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Friends

By Chaplain Lee Alphen

One of my very close friends got into some trouble with the authorities. Sadly enough, those he considered his friends disappeared to save their own necks. Yet, this guy always went out of his way to help his friends. In fact, the reason the authorities were after him was so he could take the wrap for things his friends did.

It takes work to build friendships. Jesus tells us to "Love one another as I have loved you." (John 13:34) Thank God, I have some friends. Sometimes I let them down. Fortunately for me, they forgive me. Hopefully I am there for them when they really need me.

Jesus meant for us to have each other. We all have people in our lives to help us through the difficult times. Sometimes we may have to stop and pray and ask God to send someone to help us. Or maybe we need to reach out ourselves to a family member or someone around us. We don't have to go it alone.

While we are choosing friends, let's be sure to include Jesus. You will never find a

better, more loyal, understanding, genuine friend than Jesus. As with all our friendships, it takes work to develop a relationship with Jesus too. First we have to get to know Him and learn His likes and dislikes. Much of this information is available in the Bible. Then, just like all our other friendships, we learn about Jesus by having conversations with Him. Remember, conversations include listening. Yes, we listen to what Jesus has to say. He does actually talk to us.

Jesus put his life on the line for all of us. His friends abandoned him and Peter even denied him. We know that did not stop Jesus from loving them, his

executioners or even us. His last words were "Father forgive them, they don't realize what they are doing." (Luke 23:34) Jesus

knew they didn't get it – they really didn't have a clue. Sometimes we act like we don't either. Jesus went to the cross so all our shortcomings could be wiped away.

Jesus does not give up on us. We may ignore Jesus out of embarrassment for things we have done or not done or because we don't understand his unfailing love. Remember for Jesus, "Love never ends." (1 Corinthians 13:8)

**O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear**
See **What a Friend We Have in Jesus**
on Page 3



Front: Bill Wick

Left to right: Ted Berry, Ryan Huff, Joe Pennacchio, Ronnie Huff, Gene Kirch, Lucille Wick, Dein Spriggs, Diane Hellen, Bryce Fenn, Rod Lorenzo, Gary Haining, Bruce Ranger, Tom Eiches, Jamie Marra, George Keeler, Jeffrey Schaefer

Florida Amateur Driver's Club

The FADC would like to show our support for all the great work you do. The Amateur Drivers donate their driver's fees to worthwhile organizations such as yours to help them continue their work in our community and enhance efforts where they can.

We appreciate, support and encourage Christian Harness Horsemen's Association in all their endeavors to help those in need.

Sincerely,
Dein Spriggs,
FADC President

Obituaries

Please pray for the families of these harness racing friends:

Gary Bedillion, 77, of Hickory, PA, died Wednesday, March 12 with his family by his side. His wife, Jean, continues to battle cancer.



Marvin Beck, a horseman from Logan County, Ohio passed away in February.



Faye Clayborne, 66, died March 13. She was the devoted caregiver for 100-1/2 year old Marylou Fox whom predeceased Faye by 5 weeks. Faye was by her side to her last breath and in her 14 years living with her brought her to a personal relationship with our Savior.



Dominic F. Corrado, 87, of Chili, NY, died Feb. 27. He raced a small stable of Standardbreds in Western New York.

Northfield Park trainer **Jarrod Duncan**, 39, died March 5. Jarrod began training in 2005 and had since garnered 254 victories and earned purses of \$1,238,111. He was a native of Indiana and raced exclusively in the Midwest.



Barry L. Gatten, 59, of Scenery Hill, died March 1. Barry loved working with horses and spent the past 29 years managing the day to day operations of Springflow Acres, the Standardbred Horse Breeding Farm owned by Rick and Gina Beinhauer in Scenery Hill. He was an avid outdoorsman. Barry was passionate about hunting and fishing and was at peace when working outside.

Glen Kidwell, one of the top trainer/drivers in the sport in the 1960s, died Feb. 18. He was 92.

Harry Huntington, 89, of Manchester, CT passed away September 22. His wife, **Nina Huntington**, 90, passed away October 7. Harry and Nina raced in Maine. Their son Paul runs the track kitchen at Bangor Raceway.



Ken Middleton, Sr., 67, died March 6. Ken held a number of racing-

related positions. He was the *Toronto Sun's* handicapper for racing from the Ontario Jockey Club before moving on to be the racing secretary at Kawartha Downs. He later became the racing secretary and general manager at Elmira Raceway, and was a driving force behind the introduction of full-card simulcast wagering. He spent over 10 years as the author of the *Horseplayers' Journal* for the Standardbred program at Woodbine and Mohawk Racetrack.

H. Phil Pearce, 91, of Cloverland Farm, White County, IL died Friday, died February 28. His abiding passion was for racing and breeding standard bred trotters and pacers. Racing under the green and white Cloverland Farm silks, he stood stallions, had as many as 70 broodmares, and raced primarily trotters throughout Illinois, Kentucky and Indiana.



William J. "Bill" Perretti, the founder of Perretti Farms, died March 13 in Florida, where he spent the winter months and was frequently in attendance at the training centers. Mr. Perretti turned 87 on March 9. Bruce B. McElven, age 66, co-owner of the 2002 Trotting Horse of the Year, Fool's Goal, passed away suddenly March 6 at home.

Brandy Pinske, 40, of Beecher, Ill., passed away on March 14 after a long illness. An experienced horsewoman, Brandy grew up working alongside her parents, Nelson and Kay Willis, who have competed successfully for decades on the Illinois harness racing circuits. Brandy was also an accomplished rider, and an owner and breeder of Standardbred racehorses.



