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Miracles

By Chaplain Lee Alphen

Miracles happen every day. Proud parents bring new life into the world. Doctors close up successful surgeries. Research brings forth new cures. Scientists relate new discoveries about our world. Of course we know God is the author of life and the creator of the world. It is also God who blesses doctors, scientists and those in research with the talents they have to do what they do.



Photo by Ann MacNeill

Actually God gives us all that we have and makes us all that we are. Every good and perfect gift comes from God. (James 1:17) Let's remember to thank God. In fact, as Paul tells us in 1 Thessalonians 5:18, God wants us to give thanks all the time for everything. Our desire to thank God is itself a gift from God. The more we use the gifts God gives us, the greater the gifts become.

Remember the story in Matthew 25 about the master who, before he went away gave coins to his servants entrusting them to use them to make a profit? The servants who did well were given more. However, the master took the coins from the servant who just sat on them and gave them to the servant who had earned the most profit. So it is with our faith. So it is with how we use all God gives us. So it is with our gratitude. Greg Gehman's daughter, Sarah, travels around the world with the Ekballo



Sarah Gehman and her friend Emily pray for healing with the people in Nepal

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Huge Praise Report by Jim Shasteen

After 16 years of not hearing anything or knowing how to get in touch with my 41 year old son, we connected just about an hour ago!! He and his wife are Born Again Believers now, and I have 3 grandchildren whom I have not even seen!

God is restoring the years the enemy has taken away! I believe Pastor Jason or Pastor Phil said something like that last week or this week. I am at a loss for words. Praise the name of Jesus! This is also an answer to years of prayer. God is faithful - A true miracle! We serve an

awesome God! God can do this and greater things in all lives! I had given up, but God did not! He loves us so!!

As a former caretaker of Standardbreds for my father and Gene Riegler in 1970-71, I can attest to the fact that Jesus can take a life like mine, that was filled with the wrong things, and make the changes when all the trying on my part failed. It doesn't matter what we may have done in the past, Jesus Christ makes all things new.



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Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is Born!

Obituaries

Please pray for the families of these harness racing friends:

William F. (Bill) Brown Jr., 91, of Batavia, a member of the Communicators Hall of Fame and a director of the United States Harness Writers Association for more than a half-century, died Nov 29. Bill first became a member of the USHWA Board in 1963, representing the Western New York Chapter, and three years later he was elected national secretary of harness racing's major media organization. He was also the former president and co-owner of radio station WBTA in Batavia.



Marie Bunch, 89, of Arkansas City, KS passed away November 22. Her daughter, Phyllis Bunch is a CHHA member and very active in the chaplaincy program at Remington Park in OK.



Thomas John "Chad" Chadwick, 76, of North Huntingdon, PA, died Nov 17. Since the 80s, Chad owned horses that raced at The Meadows. According to King, Chadwick's longtime partner on many of his horses, "He would spend countless hours studying the sales books. He knew families, and knew everything about it. He was famous for how he marked his book, and people would always want to borrow his book to see what he liked." Tom spent 39 years as a pharmacist before retiring.



Gary Frank Daniels, 67, died at home in Bucyrus, Ohio Nov 14. Gary suffered from chronic pulmonary disease, yet he was in the barn checking on his racing stock and swapping stories on the day of his death. Gary was a pioneer in catch-driving and introduced the concept to Maritime Canada. He drove in his first race at age 12 and, by all accounts, was a colorful and entertaining story teller from the moment he made his debut at that age. At age 27 he held the world record for youngest driver to reach 1,000 wins. Throughout the years Gary went on to race at, or visit, almost every racetrack in North America. Over the last five years, he and partner Kathy McCall took great pride in developing their small farm and breeding program.

Bob "Rocky" DePaul, 86, died Nov 5. From 1946-1950 he proudly served his country while on active duty with the U.S. Navy. Prior to his retirement in 1982, Mr. DePaul was employed with the *Utica Observer-Dispatch* newspaper as a district manager. He later went on to train harness horses at Vernon Downs.

Pastor Joe DiDonato's mother, **Blanche DiDonato**, died Nov 10. Praise God, Pastor Joe took her to dinner Sunday night. Her husband, Pastor Joe's dad, Oreste, passed away May 26th. Praise God, they are now together enjoying their eternal reward.



