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Gifts *By Chaplain Lee Alphen*

Breana Carsey wanted a “mommy horse” for her eighth birthday. Yes, her mom and dad, Brian and Debra, caved. At the Blooded Horse Sale, the hammer went down for Brian on Imageofasweetgirl. At 2:30 one morning Brianna welcomed MJB Got Faith into the world, insisting he would be something special. She never stopped praying and trusting God to bless him.

Babies make people happy. When they are yours, you feel blessed. My niece and her husband, Elizabeth and Scott, really love kids and wanted a baby of their own. They were unable to have children and decided to adopt. The agency called with news of a baby to be born in West Virginia. Doctors said the baby had three different medical conditions that would require ongoing treatment. He was expected to stay in the hospital about a month after he was born. They would have to stay too.

The angel Gabriel came and told Mary that God was pleased with her and she would have a baby boy. She was startled, not understanding how that could happen since she was a virgin. Gabriel assured her God was with her and had chosen her to be the mother of His Son (Luke 1:26-32). Mary said, “I am the Lord’s servant. Let this thing you have said happen to me” (Luke 1:38 ERV)!

Of course, Elizabeth and Scott wanted their baby! They left the next day to go greet their son. They prayed. Our family prayed. Our CHHA prayer partners prayed. Others prayed. Tiny Caeden was born sickly as predicted. However, within weeks all his issues

cleared up. Praise God!

Doctors sometimes tell mothers that their babies have abnormalities and suggest they abort them. However, when these mothers put their faith and trust in God, miracles happen. Though we don’t know what the Lord has in store for each of these children, we do know God’s love has a way of working things out. Thank God Caeden’s parents, who were homeless with three toddlers already, chose life for him in spite of all the pressure.

Elizabeth and Scott spent an hour with Caeden’s parents before returning home with him.

They were very grateful and even got to hold him. God bless them for giving Caeden to Elizabeth and Scott to raise. He will be loved and cared for. The adoption agency told Elizabeth they would help the family find housing and the mom to get help for her drug

problem.

Every good and perfect gift is from God (James 1:17). Breana never gave up on MJB Got Faith. So far, he’s racked up earnings of \$340,000. We all prayed hard for Caeden. He is a happy baby and brings much joy to the family. Mary, as a young teenager, trusted God implicitly. She was blessed with Jesus, the son of God, to raise. She trusted God’s will to unfold all through His life, death and resurrection. It did. The gift of the perfect son for Mary is a gift for all of us.

This Christmas, let’s really think about the miracle of the Son of God coming as a baby to show us the way to heaven for all eternity. This is the biggest gift of all! This is the reason for the season!

Merry Christmas!



Caeden

Billy Graham's New Suit

Author Anonymous

Billy Graham is now 91-years-old with Parkinson's disease. In January 2000, leaders in Charlotte, North Carolina, invited their favorite son, Billy Graham, to a luncheon in his honor. He hesitated to accept the invitation because he struggles with Parkinson's disease. But the Charlotte leaders said, "We don't expect a major address. Just come and let us honor you." So he agreed.

After wonderful things were said about him, Dr. Graham stepped to the rostrum, looked at the crowd, and said, "I'm reminded today of Albert Einstein, the great physicist who this month has been honored by *Time* magazine as the "Man of the Century." Einstein was once traveling from Princeton on a train when the conductor came down the aisle, punching the tickets of every passenger. When he came to Einstein, Einstein reached in his vest pocket. He couldn't find his ticket, so he reached in his trouser pockets.

"It wasn't there. He looked in his briefcase but couldn't find it. Then he looked in the seat beside him. He still couldn't find it.

"The conductor said, 'Dr. Einstein, I know who you are. We all know who you are. I'm sure you bought a ticket. Don't worry about it.'

"Einstein nodded appreciatively. The conductor continued down the aisle punching tickets. As he was ready to move to the next car, he turned around and saw the great physicist down on his hands and knees looking under his seat for his ticket.