Bill Spangler, 65, of Galion, OH, died , March 20. Bill was a longtime Trustee of CHHA and a good friend and supporter of Weldon Stockwell. Bill will be missed.



Willis Whittemore, 80, of South Paris, ME passed Feb 23. Willis was an avid horseman, and spent his years on various tracks as an owner, driver and trainer. He won numerous racing awards over the years, and was a well-known and loved figure at the track.



Prayer Corner

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

Doug Ackerman, Debbie Boardman, Jana Brocco, Gary Bryant, Rick Carson, Janet Dehart, Chaplain Tom Farley, John Fowler, Marilyn Hankins, Mary Haskell, Karen Hettrick, John Hufford, Betty James, Bob Kinsey, Wilma Mattuci, Joyceann McClelland, Mrs. Miller, Corey Murphy, Suzanne Murphy, Randy Nix, Pierre Noel, Fran Nori, Jay O'Neil, Dee Parsons, Patsy Payne, Burchard Ranger, Del Smart, Rose Sinclair, Jimmy Sommers, Jack Taylor, Fred Ward, Sr., Alice Wardman, Marty Woebkenberg, Chaplain Yurian and Joyce Zeasapolowski.

These friends are also in need of our ongoing prayers:

Chaplain Kelly Blanton, Amy Bondon, Peter Blood, Marilyn Bondon, Diane Boyken, Lois Boyken, Kevin Burns, Mary Burton, Carol Ann Case, Faye Clayborn, Joan Collins, Anthony Coletta, Carol Cramer, Dale, Dick, Mr. DiDonatto, Dennis Drenth, Chaplain Tom Farley, Nora Fenner, Barbara Elrod, Barbara Fowler, Sylvain Gagnon, Dr. Howard Gill, Bob Goth, David Graham, Debbie Gray, Harry Harvey, Bob Hilliard, Bob Jones, Nancy Haskell, Ruby Hensley, Miguel Hernandez, Paul and Mrs. Hershey, Carol Heusinkveld, Jerry Hissam, Donna Holterman, John Hostler, Jesse Hughes, Thelma Klark, Kenny Kane, Katherine Lonager, Faye Mackey, Pedro Martinez, Jr., Melissa MacNeill, Kaye McDonnell, Dean Miller, Raymond Miller, Stewart Nemiro, Bill Parker, Elaine Parlin, Brenda Parsons, Misti Parsons, Waverly Parsons, Donnie Richards, Rev. and Mrs. James Slack, Tom Smith, Brad Strawser, Tony, Lorraine Truitt, Greggie Welch, Jr. and Bill Wick.

Please pray for those serving in the military, especially Chris Petrullo.



Ericka is having a very difficult pregnancy.

Please pray for Lee Newcomber. He's got a lot going on right now.

Nancy Lisi's uncle, Wudge, over 90 years old, and a lifelong coal miner, had his voice box removed. Now he has pneumonia.

Please continue to pray for Mike Jeannot's widow, Jo.

Jason Thompson, Northfield Park, was injured in a skiing accident and will be sidelined from driving for 3 months.

Donnie Richards is home, walking and talking. He still is unable to see and it is questionable if he ever will be able to again. Please continue to pray for him. Donnie was kicked in the face by a horse.

Mark and Peggy Tardiff lost their home and everything in it to a house fire in Hollis, ME February 26.

Mark Gorce's mother, Margaret, has cancer.

Pleasant Batson has complications from pneumonia. His wife, Nancy, has bronchitis.

Please continue to pray for Debbie Boardman who has cancer.

John Harmelink has high blood pressure.

Dan Heusinkveld asks for prayers for his daughter, Carol, who is sick.

Harold Dancer is quite ill after battling pneumonia.

David Graham is in need of a pacemaker. Please pray he stabilizes so he can have the surgery.

Bob Stevenson's horse was killed in an accident in NJ. His daughter, Janet Davis's, horse was severely injured.

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From Jo-Dee Brown

God has no BLACKBERRY but he's my favorite contact.
He is not on FACEBOOK but he is my best friend.
He is not on TWITTER but I still follow Him, and even
without the INTERNET I am always connected to him.
He is not on gmail but he's always online.

From Lyndel Adamsky

Proverbs 4:20-23
New International Version (NIV)
²⁰ My son, pay attention to what I say;
turn your ear to my words.
²¹ Do not let them out of your sight,
keep them within your heart;
²² for they are life to those who find them
and health to one's whole body.
²³ Above all else, guard your heart,
for everything you do flows from it.

Praise Reports

Lyse Breton had a total knee replacement the end of January and is walking without a cane.
Pierre Noel's cancer is not active. Please continue to pray for a complete healing.
Chris Boring is doing well after successful surgery on Feb. 27 to clear blocked arteries that led to the 72 year old having a stroke two days earlier. (www.harnessracing.com)

Memorial Contributions

Memorials are posted at www.chha.net.

In memory of **Weldon Stockwell** by: Jim Buchy
In memory of **Jean Beachy** by: Chalie and Dot Morgan
In memory of **Marvin Beck** by: Gale and Sharon Franklin
In memory of **Faye Clayborne** by: Amy Bondon
In memory of **Brandy Pinske** by: Sam and Ellen Lilly

What a friend we have in Jesus

By Joseph M. Scriven, 1820-1886



What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.



Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there.

Note: Scriven wrote this hymn in 1855 to comfort his mother, who was across the sea from him in Ireland.



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Chaplains Ken Carter, Lee Alphen, Craig Wiley and Joe DiDonato and Karen Carter
At the Racetrack Chaplaincy of America Chaplain School in Lexington, KY



Gordon Corey



Paul Battis



Trackside feast at Mark Walker's barn



Ann Wade



David Wade