Stephen A. Flanigen Jr., 75, longtime owner, trainer and driver in western New York, died on Nov 19. Steve, who began racing in 1962, was leading trainer and driver in Western NY from 1982 to 1986. In 1992 he turned the reigns over to his son, Jack, while he continued to train. Steve was one of the most-liked horsemen on the local circuit and was always happy to help out his fellow horsemen. When not in the paddock, Mr. Flanigen enjoyed playing cards and bowling and was quite accomplished at both.

Rick Hann, 63, died Nov 17, 2014. Rick was an avid Standardbred owner and an equine dentist. The horses he owned raced at Northfield Park and at the fairs.



John Dayle Hinshaw, 72, of Ankeny, Iowa, died from natural causes Nov 17. John spent the first part of his career as a trainer of Standardbred racehorses, working side by side with his father, Kermit, and brother, Korwin. He spent the second half of his professional career as the Director of the Horse and Dog Breeding Program for the State of Iowa. After retiring, he continued

to promote the standardbred racehorse industry.

Kermit Leon Hinshaw, 95, of Richland, Iowa, died Nov 4. Kermit served our country in Europe during World War II and became a well-known fiddle player. After the war he raised cattle and hogs, built an oil company, opened a restaurant and started a feed store. Later he became an owner, trainer, driver, farrier and breeder of standardbreds. He was well known for buying and selling standardbreds throughout the US and Europe. Kermit was inducted into the Iowa Harness Horse Hall of Fame and served as a director for the USTA. He loved the Lord, was not afraid to tell others about Christ, encouraged young people to attend church and make sure their lives were on track with the Lord.



Jordan L. Myers, 56, died November 6. Jordan and his wife, Kim, have been living in Saratoga and stabling at the track. In years passed, Jordan and Kim raced at Pompano in the winter. Jordan enjoyed horses of all kinds including standardbreds, thoroughbreds and even show horses. He displayed the patience, dedication and personality to follow his dream in becoming a successful horseman and raced throughout New York, New England, Florida and the famous Red Mile in Lexington, KY.

Marion "Butch" Palone, Jr., 77, of Rices Landing, PA died Nov 3. Butch served with the U. S. Marine Corps after the Korean Conflict in Okinawa and was a member of the First Christian Church in Carmichaels, PA. He owned and operated Butch Palone's Auto Sales, Inc. in Dry Tavern for over 50 years. He enjoyed golfing and watching his sons compete in harness racing at the Meadows.

Edwin A. "Eddie" Patten, 61 of South Strabane, died Oct 25 at his home. Eddie worked with the horses at The Meadows. His memorial service was held at The Meadows Racetrack Chapel.



Timothy James Storm, 59, of Highland, IN, died Nov 3. After high school, Timothy began training standardbreds at Chicago's leading racetracks, becoming the tracks' most successful trainer of pacers and trotters in 1993. After receiving a kidney transplant in 1992, he gave up his career of training horses to deal cards at local casinos. Timothy most recently served as the assistant racing secretary at Balmoral and Maywood Parks.

John "Jack" Joseph Sylvia, age 80 died Sep 12. Jack was a graduate of Coyne Electrical School of Boston. He served his country in the US Navy. Jack was an owner, trainer and driver of harness horses for over 50 years.



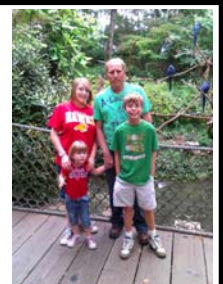
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Blessings to all the folks in the harness racing industry,

Jim Shasteen

from Washington CH, OH, living in Oak Ridge, TN

Pictured on left are Jim Shasteen's son & grandchildren



Praise Reports and Testimonies Wanted

Is God working in your life? I bet you have a terrific testimony our members would love to read. Please put it into 300 to 450 words and send it to me for the newsletter. God will bless you again. Thanks!

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Prayer Corner

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



Debbie Boardman, Jana Brocco, Gary Bryant, Rick Carson, Wayne Cowdry, Janet Dehart, Maryanne Doherty, Chaplain Tom Farley, Tiffany Fisher, John Fowler, Margaret Groce, Marilyn Hankins, Mary Haskell, Karen Hettrick, Rose Hennessey, John Hufford, Betty James, Bob Kinsey, Rox Liles, Wilma Mattuci, Joyceann McClelland, Priscilla McFayden, Mrs. Miller, Corey Murphy, Randy Nix, Pierre Noel, Fran Nori, Jay O'Neil, Dee Parsons, Patsy Payne, Robyn Rembleski, Del Smart, Rose Sinclair, Jimmy Sommers, Jack Taylor, Gary Tyron, Fred Ward, Sr., Alice Wardman, Betty Wogoman, Marty Woebkenberg, Chaplain Yurian and Joyce Zeasapolowski.

