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Spirit Filled

By Chaplain Lee Alphen

Wild horses are not afraid of fire, says William Simpson in a January 5, 2025 *Epoch Times* article. He reports that, while wildfires raged nearby, "wild horses grazed Agate Flat, which straddles the California-Oregon border. Their actions played an important role by reducing fuel and creating a fire break that helped suppress the speed and heat intensity of the blaze. This kept the fire from spreading."

Simpson goes on to say, "That was a critical point in the battle [...] that helped Cal Fire win the war. Thanks to the horses, we won."

Simpson "attributes the instincts of wild horses, whose ancestors have seen thousands of wildfires," to their ability to calmly graze near fire. An internet search found others who said the same thing. Perhaps these spirited horses see the clearing of the brush and old grass as their job for the preservation of their families.

John the Baptist preached in the wilderness, saying, "I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who [...] will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Matthew 3:11 NIV).

Just before he was taken up to heaven, Jesus told the disciples to stay in Jerusalem and wait for the Holy Spirit. They waited together for ten days. Then, with a loud noise like rushing wind, tongues of fire appeared and rested on each of them. Filled with the Holy Spirit, they suddenly were able to speak in different languages (Acts 2:1-3).



God-fearing people from many countries were staying in Jerusalem and, hearing the noise, rushed to see what it was. Though they spoke different languages, each of them heard what the disciples were saying in their own language and were totally amazed. The disciples received the gift of healing and many other gifts as well (Acts 2:5-11).

As Jesus was preparing His disciples for His departure before He was taken back to heaven, He said, "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid" (John 14:26-27 NIV).

Simpson speculated that the lack of fear the horses show towards the wild fires is handed down from their ancestors. Jesus, our brother, delivered on a much bigger promise through fire to His disciples. As believers, we too have the Holy Spirit who brings us peace and blesses us with many gifts and talents.

Our heritage comes from the Lord. Throughout His time on earth, He taught the people in many different ways not to worry or be upset but to trust in Him. All who choose to follow Jesus and accept His free gift of the Holy Spirit are united with Him and the Father. When we learn to recognize the still small voice of the Spirit and trust and follow God, we will be safe from the dangerous fires of the world and accomplish the great things God puts in our path.

With the peace and joy of the new life the Spirit gives us, let's seek God's guidance

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Wanted

Praise Reports and Articles

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**Don't be troubled or
afraid. I give you My
peace says the Lord
(John 14:27).**

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and wisdom. Let's ask God to transform us and encourage us to accomplish all He created us to do. Then, like the wild horses, we too can help stop the evil one from attacking those we love by doing our part to transform the world because we are a spirit-filled people.



Spirited wild horses protected their families from the wildfires. Spirit-filled people help protect those they love from the evil one by doing their part to transform the world.

To My CHHA Family

By *Lorrie Jones*

Lee has always said she loves to hear about the miracles of God. Haha, well, I have an amazing story to tell you. As many of you know, I lost my wonderful husband November 30, 2024. Through much prayer God is getting me through this.

Well, my friend, Joyce, who has been my right and left hand around here has fallen in love. She used to tell me, "Never again." I would laugh and say, "Never say never. You don't know what God has planned for you." That same time, Danny, who took care of all the things around the farm came to me and told me his fiancé is going to intern in Texas as a veterinarian and they have room for him as well.

Haha, while being very happy for both of them, I still cried out to God. God, now what? But I still did not doubt.



Blessings from God

From Suzanne D'Ambrose...

Ellen Taylor went to her PET scan. Everything is clear and they don't want to see her for nine months. Thank you for all the prayers.

From Amy Bondon...

Ron Fraker just completed post cancer treatment scans and there is no evidence of the bladder cancer! All glory to God!

From Steve Byrd...

Harold Coder wants to thank all of the people sending prayers his way! He got a rescue dog to keep him company. He got off the injection and was taking a pill the last time I saw him.

From Cheryl Mauran...

Praise God! Cheryl is better and ready to come off the prayer list.

From Rich Wojcio...

I got more good news today from my son, Brian, that little Mia may be coming home in 4 weeks instead of 8. She is gaining weight. Thank you always for all your prayers.

Please send Praise reports, Articles, testimonies, etc. for the newsletter.

Submissions can be a few words up to 250 words.

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I knew God had a plan. I won't pretend that I didn't have some trepidation, but I believed in God's love and provision.

Danny said he would reach out to some of his online friends. That communication had not even been posted 24 hours when Danny called and said, "Mrs. Jones, you are not going to believe this. An old friend of mine lost his position on the farm where he worked because of changes."

Needless to say, God to the rescue! Will is his name. His fiancé is Lauren (also my daughter's name). After meeting, I had no doubt this was my precious Lord at work for one of His children.

