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**"It is for Freedom
that Christ
has set us Free."**
Galatians 5:1

Navigating Home

By Chaplain Lee Alphen

The navigation systems on our phones and in our cars are a great invention. GPS navigation combines signals from satellites with maps and other technologies to guide us to our destinations. Before GPS driving to new tracks and breeding farms with a map spread open on my lap or on the seat next to me was never fun. Then, when I missed a turn, it was a challenge to turn the truck and trailer around, and backtrack to where I went wrong. GPS makes it so much easier, but it is not perfect. Certainly I'm not the only one whom Google dead-ended in the woods or guided to a place many miles away from where they wanted to go.

Other GPSs have also taken me off course. My old Garmin could not find some of the addresses. My niece likes Waze, which has also led me astray. The most important thing is for us to know the way home. For that there is only one set of instructions to follow. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life" (John 14:6).

By uniting our lives with Christ, we are united with God (John 14:20). When we trust Jesus to take us to the Father, we have the benefits of being God's children. Some children are born into wealthy families and have everything money can buy. Horses in good stables or with the best bloodlines are privileged too. The benefits of being a child of God are out of this world. (John 1:12)

Kids often pick up the mannerisms, values and morals of their parents. When we choose to live as a child of God, seeking to do God's will, we "will receive whatever you ask for in prayer" (Matthew 21:22).

It is a big shortcoming of the GPS is that it cannot guide us to our most important destination, our true home. Are you a citizen of the United States, Canada, Mexico, or another country?



Perhaps you have dual citizenship. Actually, our true citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:20).

Jesus gave us the gift of peace—peace of mind and heart—in a way the world can never give it to us (John 14:27). Neither can the world take this peace away from us. I know beyond a shadow of a doubt that God's got our backs. Whatever happens here on earth we will get through with His help when our focus is on listening to Jesus and following Him. Then, when our time on earth is over, He will take us to heaven, our true home where everything is perfect.

Jesus came and lived life on earth as a human being. Now He wants us to experience life as it is in heaven (Matthew 6:10). Peace. No trouble. No worries. Just trust in God. Jesus is the way.

Blessings from God

From Bob Miller, Jr...

Thank you for everyone's prayers. I was released (from the hospital) ** I do have a blood clot in my arm. Doctors are hoping to dissolve it. My leg pain is phlebitis. Thank You God for blessing me and my family and all my dear prayer partners. ♥ my love to all. God bless. I have Jesus as my best physician. Amen.

From Mary Taylor...

Back in January I asked for prayers for our church organist, Vicki Highers. She had to have her lower left leg removed due to infection. She surprised us by having one of her daughters bring her to church the Sunday after Ash Wednesday. A dear friend has loaned the Church an electric key board and Vicki is back providing live music every Sunday. The first Sunday, she played one could tell she was so happy to be playing music again. She now comes with her prosthesis, but she does use a wheelchair. Every Sunday she has a big smile on her face. We are so blessed to have her share her musical talent (gift) with us. She is true witness for God.

John Wing and his sister, Mary Beth Wing were in the area for a medical appointment in Boston. John's cancer has returned. They joined me in church one morning. It was a real blessing to see them and to pray with them. Please pray for successful treatment and a speedy and complete cancer free recovery for John.



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

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 In memory of **Ross Siddall** by: Jo-Dee Brown
 In memory of **Larry Tinch** by: Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association
 In memory of **Tom Wilburn** by: Lavern Miller
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The Magic Bank Account

Author Unknown

This article was found in the billfold of Alabama Coach Paul Bear Bryant after he died in 1982.

Imagine that you had won the following *PRIZE* in a contest: Each morning your bank would deposit \$86,400 in your private account for your use. However, this prize has Rules:

The set of Rules:

1. Everything that you didn't spend during each day would be taken away from you.
2. You may not simply transfer money into some other account.
3. You may only spend It.
4. Each morning upon awakening, the bank opens your account with another \$86,400 for that Day.
5. The bank can end the game without warning; at any time, it can say, "Game Over!" It can close the account and you will not receive a new one.

What would you personally Do? You would buy anything and everything you wanted right? Not only for yourself, but for all the people you love and care for. Even for people you don't know, because you couldn't possibly spend it all on yourself, right? You would try to spend every penny, and use it all, because you knew it would be replenished in the morning, right?

ACTUALLY, This GAME is REAL. Shocked ??? YES! Each of us is already a winner of this *PRIZE*. We just can't seem to see it. The PRIZE is *TIME*

1. Each morning we awaken to Receive 86,400 seconds as a gift of Life.
2. And when we go to sleep at Night, any remaining time is Not credited to us.
3. What we haven't used up that Day is forever lost.
4. Yesterday is forever Gone.
5. Each morning the account is Refilled, but the bank can dissolve your account at any time WITHOUT WARNING.

SO, what will YOU do with your 86,400 seconds? Those seconds are worth so much More than the same amount in dollars.

Think about it and remember to enjoy every second of your life, because time races by so much quicker than you think. So, take care of yourself, be happy, love deeply and enjoy life!

