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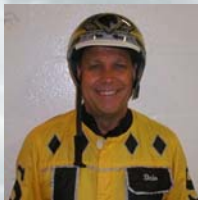
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We'll tell you more next
month.

What Does God Want?

By Chaplain Lee Alphen

What does God want from us? Following Old Testament practices, perhaps God wants our best foals. Some TV evangelists and preachers would tell us to give more money to them and their cause. However, looking at the life Jesus lived, the lessons He taught and the message He left us in the Gospels, the prophet Micah had it right. He said this is what the Lord requires of us; "To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8)

In Micha's city, about 30 miles from Jerusalem, the people were neglecting their relationships with the Lord. The rich people were cheating those who had less. Using their scales, we would pay more for a bag of oats. A pound of carrots would likely weigh in as five or six. They lied at every opportunity. The government was corrupt. Lifestyles were not honoring God, and the people did not even realize something had gone radically wrong.

Micah was encouraging them to overcome the corruption, oppression, bribery and injustice that prevailed. The American Heritage dictionary tells us that we "do justice when everyone is treated fairly with full appreciation." Yes, we all are equal in God's eyes. We all have gifts and talents to be appreciated. None of us are better than the

next.

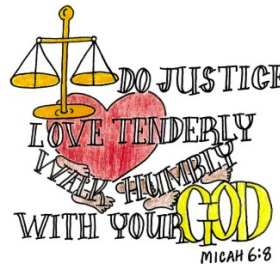
Do you remember the King who forgave the debt of the servant who pleaded with him in Matthew 18:23-35? The servant then went and ruffed up a fellow servant who owed him much less and had him thrown in prison. The irate king called the "wicked servant" back and chastised him for not extending the same mercy to this other man as was shown him. God certainly is merciful because He always forgives us. Do we show the same mercy to others? Think too about the Prodigal Son, the Good Samaritan and the Woman Caught in

Adultery. Actually, what God wants is for us to LOVE to show mercy to others as He LOVES to show mercy to us.

King Belshazzar in Daniel 5 threw a big party for 1,000 of his nobles. The King sent for the gold and silver cups his father, Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the temple in Jerusalem. As the king, his

nobles, wives and concubines drank from them, they praised the gods of gold, silver, bronze, iron, wood and stone. When a human hand began writing on the wall in words no one was able to interpret, Belshazzar became so frightened his face turned pale, and his knees began to knock. Daniel was brought in and interpreted the message.

Belshazzar should have learned from his fathers mistakes. Instead, Daniel translated, "You praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood and stone," **God cont. page 3**



Dan Clements leads Bible Study



Mach It A Par
and Dan Clements

Thursdays at 5:00 you will find Dan Clements in the Florida Breeders Building at Pompano Park leading Bible Study. While I was there I learned that worship is loving God, and that when you fix your thoughts on God, God will fix your thoughts. Keep up the great work Dan!

Scholarship
Recipient
Tee Wine
at the barn
with Dad




Thomas and Tee Wine
with Straight Priority

Everyone at Pompano loves CHHA scholarship recipient, Tee Wine. Besides going to school and helping his dad in the barn, Tee spends his evenings in the Paddock washing sulkies for many of the drivers.

Obituaries

Please pray for the families of these harness racing friends:

John "Jake" Chapman Jr., 60, died Dec 19. John was a horseman and a son of the late Hall of Fame horseman John Chapman.

Cecil W. Clemmons, 95, died Dec 26. Cecil was a US Navy Veteran who served during WWII. He retired from the Mead Paper Co and trained harness horses in OH. 

Wayne Cowdery, 68, Bloomingburg, Ohio, died Jan 26. Wayne boarded and hauled horses. He was extremely well known in the Standardbred industry and he would travel most anywhere.


Ruth Bower Davis, 89, formerly of Harrington, DE died Jan 17. Ruth graduated from the University of Delaware in 1944 with a BS in chemistry and went to work for the DuPont Co. She drove horses as a hobby and raced at Freehold in 1947 as one of very few women with a USTA driver's license. During the 60s she obtained a Clerk of Course and a Program Director license working at local tracks over the next 40 years.


Mary Davis, 67, who was the maître d at the Top of the Park Restaurant and an employee at the Isle Pompano Park, died Dec 23.

Kenneth G. ("Captain Kenny") Dillman, 48, died Jan 14. Kenny was a professional caretaker at Roosevelt and Yonkers Raceways for his entire adult life. He was named the Standardbred Owners Association's Caretaker of the Year in 1992.


John Howard Dinning of Ontario died Jan. 29. John was a long-time trainer of Standardbred horses. He and his wife Debbie are CHHA members and raced many summers at Scarborough Downs.