I am excited for this new chapter in my life. I will no longer have to give up these amazing animals I love.

God bless all of you and know that even when we don't know what is going on, God does. He loves us with a love we cannot fathom.

Love, Your sister in Christ,

Lorrie Jones

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Roger L Conard, 68, of Saegertown, PA, died March 31.

Roger was a Standardbred trainer and driver based at The Meadows for 25 years. He then worked at Zinchaks and Dach Dime Manufacturing. He was a true outdoorsman, enjoying fishing, hunting, mowing his lawn, gardening, taking walks in nature, and watching deer and birds. He also enjoyed bonfires and spending time with his family.



Patrick (Pat) Joseph Crowe, 87, died March 28. Pat was a lifelong harness horseman, owner, trainer and driver. He was the regular driver and trainer of Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame pacer Cam Fella.

Kenneth "Butch" James Daniels, 73, of Clayton, DE, died Feb 20. Butch was an accomplished blacksmith. He spent over 4 decades shoeing harness horses. He was an artist with the hammer and anvil. A little-known fact about Butch was his love of writing and reading poetry. Please enjoy the befitting excerpts from two of his favorite poems on the back page.



Skip DeMull, 67, of South Lyon, MI, died March 25. Skip owned, trained, drove and bred Standardbreds. He had a medical emergency on the track after finishing fourth with BB Fire. He was transported to Cleveland Clinic Hillcrest Hospital where he passed away after undergoing emergency heart surgery. Northfield Park said, "Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Julie, his family and friends, and the harness racing community."



Richard R. (Dick) DeSantis, 88, formerly of Saratoga Springs, NY, died Dec 24. Dick began a successful decades long career driving and training harness horses when he was 10 years old. He raced throughout the United States and Canada with his main stables at Saratoga Raceway and Vernon Downs. After Dick retired from racing, he continued working as a horse identifier and racing judge at various Midwest harness tracks, including Indiana Downs.



Wayne Wesley Farthing, 81, died April 7. Wayne was a partner in The Broken Brokers Ltd. with his late friend Richard Barchent. Today, The Broken Brokers own more than 20 horses, and several new foals are expected soon. He worked with his parents at Farthing Real Estate & Auctioneers and became president in 1988. He conducted hundreds of livestock, farm, real estate, and personal property auctions throughout his career and was still a licensed real estate broker at the time of his death.

Sources for Obituary information include:

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

Theodore L. Higgins, 85, died April 23. Theodore was a blacksmith and trained, raced, and bred Standardbreds. He worked as a press set for New England Wooden Ware for 43 years.



Stefan Hultman, 61, died April 12. Stefan was one of the most successful Swedish trainers of this century. His victories include the Prix d'Amérique, Elitloppet and Grand Prix de l'UET. He was named Trainer of the Year in Sweden twice and was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2017.

Evelyn Johnson, 68, of Ringgold, LA, formerly of Springfield, IL, died Feb 14. Evelyn has been a USTA member since 1985. She attended the Morven Park International Equestrian Center and was a riding and jumping instructor. Evelyn has been a faithful CHHA member for over a decade.



Sebastian Gerard Zachary Triscari, 71, died April 18. Sebastian was an entrepreneur. He began with a career in television production and later founded Triscari Productions. His company created more than 30,000 commercials. His company hosts the Winbak Farm website and the website for the Standardbred Horse Sale Co. (Harrisburg).



Calvin Edward Wright, 76, died March 18. Calvin was introduced to harness racing at the early age of 14, by his stepfather, Emmor Bailly. He enjoyed a 50-year racing career. He went skydiving on the same day as winning his first race, and said racing was the bigger thrill.



Frank Yanoti, 82, died April 24. Frank spent his entire adult life in and around harness racing at Monticello Raceway. He owned and trained Standardbreds and stabled in the same barn at Monticello since the 1960s. He served on the board of directors of the Monticello Harness Horsemen's Association for nearly 13 years and was a founding member of the association's Horsemen's Relief Fund and current retirement plan.



**There is nothing more important than
Your Eternal Salvation**

Kirk Cameron

Obituaries

Joyceann McClelland, 87, of Zanesville, OH, died April 1. Joyce and her husband, Richard, owned and bred numerous Standardbred horses for over 40 years. Joyce taught at South Zanesville Elementary School for several years. She was an active member and Sunday school teacher at the South Zanesville United Methodist Church. Joyce and Richard are long-time CHHA members.



Philip N. Biehler, 83, of Lackawanna, NY, originally from Quebec, died Apr 9. Philip has been a USTA member since 1966. He owned trained and drove harness horses. He founded his own insurance business. He believed in doing things the right way, and people admired him for it.