Here's wishing you a wonderful and beautiful day. Start spending....

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Frank N. Consiglio, 74, of Chicago, IL, died April 30. Frank owned, trained and drove harness horses and made life-long connections across the country in the horse racing industry. He loved spending time with family and friends.

Theodore Wesley "Wes" Fisher, 85, of Middletown, NY and Montague, NJ, died April 27. For many years, Wes owned and operated several businesses in the northern New Jersey area. The most prominent was Rozewood Pet Foods located in Montague, N.J. which served many horse farms in the tri-state area. Wes was instrumental in the development, construction and management of the Mark Ford Training Center in Middletown, N.Y., where he operated his feed business for the last several years.

Stanley Oscar Hathaway Jr., 81, of Greenville, NC, died May 12. Stanley owned, trained and drove Standardbreds throughout his life. After traveling the world with the United States Navy, he continued his adventurous career as an owner of two motorcycle dealerships. He had a passion for racing, especially sports cars, motorcycles, dirt bikes, boats, and horses. Later, he built, developed and owned a marina where he raced sailboats.



William "Rick" Hartman, 64, of Tarlton, OH, died April 29. Rick was second trainer for his father in the Billy Jack stable where he broke and trained many nice horses. Later, Rick and his wife, Tami, owned, bred, and raced their own trotters. Tami served as second trainer for the stable. Their daughter, Kaitlin, joined them making the Hartman stable a truly family affair. When a driver sat behind one of Rick's trainees, they knew it would be well-mannered, rigged right, and ready to go.



Charles "Jack" LeDiard, 80, of Grove City, OH, died April 19. Jack was a union sheet metal worker. He drove and trained Standardbreds with his wife, Vickie, for 38 years. He loved harness racing and traveling to the county fairs and raceways. Jack was a strong willed, independent man who lived life on his own terms. He enjoyed and appreciated the simple things in life. His daughter, Becky Burchett, is a CHHA member.



Alex Michael LaFontaine, 25, of Galena, MD, died April 29 as the result of an automobile accident. He furthered his education at Frostburg University and worked as a horse trainer at Winbak Farm for the past four years. He enjoyed NASCAR, wrestling and horses. His parents, Moe and Jennifer, both own Standardbreds. Moe is a trainer, driver, starter and patrol judge. Jennifer is a presiding judge.



David Curtis Lough, 61, of Mechanicsburg, OH, died May 10. Together with his wife, Amy, father, son and

brother, David, owned, trained and drove Standardbreds. After earning a degree in Sports Science, he coached high school baseball and softball. He owned a pizza shop, worked for I-Supply as a salesman and worked 26 years for the State of Ohio Madison Correctional Institution. He was a member of the River of Life Christian Center.



Randy McCown, 63, died May 5. Randy was the Farm Manager at Blue Moon Rising Standardbred Breeding Farm in upstate, NY. He has been a USTA member since 2002. Randy was also an accomplished welder.

Nick Mouw, 69, of Crete, IL, died. He was an Iowa native and a regular on the Buffalo/Batavia circuit until he and his mother moved to the Chicago area where he campaigned a small stable until 1995. He left the horse business, but eventually returned as a farrier for the last five years. He was the son of the late Nick and Edith Mouw, both lifelong trainers and drivers.

Ross "Rosco" Siddall, 81, died May 2. Ross lived a fulfilling life devoted to his family and horses. Working as a blacksmith for 65 years, his work ethic was nothing short of extraordinary. He spent his free time outdoors surrounded by his beloved animals. Ross's son, Ryan, is CHHA member, Jo-Dee Brown's blacksmith.



Larry Virgil Tinch, 67, of Franklin, OH, died May 8. Larry was an owner, trainer, and driver of harness horses. He also enjoyed golfing and playing cards.



Rose G Travis, 83, of Galloway, OH, died May 11. Rose and her husband, Gib, maintained the snack bar in the Scioto Downs race paddock. She was also the race secretary for the Franklin County Fair for numerous years.

George Harrison Walters, 86, of Gloversville, NY, died May 4. George worked at General Electric in Schenectady, NY. He spent 40 years as an owner and trainer of Standardbreds with a stable at Saratoga Raceway. During the 1980s he established Bahia Mar Acres, a 100-acre boarding and broodmare farm in Broadalbin.



Tom Wilburn, II, 96, of Smith Oaks, MS, died July 27, 2015. After serving in the Army Air Corp during World War II, he returned to farming at Smith Oaks. He became a harness horse trainer and driver, a successful commercial cattle farmer and was named Mississippi Cattleman of the year in 1991. He was well known as an artist, story teller and colorful personality. Dr. Jeannine K. Smith wrote and published the book, "Tales of Tom Wilburn."



Obituaries

Elmer N. Ballard, 87, of Gorham, ME, died April 28. Elmer owned a convenience store and worked in the Hartland Tannery. He also bought wood lots and cut wood for a living. He owned, trained and drove Standardbreds in Maine at Lewiston, Scarborough Downs, and several fair tracks. Elmer was recently inducted into the New England Harness Writers Association Hall of Fame.