Marcello Ducci, 84, international bloodstock agent, died Jan 5 in his home city of Florence, Italy. Marcello was a fixture in trotting on both sides of the Atlantic for decades. He arranged the purchase and transport of hundreds of trotters, and was instrumental in exporting semen of United States horses to Italy and other parts of Europe.

John P. Fowler, 60, of Rockland, MA died August 18. John was involved in harness racing earlier in his life before moving to Europe. 

George Guy Gallant, 73, of Saint John died Dec 26. George travelled in the US on the Grand Circuit, drove Comte Richelieu to EPR track record and won a heat of Gold Cup and Saucer. He also worked for the Jim Doherty Stable. 

Ronnie Dale Guhy, 65, of Wickliffe, KY, died Jan 16. Ronnie spent a lifetime in the harness racing industry. Although in recent years he mainly competed in Illinois and Kentucky, he raced successfully at tracks throughout the country.

Louis P. Guida, 82, died Jan 30. Louis owned 21 harness horses that each won a million dollars, not bad for a kid from Jersey City who first worked shining shoes in his father's barber shop, and wound up a vice president of Merrill Lynch. 

William "Bill" H. Hanna, 71, of Alma, IL, died Jan 9. Bill owned and trained Standardbreds, raised cattle and sheep, and was employed as a boiler room operator.


W.E. "Hap" Hansen, 93, died Dec 28, in SC. In the early 1960s, Hap became the President of Brandywine Raceway. Brandywine closed after its 1989 season so Hap retired as chairman of the board. He continued serving the sport with Harness Tracks of America.

Marvin Kaufman, 81, died Jan 17. Marvin loved and owned Standardbreds and enjoyed going to the races, especially Yonkers Raceway, watching his son who races a stable at the Hilltop Oval.

Elizabeth Kidder, the mother of Pastor Sue Petritis died January 16.

Pastor Sue assists Pastor Joe at The Meadows.


Mark Maynard, 65, of South Lyon, MI, died Jan 14. He is survived by his wife, Paula, who is a past president of the Michigan Harness Horsemen's Association. Mark owned several horses some of them in the name of GRQ Stables (Get Rich Quick).

Donald E. Mossbarger, DVM, 92, founder of Midland Acres of Bloomingburg, Ohio, died peacefully in his sleep at home on Jan. 1, 2015. Dr. Mossbarger was a tireless supporter of the efforts to bring the Video Lottery Terminals to Ohio's racetracks. He was a member of the Little Brown Jug Society and a past president and former board member of the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association. Dr. Mossbarger was elected into the Ohio Harness Racing Hall of Fame and was selected as the 30th Little Brown Jug Wall of Fame honoree by the Delaware County Fair. 

Wilmer T. "Bill" Butler, 88, of Asbury, NJ and a longtime horseman and former Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association of New Jersey director, died Dec 27. Bill began his harness racing career in 1962 and was a successful harness driver in New Jersey and other tracks on the Eastern Seaboard.

Linda Jean Nelson died Jan 17 after a hard-fought battle with cancer. She first became a member of the harness community when married to Byron Smith, later to return when her son Randy became involved with horses. She continued to enjoy keeping track of the accomplishments of the horses in the stable, even when she was no longer able to care for them. Of all her horses, A. Superstar was her favorite. Linda trained, drove and rode the trotter to a Scarborough Down track record under saddle in the late 1970s.


Marion Franklin Parsons, Jr., 77, of Salisbury, MD, died January 15. Frank's career included auto repair and car and real estate sales. However his real passion was training and racing standardbred horses. He was involved in horse racing for over 50 years.

Joseph E. Robbins, Jr., 88, of Avica, NY, died Jan 8. Joseph was employed as a grain broker, farmer and horse trainer. 

Brian Sear's mom, **Sharon Sears**, 73, of Pinehurst, died Jan 5.

Robert John Sharkey, 60, died Dec 26 in Orange City, FL. Sharkey, was in the horse transportation and other horse-related occupations, working for trainers in New Jersey and New York for many years. He was honored with the Stanley Dancer Media Award from the New Jersey Chapter of the United States Harness Writers Association.

Bryce A. Truitt, 59, of Paxinos, PA died Dec 22. He was a second generation horseman and started driving in 1973. Bryce raced up and down the east coast and was one of the leading drivers on the Maryland circuit during the 1980s. Most recently, he was active at Pennsylvania racetracks and on the Pennsylvania fair circuit.

Gerald Allen "Jerry" White, 22, of Chesapeake City, MD, died Nov 11. Jerry was a carpenter and was studying the construction trades at Cecil College. He was an exceptionally hard worker. Winbak's Amy Carter was his girlfriend. 

Memorial Contributions

Memorials are posted at www.chha.net.

