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God's Love on
Valentine's Day

Names

By Chaplain Lee Alphen

Names are important. We spend lots of time picking out names for our horses and kids. Those of us who consider our cats and dogs part of the family also try to find the perfect name for them.

If a horse has Beach, Cam or Adios in its name, we give it a second look and assume it has some good bloodlines. Of course, Rambling Willie turned out to be a good solid racehorse who took his lifetime mark at seven in spite of many obstacles. He retired with earnings of over two million dollars when he was 13. Considering that he raced back in the 70s, he did very well.

An article by Melanie Svoboda in one of my devotionals reminded me that the good guys in the old westerns gave their horses great names while the bad guys mistreated their horses and didn't bother naming them at all.

We read in scripture about several people named by God before they were born—Isaac, Solomon, John the Baptist and Jesus, to name a few. They all had important roles to play in salvation history.

So what's in a name. Faith Hawes and her brother Philip Truitt bring the Spirit of the Lord to the Delaware Fairgrounds backstretch tent during our Jug Week Prayer breakfast. God surely hears and can't help but respond to their praise music. It sure causes us to lift our hearts and minds to the Lord.

Was it God who encouraged Faith's

mother to name her daughter Faith? It certainly was a tribute to the faith in God that saw her through raising her family in very difficult circumstances. She was a godly woman who always put God first and loved her family. Imagine, every time anyone in the house addressed Faith, everyone there was reminded to have faith in God.

"The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him" (Genesis 2:18). God created the wild animals, birds and livestock and brought all of them to Adam who named them (Genesis 2:19). It is nice to see that, when God created the animals, they were expected to live in relationship with Adam and be a help to him.

God gives us our pets to be part of our families. Our race horses are certainly a help to us in business. However, just as for Adam, we also need companions more like ourselves. God realized this and created Eve. God intends all of us to have people in our lives. God gives us spouses, other family members and friends to share life's experiences, burdens and joys. "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1).

I came across a quote by Dustin Bengé.

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Do you realize just how much power is in the name of Jesus?... When you speak it, demons have to flee! You have that access! Use it.

ISAAC PITTMAN



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"God never calls his children names: Loser, Failure, Useless, Stupid ... God calls His children: Beloved, Heirs, Disciples, Redeemed ... We will do well to remember when people speak ill of us, the names God calls us are the ones that really matter."

What about the name Jesus? The apostle Paul tells us we should think like Jesus who, even though He was God, chose to serve others and obeyed His Father in heaven. He came to earth for a purpose, to pay the price for our sins. It cost Him an enormous amount of suffering and humiliation and, finally, His life. But, yes, Jesus went through with it all, even death on a cross just so we could live forever with Him in heaven (2 Philippians 5-8).

Paul goes on to say, "That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (2 Philippians 9-11).

There was a wild man living in the cemetery who had an impure spirit and was constantly crying out and cutting himself with stones. Then, the man saw Jesus and ran to him, fell on his knees and shouted, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In God's name don't torture me!" (Mark 5:1-7).

"Then Jesus asked him, 'What is your name?' (Mark 5:9). 'My name is Legion,' he replied, 'for we are many.' And he begged Jesus again and again not to send them out of the area" (Mark 5:10). They asked Jesus to send them into a herd of nearby pigs. When He did, the pigs ran down the hill and drowned. The man, now free of the evil spirits, wanted to go with Jesus (Mark 5:12-13).

The name Jesus is powerful. When we are tempted and call out to Jesus, He gives us the strength to resist and the devil flees (James:4:7). When we are sad, lonely or in need of help with whatever we are doing and call on Jesus, He will come to our aid.

The names we use are important. Let's remember to call others by names that please God and to treat them as people God put in our lives for a purpose—a good purpose.

Remember the name of Jesus—Emanuel, "which means God with us" (Matthew 1:23).

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Blessings from God

From Greg Gehman...

Sarah went through 20 radiation treatments like a champ. She is cancer free although they don't say that until five years have passed.

From Chris McKee...

Meagan had surgery Wednesday afternoon to untethered her spinal cord from the scar tissue in hopes of giving her back some leg strength. So far she is experiencing some positive results. Still early but she is able to move the left leg better and was able to get up today and walk (with her walker) down the hall. She is hopeful and that is so good to see. We have the best prayer warriors and I can feel their strength holding us up. Thank you. God is Good. Chris

From Dr E. Wesley Parry...

