

Family

Problems come from user error

I recently acquired a Kindle, one of those not-so-new-anymore electronic books from Amazon.com. I had been thinking about getting one for some time, and when I finally saw one up close and personal a few months ago, I decided it was exactly what I needed for our family's annual beach vacation.

Picking the right books for the beach has always been a chore for me. I didn't want to take too many, because I'd be wasting energy plugging books from here to Florida and back that I didn't get to read. Or if I took too few, I'd end up buying a better-than-nothing book at an airport for the trip home.

I notified my family that I wanted my birthday gifts a month early this year so I could get a Kindle, and thanks to my kids' still listening to their mother, I went off on vacation with a new Kindle loaded with books for beach reading. And sure enough, I ended up having to download another book before the trip was over. It was wonderful.

But I was to be outdone by my son, who showed up at the beach with a new iPad. He kept asking, "Mom, do you want to try it?" "Are you sure you don't want to try it?" But I managed to turn away from the temptation, great as it was, lest I find myself in major violation of that nasty "Thou shalt not covet" commandment. But – oh – that iPad was tempting.

Since I've come back home and settled back into my pastoring routine, I've been asking



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• From the Pulpit

myself if our reliance upon (dare I say addiction to?) all things electronic has changed the way we see and relate to God? Am I expecting God to be even more at my beck and call, to respond at the tap of a button, offering choices from a menu of divinely inspired options, or perhaps be able to do a Google search of all the goodies I might want from God? Can I delete those things that God offers that I don't want, or instantly download those things I do?

And now, rather than having to wait a while for God to get back to me, I can instantly blame God if, within a span of a few nanoseconds, God does not reply to and give me my desired "need."

Let's be honest. It's never a "want," always a "need." And, of course, if the response is slow in coming, or doesn't seem to be showing up at all, then the problem is surely not on my end. There must be a malfunction in the heavenly cyberspace, or even worse, with the great Computer Tech in the Sky.

I recently heard about an acronym that computer trouble shooters use – PICNIC. It means

Problem In Chair, Not In Computer. The glitch lies in the person trying to operate the computer, and not in the computer itself. I have tried really hard to come up with an equally suitable acronym, but the best I can do is PIPNIG – Problem In Person, Not In God.

Maybe God isn't the problem; maybe it's in the person doing the asking. God is not all about instantly giving us everything we think we want. I think God is more about giving us those things we need to live faithful lives within whatever circumstances we may find ourselves. God may not change those circumstances, but will give us what we need to remain faithful in the midst of them. And I think that when we are living faithful lives, lives that look to Jesus for inspiration and hope, everything else is just one wonderful blessing after another.

PIPNIG. Think about it the next time you get testy at God for not giving you what you want when you want it, or when God gives you what you need rather than what you think you want, or when the answer to your prayer just might be "No."

I'm thinking that we're living with too much PIPNIG in the world right now. And I wonder what things would look like if we tried to remedy the problem that really needs fixing.

Carol Rahn
First Presbyterian Church

Deaths

Robert 'Bob' Rose

Robert Rose, 73, Colby, retired radio and television newscaster, died Friday, May 21, 2010, at Citizens Medical Center.

He was born June 20, 1936, in Denver.

Survivors include his companion, Martha Hullet; and two daughters, Kristin Elson, Centennial, Colo.; and Kimberly Rose, Lakewood, Colo.

Memorial services will be at

10:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 9, 2010, at the Ascension on the Prairie Episcopal Church in Colby, with Pastor Don Martin officiating. Inurnment will be at a later date.

There will be no visitation as cremation was chosen.

The family suggests memorials to the church, 1170 Wheatridge Road, Colby, Kan., 67701.

Hoxie songwriter releases compact disc

Twila Bainter of Hoxie recently released a compact disc, "Love and Adore."

She said that five months after the death of her husband Jim, she sat at her piano and poured out the song.

