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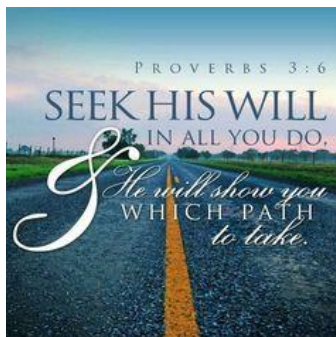
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Plans and Schedules

By Chaplain Lee Alphen

It is stakes season. You've been working hard all year, breaking the babies and training your older horses back after a few months off. Training programs are in place for each one. You tweak the schedules as you go along. However, you are certain each horse will be ready in time. Your calendar is marked, and you know when you have to be at each track.

There is a parable about a Chinese man who had one horse and one son. "One day the horse, out of control, wandered away with the boy on its back and they were both lost. The man's neighbors came to console him the next day and they said, 'We are so sorry you lost your horse and your son. It is so bad.' But the man said, 'How do you know that it is bad?' The next day the horse and the boy wandered back home. Trailing behind the horse were 13 wild horses that came right into the corral. The neighbors came to congratulate the man for having his horse and boy back and 13 new wild horses. They said, 'That's so good!' The man replied, 'How do you know that it is good?'"

The author of the Letter of James cautions us, "You do not even know what will happen tomorrow" (James 4:14 NIV). Yes, we must plan months in advance, prayerfully with God's help. Then, we want always to be open to and listening for God's continued guidance. Trusting in the Lord, it is better to say, "If the Lord wills it, we shall do this or that" (James 4:15 NIV).

Of course, we certainly want to use the skill and intelligence God gave us to train our horses to the best of our ability and plan to have them ready for the races they fit. However, when, in

spite of our best efforts, things turn out differently, we trust God that, "In all things, God works for the good of those who love Him" (Romans 8:28 NIV).

The Chinese parable continues on, "The next day, when the boy was trying to break one of the wild horses, he was bucked off and broke his leg. His neighbors came and said, 'We're so sorry. It is so bad.' The man said, 'How do you know it's bad?' The next day a warlord came to confiscate all the able-bodied young men for his war but the man's son could not go because of his leg. The neighbors rejoiced and said it was good. But, the Chinese man said, 'We can't be sure if it is good news or not.' A week later..." and the story continues.

Our lives continue too. We make plans and our plans change. Are they good plans or bad plans? Do we trust God to guide us? When we do our best to do as God wants, things work out. Someone might ask, "How do I know what God wants? First, we do as God asks in the bible, then listen to that still small voice of the Spirit. God uses circumstances and the counsel of Godly, mature, Christian friends to help us find our way. Anne Graham Lotz suggests a strategy to seek God's Guidance at <https://billygraham.org/decision-magazine/february-2003/how-to-seek-gods-guidance>.

Remember, "In everything you do, put God first, and He will direct you and crown your efforts with success" (Proverbs 3:6 TLB). Chaplain Sam Spence refers to this proverb in his article on page 2.

Ultimately, we want to be sure the plans we follow lead us to God for all of eternity.

Obituaries

Phillip Roland Beauchamp, 72, died April 27. Phillip spent most of his life on the family farm. He started working as a millwright for Messick and Gray Construction in 1963. He left there to work on the family farm. Over the last 30 years he developed a passion for training standardbreds, which was enhanced by his son Jeff and Ronald Short.



Charles Cable, 76, of Goshen, NY, died May 15. Chuck was a well-known farrier who learned his trade from his father and in turn passed that knowledge of shoeing horses to his sons. He shod horses in New York, Florida, Ohio and Michigan.

Virgil "Bootie" Copas, 78, of Washington CH, OH, died April 9. Virgil retired from the Mead Corporation in 2004 and went to work at Midland Acres. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, and brother. Virgil was a member at the Church of Christ. He enjoyed going for rides, working with horses, mowing the church lawn, and picking on his grandchildren.

Brian Philip Cotton, 31, of Fairfield, IL, died May 11. He was a standardbred driver and was also employed by ENS Metals.