"The conductor rushed back and said, 'Dr. Einstein, Dr. Einstein, don't worry, I know who you are; no problem. You don't need a ticket. I'm sure you bought one.' Einstein looked at him and said, 'Young man, I too, know who I am. What I don't know is where I'm going.'

Having said that Billy Graham continued,

"See the suit I'm wearing? It's a brand new suit. My children, and my grandchildren are telling me I've gotten a little slovenly in my old age. I used to be a bit more fastidious. So I went out and bought a new suit for this luncheon and one more occasion.

"You know what that occasion is? This is the suit in which I'll be buried.

"But when you hear I'm dead, I don't want you to immediately remember the suit I'm wearing.

"I want you to remember this: I not only know who I am. I also know where I'm going."

Holiday Wishes: May your troubles be less, your blessings more, and may nothing but happiness, come through your door.

Many of us agree with Billy Graham: "Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil - it has no point.

Blessings from God

From Amy Bondon...

Your loving intercession was so blessedly heard by our Great Physician. By the grace of God everything that they were concerned about vanished with the new views!

From Danny Daniels...

To my little family in Christ Jesus..

Thanks to all of my prayer partners for such kind words. The Lord Bless and keep you all. I do not fear anyone or thing because like Job, I will have all things restored by the Lord. The tests are a blessing because they make me ever-more aware of my Lord Jesus as I bind myself to Him and He draws me nearer. What a joy it is to have this great God of mine test me! What a delight to know He cares that much about His pottery that He even bothers with it. How special that feels to know that the God who created all things would stoop down to test this lowly creature. I love the Lord deeply and it does Him no advantage at all. He allows me to love Him because it is good for me- not Him. My love can neither add nor subtract anything from Him for He is all, made all, and is everything. Such beautiful thoughts and prayers my way. As you have prayed for me, please know I am praying for you. Danny

From Chris McKee...

Meagan's MRI shows no growth. Looks a little more like it's been erased. Blurry now.. So all positive. She received Infusion #6.

From Roger Smith...

Roger is struggling with cancer. He says "Your prayers and Mindy at my-side are getting me through. Thanks again. Rog"



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lead you into paradise*
Memorials posted at www.chha.net

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Obituaries continued from page 5

John A. Crawford, 90, of Bennington, VT, died Oct 17. John enjoyed great success as an owner. He was a designer for the Benmont Paper Company in Bennington. He designed many of their popular wrapping papers and greeting cards. John also worked for the Beach Nut Company where his painting of the owner's son was used as the label for the brand's baby food for many years.



Joan Dearborn Susi, 80, died Sep 24. Joan owned harness horses and later became a state racing commissioner. She loved the Maine harness racing community and was never more alive than when at Scarborough Downs. She taught both high school and adult education and eventually became director of Biddeford Adult and Community Education, which, under her administration, grew to be the largest such program in the state.



Joseph "Joe" Galt Eyler, 85, of Thurmont, died Sep, 24. Joe grew up in the horse business, traveling to various fairs to attend horse races with his family. He was the first tattoo technician for the U.S. Trotting Association, traveling the nation tattooing horses. He also owned Freestate Standardbred Sale Company and Eyler Stock Farm. He loved raising foals by his stallion, Happy Man. He loved his country and was a proud veteran of the United States Air Force. He was a member of Trinity United Church of Christ. His son, Troy, has harness horses.



Kenneth P. Finnerty, 77, of Verona, NY, died Oct 16. Ken and his family worked with the harness horses when he was growing up. Later he became a cost accountant at Camden Wire. After 35 years, he left to become a dealer with the Turning Stone Casino Resort. He and his wife campaigned several horses throughout the years. He was member of the Verona United Methodist Church where he helped with the Food Pantry.

Harry Gartatzoghian, 97, of Worcester, MA, died Oct 16. Harry was a proud WWII veteran who diligently maintained the Quinsigamond Village War Memorial. He passionately enjoyed owning and training trotters throughout his life and spending his days at the farm in Foxboro.



Perry Edward Lambert, 62, of Lebanon, OH, died Oct 20. Perry owned, trained and drove harness horses. He retired from Station Hill where he worked in maintenance.