"After Jim's death, I spent more time with the Lord and felt myself drawing closer to him," she said. "One of the ways the Lord ministered to me was through the music he placed on my heart. Writing the songs for this CD brought me a great sense of peace and comfort."

Mrs. Bainter said she began writing songs 35 years ago, and clearly remembers her first, "The Love of Jesus," which she wrote after having an overwhelming re-

velation of His great love for her.

Even though she wrote songs for many years, she said, she never did anything with them. After her husband was diagnosed with cancer in August 2008, he persuaded her to put some of her songs into a record. The result was a 14-song disk, "It's All About Jesus," which was released just before Christmas that year.

She has dedicated "Love and Adore" to her husband of 41 years.

"Jim gave me a lot of encouragement," Mrs. Bainter said. "He'd get so excited when I would write another song and was always ready sit down and listen. He was my cheerleader."

Rotary Club

The Colby Rotary Club met Tuesday with 22 members and visiting Rotarian Steve Haynes.

Announcements and reminders were made about the upcoming Rotary/Chamber Golf Tournament on Friday, June 11, and the Chautauqua events this week.

Melinda Olson gave an overview of Thomas County Community Foundation funds and events.

More than 30 funds have been established for the betterment of Thomas County residents. Olson told members about the new Sum-

mer Food Program and the Community Puzzle Project, a fund raiser celebrating Thomas County's 125th Anniversary.

Ron Evans provided members with the weekly "useless" knowledge: "In 1850, Amelia Bloomer developed and popularized an undergarment for women."

Cal Mahin won Roto-Lotto.

The club meets at noon each Tuesday in Room 106 of the Colby Community College Student Union.

— Relda Galli

Equality Coalition to meet

The Northwest Chapter of the Kansas Equality Coalition will hold an organizational meeting at 2 p.m., Saturday at Semolino, 110 W. 11th St. in downtown Hays.

The statewide group says it works to end discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. It claims nearly 1,000 members with chapters in Johnson County, Lawrence, Riley and Geary counties, north-central

Kansas, southeast Kansas, southwest Kansas, Topeka, the Central Plains and Wichita.

At Saturday's meeting, organizers say, the group will decide on a chapter name and discussing the next steps involved. Everyone is invited.

For information, go to www.kansasequalitycoalition.org or call Natalie McCall at (785) 259-6526.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$0.00
Corn (bushel)	\$0.00
Milo (hundredweight)	\$0.00
Soybeans (bushel)	\$0.00

Corrections

The Colby Free Press wants to maintain an accurate record of our town. Please report any error or lack of clarity in a news story to us at 462-3963.

B-Hive

Attention Patrons

The B-Hive will be closed Saturday, June 5 and Sunday, June 6. We will reopen for business Monday, June 7.

Thank You!

FRIDAY NIGHT BUFFET

5:00 - 9:00 PM

CITY LIMITS

2227 S. Range
462-6565

Cedar Depot Festival is this weekend

The sounds of country, cowboy and gospel music will blend with equestrian exhibitions, musical workshops and family fun at the Ninth Annual Cedar Depot Festival today, Saturday and Sunday in downtown Cedar.

The event kicked off at 12:30 p.m. today with concerts on two stages, one at the renovated depot and the other in the gazebo at Jim Lydic Memorial Park. Cedar is on K-9 highway east of Kirwin in Smith County.

A concert begins at 6:40 p.m. at the Smith Center High School Auditorium.

Concert headliners include two nationally known groups, the New Pioneers and Tex and Mary Schutz. The New Pioneers, western musicians, pattern their show after the original Sons of the Pioneers. The Schutzes, a husband-and-wife duo from Texas, do one-of-a-kind songs, harmonies and silly stories.

