

Discipline important to growing in your faith

For those of you who are raising children, what do you least like to do? I'm guessing that it is disciplining your children you find hardest to do. Yet you know how essential it is for their sake that you provide gentle, patient, but firm discipline that will help them grow up to be decent responsible adults.

Our heavenly Father also disciplines his children when necessary, though he also does not delight in doing so. But his disciplining of us is actually proof that he loves us and that we belong to him.

Listen to what he says to his born-again children in Hebrews 12:5b-6: My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked [by] him. For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

We Christians are born into God's family by faith in Jesus Christ. Nevertheless, we are not perfect people. Sometimes we sin. When we do, we need to confess that sin to our Heavenly Father and repent of it. Otherwise he may have to chasten us for our own good.

Usually, his chastening is gentle, though firm enough that we know that we are being chastened. If we persist in our sin, his chastening may become more severe. In extreme cases, he may even take his child home out of this world into heaven.

One day a mother brought her son to his friend's birthday party. But the boy was naughty. His mother warned him: "If you



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don't straighten up, I will take you home, and you will have to miss the party." The boy persisted in his misbehavior, so she took him home.

The Bible says there is a sin unto death (1 John 5:16).

In the book of 1 Corinthians, chapter 11, Paul rebuked the Corinthian Christians for observing the Lord's Table (Communion) in an irreverent and selfish manner. Then he said, in verse 1, "For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many [have died]." He went on to say, in the next verse, "For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged." That is, if we would recognize our sin and confess it to God, he would not have to chasten us. Then he said, in verse 32, "But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world."

Do you see that? God will take a disobedient child home to heaven, rather than allowing him to be lost. Earlier, in 1 Corinthians chapter 5, Paul warned the Corinthians of a believer in their midst who was living in scandalous sin. He not only commanded them to disfellowship this brother, but told them he had already given the man up to the devil for the destruction of

his body, so that his soul could be saved in the day of Christ.

That, I believe, is the "sin unto death" that the Apostle John spoke of. Fortunately, the man Paul spoke of evidently repented of his sin, because in his second letter to the Corinthians, the second chapter, verses 6 to 8, Paul told them to stop shunning the man and instead welcome him back into their fellowship with forgiveness, comfort and love.

Of course, not all the trouble and heartache that Christians endure is chastening from God. The majority of it is likely testing from God for the purpose of purifying us, just as gold is purified by melting it in extreme heat.

Troubles may also come in the form of spiritual attack from Satan and his demonic forces. In fact, pain and trouble and suffering are just part of living in a world corrupted by sin.

We also reap what we sow. That is, we may be experiencing trouble brought on directly as the result of poor decisions we've made.

However, we usually know when we are being chastened by the Lord, because the Holy Spirit makes us aware of it. In that case, the best thing to do is to confess our sin to God and turn away from the behavior that displeases him, so that he can restore us to fellowship with him and bless us.

What better way to live is there than that!

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Harvest season begins



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Where has the summer gone? It hardly seems possible, But Sunday was the first day of fall, and corn harvest began even earlier than that, as evident in this shot taken last week near Levant.

Studio artist uses thread in art

Local artist Chris Thummel will be featured at Studio Friday at Colby Community College on Friday, Oct. 4.

"Studio Fridays are scheduled for the first Friday of each month," said art instructor Rebel Jay. "We have a featured artist each month who works on his or her projects while participants bring their works in progress to share and work on during that time. It is an opportunity to see other artists' works and share new ideas."

The event will be from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3 p.m. in Ferguson Hall, Rooms 502 and 503.

"Chris does acrylic painting and weaves thread and sewing into many of his projects," said

Jay. "He has a distinct and unique style. This is a come and go 'think tank' for art. Everyone is invited to bring their projects to work on or simply stop in and watch the artists' work."

In addition to his other creative works, Thummel does the chalk drawings at Starbucks in Colby.

Thummel is a graduate of Colby Community College. He transferred to Fort Hays State

University where he received his Bachelor of Fine Arts in studio art with an emphasis in drawing and his Bachelor of Science degree in secondary education.

Studio Fridays are paid for by a grant from the Thomas County Community Foundation. For more information, contact Rebel Jay at 269-7065.

Markets

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Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$7.17
Corn (bushel)	\$4.66
Milo (hundredweight)	\$8.14
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Gem 4-H Club

The Aug. 12 meeting of the Gem 4-H Club at the Gem Community Building was conducted by President Danae West.

Lizzie Cornell led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was answered with "your favorite school subject." There were nine members and four leaders present. The minutes from the July meeting were read and approved. Tessa Hill gave the treasurer's report. There were no reports for parliamentarian, reporter, historian or council report.

For leaders' reports, Ashleigh Hill had a few questions about the club's Appreciation Banquet.

The club decided to ask Mont and Charlie Miller to cater the meal at the next meeting, Sept. 9.

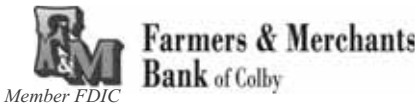
There was no old business. New business was the budget for the banquet. For the program, the Cornells led the club in singing the Star Spangled Banner.

Danae West gave a project talk on her horse, Karson Haggard gave a project talk on his pigs and Madisyn Haggard gave a demonstration on how to braid hair.

Karson Haggard led the club in the 4-H pledge. Lizzie Cornell moved to adjourn the meeting, Logan Haggard seconded.

— Logan Haggard, reporter

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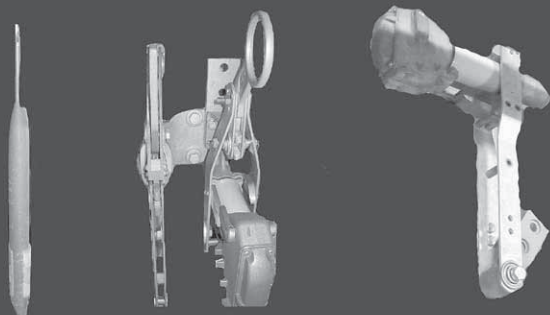
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CELEBRATION COMMUNITY CHURCH, 1890 S. Franklin Ave. - Colby Community Building. Pastor Eric Overmiller. Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. www.celebratejesus.org

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COLBY INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH, 730 E. 3rd (former Jaycee's building), Pastor Bernard Heinz, 785-460-0313, Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

ASCENSION-ON-THE-PRAIRIE EPISCOPAL, Rev. Don Martin, College Drive & Wheatridge Rd., 785-462-3041, Holy Eucharist, 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Evening Prayer, 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, September through May.

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BEREAN BIBLE FELLOWSHIP, 1000 S. Franklin, 785-460-2763, www.colbyborean.com; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. Pastor Mark Carlton, Youth Pastor Ben Phillips. Middle School Group Wednesday 7 p.m. at the Attic and High School Youth Group Sunday 6 p.m. at the Attic. AWANA Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at the church.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Reverend Andrew Sonneborn, 515 W. 4th, 785-462-6342, Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m. Podcasts of the worship services are available at the church website colbypres.org.

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CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS, 1145 S. Franklin - 785-460-6605, President Andy Rose, 785-460-6807. Sacrament meeting 10 a.m., Sunday School and Primary 11:20 a.m., Priesthood, Relief Society, YM/YW, 12:10 p.m.; Family History Center open by appointment. Call 785-462-3571.

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