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Andrew A. Bonar

God's Second Choice

By Chaplain Lee Alphen

Have you ever lost horses to another trainer because you didn't do something the owner wanted? Or have you taken your horses away from a trainer who didn't do as you asked? You may have left someone you trusted to handle something for you and were very disappointed when they let you down. It is always sad to be either person.

Samuel delivered God's message to Saul, telling him to "go, attack the Amalekites and totally destroy all that belongs to them" (1 Samuel 15:3 NIV). This was because God didn't want to lose His people to the ways of nonbelievers.

Saul "took Agag king of the Amalekites alive. [...] Saul and the army spared Agag and the best of the sheep and cattle, the fat calves and lambs" (1 Samuel 15:8,9 NIV). They spared everything they thought was good. Saul blamed the soldiers for going against God and said his plan was to take the best of the plunder to offer as a sacrifice to God (1 Samuel 15:8-9, 15).

Evidently Saul thought he knew better than God what should be done and did not want to lose face with his soldiers whom he blamed. God was not at all happy with Saul. In fact, He was so unhappy, He rejected Saul as king and sent Samuel to Jesse of Bethlehem to anoint one of his sons as king (1 Samuel 16:1).

Jesse presented his seven oldest sons to Samuel but God rejected them all. Finally, at Samuel's urging they brought young David in from pasturing the sheep. The Lord told Samuel David was the one so Samuel anointed him with oil (1 Samuel 16:1-13).

God's spirit left Saul and an evil

spirit tormented him (1 Samuel 16:14). That can happen when we go against God. We don't always understand why God would want things done a certain way. However, God sees the big picture. We don't know all God knows.

We are sad when things don't work out with those we trust, especially when we know how great the opportunities would have been for that person if they had done as we asked. Perhaps we saw the big picture and because they didn't; they chose a different path.

About 700 years before Christ, the Israelites and their leaders disobeyed God by worshiping other gods and doing other things against God's commands. They even worshiped Baal and "sacrificed their sons and daughters in the fire. They practiced divination and sought omens and sold themselves to do evil in the eyes of the Lord, arousing his anger" (2 Kings 17:17 NIV). Because the Israelites disobeyed God, Hoshea the king of Assyria was able to capture Samaria and exile the Israelites to Assyria.

David was not God's first choice. But when His first choice failed Him, David stepped up and became a man after God's own heart because he did as God asked (1 Samuel 13:14). David was not perfect, but he owned up to his mistakes when he was in the wrong, turned back to God and accepted correction and punishment.

We are not perfect either and may not be God's first choice in a particular situation. But that really does not matter. What is important is that we do our best to follow God's instructions and, when we mess up, to own up to our mistakes, apologize to God and resume doing God's will as best we can. We may be happily surprised where this takes us.

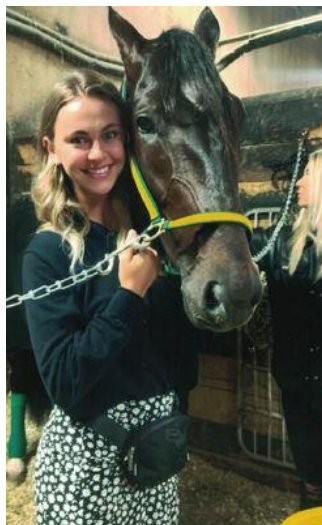
CHHA Scholars

Lexi Twaddle was awarded a CHHA scholarship to continue her Biology - Pre-Med studies with minors in Psychology and business. Her goal is to become a perfusionist which means she would be in charge of oxygenation of the blood during open heart surgery and would also control all the equipment and machines.

Lexi says, "Standing up for what's right has always been huge for me. Grade 6 through my senior year, I was president of my class." She was on the freshman senate and was also elected to the sophomore senate.

She is a member of her school's soccer team and is involved with various clubs and other extracurricular activities such as food drives and training kids. With her busy schedule at school, she still takes time to jog horses and do barn chores for her dad.

Pastor Joe DiDonato thinks very highly of Lexi and her family. They are all a tremendous help to him and his ministry at the Meadows.



Pictured above is 2022 CHHA Scholar, David Justice, with his parents, Laurie and Roy Justice at the Delaware County Fairgrounds Jug week. David graduated from Farrier school and is now shoeing horses. Congratulations David!