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Memorial Contributions

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Prayer Corner

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

Lynn Antonelli, Lew Arsenaault, Emily Bier, Debbie Boardman, Amy Bondon, David Bower, Bob Briley, Georgianna Brocco, Jana Gary Bryant, Lore Burke, Glenn Byrd, Rick Carson, Barbara Carter, Mike Carter, Sam Castimore, Candice Coleman, Loren Combs, Joe Crothers, Danny Daniel, Mike Deeters, Ashley Dennon-Coen, Declan Donaway, Scott Dube, Jerry Eby, Chaplain Tom Farley, Francine Federici, Tim Finley, Tiffany Fisher, Katie Folkins, Ron Fraker, Sarah Gehman, Teresa Hubbard Givens, Holly Graffam, Pastor Bill Grant, Cody Greeno, Margaret Groce, Rose Hennessey, Morris Hoagland, Glenda Holloway, Audrey Henry, Layla Hundertpfund, Barb Huston, Betty James, Rita Jacobs, Bob Jones, Jennifer Jugg, AJ Keaton, Julie Kerr, Donnie Knight, David Kovach, Betsy Krantz, 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, Corey Murphy, JC Napier, Howard Nields, Jay O'Neil, John Panetta, Carol Parker, Margie Polhamus, Valerie Prescott, Leigh Raymer, Robyn Rembleski, Ray Romanetti, Emily Roper, Daren Richner, Del Smart, Larry Smith, Cheri Stambaugh, Doug Stringer, Jimmy Takter, Bobbi Tanner, Ellen Taylor, Jack Taylor, Brenda Tippin, Gary Tyron, Brittanty Vondenhuevel, Roland Wardel, Teresa Willabus, Kate Williams, Steve Wiseman, Marty Woebkenberg, Alan Wroblewski, Allan Wright, Joyce Zeasapolowski.

These friends are also in need of our ongoing prayers:

Dennis Albert, Jason Apperti, Jordan Aracena, Ken Bartels, Ellen Beinhauer, Gary Bennett, John Berry, Peter Blood, Marilyn Bondon, Stephanie Bouchard, Danny Breton, Lillie Brown, Kevin Burns, Mary Burton, Bob Cain, Carol Ann Case, Thelma Chrisman,



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

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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:

Loren Combs is trying a new chemo.

Irv Mauren has radiation related issues and back problems.

Ray Romanetti has radiation pneumonitis.

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Stable Recovery Program

By Pastor Bob Holet

It's no secret that horse racing – Standardbred or Thoroughbred – can be a tough life. The difficulties of the daily grind of horse care - the ups and downs of racing, travel, stable management, the strain on the body, soul and pocketbook can become overwhelming. Relationships stretch to the breaking point. Self-confidence and discipline can corrode. *A tough life.* People in every area of racing – from owners to grooms, trainers to drivers, breeders to track employees, face countless daily challenges. When it's overwhelming, some turn to alcohol or drugs to ease the pain. That decision can lead to lifelong suffering and dependence.

Racetrack chaplains are called to serve people and families with dependency struggles. Recently, in the Thoroughbred world, a new and *blessed* resource has emerged to offer help and hope. The **Stable Recovery Program** is a cooperative effort supported by major farms and businesses in Lexington Ky, spearheaded by Frank Taylor of Taylor Made Farm, that offers a live-in recovery program for men struggling with drug and alcohol abuse. Recently, I visited the program and was amazed when I sat down with the Christian Counselor, who heads up Stable Recovery, which has had remarkable success giving people a leg up in a new life dealing with addictions. Their secret? The Horses!

For months, participants are immersed in daily farm work and horse care. The program provides basic living needs and teaches them life skills caring for horses on the beautiful Taylor farm complex – from mucking stalls to fence repair and handling the horses themselves, instilling a sense of purpose, hope and self-confidence in a supportive community. Over months, minds and hearts are changed – in no small part because they are invited to come to *know Jesus* and dedicate their lives to Him. Sobriety and restored relationships emerge.

The program was recognized in January 2025 with a special Eclipse Award for their remarkable work. And it's just begun. To learn more, go to: <https://stablerecovery.net/>

Stable Recovery provides

Ambitious Sobriety And Purposeful Work

Stable Recovery's mission is to provide a safe and stable living environment for men in early recovery. They are a peer-driven therapeutic community with a focus on equine-related employment opportunities.

This from their website: www.stablerecovery.net

Poems enjoyed by The late Butch Daniels

“The Jockey”

by Walter Scarborough Warrington

Boys, someone take my helmet, and someone take my whip. I won't need them any longer boys; You see I've driven my last trip. As his life breath slowly left him, his old face began to shine. Don't shed no tears for me boys! I just heard Jesus yell 'Past Time!'

An Excerpt from Butch's Poem “untitled”

You shoe every day you're gonna have a sore back. Any that says he don't hurt is lying and that's a fact.

Butch's obituary is on page 4.