Eric Ledford, 50, died. Eric began his harness racing career working for his father, Sheldon, at Lebanon Raceway. He struck out on his own and began driving regularly in 1990. In 2002, he drove Chip Chip Hooray to victory in the Hambletonian and won three Breeders Crown championships with Eternal Camnation.

Winston Lineweaver, 79, of Marydel, VA, died Sep 24. Winston drove and trained harness horses at the various Mid-Atlantic tracks, the Pennsylvania fairs, and Colonial Downs. More recently, he and his wife, Eileen, trained and raced their horses in Woodstock. They



bought the Marydel farm in 1994. Their daughter, Joyce, is a Pennsylvania trainer and daughter, Doris, is the Director of Racing at Shenandoah Downs.

Duane Meyer Lowe, 88, of Malta, OH, died July 29. Duane spent six decades in the harness racing industry as a driver, trainer and owner. Duane's grandkids, Brady Clemens and Vada Clemens, along with their Dad Casey, carry on the family tradition of racing.

Dennis K. "Rock" Nickells, 79, died Oct 11. Rock was a local singer, entertainer and Elvis Presley impersonator. He left this world to travel to the real Graceland, the one to come. Dennis grew up around harness horses and traveled as a caretaker with Grand Circuit Horses. He spent his later years maintaining the grounds at the Sunset Ranch in Vernon. The Kings greatest hit was "Return to Sender" and that's what you have done. Rest well our friend.



Larry Bradford "Brad" Price, 81, of Carrollton, IL, died Sep 26. Brad owned and trained harness horses and was a grain, livestock and dairy farmer for many years. He really loved making people laugh and leaving them with a smile.



Daniel H. Radzinski, 82, formerly of Albion, NY, died Oct 21. Daniel served as a racing official with the New York State Racing and Wagering Board, was a former co-owner of the H&A Superette in Gaines, and was an avid and accomplished bowler. He was a member of Holy Family Parish and was a member of the Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree.



Tom Shaw, 70, of Meadow Lands, PA died Oct 5. Tom grew up around the horses on L Star Farm. He trained and drove his own stable of horses until about 10 years ago when he got sick. His sons then took over the business. However, Tom never missed watching his horses race on TV. The last race he watched was an hour before he died. His sons Jason and Christopher continue to race at the Meadows.



Elizabeth "Betty" Hunter Stewart, 100, died Sep 29. Betty volunteered extensively in the Lexington area, especially as a Master Gardener. In the 1950s she hosted a local TV show called "The Magic Garden Lady." She enjoyed being outside and mowed her lawn and used her weed-eater to trim until she was in her mid-90s. The Stewart family was immersed in harness racing. The Stewarts' sons, Tom Jr., John, Bob, Steve and Mike, all gravitated to careers in Standardbred racing and breeding. Steve and his wife, Cindy, own and operate Hunterton Farm. Bob is a trainer and Mike is a veterinarian.

There is nothing more important than
Your Eternal Salvation

Kirk Cameron

Obituaries

Norman Bradbury, 87, of Indiantown, FL, died Oct 3. Norman had a short accounting career before becoming a harness racing trainer and driver campaigning on the Maritime circuit. In the mid-1970s, he moved his stable to Bay State Raceway and Rockingham where he began training for the Gray Brothers of Providence, R.I. Stormin Norman, as he is called, retired from racing at Monticello four years ago.



Yves Breton, 85, of Pompano Beach, FL, died Sep 10. Yves began his training and driving career in 1966. He was a leading trainer at Saratoga in 1978 when he took a break from racing to start a landscaping business in Florida. Before returning to the sport eight years later, Yves became a born-again Christian. He says, "I know it works. The power of God is stronger than anything else. He helped me with my family problems. He cured my high blood pressure and saved me from death when I was run over by a loose horse." Thanks to his strong beliefs, Yves tithed 10% of his earnings to CHHA.



Branch Buxton, 68, died Sep 20. Branch was the son of the late Hall of Fame Immortal Richard "Dick" Buxton. He followed his father into harness racing and won 1,267 races as a driver.