James W. "Bill" Dailey, 57, of Mechanicsburg, OH, died May 20. When he was 16, Bill began his career in harness racing. Bill's passion for standardbred horses led him to major success as an owner, trainer, and driver. Since the late 1970s, he sent over 8,000 horses to the track with at least 1,200 wins. As a sulky driver, he sat behind approximately 20,000 horses, leading 2,301 into the winner's circle. He produced multiple Ohio Triple Crown winners and numerous Ohio and Indiana Sire Stake champions. Bill received the Jerry Kaltenbach Memorial Award over four times for "Ohio's Trainer of the Year." In his time away from the barn, he was an avid reader and enjoyed hunting grouse, pheasants and raccoons. Bill was a selfless man who was devoted to his wife and daughter and was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone.



Sally Ann Fish, 85 of Crosby, MO, died March 27. Sally began her teaching career as her husband, Richard, a passionate harness horseman, finished Veterinary School. Throughout her earthly life, Sally's love of the Lord and family was instilled in her 4 sons and their families. In every place that the Fishes lived, Sally was also especially involved in local groups of PEO (60+ years), Sewing, Quilting, Bridge, and Church Choir. Sally was always a proud Kansas State Alum, avid sports fan, and an active member of their church. Her compassion for others always shined. She was also a CHHA Prayer Partner.

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Sources for obituary information include:

www.harnessracing.com, www.ustrotting.com and
www.standardbredcanada.ca

God of Details

by Chaplain Sam Spence

Earlier this week I was on my back patio in the early evening watching the birds come to the bird bath and feeder I had set up in the back yard. It was mostly sparrows and black birds that took advantage of my offering, but at one point a big mockingbird flew in and lit on the feeder. Suddenly, as I was studying the mockingbird, that familiar "still small voice" rose up on the inside of me.



"Sam, I created that mockingbird and his special ability to mimic all those other birds for the pleasure of My children. There are a lot of small details involved that give the mockingbird this ability...but details are My speciality. And I'm very interested in the details of your life -- be they large or small. You don't come to me with near enough of those details. Trust Me, I can handle it."

As I meditated on this word from Him, I was reminded of the first scripture I ever received from the Lord...at least it was the first scripture that I was *aware* of that came from Him. It was in December, 1974. Our youngest daughter, Dondi, was asleep in the bassinet next to our bed. She woke up crying about 3 a.m., and it was my turn to change her. As my feet rolled over the side of our bed, a "neon sign" appeared before my eyes, which read: "Proverbs 3:6." I quickly changed Dondi and gave her to her mother to nurse, but the sign never left. In those days I'm not sure if I knew there were even three chapters in Proverbs, but I immediately proceeded to our den and pulled out a copy of The Living Bible. Proverbs 3:6 read: *In everything you do, put God first, and he will direct you and crown your efforts with success.*

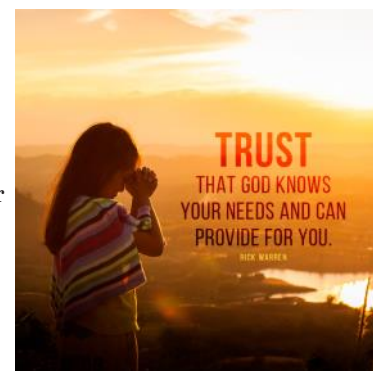
Wow! In that one scripture, God was giving me a plan for my life. And that word, **everything**, certainly involved all the details of my being. In the years that followed, whatever success I enjoyed always came by putting God first. Regretfully, I failed in some areas where I simply "did my own thing," without consulting the Holy Spirit.

So, getting back to the mockingbird experience, I could see that the Lord was reminding me to get back to the basics...trusting Him with the details..

I'm impressed that this can apply to everyone who reads this...hence, my sharing it with you.

Scripture: Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

Proverbs 3:5,6 NKJV



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Books

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Downloading God by Jack Levine

Live A Life That Matters for God by Jack Levine

My Addict Your Addict by Jack Levine

Where the Rubber Meets the Road with God by Jack Levine

Don't Blow It With God by Jack Levine

Sound Mouth—Sound Horse, The Gager Method of Equine Dental Care
by ER Gager and Bob “Dusty Rhodes”

Still: A Story of the Black Doctor of the Jersey Pines by Edmund R Gager



Rambling Willie Remembers

These lovely 5 x 7 Rambling Willie cards are packaged in sets of 10 cards. They are blank inside.