These friends are also in need of our ongoing prayers:

Chaplain Kelly Blanton, Gary Bennett, Amy Bondon, Peter Blood, Marilyn Bondon, Diane Boyken, Lois Boyken, Phyllis Bunch's mom, Kevin Burns, Mary Burton, Carol Ann Case, Joan Collins, Anthony Coletta, Dale, Harold Dancer, Dick, Blanche DiDonatto, Jimmy Doherty, Dennis Drenth, Chaplain Tom Farley, Nora Fenner, Barbara Elrod, Barbara Fowler, Sylvain Gagnon, Greg Gehman, 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, Margaret Niels, Bill Parker, Elaine Parlin, Ronnie Parker, Susan Parks, Rita Polese, Donnie Richards, Ken and Peggy Roper, Rev. and Mrs. James Slack, Tom Smith, Brad Strawser, Tony, Lee Anne Taylor, Lorraine Truitt, Mel Turcott, Greggie Welch, Jr, Bill Wick and Tony Working.

Please pray for those serving in the military, especially Joshua Hankins, Yann Lamiqu and Chris Petruzzo.

A.G. Cross had heart bypass surgery.

Jerry Eby has pancreatic and liver cancer and has been undergoing chemo since February.

Sherri Hankins suffered a small stroke and fell and hurt her knee and broke four ribs.

Please pray **Johnathon**, early 20s, finds God and follows Him.

Billy Long broke his back in a spill at Rosecroft. Please pray for his speedy and complete recovery.

Joanne Maiorca had 3 heart attacks and has other health issues.

Ronnie Parker of Maine still has a long road to recovery from his motorcycle accident.

Clara Young-Gordon had knee surgery.

Taki had a cancerous kidney removed.

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Project,

www.ekballoproject.com, spreading the gospel. She was in Nepal telling the people about the healing power of Jesus. Just like in the gospels, the people brought their sick and prayed with Sarah and her friend, Emily, trusting God to heal them. Guess what? Sarah and Emily are astounded with the numbers that were healed on that day. Sarah and Emily credit the faith of the people with God's blessing of so many mighty miracles. Yes, they all gave and continue to give thanks.

Of course, we all know we celebrate the birth of the biggest miracle of all on Christmas Day. Continue to expect miracles. Yes, let us give thanks. Merry Christmas!



Memorial Contributions

Memorials are posted at www.chha.net.

In memory of **Bob Farrington** by: Linda Banks, Jeanne Ketelaar, Don Carpenter, Ron and Nancy Carpenter, Susan Chillmon, Deborah Farrington, Richard and Dorothy Farrington, James Harris, Connie Hempy, Marvin Hudson, Kit and Chad Hughes, Rich and Sherry Pugh, Richwood Independent Agricultural Society, Tom and Sara Shields, Patty and Ivan Sugg, Nicholas Wall, John and Barbara Wiley
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In memory of **Shirley Otto** by: Dr. Bob and Lisa Schwartz
In memory of **Clarence Schalk, Jr** by: Dr. Bob and Lisa Schwartz
In memory of **Hobart Schoonover** by: Dr. Bob and Lisa Schwartz
In memory of **Robert J Brown** by: Dr. Bob. and Lisa Schwartz
In memory of **John Hinshaw** by: Sue and Ray Beachy



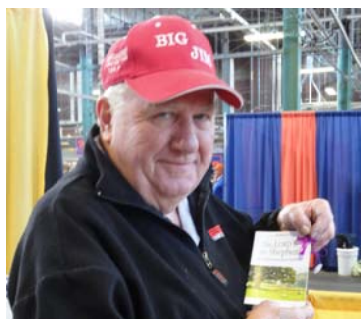
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**Please consider donating a breeding
to our Stallion Auction
January 28-31, 2015**



Dick Terrien picked up a purple cross at the CHHA booth and said, "Every time I see a cross I remember how much God loves me."



Seated on the auction stand are: Larry Martin, Danny Greene, Vernon Martin, Senena Esty, Sam McKee and Toby Clements



Jerry Eby asks for prayers for his pancreatic and liver cancer. He says he is getting better. God is answering his prayers.



Bill Finley, Harness Racing Update



Tim and Melanie Hayes



Jackie Warner and Karen Hauver
Ontario Sire Stakes



Janet Terhune, Harness Racing Museum

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