Donald Robert Brown, 85, of Henry, IL, died Oct 8. Donald was a blacksmith since his early teens. He owned, trained and drove in fair races and amateur races. His stable at the Marshall-Putnam fairgrounds was his second home until his retirement. Donald was a long-time blacksmith at Buffalo and Batavia Downs.

Donald R Codey Jr, 76, of Selbyville, DE, died Sep 26. Don was a racing executive and coach. While he was Assistant Director of the New Jersey Racing Commission, he was instrumental in creating the established rules and regulations for simulcasting in America and Canada. Over the years he was General Manager at Rosecroft Raceway, Presiding Judge at The Meadowlands and President of Freehold Raceway. He was a member and usher at St. Luke and St. Andrew Catholic Church.



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Sources for obituary information include:

www.ustrotting.com and www.Standardbredcanada.ca

Prayer Corner

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

Lynn Antonelli, Lew Arsenault, Emily Bier, Debbie Boardman, Amy Bondon, Jeanne Duso Boudot, Georgianna Brocco, Jana Brocco, Gary Bryant, Lore Burke, Rick Carson, Barbara Carter, Karen Carter, Sam Castimore, Candice Coleman, Barbara Connors, Joe Crothers, Thomas Daniel, Mike Deeters, Ashley Dennon-Coen, Barbara Dinning, Maryanne Doherty, Jerry Eby, Chaplain Tom Farley, Francine Federici, Tiffany Fisher, Sarah Gehman, Rodney Grady, Pastor Bill Grant, Margaret Groce, Remi Gunn, Marilyn Hankins, Rose Hennessey, Morris Hoagland, Glenda Holloway, Layla Hundertpfund, Betty James, Rita Jacobs, Jennifer Jugg, AJ Keaton, Donnie Knight, David Kovach, Larry Lederman, Rox Liles, Anabelle Lisi, Tommy Long, Kevin Mack, Ricky Macomber, Nelson Malin, Wilma Mattuci, Joyceann McClelland, Meagan McKee, Mrs Miller, Frank Mirahmadi, Lalya Mosley, Linda Moyer, Corey Murphy, Howard Niels, Pierre Noel, Jay O'Neil, John Panetta, Carol Parker, Dee Parsons, Margie Polhamus, Valerie Prescott, Leigh Raymer, Robyn Rembleski, Emily Roper, Daren Richner, Julie Schwartz, Del Smart, Larry Smith, Roger Smith, Doug Stringer, Jimmy Takter, Bobbi Tanner, Jack Taylor, Carrie Thompson, Gary Tyron, Brittanty Vondenhuevel, Fred Ward, Sr, Roland Wardel, Kate Williams, John Wing, Steve Wiseman, Marty Woebkenberg, Allan Wright, Joyce Zeasapolowski.

These friends are also in need of our ongoing prayers:

Jason Apperti, Jordan Aracena, Ken Bartels, Rick Beinhauer, Gary Bennett, Peter Blood, Marilyn Bondon, Stephanie Bouchard, Danny Breton, Yves Breton, Betsy Brown, Kevin Burns, Mary Burton, Bob Cain, Carol Ann Case, Thelma Chrisman, Mary Clements, Joan Collins, Anthony Coletta, Bev Crane, Chet Crane, Karen Crothers, Jim Ferguson, Scott Freck, Sylvain Gagnon, Greg