I'm doing fine. The God we serve is so great. Not sure I told u whole story but after my MRI and biopsy I was supposed to have my pancreas, spleen and gallbladder removed. The doctor came before surgery and I gave him a Bible he said he would cherish it. I said read it. Then told him not to be surprised with what he will see when he opens me up... well the only thing he had to remove was tail of pancreas everything else stays and I may not need to be on insulin. PTL

From Chaplain John Prescott...

Josephine Hodge was in a serious car accident where six ribs on her left side were broken and her left arm bone was severed. She was operated on and will remain in hospital for up to three months or more. They are asking for prayer because if God doesn't intervene they stand to lose their farm. I know Josephine would appreciate a card or note sent to the hospital.....St. Elizabeth Hospital, Genese St., Utica, NY, 13501.....a big thank you to all who pray.....John

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous, it does not brag, and it is not proud. Love is not rude, it is not selfish, and it cannot be made angry easily. Love does not remember wrongs done against it. Love is never happy when others do wrong, but it is always happy with the truth. Love never gives up on people. It never stops trusting, never loses hope, and never quits.



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Donnie Galbraith, 81, of St John, NB, died Dec 12. Donnie kept an immaculate barn, his horses were well looked after and always competitive. He developed many top horses for his owners. More importantly, he developed deep and long-lasting relationships with his owners. Celebrated as "Trainer of the Year" many times at his home racetracks, he was twice nominated on the national level as Canada's "Trainer of the Year."



Glenn Allen Huber, 90, died Nov 29. Glenn bred and owned Standardbreds since 1979. In 1955 he began working at the General Electric Company. In 1963 he accepted a position with Cincinnati Testing Laboratories focusing on technology critical to the NASA space program. He later purchased the company and as CEO, grew the business and sold it. He was also on the board of directors for the U.S. Trotting Association.



Alfred "Al" Thomas Letle, 67, of Haverill, MA, died Dec 17. Al worked as a Thoroughbred Jockey, Starting Gate Assistant, and Jockey's Valet at Suffolk Downs, Rockingham Park and for the majority of his career, at Laurel Racetrack. He was also an 8th Degree Black Belt. Al's wife, Lynette Bush Letle, was an important part of Chaplain Lee's ministry at Suffolk Downs.



Michael R. Lewis, 74, of Fostoria, OH, died Dec 5. Mike retired as a manager at Honeywell in 2000. He loved horse racing and owned Standardbred horses since 1983. He was a member of Sportsmen, Eagles and Moose clubs, as well as the National Rifle Association.

Tim I. Martinson, 69, of Gladwin, MI, died Nov 28. Tim was a veteran of the United States Army and a builder, businessman, auctioneer and announcer for the Michigan Harness Horseman's Association. He owned Martinson Construction and worked alongside his son for many years. Later, he followed his passion for harness racing as a full time owner, trainer and driver.



Patricia 'Patty' McIntosh, 63, of Windsor, Ontario, died Dec 9. Patty, a longtime harness racing industry participant, joined the USTA in 1987.



Dr James A. Myers, 78, of Whitestown, IN, died Nov 20. He was a doctor, mentor, prankster, Sunday School teacher, friend, and father. Dr Myers achieved his boyhood dream of becoming a cowboy. He specialized in cutting and won numerous national competitions. In recent years, he owned and trained Standardbreds. As an obstetrician-gynecologist in Indianapolis for more than 40 years, he brought thousands of babies into the world. While respected for his skill as a surgeon and in the delivery room, it was his



compassion and advocacy for his patients that distinguished him.

Charles Edward Ross, 83, of Lebanon, OH, died Nov. 27. Charles was a long-time fixture around the many Ohio pari-mutuel and county fairs and was an active owner and successful trainer/driver.

Mark P. Rowe, 56, of Urbana, OH, died Nov 25. Mark trained harness horses under the name, Rowe Brothers Stables. Mark was a member of the Troy Fish & Game, Ohio Horseman's Association and Urbana Moose. He retired from Honda in 2010.



Timothy S. Second, 46, of Plant City, FL, died Nov 30. Tim owned many Standardbred race horses. He was a regular in the Michigan harness racing scene, working at Northville Downs, Hazel Park and Saganaw Raceway. He also announced at many fairs and filled in as announcer at other racetracks. He died just two days after his 46th birthday.



Leona Joy Steven, 97, of Tuscola, IL, died Nov 29. Leona was a member of the Tuscola United Methodist Church. She was a beautiful seamstress and a phenomenal knitter. She enjoyed farming with her husband, James Wayne. Together they followed the harness racing circuit all over the country and spent their winters watching winter training in Florida.

