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Angels

By Chaplain Lee Alphen

Do horses have guardian angels? Guardian Angels Horse Transport sounds like they do a great job. According to their Facebook reviews, the horses get off the trailer for their overnights and enjoy hay and water throughout the trip. Owners are delighted to greet happy horses even after days of travel.

You meet your horse coming off the track all lathered up and breathing hard after the race. Back in the barn, you strip off the equipment, bathe and walk the horse. After rolling in the nice clean stall, a bran mash and some hay are very welcome. Perhaps this horse, the one who also looks for you eagerly at feed time, thinks you are his or her guardian angel.

What about us? Do we have guardian angels? We read, "See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven" (Matthew 18:10). God will "order His angels to protect you wherever you go" (Psalm 91:11).

Angels are God's servants, "spirits sent to care for people who will inherit salvation" (Hebrews 1:14). Nehemiah encouraged the people of Israel to join him in praising God saying, "You alone are the Lord [...]. The angels of heaven worship You" (Nehemiah 9:6).

Yes, according to scripture, God does have angels and, yes, sometimes angels are sent to help God's people or to deliver God's messages. In the poem, "Little Breeches," John Hay, one of Abraham Lincoln's private secretaries, tells how angels carried his four-year-old son to safety when the horses took off with his wagon in a blizzard. The

poem is printed on page 4.

An angel helped Peter escape from prison (Acts 12:3-19) and Lot and his family escape from Sodom (Genesis 19:15-17). There was an angel with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego when King Nebuchadnezzar put them in the blazing furnace. They came out unharmed and the king turned to God (Daniel 3:8-29).

The Letter to the Hebrews advises, "Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it" (Hebrews 13:2). Angels came to tell Abraham and Sarah and later Zechariah they would have sons (Genesis 18:1-10, Luke 1:11-13). The angel, Gabriel came to Mary and told her she would bear the son of God (Luke 1:26-35). Then the angel came to Joseph in a dream to tell him Mary's baby was God's idea (Matthew 1:20-21).

Angel jewelry and pictures remind us of one of the many ways God helps us. However, we must remember to worship God alone. Paul warns the people of Colossae not to let anyone talk them into worshipping angels" (Colossians 2:18). John writes of falling at the feet of an angel to worship him. "But he said to me, 'Don't do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers and sisters who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For it is the Spirit of prophecy who bears testimony to Jesus'" (Revelation 19:10).

Our horses and our dogs may think we are angels and worship us. However, as we learn from scripture, angels are at God's service. We are blessed when God sends angels to help us. Remember though, Jesus is the one we call upon. If God chooses to use angels to answer our prayers, so be it.

Blessings



Golden Cross Farm

From www.ustrotting.com...

As Hurricane Irma crashed through Florida, the Allen family's Golden Cross Farm in Ocala, was a safe harbor for dozens of horses and ponies evacuated from hard hit areas south of them. The farm's concrete block, center aisle barns kept 75 horses, nine dogs and a bird safe in the storm. The 14 people, who arrived with the animals, were sheltered in a cottage and apartment on the farm.

Hurricane Harvey Relief

Thanks to the generosity of a few of our members, CHHA helped with the Hurricane Harvey Relief through International Disaster Emergency Service, IDES. IDES works in partnership with Christ's servants around the globe to care for victims of tropical storms (hurricanes, typhoons and cyclones), floods, fires, earthquakes, tornadoes, monsoons, landslides, drought, hail, and windstorms. They distribute food, building supplies, water, bedding, cookware and other essentials. They also repair damaged homes and church buildings. They provide storage sheds for victims of US disasters and replace essential items. All of IDES disaster response projects are completed in order to share the love and hope of Jesus Christ.