Horseshoe Nail Heart Bracelets and Cross Necklaces and Keyrings

Horseshoe Nail Product Descriptions

Bracelet: Horseshoe nails are bent into a heart and tied together with coordinated wire and attached to a leather strap.

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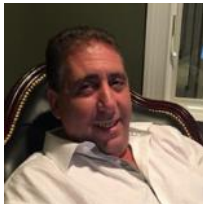
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Juan Fonseca died May 10. Juan, who came to the United States from Cuba when he was 14 found his life's passion in working with horses and animals. He worked most of his life as a horse trainer and groom. He traveled the race circuit spending many enjoyable hours with good friends.

Edward Fucci Sr, 56, died May 16. He was a longtime standardbred owner in New York and served on the board of directors of the Standardbred Owners Association of New York. Edward's true passions were his family and his business. He built his success from the ground up, thanks to his unmatched work ethic. His children were his life. Edward was always the first one to help someone out, and if he couldn't help them, he would find someone who could.



AM Hempy, 87, of Rushsylvania, OH, died February 10. AM was a lifetime member of the Rushsylvania Presbyterian Church. He worked hard all his life. He was a farmer. He worked at Rockwell in Bellefontaine for seventeen years and as a financial advisor for IDS Financial. AM served as a Rushcreek Township Trustee for twenty eight years. He owned race horses and enjoyed harness racing, traveling, and most especially spending time with his family.



Norma Jean Huber, 84, died May 5. Norma accompanied her husband, Glenn A. Huber, at racetracks to watch their horses compete and also attended the annual USTA meetings during his tenure as director.



Derek Clarke Jacobus, 43, of Lewistown, IL, died May 6. After receiving an Associates Degree, Derek followed his dream and returned to farming. He was an active part of the community serving 10 years as the Fulton County Fair Board Director, was a trustee official for Lewistown township, and president of the Northern Illinois Colt Racing Association. Derek loved life. From race horses, to farming, hunting, and agriculture, Derek saw beauty in everything. Those left behind will remember him for his quick smile, hard work, strength, intellect, and his ability to see everything in a positive light. Above all his main priority in life was helping others, bringing him joy to help those in need, whatever that need might be.



William Henry MacMullin, 87, of Ulster County, NY, died March 24. MacMullin was a longtime resident farrier and horseman at Blue Chip Farms and was responsible for the care of Hall of Fame stallions, Most Happy Fella and On The Road Again, during their stud careers. Over those decades, MacMullin was responsible for the hoof care of thousands of horses., including top broodmares Albaquel, Adore, Peaches N Cream and Treasure Blue Chip in addition to the entire herd of mares, foals and yearlings at the farm. He also worked many years on the racetrack.

Betty L. McGreevy, 87, died recently in Aurora, CO. Betty was a prominent breeder and owner for several decades. She was known for her meticulous ways in caring for her horses. She owned and operated Lark Commercial Painting and Sandblasting in IN. After the passing of her first husband, she and her second husband, Mike McGreevy, purchased a farm in Perrysville, IN. In 1979 they relocated to Trenton, FL where they began breeding, training, racing and boarding standardbreds. In 1986, she was named Florida Breeder of the Year. She retired in 2014 and along with her husband, moved to Bell, FL, before moving to Colorado. Her husband preceded her in death by 45 days.



Raymond J. Morandi, DVM, 86, died May 19. Dr Morandi opened Orland Park Equine Hospital on a 50-acre estate in the Chicago area after serving in the Korean War and earning his veterinary degree. He treated standardbreds, including Rambling Willie, "the horse that God loved", at Chicago's racetracks during the day and performed surgeries throughout the night. "He loved his work," his son said. "He had such a work ethic and was good at what he did with a humbling nature. He was not just saving lives but pioneered techniques that kept horses racing."



Known as a leg man in horse circles, he pioneered treatments for leg and hock injuries. The equine hospital was also a popular field trip destination for school children.

Eugene R. Pokornowski, 77, died May 4. Eugene and his brother Raymond co-owned a number of standardbreds and raced them at Buffalo Raceway and Batavia Downs. He continued racing horses until about 10 years ago. Eugene and his brother bought Wally's Club 20 in Kaisertown in 1969. They updated the place and renamed it Porky's Amber Lounge. He was a lifelong parishioner at St Casimir Catholic Church and a member of the Holy Name Society.



