

Police

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then returned to the parking lot and told the officer he thought about what occurred and decided to return. Morgan was driving a 1991 Ford F-150 pickup, which is registered to Richard Allen Mason, Burlington. The owner of the parked 2017 Ford F-250 pickup is Curtis Stahel, Overbrook. No damage occurred to Mason's vehicle. There was damage to the passenger's front side panel and bumper of Stahel's vehicle.

Speeding

Abigail Ranae Galvan, 18, Broken Arrow, Okla., was cited for allegedly driving 42 mph in a 30-mph zone at 10:10 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, at Fourth and Miami streets. She is to appear in municipal court Oct. 8.

Timothy Mark Browder, 60, Paxico, was cited for allegedly driving 51 mph in a 30-mph zone at 1:52 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at Fourth and Kennebec streets. He is to appear in municipal court Oct. 8.

Alan Leonard Perez-Gonzalez, 18, Topeka, was cited for allegedly driving 45 mph in a 35-mph zone at 6:07 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, at Fourth and Potomac streets. He is to appear in municipal court Oct. 8.

Jake Thomas Benortham, 19, Topeka, was cited for allegedly driving 44 mph in a 30-mph zone at 7:53 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, at Fourth and Kennebec streets. He is to appear in municipal court Oct. 8.

Jackson Matthew Murphy, 18, Ottawa, was cited for allegedly driving 48 mph in a 30-mph zone at 11:23 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, Fourth and Kennebec streets. He is to appear in municipal court Oct. 8.

Yale Landyn Baker, 47, Manhattan, was cited for allegedly driving 50 mph in a 30-mph zone at 5:13 a.m. Monday, Sept. 21, at Fourth and Kennebec streets. He is to appear in municipal court Oct. 8.

Kylyn Mercedes Allen, 16, Burlington, was cited for allegedly driving 32 mph in a 20-mph active school zone at 3:32 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22, at Wilson and Cross streets. She is to appear in municipal court Oct. 8.

Jennifer Letizia Yunk, 55, Burlington, was cited for allegedly driving 34 mph in a 20-mph active school zone at 8:07 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23, in the 700 block of Cross Street. She is to appear in municipal court Oct. 8.

Ryan Lee Harms Klaasmeyer, 17, Omaha, Neb., was cited for allegedly driving 44 mph in a 30-mph zone at 7:13 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 24, at Fourth and Kennebec streets. He is to appear in municipal court Oct. 8.

Courtney Lauren Buckner, 29, Burlington, was cited for allegedly driving 32 mph in a 20-mph active school zone at 3:44 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, at Cross and Willett streets. She is to appear in municipal court Oct. 8.

Bernard Charles Krueger, 53, Freeland, Mich., was cited for allegedly driving 51 mph in a 30-mph zone at 5:12 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, at Fourth and Juniatta streets. He is to appear in municipal court Oct. 8.

No driver's license

Robert Scott Koger, 60, Burlington, was cited for allegedly driving without a driver's license in possession at 3:15 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, at Eighth and Niagara streets. He is to appear in municipal court Oct. 8.

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The crisis of change

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Dear Friends in Christ: There is a fifty-cent word used to describe one of the attributes of our infinite God, one that is paradoxically both reassuring and alarming, and that is the word immutable. An easy definition is never changing. But the word means even more than that. It has to do with a rock-solid resistance to change.

In the Old Testament book of the prophet Malachi, God declares, "For I, the Lord, do not change." (Mal. 3:6) Echoed in the New Testament, the Apostle James writes by inspiration, "Every good gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change." (James 1:17) What all this means is very reassuring, for it means that our Father who has loved us in the past, will always love us. Our Redeemer who saved us by His sacrifice on the cross will not change His mind. It means that all the promises of God, old or new, will always come to pass. This is why we refer to Jesus as "our Rock."

On the other hand, change seems to be unavoidable in our present circumstances. In fact, our times are marked by more significant changes than at any other time in history. We are now linked to everyone on the planet

in one way or another. We have greater access to world-wide information, and the technological advances alone are legion. Our children have greater access to the media than we ever did, and make full use of it. It seems that change is now the touchstone of our existence. And in the church of God, this can be hard. People are moving away from any religion that is slightly "organized." There is a resistance to clericalism, denominationalism, just about any "ism" there is. That can be alarming to those who see their numbers decrease, and churches closing across

the board. Some try to "patch up" their worship by appealing to the changing culture and have trouble keeping up - it comes so fast. Others are radically opposed to any change. This creates anxiety.

Beloved, God is immutable, because God doesn't need to change. His Word is immutable, because it is perfect in every way. And His promises are immutable, so we can trust Him even in the midst of all the change that happens around us and to us. The key word here is "trust."

Even if everything that we have come to know as "church" goes through some rapid transitions, even though we may feel discomfort at what the world is doing, we don't need to panic. We need to remember that the God, who created us, is still the One caring for us, and He promises that His Word (and His Church) will endure every change. We will cling to that Word, and cling to God's promises of salvation to those who have Jesus as their Rock and their Redeemer.

From the Bible

My soul finds rest in God alone;
My salvation comes from Him.
He is my rock and salvation;
He is my fortress,
I will never be shaken.

— Psalms 62:1-2

The Lord reigns

"Religion is an illusion of the emotions," declared Sigmund Freud the psychiatrist, "and its funeral is at hand." Frederick Nietzsche one day announced, "God is dead!" No doubt that their gods died with them but our God is alive! The Psalmist proclaimed in Psalm 97:1, "The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad!" "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth," wrote Moses. And He never abandoned nor cast aside His role in controlling it. He continues to be the source and sustainer of all its life, the strength in all of its

movements and the power behind its journey. The earth spins like a top at a speed of 1,000 miles per hour without ever speeding up or slowing down, so that we might have a predictable number of hours for each day and night. It is tilted at a specific angle that causes our seasons. And these two facts are simply the beginning of the marvelous miracles of our earth. And why is this so? To demonstrate the fact that "The Lord reigns." Our sun maintains a temperature that is warm enough to sustain us but never hot enough to burn us intentionally or freeze

us to death when winter arrives. Why this consistency that we never question? "The Lord reigns." Wherever we look and whatever we study, we see a pattern of consistency and continuity, predictability and potential. God does reign. God does rule. And because He does, we can rest assured in His love and salvation.

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