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

Memorial Contributions

In memory of **Jim Ellison** by: Ohio Harness Horsemen's Assoc
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 In memory of **Sherie Hankins** by: Kim Hankins and Jim and Judy Ferguson
 In memory of **Kyle Kuchta** by: Calvin Hollar
 In memory of **Gerry Levine** by: Amy Bondon and Jack Levine

From Nicole Wellwood via Jo-Dee Brown...

Please extend my heart felt thank you for having Evan on the prayer list. This poem is from the mouth of a seven year old child. Tyson was 5 when Evan went to Heaven. He (Tyson) struggles to make sense of where he went. Tonight he explained to me his theory of what Evan is doing.

Evan in Heaven

by: Tyson Wellwood

When it is raining Evan is sad.
 When it is thundering he is angry.
 When it is a tornado he is doing an experiment.
 When little drops of snow come down, he is proud of himself.
 When it is sunny he is happy.
 When there is a rainbow he is giving mom a sign. That he loves her.
 When it is windy Evan is relaxing by the fan.
 When the stars come out he is giving us a love sign.
 When it is cold outside Evan is drinking hot chocolate in Heaven.
 When the moon comes out the angels sing and Evan dances.

From Annie Bordenreiker...

My brother has been released from the hospital. Very sore and uncomfortable. That's understandable after 8 hours of surgery on one's body. Still has a drain at both surgical sites. Those should be removed in two weeks. Thanks so much for the previous prayers that got him through the surgery. Continued prayers appreciated for healing.
 Blessings, --Annie



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Rambling Willie Remembers

These lovely 5 x 7 Rambling Willie cards are packaged in sets of 10 cards. They are blank inside.

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Robert A. "Bucky" Lacasse, 87, died Aug 30, 2017.

Bucky spent his entire life owning, breeding, training, driving and following harness horses. He owned somewhere around 75 horses over 50-plus years. He raced horses at Pompano Park, Liberty Bell, Brandywine, Yonkers, The Meadowlands, Rockingham Park, Foxboro, Scarborough Downs and certainly every fair throughout New England, especially the Rochester Fair which was always a very special place to him. He was an excellent horseman and enjoyed success in buying and breeding harness horses. He raced multiple stakes winners in Florida and New England. After retirement, he spent winters in Bell, FL with his wife, Maryann.



Jerry Levine died last month in hospice care. His son, Jack, says, "He had a great life 85 wonderful years greatest father ever and loved everybody and everybody loved him... Remember it is not about how you die that matters. It's how you live that counts! To God Be The Glory." Jack is an amateur harness driver. He spoke at several of our CHHA events in Florida. Currently he is an assistant pastor at a church in the Orlando area.

John Miritello died Sep 18. John was a former Marine and NYPD officer, who then became a harness owner, driver and trainer at Roosevelt and Yonkers Raceways.

James Clarence "Jim" Murphy, 80, of Crestwood, KY, died Aug 25. Jim was a standardbred breeder, driver and trainer and was a director of the Kentucky Harness Horsemen's Association for many years. He also founded Murphy Horse Products.



Steve Serges, 88, died Sep 5. Steve's daughters were his world. He was a man full of wisdom and always giving advice to whomever needed it. Steve enjoyed horse racing and owned close to 400 horses over his lifetime many of which he bred. He also spent time at the casino where he made many friends and enjoyed his social time with everyone. He was a very successful businessman who devoted his life to the happiness of his family.



Bonnie Jean Zubrod, 89, of Louisville, KY, died Sept. 28. Her son, Art, manages Brittany Farms. Bonnie was a pioneer as a woman in the Saddlebred industry in Louisville and became a Hall of Famer of the United Professional Horsemen's Association. She opened Zubrod Stables, where she was a trainer and instructor.

Little Breeches by John Hay

I DON'T go much on religion,
I never ain't had no show;
But I 've got a middlin' tight grip, sir,
On the handful o' things I know.
I don't pan out on the prophets
And free-will and that sort of thing,—
But I b'lieve in God and the angels,
Ever sence one night last spring.