In memory of **Doc Mossbarger** by: Dr Bob and Lisa Schwartz and Albert Adams

In memory of **Thayer Maxwell** by: Thelma Maxwell

In memory of **Mary Breton** by: Yves Breton

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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, Jerry Eby, Chaplain Tom Farley, Tiffany Fisher, Margaret Groce, Marilyn Hankins, 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, Jim Raymer, 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, Kevin Burns, Mary Burton, Carol Ann Case, Joan Collins, Anthony Coletta, Dale, Harold Dancer, Blanche DiDonatto, Jimmy Doherty, Dennis Drenth, Nora Fenner, Barbara Elrod, Barbara Fowler, Sylvain Gagnon, Dr. Howard Gill, Bob Goth, Barbara and Brent Graham, David Graham, Debbie Gray, Harry Harvey, Bob Hilliard, Bob Jones, Mary 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, Billy Long, Sharon Lowell, Faye Mackey, Joanne Maiorca, Pedro Martinez, Jr., Melissa MacNeill, Kaye McDonnell, Dean Miller, Raymond Miller, Margaret Nields, Bill Parker, Elaine Parlin, Ronnie Parker, Susan Parks, Rita Polese, Joanne Ranger, Donnie Richards, Brad Strawser, Tony, Lee Anne Taylor, Lorraine Truitt, Mel Turcott, Sandy Weiss, Gregg Welch, Jr, Bill and Lucille Wick and Tony Working.

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

Brian Adams had a heart attack.

Katherine Aracena (8 months), has been very sick lately and lab tests indicate it may be cancer.

Jeanne Duso Boudot was diagnosed with stage-four pancreatic cancer.

Gaetane Breton has many health issues.

Please continue to pray for Chaplain Ken Carter's wife, Karen, and

granddaughter, Priscilla, who are battling cancer. Cathy Webb's mother, Thelma Chrisman, suffered a stroke. Cindy's airway is blocked 60%, and she often stops breathing. Claire has a heart problem. Rudy Day is in his 90s and finds daily activities very difficult. Cletus Graber is dealing with stroke related issues and Parkinson's. Jean Herrick, 87, lost her husband and is really struggling. Diane Jeannot has been diagnosed with lung cancer. Hal Jones, 90, is in rehab with a broken leg. Larry Ledderman is still dealing with his brain tumor. His daughter is having a very difficult time following her mother's death. Arthur Lisi has much vision loss from glaucoma and cataracts. Ann MacNeill had knee surgery. Melissa in Memphis is battling depression. Patty Menne had a knee replacement. Aaron Peternel had a virus attack his heart and cause permanent damage. Jessica Paquette's mother just had surgery, and her grandmother is facing challenges. Please continue to pray for Jim Raymer who is battling cancer. Lori Romanetti fell and tore her rotator cuff. She also had surgery on her esophagus. Gerald Russell has COPD. Nancy Rybarczyk had a heart attack and a stroke. Lyla Sheridan has been diagnosed with three tumors and will be starting chemo and radiation. She and Pete are raising 3 grandchildren. Madysyn Smith, who will be 2 in April, does not yet walk or talk. Robert Swain had a stroke. Thomas has some debilitating health issues and is undergoing tests. Darren Trainer recently underwent major heart surgery in Halifax. Jim, Rita and Scott White are struggling with the loss of their son/brother in an accident.

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which cannot see or hear or understand. But you did not honor the God who holds in His hand your life and all your ways." That night the arrogant Belshazzar, who chose not to humble himself before God, died.

Daniel, on the other hand, is told in a vision that he has been blessed since the first day he humbled himself before God and tried

to gain understanding. (Daniel Chapters 9-10)

Do we LOVE to show mercy? Do we treat others justly? God offers us a brand new start each day. Let's walk humbly with our God treating others as God treats us. Let's set an example for others to follow.



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**Tabitha Teresczuk and
Magnum Kosmos**

The always smiling Tabatha along with boyfriend, Tony Dinges, and his brother, Roy, are a blessing to me. Wherever I see them, we talk about how our great God is working in their lives.

Pompano Park Raceway



Tommy Long - Sunny - Diane Long



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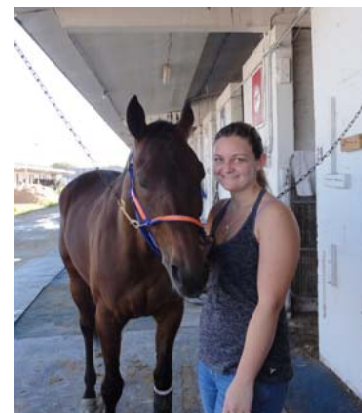
Mary is enjoying a bible Lyndel Adamsky sent her at the request of Bruce Ranger. I guess God wanted me to meet up with her. Praise God! Mary has God in her life. I run into many people whose lives God's servant, Lyndel, touched.



Leopold Sawyers



Sir Winston and Jim Hogan



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