Ed Ransom, 77, Pompano Park's iconic handicapper died recently. He, along with his brother, Ronald, published the popular Kelly's Tip Sheet for many years. Although he worked in various capacities in the field of law, his true passion was working in the equine industry. He was able to find work as a timer and photo finish operator at various tracks enabling him to create the tip sheet which has been a "bible" to many horse racing aficionados.

Ralph Sucee, 63, Oshawa, Ontario, died May 26. Ralph was a successful journalist in the harness racing community contributing articles for decades to publications such as *TROT Magazine*, *Hoof Beats Magazine* and *The Canadian Sportsman*. He also owned standardbreds. He sustained many injuries in a near-fatal automotive accident in 2007. A year later, Ralph was one of the first to come to the aid of injured horseman, Kurt Hughes. Kurt was involved in an accident confining him to a wheelchair.



Blessings

From John Cross...

I am doing quite well. Cancer is not in remission, but controlled. All other things, re-white blood count etc.-are within parameters, so I am doing fine. Thanks to everybody's prayers.

NOTE: John represented CHHA at our booth at the Springfield, Ohio sale in May. He did an awesome job. Be sure to stop by and say "Hi" at the next sale.

From Pastor Joe DiDonato...

Rev Cathy Peternell, who helps Pastor Joe at the Meadows, is doing great. So is her husband, Aaron. Thanks for your prayers!

From Annie Bordenkircher...

Praises to the Lord! Radiation declared my brother, Lloyd, in remission, while the oncologist used the term cancer

Prayer Corner

Please pray for all the people on our Prayer List who are battling cancer, especially:

Lew Arsenault, Dan Ater, Debbie Boardman, Jeanne Duso Boudot, Jana Brocco, Gary Bryant, Chaplain Bo Bullock, Rick Carson, Karen Carter, Sam Castimore, Candice Coleman, Sharon Cromer, Joe Crothers, John Cross, Mike Deeters, Barbara Dinning, Maryanne Doherty, Jerry Eby, Chaplain Tom Farley, Francine Federici, Tiffany Fisher, Lloyd Fortune, Paul Fontaine, Pastor Bill Grant, Margaret Groce, Remi Gunn, Marilyn Hankins, Warren Harp, Rose Hennessey, Morris Hoagland, Glenda Holloway, Jeff Hurst, Betty James, Rita Jacobs, Harold Kelly, Bob Kinsey, Donnie Knight, David Kovach, Larry Lederman, Rox Liles, Ricky Macomber, Nelson Malin, Wilma Mattuci, Joyceann McClelland, Donna Mclvor, Mrs. Miller, Frank Mirahmadi, Lalya Mosley, Corey Murphy, Howard Nields, Pierre Noel, Jay O'Neil, John Panetta, Dee Parsons, Margie Polhamus, Leigh Raymer, Robyn Rembleski, Emily Roper, Daren Richner, Taila Kapo Rinski, Del Smart, Elaina Storlazi, Doug Stringer, Jack Taylor, Carrie Thompson, Gary Tyron, Fred Ward Sr., Roland Wardel, Marty Woebkenberg, Maddy Wright, Joyce Zeasapolowski

These friends are also in need of our ongoing prayers:

Jason Apperti, Jordan Aracena, Chaplain Kelly Blanton, Ken Bartels, Pleasant Batson, Gary Bennett, Peter Blood, Marilyn Bondon, Stephanie Bouchard, Danny Breton, Betsy Brown, Kevin Burns, Mary Burton, Carol Ann Case, Thelma Chrisman, Mary Clements, Joan Collins, Anthony Coletta, Bev Crane, Karen Crothers, Dale, Jim Ferguson, Melanie Fisk, Sylvain Gagnon, Greg Gehman, Dr. Howard Gill, Bob Goth, Barbara and Brent Graham, Debbie Gray, Bob Hilliard, Bob Jones, Ruby Hensley, Miguel Hernandez, Paul and Mrs. Hershey, Carol Heusinkveld, Jerry Hissam, John Hostler, Jason Hughes, Jesse Hughes, Donna Ingram, Don James, Barb Jenkins,

free. He will be monitored every 3 months for the first year. Glory to God!!! Thanks to each and every prayer partner who lifted my brother to the Lord. Blessings, -- Annie B

From Pastor Joe DiDonato...