Help for CHHA

Rev. Bob and Christine Holet joined us for our Jug Prayer Breakfast and at our booth at the Delaware County Fairgrounds Jug week. Bob is praying about how he can best help CHHA.



Blessings from God

Steven Beauregard

Steven thanks you for your prayers. He is doing well and has his life on track now. He has turned to God, is praying and reading his Bible. Praise God!

From Jo-Dee Brown...

For almost two years we have prayed for the health of a young mom and horseman's family member. Julie Kerry was diagnosed with cancer. After surgeries, radiation and treatments today she had her last of 22 chemo treatments. It is hopeful that with continued prayers she will be declared cancer free in the future.

God is good! Jo-Dee

From Paul Molnar's family...

Paul came through his surgery really well. When he goes back to the doctor we will know if he needs to do radiation or chemo. Thank you for everything! I can't begin to tell you how much it means to me.



Sandy & Rich Thorstenson, Renee Mancino, Lee Alphen & Bob Holet at our CHHA Jug Week booth



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William "Billy" J. Perkins III, 77, of Honesdale, PA, died Aug 22. After working as a trainer and groom for a few trainers, Billy began his career as an announcer. He called the races or worked as Race Secretary at harness tracks from New England to Michigan and all points in between.



Jacob R. (JR) Ramsburg Jr, 87, died Sept 11. Jacob bred and raced Standardbreds for over 35 years. After graduating from college, he joined his family's company, Frederick Underwriters which he later purchased making it into a top insurance agency. He was a devout Christian who truly put God first, family and friends second, and himself last. He was a lifelong member of St. Paul Utica Lutheran Church and filled many leadership roles.



Lloyd E. Ranger, 89, of Falmouth, ME, formerly of Cumberland, ME, died Aug 28. Lloyd took care of the West Cumberland Methodist Church for about 30 years. He was a quiet faith filled-man who could fix anything. He was a wonderful father to his sons, New England and Florida Hall of Famer Bruce Ranger and Dennis Ranger of Georgia. Testimonies from his family, including the New England Hall of Famer Loring Norton clan, and the church congregation attested to what a remarkable man Lloyd was and the impact he had in encouraging them to trust in God.



William "Bill" Robinson, 78, of Washington CH, OH, died Aug 11. Bill served in the Washington CH Police Department where he went on to become Chief. After his retirement, he served as Executive Director for Fayette County Hospice. He and his wife also purchased and managed Johnson Insurance. He loved spending time horseback riding, deer hunting, and riding his motorcycle.



Elsie L. Romano, 90, of Barnegat, NJ, died Aug 5. Elsie and her husband, Anthony Sr, owned Standardbreds since 1980. Early on she would volunteer to sit with the family horses receiving Lasix at the track. Elsie and Anthony Sr. enjoyed afternoons at the races. She also enjoyed traveling, cooking, and hosting her family.

Bobby Franklin Saul, 82, of Astor, FL, died Aug 13. Bobby traveled throughout the United States as owner, trainer and driver of Bob Saul Racing Stable. In 1965 he started Bob Saul Painting. 16 years later he traded his paint brush for a semi tractor/trailer and started Bob Saul Trucking and retired in 2013. He attended First Baptist Church of Astor.

Michael Sapovits, 84, died Aug 14. Michael was a Journeyman track announcer. After retiring from a 32 year teaching career, he became a TV commentator on the Philadelphia Park Network before embarking earnestly on

his track announcing career, which included Ocean Downs, Buffalo Raceway, and Finger Lakes Racetrack.

Jerrold "Jerry" Spitzberg, 83, died recently. Jerry owned many horses over the years with his longtime partner, Robert Cohen, under the name Ribbonsips. Together, they owned babies, older racehorses and broodmares including stakes winners. He loved Saturday mornings mingling with horsemen at the farm followed by afternoons sitting outside watching the races at Freehold.

George (Jiggers) Wain, 76, died Sept 1. George was a great hockey player and was scouted by Chicago when he was young. Instead, he embarked on a Life-long career training and driving harness horses. He shared his passion and knowledge with his sister, Sylvia, and his nieces. His youngest great niece is a licensed trainer and now has George's colors.