I come into town with some turnips,
And my little Gabe come along,—
No four-year-old in the county
Could beat him for pretty and strong,—
Peart and chipper and sassy,
Always ready to swear and fight,—
And I 'd larnt him to chaw terbacker
Jest to keep his milk-teeth white.

The snow come down like a blanket
As I passed by Taggart's store;
I went in for a jug of molasses
And left the team at the door.
They scared at something and started,—
I heard one little squall,
And hell-to-split over the prairie
Went team, Little Breeches, and all.

Hell-to-split over the prairie!
I was almost froze with skeer;
But we roused up some torches,
And sarched for 'em far and near.
At last we struck hosses and wagon,
Snowed under a soft white mound,
Upsot, dead beat,—but of little Gabe
No hide nor hair was found.

And here all hope soured on me
Of my fellow-critter's aid;—
I jest flopped down on my marrow-bones,
Crotch-deep in the snow, and prayed.
By this, the torches was played out,
And me and Isrul Parr
Went off for some wood to a sheepfold
That he said was somewhar thar.

We found it at last, and a little shed
Where they shut up the lambs at night.
We looked in and seen them huddled thar,
So warm and sleepy and white;
And thar sot Little Breeches and chirped,
As peart as ever you see,
"I want a chaw of terbacker,
And that 's what 's the matter of me."

How did he git thar? Angels.
He could never have walked in that storm:
They jest scooped down and toted him
To whar it was safe and warm.
And I think that saving a little child,
And fotching him to his own,
Is a derved sight better business
Than loafing around The Throne.

Obituaries

Joseph Charles Carelli, 69, of Dearborn Heights, MI, died Sep 19. Joseph was an owner who raced standardbreds in Michigan, Ontario, New York, New Jersey and Ohio. Joseph loved claiming and buying horses in partnership with his friend and trainer Kevin Efimetz.



James "Jim" Ellison, 58, died after contending with cancer. The popular horseman was a resident of Park Forest, Ill. and was a familiar face at Hoosier Park, in addition to the Ohio racetracks. Ellison earned nearly \$4.6 million over his nearly 30-year career in harness racing. Dandy's Diva (Sportsmaster, 1:54, \$73,098), was one of his most prolific trainees, as the filly was third in the 2015 Orange and Blue final as a 2-year-old.

Francis E. Gilhooly, 87, of Attica and Alexander, NY, died Sep 12. His passion in life was harness racing, and he raced many horses at Batavia Downs and Buffalo Raceway. He will be fondly remembered for his love of horses and his kind and gentle treatment of all animals. Francis saw combat in the Korean War and was retired from the US Postal Service, where he served as

postmaster in Alexander, Attica, and Corfu.

Kenneth W. (Kenny Kirk) Kirkpatrick, 82, of New Holland, OH, died Sep 9. Kenny was a retired farmer and owner, breeder and trainer of Standardbred racehorses. His father Wendell started Adios Waverly in the Little Brown Jug in 1968 and won his elimination heat but finished seventh in the final. He was a member of the New Holland United Methodist Church where he had been a trustee.

Kyle Kuchta, 14, of OH died Sep 8. Kyle was the son of Raymond and Charolette Kuchta who used to live in Garfield Heights, Ohio. If anyone has his parents' address, please send it to me.



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Sources for Obituary information include:

