

# Confronting Dangerous Lies

The Great Fire of Rome took place in 64 A.D. during the time of Roman Emperor Nero. Following the horrific fire, Nero falsely charged Christians for the fire, then gave orders for their arrest and execution. The public supported the baseless charge and barbaric murders of thousands of Christians.

During the 1930's, when Adolph Hitler had taken the helm of Germany, he began a smear campaign against the Jewish people. Unjust laws were passed against them, Jewish books burned and boycotts were organized. Eventually it evolved into the genocide of millions of Jews with the public's support.

Sun Tzu is known as a successful Chinese military strategist around 5 B.C. Some believed he wrote, "The Art of War," where he stated, "All warfare is based on deception."

Both Nero and Hitler used this tactic in their war on Christians and Jews. Who did they deceive? Their own citizens. In the Bible, King David spoke of being a victim of this kind of warfare, "For wicked and



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deceitful mouths are opened against me, speaking against me with lying tongues. They encircle me with words of hate, and attack me without cause." (Psalm 109:3-4)

Merriam-Webster defines deception as "the act of causing someone to accept as true or valid what is false or invalid." In the simplest terms, deception is lying. And who embodies this more than anyone? The Devil. Jesus said about him, "...there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies." (John 8:44) You can be sure, where there is deception, there is the Devil. For he has been doing this type of work since the beginning of time.

After God created Adam and Eve, the first man and woman, He laid down moral boundaries for them. Soon the Devil

came gently and persuasively, taking the truth God spoke to them and twisted it to get Adam and Eve to doubt God and reject Him; which they did. Afterwards Eve accurately stated what the Devil did to her, "The serpent deceived me." (Genesis 3:13) And what was the effect? Incredible evil! It caused separation from God, death and destruction not only upon Adam and Eve, but all humanity following them until this very day.

Note where responsibility fell. If you read the story, you will find that though the Devil was doing the deceiving, both Adam and Eve were held responsible for their actions. Why? Because the deception

involved violating God's moral law, and despite being presented a package of lies, in the end, they made a conscious choice to disobey God.

Nero and Hitler engaged in massive scale government deception schemes, strategizing to lead astray their entire nation to bring death and destruction upon particular groups of people. There were those who actively participated, doing what they knew was wrong while others sat by quietly, and allowed the tragedies to move forward without objection.

At the beginning of the gruesome actions of the Roman and German governments, the citizens could not see into the future. This is why we need

wisdom and discernment now, more than ever.

Today, due to the advancement of technology, deceptive messaging is all around us like never before. This is where the world must have men and women of understanding who will courageously confront deceptive lies through boldly speaking God's truth. This is what Jesus, our Lord and Savior did. This also was the work of the Old Testament prophets and New Testament apostles. Confronting deception can lead to the salvation of souls and to the saving of human lives and entire nations from death and destruction. However, the cost is great. The prophets and apostles were persecuted, Jesus

was crucified, and those who stood against Nero or Hitler, like Germany's Dietrich Bonhoeffer, were killed.

Be the one our world needs. By the power of God, stand for what is wise, right and good no matter the cost.

A prayer for you—Lord God, raise up wise men and women that can understand the times in which we live. Raise up people of courage that are willing to risk it all while doing the godly work of standing for truth. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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## Church Directory

### First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

East Eighth & Arcade • 785-890-5233

Pastor Monika Hunter

[www.goodlandfccdoc.org](http://www.goodlandfccdoc.org)

**Sunday:** 9 a.m. - Adult Sunday School;  
10 a.m. - Fellowship; 10:30 a.m. - Worship

**M-W-F:** 9 a.m. Senior Exercise Class

**Tuesday:** 2 p.m. - Nifty Needlers sewing group;  
**Wed:** 7 p.m. - Adult Choir

**Thursday:** 1 p.m. - Game Day Group

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Father Carlos Ruiz Santos

307 W. 13th • 890-7205

**Tuesday:** noon; **Wednesday:** noon; **Thursday:** noon,  
followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 8 p.m. and  
Confession from 5-5:45 p.m.; **Friday:** noon; **Saturday:**  
Confession 5 p.m. Mass 6 p.m.; **Sunday:** 10 a.m.  
Confession, 10:30 a.m. Mass; 1st and 3rd Sundays,  
Spanish Mass at noon.

