude Chronicles,

Ezra, and Nehemiah, writings that served to remind God's people of the things that made them who they were. These books communicated the importance of the things that made them a unique "God called" people group. These books reminded them of their process for worship, their laws, and the religious feasts that were important for them to celebrate. We will also

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read through the book of Esther. Esther tells the story of the establishment of a new observance, the feast of Purim. If you would like to enjoy a video of this story, watch "One Night With the King", a great rendition of this event.

Our New Testament readings will continue through the writings of the Apostle John. Pay special attention of how John's writings build. John, believed to be the youngest and last Apostle alive at that time, felt an urgency to communicate

Jesus' story. Persecution was intense as he wrote these books. His emphasis on loving each other when times are good and when times are not, challenge me each time I read them. As you read these books, I encourage you to pray for two things, first pray that you may receive life changing revelation from these texts. Second, pray for those who have yet to hear of God's love. Maybe this will be the year they receive the Good News of Jesus' love and a printed Bible of their own! Read on!

'I'm better when I'm with you'

What do you do when you realize that there have been mistakes in the past, and now you want to make up for them? The lady that Luke the evangelist describes as a "sinful woman" in his Gospel probably did not know where to start. But she made a decision to spend some time with a person that she recognized to be holy, allowing her action to be the beginning of her conversion. After that, one would guess that she understood that she had to spend more time and effort at working with what she had done, doing her best to change some things with regard to her behavior.

A Pharisee invited [Jesus] to dine with him, and he entered the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. Now there was a sinful woman in the city who learned that he was at table in the house of the Pharisee. Bringing an alabaster flask of ointment, she stood behind him at his feet weeping and began to bathe his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with

her hair, kissed them and anointed them with the ointment. When the Pharisee who had invited Jesus saw this he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner." Jesus said to him in reply ...

"Do you see this woman? When I entered your house, you did not give me water for my feet, but she has bathed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but she has not ceased kissing my feet since the time I entered. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she anointed my feet with ointment. So I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven" (Luke 7:36-48).

The lady became a different person

Message at The Top

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THE GOSPELS IN FATHER MIKE'S TOP 5 as of Oct. 15

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- 1 - "Girls Like You" / Maroon 5 featuring Carli B. Matthew 20:1-7
- 2 - "I Like Me Better" / Lauv Luke 7:36-48
- 3 - "Broken" / Lovelytheband Matthew 11:28-30
- 4 - "Delicate" / Taylor Swift Luke 6:30-36
- 5 - "Youngblood" / 5 Seconds of Summer Matthew 5:37

after she spent time with Jesus.

It is a very important concept. If we truly love someone, that someone will have an effect on us. Such is the thought behind Lauv's song "I Like Me Better." The man in the relationship is making a commitment to the person he loves, and as he does it, he says, "I like me better when I'm with you." The other person in the relationship has influenced him the correct way. He is better because he is spending time around the other person:

"To be young and in love in New York City. To not know who I am but still know that I'm good long as you're here with me. I like me better when I'm with you. I knew from the first time, I'd stay for a long

time. I don't know what it is but I got that feeling waking up in this bed next to you, swear the room it got no ceiling. If we lay, let the day just pass us by. I like me better when I'm with you. Stay here with me"

In order to learn about love, there are some important elements that must happen in our lives. We first of all must recognize that we need help to learn about it. The sinful woman of the Gospel did it by physically anointing Jesus and spending time with him; the person in Lauv's song realized that he had to be better than he was. Once we make the recognition, then we must do the work to bring about the necessary love. It will mean honest effort, and honest effort will mean significant time spent in making the effort.

The couple in Lauv's song want to be committed to one another in love. Both of them must understand that their love of the other will change each other. When we are near the person we love, as was the sinful woman in the Gospel, we will change for the better simply because we become better when around the love of our lives.



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