Robert Wallace "Wally" Stickley, 78, of Urbana, OH, died Nov 15. Wally took care of the racetrack for 35-plus years at the Champaign County Fairgrounds. He enjoyed riding horses, harness racing, hunting, camping, reading, movies and playing cards.



Bo W. Takter, 84, who hails from Sweden, died Dec 7. Bo became a dominant trainer at the Swedish tracks in the late 1970s. His horsemanship skills were well known. He was regarded as a magician when it came to balancing horses and turning them into stars. He also pioneered racing horses without shoes. Bo is the father of Hall of Famer Jimmy Takter.



Greg Veit, 63, died Nov 10. Greg was the administrator of the Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund. He began working for the Ohio State Racing Commission as the OTRF administrator in 2010 after serving as a Thoroughbred horse trainer, caretaker, and valet.



Richard E. "Dick" Richardson, Jr, 72, best known as the trainer/driver of Marauder, died July 2, 2010.



Obituaries

John F. Arrowood, 79, of Dayton, OH, died Dec 1. Until his retirement in 2013, John was the owner and operator of Arrowood Upholstery in Dayton. In 1976, John purchased his first Standardbred race horse, "Maid of The Mist," that started a career as a well-known breeder and trainer for Standardbred race horses.

Carl Becker, 84, died Nov 29. In 1964 Carl took over the announcer's booth in Springfield from the late Hall of Famer, his mentor, Stan Bergstein. Soon, major tracks were seeking him out to provide his insightful calls and commentary, most notably DuQuoin, Illinois, where he called the Hambletonian and World Trotting Derby, and The Red Mile in Lexington, where he announced Niatross' historic 1:49.1 time-trial. Carl established Fair Meadow Farm in 1980 and bred the



winners of \$40 million over the course of the past four decades. Carl was a CHHA member.

Tom Cosentino, 59, of Parlin, NJ, died Nov 30. Tom began his career in 1983 as a media relations intern with his beloved New York Yankees. From publicity director at Yonkers Raceway to working championship boxing and launching the Ted Williams Card Company, his diverse practice spanned sports and events to, later, public affairs. He was uplifted by his devout Roman Catholic faith.

Frenchmen "Frenchy" Fuller, 76, of Marysville, OH, died Dec 5. Frenchy was a proud owner of a pallet business for 28 years. He was also a longtime horseman who owned and trained Standardbreds and, in his earlier years, enjoyed driving as well.



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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, 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, Katie Folkins, 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, Julie Kerr, 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 Nields, 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, Gary Bennett, Peter Blood, Marilyn Bondon, Stephanie Bouchard, Danny Breton, Betsy Brown, Kevin Burns, Mary Burton, Bob Cain, Carol Ann Case, Thelma Chrisman, Mary Clements, Joan Collins, Anthony Coletta, 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, 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, Greggiewelch, 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 Petrullo, Sgt David Thomas, and Elizabeth Welch.

Special Intentions for this month:

Keith Audra, is awaiting prostate biopsy results.

Lori Burke's cancer spread to her lymph nodes.

Chaplain Ken Carter has severe arthritic back problems.

Arienne DeVita is hospitalized until she has her baby.

Anna Farley is dealing with bleeding ulcers.

Lloyd has severe arthritis making his work as a plumber difficult.

Loveda Finley is recovering from wrist surgery,

Josephine Hodge was hurt badly in a car accident.

All affected by tragedies in Oxford, MI and Kenosha, WI.

All affected by the Nova Scotia barn fire.

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God's Kind of Love

By Chaplain Sam Spence

We use the word *love* to describe an array of feelings and subjects . . . all the way from our passion for peanut butter to a deep emotion about our mate for life. Possibly more songs have been written about love than any other subject. "Love is a Many Splendored Thing" is one that comes to mind; yet very few of these songs, or definitions, come close to the Greek word for love which is used in the Bible – *agape*, the God kind of love.



It's a love that's all giving, as our scripture below so exemplifies. It's a love without strings attached. It's a love that keeps no record of wrongs and shortcomings. It's a love of second chances, and thirds, and fourths, etc., etc. It's a love that accepts you exactly as you are, but is never willing to leave you that way. It's a love that never manipulates or controls; it manifests by invitation only – yours or someone praying for you.

A literal translation of *agape* means: to value, hold in high regard, and consider precious. (This is exactly how God feels about you!)

God's love is all this, as well as being the most powerful force in the universe.

Scripture: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." *John 3:16*



*May the angels
lead you into paradise*
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