Dr. J. Glen Brown, 88, died May 13. He was veterinarian for the fledgling ABC Farms started by Elgin and Ted Armstrong in Brampton, Ont. He would go on to become General Manager, President and eventually Chairman of the Board of the world-class breeding facility in Inglewood, Ont. He retired from the Armstrong Board in 2005 after nearly 47 years with the company. He



was a member of the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame and U.S. Harness Racing Hall of Fame and served on various racing commissions, and horse racing organizations.

Dana Ward Childs, 71, of Westbrook, ME, died May 4. Dana followed in the steps of his family, starting with his great-grandmother, Josephine Hendrickson, his grandfather, Dana E. Childs, and his father, Dana White Childs, pursuing a career as an owner/trainer/driver of Standardbreds. After raising their children, Dana and his late wife, Sandi, built their dream horse farm, Dansan Farm, in Saco, ME, close to Scarborough Downs.



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Sources for Obituary information include:

www.ustrotting.com, www.harnesslink.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, Dianne Boyken, 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, Cody Greeno, 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, Nelson Miller, Frank Mirahmadi, Lalya Mosley, Linda Moyer, Corey Murphy, Howard Nields, Pierre Noel, Jay O'Neil, John Panetta, Carol Parker, Dee Parsons, Misti Parsons, Margie Polhamus, Valerie Prescott, Leigh Raymer, Robyn Rembleski, Peter Reynolds, Emily Roper, Daren Richner, Julie Schwartz, Del Smart, Larry Smith, Roger Smith, Doug Stringer, Jimmy Takter, Bobbi Tanner, Jack Taylor, 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, Anna Farley, 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, Ryan Stahl, Brad Strawser, Lee Anne Taylor, Carol Tebo, Marsh Townley, Lorraine Truitt, Charlotte Truitt, Phillip Truitt, Mel Turcott, Justin Vance, Barry Vicroy, Steve Warner, Greggie 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, Chris Petruccio, Sgt David Thomas, Elizabeth Welch and Nigel Willabus.

Special Intentions for this month:

Steven Beauregard has health problems.
 Brian has an alcohol problem and can't find a job.
 Bob Jones is being treated for tongue cancer.
 Brett & Fena McNeil are pregnant. They recently lost an infant.
 Larry & Carolyn Pike are facing many health challenges.
 Peter Reynolds' cancer is acting up again.
 Denise Riley has health issues.
 Lorraine Truitt has severe depression, and someone has been stealing from her. Would like prayers for strength.
 Nigel Willabus is serving in the armed forces in Poland.
 John Wing's cancer has returned.
 Pray for COVID patients and their caregivers.

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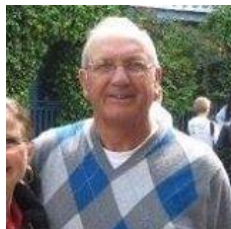
By *Chaplain Sam Ed Spence*

A solid bay Quarter Horse gelding who stands about 14-1 hands, Smarty (registered name, Hickory Smart) is the love of my wife's life when it comes to horses. Marge won five saddles and over 25 buckles in team penning and ranch sorting in the 6-7 years she competed on Smarty throughout Texas and Oklahoma. They were a formidable team.

Due to back surgery and a hip replacement, Marge had to quit riding a little over four years ago. She's starting to get back in the saddle again, but even if she doesn't make it back to the competition arena on Smarty (now 22), that little bay gelding will remain on the Spence spread until he takes his last blade of grass. Smarty is family. And even though this little Quarter Horse often provokes me by not allowing me to catch him in the pasture (I have to hem him up in a stall to get a halter or bridle on him), he's still family. Marge is the only one who can catch Smarty in the pasture, although I'm the one who feeds him out there every morning! If you are a born-again child of God, you're family. And even if you have some undesirable habits (even some addictions you're struggling with), you're still part of the family of God...and don't let the devil or anyone else tell you any different!

You are, and will always be, the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus (see scripture below). This righteousness (right-standing with God) did not come about via your performance or by keeping all the rules and regulations; it came about through the

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Smarty continued

work of a sinless Jesus Christ going to the cross, becoming your sin, paying the price for your sin, and then exchanging your sin for His righteousness. This was a totally *free* gift that was never *earned* by your performance...and can never be *lost* by a bad performance. You are still in the family, and you will remain there forever.

Even though Smarty "misses the mark" and provokes me at times, he's still in the family. So are you.

Scripture: For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. II Corinthians 5:21

Jug Prayer Breakfast Wednesday, September 21, 2022

Join us in the Hospitality tent across from the Log Cabin at 7:30 AM Wednesday, September 21st for a **FREE** breakfast.



Breeder Jeff Stacy is sure to inspire us with another great message. Everyone enjoyed his country preaching style at our 2017 breakfast.

Jeff Stacy



Faith Hawes and the Truitt Family singers will help us praise the Lord with their angelic voices.

Left: The Truitt Family Singers