Cindy Weitoish, 67, of Wapwallopen, PA, died Aug 27. Cindy owned, trained and bred harness horses. She was licensed to drive at the fairs. She had a passion for animals and funneled that energy into rescuing and supporting organizations that rescue. She enjoyed dressage, racing and riding horses, and maintaining the beautiful farm she worked so hard to build.

Lynn George Wilfong, 84, of Kentland, IN, died Sept 9.

Lynn bred, raised, trained and raced harness horses. He was happiest when he was working alongside his wife, Barbara, and their family on the farm. In 1994, the Wilfongs relocated to Kentland, near the Newton County Punkin Vine Fair, where Lynn announced the harness races for over 40 years. He was inducted into the Indiana Horse Racing Association Hall of Fame and the Indiana Standardbred Hall of Fame.



Lester J. Wright, 84, of Cochran, PA, died Sept 1. Lester and his wife, Nancy, formed Alright Stables and bred, trained and raced Standardbred Horses until his retirement. Lester along with 3 friends formed Talbar Tool and Die Corporation. He was a co-owner for 11 years.



Jerry "Skinny" David Zollo, 69, of Upper Gwynedd, PA, and earlier of Lansdale, PA, died Aug 31. His favorite hobby was Standardbred horses and, in 2021 with the help of his trainers, he created Jerry Zollo Stables, LLC. He worked for the Hatfield Post Office for over 30 years. He was responsible for creating and coaching baseball.



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Kirk Cameron

Obituaries

Martha Nichols Brown, 85, of Hillsboro Beach, FL, died Aug 13. Martha owned and operated Dunroven Stud in Lexington, KY. Her parents, Harold and Katherine Nichols, owned and operated Walnut Hall Farm for many years. She served on the USTA board and several other industry boards. She was inducted into the Kentucky Harness Horsemen's Association Hall of Fame. Martha also bred Charolais cattle and taught school.

Robert "Papa Deck" Decker, 86, of Atwater, IL, died Aug 12. Since 1958, Robert has been training and driving Standardbreds. He owned and operated Decker Racing Stables in Atwater. His horses held numerous track records at many county fairs over his lifetime.

Patricia Ann Ebersole, 86, of Chesterville, OH, died Aug 20. She was an active member of Chesterville United Methodist Church. When her father-in-law created Ebersole Downs, a quarter-mile track for miniature harness racing. She and her husband, Ernie, accompanied son Jeff and his wife, Linda, as he became a Standardbred trainer/driver. Grandsons,



Luke and Logan, became the fourth generation of the family in the business

Richard Allan Gant, 89, of Dover, DE, died Aug 30. Richard had an excavation company before embracing his "need for speed" with everything from fast cars (including one that he flipped on its roof) to speed boats to race horses. He was an owner, trainer, and driver for 25 years, who raced all over the mid-Atlantic states

Lewis R Miller, 92, of Pittsfield, NY, died Aug 10. Lewis owned, trained and bred harness horses. Recognizing a good racehorse, he purchased Blazing Dayan for \$600 from Johnny Chambers in Unadilla who had this horse pulling a manure spreader and turned him into a winner. He took over the family farm, increasing it to 100 milking cows. He was active in livestock auctions and was an auctioneer at the New Holland Sales in Pennsylvania, and in Delaware, Ohio, Morrisville, and Sugar Creek. Lewis also raced ponies, dogs and cars and owned a snowmobile business.

Sources for Obituary information include:

www.ustrotting.com, www.harnesslink.com and www.Standardbredcanada.ca

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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, Dianne Boyken, Georgianna Brocco, Jana Brocco, Gary Bryant, Lore Burke, Rick Carson, Barbara Carter, Mike Carter, Sam Castimore, Candice Coleman, Barbara Connors, Joe Crothers, Thomas Daniel, Mike Deeters, Ashley Dennon-Coen, Barbara Dinning, Scott Dube, Jerry Eby, Chaplain Tom Farley, Francine Federici, Tiffany Fisher, Katie Folkins, Teresa Hubbard Givens, Holly Graffam, Pastor Bill Grant, Cody Greeno, Margaret Groce, Rose Hennessey, Morris Hoagland, Glenda Holloway, Audrey Henry, Layla Hundertpfund, Betty James, Rita Jacobs, Bob Jones, Jennifer Jugg, AJ Keaton, Julie Kerr, Donnie Knight, David Kovach, Betsy Krantz, Larry Lederman, Rox Liles, Anabelle Lisi, Tommy Long, Kevin Mack, Ricky Macomber, Nelson Malin, Kim Maples, Wilma Mattuci, Joyceann McClelland, Nelson Miller, Frank Mirahmadi, Paul Molnar, Bob Montane, Lalya Mosley, Linda Moyer, Corey Murphy, Howard Niels, Jay O'Neil, John Panetta, Carol Parker, Margie Polhamus, Valerie Prescott, Leigh Raymer, Robyn Rembleski, Emily Roper, Daren Richner, Julie Schwartz, Del Smart, Larry Smith, Doug Stringer, Jimmy Takter, Bobbi Tanner, Jack Taylor, Brenda Tippin, Gary Tyron, Brittany Vondenhuevel, Roland Wardel, Lucille Wick, Teresa Willabus, Kate Williams, Steve Wiseman, Marty Woebkenberg, Allan Wright, Joyce Zeasapolowski.

These friends are also in need of our ongoing prayers:

Jason Apperti, Jordan Aracena, Ken Bartels, Ellen Beinhauer, Gary Bennett, John Berry, Peter Blood, Marilyn Bondon, Stephanie Bouchard, Danny Breton, Betsy Brown, Kevin Burns, Mary Burton, Bob Cain, Carol Ann Case, Thelma Chrisman, Melisa Cino, Joan Collins, Anthony Coletta, Chet Crane, Karen Crothers, Anna Farley, Scott Freck, Sylvain Gagnon, Greg

Gehman, Richie Gillock, Bob Goth, Barbara and Brent Graham, Debbie Gray, Bob Jones, Kim Hankins, Jimmy Hart, Joyce Hart, Bob Hilliard, Vickie Howard, Ruby Hensley, Miguel Hernandez, Paul and Mrs Hershey, Carol Heusinkveld, Trudy Hite, Jerry Hissam, Joyce Hollingsworth, 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, Lowell Lockhart, Katherine Lonager, Ernie Lowell, Sharon Lowell, Tommy Luchento, Faye Mackey, Terry Mahar, Joanne Maiorca, Pedro Martinez, Jr, Cheryl Mauran, Dean Miller, Peg Miller, Raymond Miller, Nancy Miner, John Morris, Mike Murphy, Doug Nash, Elaine Parlin, Ronnie Parker, Waverly Parsons, Susan Parks, Doc Parry, Donna Phillips, Rita Polese, Noreen Paulen, Frank Profaci, Loyd Ranger, Del Richards, Donnie Richards, Denis Rogers, Ray Romanetti, Tori Scott, Jody Sexton, Lynn Silver, Delma Smart, Rev Edward Smith, Madisyn Smith, Ryan Stahl, Caryn Stellino, Brad Strawser, Lee Anne Taylor, Carol Tebo, Myra and Al Terwilliger, Marsh Townley, Lorraine Truitt, Charlotte Truitt, Phillip Truitt, Mel Turcott, Vincenzo Villante, Justin Vance, Barry Vicroy, Steve Warner, Greggie Welch, Jr, Charles Weiss, 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, Chris Petruzzo, Sgt David Thomas, Elizabeth Welch and Nigel Willabus.

Special Intentions for this month:

Betsy has colorectal cancer.

Chaplain Ken Carter broke four ribs.

Special intention for Shelly Gray

Tom Householder had emergency leg surgery.

Paul Molnar has bladder cancer.

Alan Wroblewski has stage 4 Hodgkins Lymphoma.

Sharon is recovering from a major stroke.

Jaheim Whiting has legal troubles.

Denise Wojcio had part of her lung removed.

Pray for families of suicide victims.

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Rod and Kelly Cooper

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CHHA Jug Week

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Preacher breeder Jeff Stacy delivered a well received country style message on the kingdom of God and salvation.



Dan and Cheryl Cocherl



Joani Smith



Our music ministry Lynn Danielle and Faith