### Emmanuel Lutheran Church

13th & Sherman • 890-6161

[www.elcgoodland.com](http://www.elcgoodland.com)

Pastor Don McMillan • 785-890-6110

**Services:** Sunday Worship – 9 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:15 - 11 a.m.

Wednesdays – 6:30 p.m. during Lent & Advent

### Pleasant Home Church

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Rt. 1, Box 180 • 3190 Road 70  
(785) 694-2807

### Seventh Day Adventist Church

1160 Cattletrail

899-7522

**Pastor:** Fred Grant

### Promiseland Baptist Church

**Pastor:** Rick Holmes • 890-7082

225 W. 16th

(785) 890-7944

### Goodland United Methodist Church

12th and Sherman • 899-3631

**Pastor:** Youngkwan Won

[goodlandumc.org](http://goodlandumc.org) & Facebook

**Sunday:** Adult Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.  
Worship: 10:30 a.m.

**Wednesday:** September-April

KidZone & reNew Youth 5:30-7 p.m. (Meal Provided)

### Church of Christ

1630 Sandy Road

890-6185

[www.goodlandcoc.org](http://www.goodlandcoc.org)

**Sunday:** Bible class: 9 a.m.

**Worship Service:** 10 a.m.

**Wednesday:** Bible Study: 6 p.m.

### Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

1200 15th Street • Burlington, CO

### Crossroads Worship

**Pastor:** Craig Groeschel  
1529 Texas

### Kanorado Methodist Church

**Pastor:** Josh Simmons

399-2468

Sunday school: 9 a.m. MT

Church: 10:15 a.m. MT

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La Luz Del Mundo

Spanish bilingual church - translation available

**Minister:** Jose Orenos

1601 Texas • (909) 693-1781

### St. Paul's Episcopal Church

**Celebrant:** Father Don Martin

121 W. 13th

Church 890-2115 or 443-4777

**Saturday:** Services, 5 p.m.

### Calvary Gospel Church

**Lead Pastor:** Randy Payne

6296 Hwy 27 • 785-890-3605

[www.calvarygospel.church](http://www.calvarygospel.church)

Watch us live on Youtube

**Sundays:** 9:30 a.m.

**Elevate Youth Group:** 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday:** Kids 4 Christ - K-6th grade  
6 p.m., during the school year

### Methodist Church Brewster:

**Pastor:** Mike Baughn

202 Nebraska Ave., Brewster

(785) 694-2463

### Harvest Evangelical Free Church

**Pastor:** Brian Fugleberg

521 E. Hwy. 24 • 890-6423

[harvestfreegoodland.com](http://harvestfreegoodland.com)

**Sunday:** Worship & Children's Church: 10:30 a.m.

**Wednesday:** Harvest Crew Youth Group

(5th-12th Grade) and HIS KIDS starts at 6 p.m.

**Men's Bible Studies:** 1st Monday at 6:30 p.m.  
and 3rd Saturday at 7 a.m.

### First Baptist Church

**Pastor:** Caleb Miles

1121 Main

890-3450

**Sunday:** Sunday School - All Ages: 9 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship: 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship: 10 a.m.

For information about Bible Studies and  
Wednesday Night Youth Programs please  
call the church or check out our website

[www.fbcgoodland.com](http://www.fbcgoodland.com)

### Goodland Bible Church

109 Willow Road • 899-6400

**Pastor:** Tim Bonebright

**Sunday:** Services: 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

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### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE INTEREST OF  
Name: Alexandria Bricker  
Year of Birth 2012

Case No. 24-JC-2

IN THE INTEREST OF  
Name: Amelia Chauvin  
Year of Birth 2014

Case No. 24-JC-3

### NOTICE OF HEARING Pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2237

TO: Amanda Chauvin, Address Unknown, and all other persons who are or may be concerned. You are hereby notified that a motion to find Amanda Chauvin, Mother of the children named above unfit and to terminate parental rights, appoint a permanent custodian, or enter such orders as are deemed appropriate and has been filed. The Court may find the parent is unfit by reason of conduct or condition which renders the parent unable to care properly for the children, the conduct or condition is unlikely to change in the foreseeable future, the parental rights of the parent should be terminated, and permanent custodian should be appointed for the children. A hearing on that motion will be conducted on the 24th day of June, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., in the courtroom of the Sherman County Courthouse in the City of Goodland, Kansas. The Court will receive testimony and other relevant information with regard to the safety and wellbeing of the children named above and may enter orders regarding custody and case planning necessary to achieve permanency for the children named above, including proposals for living arrangements for the children and services to be provided the children and the children's family. The hearing will determine if the parent should be deprived their parental rights and the right of custody of the children. The parent, and any other person having legal custody are required to appear before this Court on the date and time shown, or to file your written response to the petition with the Clerk of the District Court, prior to that time. Failure to respond or to appear before the Court at the time shown will not prevent the Court from entering judgment as requested in the petition, finding that the children are children in need of care, removing the children from the custody of parent, or any other present legal custodian until further order of the Court, or finding the parent unfit, and entering an order permanently terminating the parent's parental rights.

An attorney has been appointed as guardian ad litem for the children: Jeffery A. Mason, P.O. Box 876, Goodland, KS 67735, (785) 890-6529. You have the right to appear before the Court and be heard personally either with or without an attorney. The Court may order one or both parents to pay child support. An attorney has been appointed for you: Leslie Beims, P.O. Box 762, St. Francis, KS 67756, (785) 728-8081

/s/ Jacki Waters  
Clerk of the Sherman County Kansas District Court



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