The warm-up show will feature the "J-Boyz," brothers, Jonathan and Jackson Stickler from Kansas City, Mo.; TX-3 (formerly the Callis Trio), Trinity, Tanner and Tristan Callis from Hays; "The Talented

Teens," with Alexa Whipple, a yodeler and singer from Arapahoe, Neb.; Bailey Wilton, a country singer from Lincoln; and cowboy singer Jake Holiday from Junction City.

Beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, festival goers can enjoy more concerts, workshops, two exhibitions by the Prairie Dusters Equestrian Drill Team, and a parade beginning at 9:15 a.m.

Sunday activities begin at 9:30 a.m. with Cowboy Church and a gospel sing featuring festival performers. More concerts will follow. Craft and food booths will be open all weekend.

If you come, bring lawn chairs. Admission is \$12 for day passes, \$30 for a prepaid weekend pass (not including the Friday night concert) or \$35 with the concert. Admission to the concert alone is \$10 per person.

Camper parking is available on the grounds, with motels in nearby towns.

Call Lowell Lydic at (785) 871-7146 or (785) 697-2237 for information.

Upcoming Revival Service

Reneé Moore, evangelist and missionary from Muskogee, Oklahoma, who has traveled extensively in full time evangelistic and missionary work for more than 12 years, will conduct services Sunday, June 6, at 10:15 a.m. and 6 p.m. at the Assembly of God church at the corner of College Drive and Franklin Ave. in Colby.



Moore has ministered in Rwanda, Russia, Ukraine, Mexico and Jamaica. She will share her own victories over fear and depression as well as a near death experience at age three, that left her neurologically impaired for many years before she received her healing, which has been documented by doctors.

Her message is of God's power that offers hope to those who feel their situation is hopeless. Her uplifting testimonies along with music that promises to inspire, will be an encouragement to all who attend. She ministers to youth, women, single adults and various groups, and travels internationally to minister to all groups of ages. The church located at 245 College Drive, Pastor Steve Todd is a native of Muskogee. For information call (785) 462-8234.

Thank You!

I would like to thank Dr. Regier and Brian for the care I received while in the hospital. Also thanks for all the calls and visits. **God bless You all!**

Eva Keck

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June 11th, 12th & 13th

Free Smoked Texas BBQ
Live Bands...No Admission
Grand Parade
Beer Garden
Antique Car Show
Free Street Dance
Activities in the Park

Friday, June 11 th	
Golf Tournament	T.B.A.
Beer Garden	5:00 – 12:00 p.m.
DJ X-Press/Street Dance	7:30 – 12:00 p.m.

Saturday Morning, June 12 th Downtown Bird City	
Triathlon	7:00 – 9:00 a.m.
Crafters/Food Vendors	9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Bed Races	9:30 – 10:00 a.m.
Antique Car Show	9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Sidewalk Chalk Art	9:30 – 11:00 a.m.
Grand Parade	10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Afternoon at the Park – June 12 th	
Inflatable Playground Equip.	1:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Rodeo Clown	All afternoon
Sand Volleyball Tournament	1:30 – 4:00 p.m.
Horseshoe Tournament	1:30 – 4:00 p.m.
3 on 3 Basketball Tournament	1:30 – 4:00 p.m.
Kids Face Painting	1:30 – 4:00 p.m.
Blind Golf Cart Course	1:30 – 4:00 p.m.
Band – Flatland Xpress	3:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Bull's Eye Drop	3:30 p.m.
Beard Judging	4:00 p.m.
Rifle/Buckle Drawing	4:30 p.m.
Rifle/Buckle Auction	5:00 p.m.
Free Barbecue	5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Beer Garden	5:00 – 12:00 p.m.
Band - Pieces of Eight	8:00 – 12:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 13 th At the Park	
Community Church	10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Potluck/Meal	12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

NOTE: All Times are Central Time Zone

For more information – contact Wanda Dowdy @ 785-734-2383 or Ken Krien @785-734-7015.

RV Parking is available by reservation. Call Doug @785-734-7140

Costumes welcomed but not required. **Bring your lawn chair and Enjoy!**