Pastor Joe's son, Andrew, began coaching football at Grove City College in 2016. According to the Washington, PA Observer Reporter, in April he shared the three essential keys he uses with the team at the Washington County Prayer Breakfast.

Vision For any person, organization, program or business to be successful, vision is required first. A clear idea of why one exists and what one wants to achieve is mandatory.

Process If one makes a statement aspiring to excellence, then one must understand the process.

Love Whether constructing buildings, relationships or corporations, the mortar is love.



Kenny Kane, Barbara Kinsey, Thelma Klark, Michael Klark, Victor Kiss, Art LaPlante, Larry Lawter, Ray Levay, Sam Lilli, Katherine Lonager, Sharon Lowell, Faye Mackey, Joanne Maiorca, Pedro Martinez, Jr., Melissa MacNeill, Kaye McDonnell, Dean Miller, Raymond Miller, Nancy Miner, Gordon Murphy, Mike Murphy, Doug Nash, Bill Parker, Elaine Parlin, Ronnie Parker, Waverly Parsons, Susan Parks, Rita Polese, Noreen Paulen, Art Plant, Joanne Ranger, Donnie Richards, Lori Romanetti, Tori Scott, Madisyn Smith, Brad Strawser, Lee Anne Taylor, Monica Thors, Lorraine Truitt, Mel Turcott, Justin Vance, Max Walton, Steve Warner, Greggie Welch, Jr.

Please try to keep me updated about the people on our prayer list.

Please pray for those serving in the military, especially John Beauregard, Joshua Hankins, Yann Lamiqu, Chris Petrullo, Sgt. David Thomas, and Elizabeth Welch

Special Intentions for this month:

Bo Bullock is hospitalized with sepsis.

Karen Carter's cancer is back.

Chet Crane has pneumonia and blood clots in his lungs.

Jean Emerson fell and broke her hip.

Vickie Howard has two blood clots in her lungs and needs both hips replaced.

Karen is feeling alone.

Dave Kelly had a horse step on his head. He has two blood clots on his brain.

Kennedy Leisure, baby, has an infection and fever.

Nancy Lisi is battling Lyme disease.

Ann McNeill's mom passed away. Her dad is hospitalized.

Chaplain John Prescott was kicked violently by a horse and has fractured ribs.

Valerie Prescott had knee replacement surgery in May.



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God blessed us with a picture perfect day for our Gaitway Farm event as we praised God with the beautiful music of Marybeth DiAngelo and her friends.

Gaitway Farm Event

Chaplains Humberto and Karen Chavez reminded us that God has a purpose for each of our lives. Blue skies, a gentle breeze and temperatures in the 70s provided a great backdrop for us to hear this message of hope and encouragement. Yes, there is a reason God created you and me.

Larry Lederman witnessed how God answered his prayers by providing surgery and treatment only recently available that reduced his previously inoperable brain tumor to smithereens. Please continue to pray for him.

As we shared a meal provided by the SBOANJ and prayed with folks, Herman Drenth, an ex-police officer, distributed whistles to the women encouraging us to use them if we ever feel threatened. He'd like to arm all the school kids with whistles.

Tim Hunderfund runs a first class operation at the farm.



*May the angels
lead you into paradise*
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- In memory of **Walter and Juanita Adams** by: Brenda Jo Dennon
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- In memory of **Phil Cox** by: Jim and Judy Ferguson
- In memory of **Sherie Hankins** by: Kim Hankins
- In memory of **Jim Hazelwood** by: Brenda Jo Dennon
- In memory of **AM Hempy** by: Vivian Farrington
- In memory of **Norma Huber** by: Dr Bob and Lisa Schwartz
- In memory of **Don Huston** by: Amy Bondon, Jim Buchy, Richard Gillock
- In memory of **Corwin Nixon** by: Brenda Jo Dennon
- In memory of **Paul E Pollara** by: Paul Pollara
- In memory of **Jack Swagler, DVM** by: Brenda Jo Dennon