Gehman, Dr Howard Gill, Bob Goth, Barbara and Brent Graham, Debbie Gray, Jimmy Hart, Joyce Hart, Bob Hilliard, Vickie Howard, Bob Jones, Ruby Hensley, Miguel Hernandez, Paul and Mrs Hershey, Carol Heusinkveld, Trudy Hite, Jerry Hissam, John Hostler, Jason Hughes, Jesse Hughes, Don James, Kenny Kane, Dave Kelly, Michael Klark, Victor Kiss, Larry Lawter, Ray Levay, Sam Lilli, Art Lisi, Jr, Katherine Lonager, Sharon Lowell, Faye Mackey, Terry Mahar, Joanne Maiorca, Pedro Martinez, Jr, Cheryl Mauran, Dean Miller, Peg Miller, Raymond Miller, Nancy Miner, Mike Murphy, Doug Nash, Elaine Parlin, Ronnie Parker, Waverly Parsons, Susan Parks, Doc Parry, Louise Pelletier, Donna Phillips, Rita Polese, Noreen Paulen, Art Plant, Frank Profaci, Joanne Ranger, Del Richards, Donnie Richards, Ray Romanetti, Tori Scott, Jody Sexton, Tom Shaw, Delma Smart, Madisyn Smith, Brad Strawser, Lee Anne Taylor, Carol Tebo, Marsh Townley, Lorraine Truitt, Charlotte Truitt, Phillip Truitt, Mel Turcott, Justin Vance, Barry Vicroy, Steve Warner, Reggie Welch, Jr, Charles Weiss, Lucille Wick, Alice Williams, Anne Winters.

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 Petruzzo, Sgt David Thomas, and Elizabeth Welch.

Special Intentions for this month:

Karen Carter's cancer numbers are way up. She continues dialysis and is now on Hospice.
 Arianne DeVita was diagnosed with placenta previa.
 Nancy DeVita fractured her wrist.
 Danny Daniel is dealing with health issues.
 Gail Livings has lung cancer.
 Marion Sumph has lung cancer.
 Jack Taylor split his eye lid requiring stitches.
 Lucille wick has macular degeneration in both eyes.
 Ken Wood's Tanzania team is performing 500 eye surgeries.

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My Moriah Races for Christ

By Loretta Jones

The minute I saw Moriah, I knew she was going to be something special. Those long legs seemed to go on forever. Bob calls them race legs. Originally we named her "Sparkling Desire." One day as I was reading about Moses walking up Mount Moriah, I knew. I found out Moriah meant Mountain of God. The next day I sent in paperwork to change her name to "My Moriah."

She had a rough start in her young career but with the patience and knowledge of Merv Chupp, her trainer, and especially with God answering the prayers of many, she has turned into this magnificent race horse. Bob and I pray for her every time she races that she races to the Glory of God no matter where she finishes.

Thank you for your encouragement and especially your prayers. It is a pleasure to be part of this special program, **Racing for Christ**.

Sincerely, Bob and Loretta Jones

Note: Your horse can Race for Christ too!

Contact Chaplain Lee



The Gift of Giving

By Chaplain Sam Spence

Two brothers farmed together. They lived in separate houses on the family farm, but met each day in the fields to work together. One brother married and had a large family. The other lived alone. Still, they divided the harvest from the fields equally.

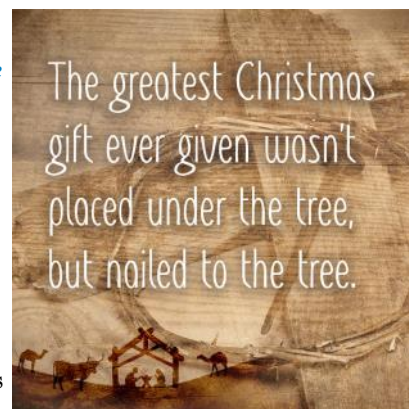
One night the single brother thought, *My brother is struggling to support a large family, but I get half of the harvest.* With love in his heart, he gathered a box of things he had purchased from his earnings -- items he knew would help his brother's family. He planned to slip over to his brother's shed, unload the basket there, and never say a word about it.

That same night, the married brother thought, *My brother is alone. He doesn't know the joys of a family.* Out of love, he decided to take over a basket with a quilt and homemade bread and preserves to warm his brother's house. He planned to leave the items on his porch and never say a word.

As the brothers stealthily made their way toward each other's house, they bumped into one another. They were forced to admit to what they were doing, and there in the darkness, they cried and embraced, each man realizing that his greatest wealth was a brother who respected and loved him.

Remember, we make a living by what we get -- we make a life by what we give.*

*God's Devotional Book



Merry Christmas