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

Prayer Corner

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

Lew Arsenault, Dan Ater, Debbie Boardman, Jeanne Duso Boudot, Jana Brocco, Gary Bryant, Rick Carson, Karen Carter, Sam Castimore, Candice Coleman, Sharon Cromer, Joe Crothers, John Cross, Mike Deeters, Barbara Dinning, Maryanne Doherty, Jerry Eby, Chaplain Tom Farley, Francine Federici, Tiffany Fisher, Lloyd Fortune, Paul Fontaine, Pastor Bill Grant, Margaret Groce, Remi Gunn, Marilyn Hankins, Warren Harp, Rose Hennessey, Morris Hoagland, Glenda Holloway, Janett e Hughes, Jeff Hurst, Betty James, Rita Jacobs, Bob Kinsey, Donnie Knight, Larry Lederman, Rox Liles, Ricky Macomber, Nelson Malin, Tom Maloney, Wilma Mattuci, Joyceann McClelland, Donna Mclvor, Mira McKnight, Mrs. Miller, Frank Mirahmadi, Lalya Mosley, Corey Murphy, Howard Nields, Pierre Noel, Jay O'Neil, John Panetta, Dee Parsons, Leigh Raymer, Robyn Rembleski, Emily Roper, Daren Richner, Taila Kapo Rinski, Del Smart, Elaina Storlazi, Doug Stringer, Jack Taylor, Carrie Thompson, Gary Tyron, Butch Ward, Fred Ward Sr., Roland Wardel, Marty Woebkenberg, Maddy Wright, Joyce Zeasapolowski

These friends are also in need of our ongoing prayers:

Jason Apperti, Jordan Aracena, Chaplain Kelly Blanton, Ken Bartels, Gary Bennett, Peter Blood, Marilyn Bondon, Stephanie Bouchard, Danny Breton, Kevin Burns, Mary Burton, Carol Ann Case, Thelma Chrisman, Mary Clements, Joan Collins, Anthony Coletta, Bev Crane, Karen Crothers, Dale, Dennis Drenth, Jim Ferguson, Jeff Frizzell, Sylvain Gagnon, Greg Gehman, Dr. Howard Gill, Bob

Goth, Barbara and Brent Graham, Debbie Gray, Sherie Hankins, Bob Hilliard, Bob Jones, Doug Haskell, Ruby Hensley, Miguel Hernandez, Paul and Mrs. Hershey, Carol Heusinkveld, Jerry Hissam, John Hostler, Jason Hughes, Jesse Hughes, Donna Ingram, Don James, Kenny Kane, Barbara Kinsey, Thelma Klark, Michael Klark, Larry Lawter, Sam Lilli, Katherine Lonager, Billy Long, Sharon Lowell, Faye Mackey, Joanne Maiorca, Pedro Martinez, Jr., Melissa MacNeill, Kaye McDonnell, Dean Miller, Raymond Miller, Nancy Miner, Gordon Murphy, Doug Nash, Bill Parker, Elaine Parlin, Ronnie Parker, Waverly Parsons, Susan Parks, Aaron Petternel, Rita Polese, Noreen Paulen, Art Plant, Joanne Ranger, Donnie Richards, Lori Romanetti, Gerald Russell, Tori Scott, Madisyn Smith, Brad Strawser, Lee Anne Taylor, Monica Thors, Marsh Townley, Lorraine Truitt, Mel Turcott, Justin Vance, Max Walton, Steve Warner, Greggie Welch, Jr.

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:

Junior Batson has been experiencing breathing problems.
Melanie Fisk has COPD.

Joyce Hart had a serious operation and is not doing well.

Art LaPlante has an infection in his sternum.

Margie Polhamus had a tumor removed and extensive surgery on her digestive system.

Kristin Moody and her kids are being stalked.

Mike Smyth is experiencing breathing problems.



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Jug Prayer Breakfast

CHHA had a great time at the Jug!

Jeff Stacy encouraged everyone at our Prayer Breakfast to go a good last quarter. We may start off slow, but we sure want to cross the wire into Glory Land. Chris, Melissa, Lindsey and Meagan McKee joined us, and we remembered the great message Sam brought us last year.

It is always great to speak with members face to face and hear about what's going on in their lives. Several folks had family members in friends with health issues and other needs. Together we lifted them up to the Lord.

We prayed in thanksgiving with John Cross who is now cancer free. Praise God!



Jim Shasteen



Evelyn Johnson and Chaplain Lee

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John Cross



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