

By Melanie Joy

Life Lines Ministry

One of my test papers at school asked me what I gain from giving myself to God. Here’s my reply:

Some people say that you lose yourself when you give your will to God. For me, this is exactly opposite to reality.

When I give my will to Him, I find freedom and relief from the demands of life. It’s as though I am covered and protected, and things don’t matter anymore. Matthew 6:33 says, “But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”

I believe that if I put Him first, He will take care of me. So what did I give up? Myself. What did I get in return? Love, joy, peace, gentleness, kindness, this beautiful world, the people I love, and a soul that soars like an eagle.

When I take the cares of the world and place them back on my shoulders, adding a tremendous weight and yoke, I am sad. I am stressed. I am incomplete.

When I stop to reflect and let go of the world and all its many entanglements, I find myself free to be me. I’m free because He has me and will take care of me. It is here that I can simply be a better person, and make my world a better place.

I titled my paper, “Something for Nothing” because this is the exchange that takes place when we accept the gift of salvation or God’s Covenant. In God’s Covenant I come to Him and offer myself -- who I am, my essence -- to Him in exchange for who He is. I am no longer stuck in my human ways, strength or existence. I can walk in Him. It’s like taking off my tattered coat and putting on His clean, new coat. I don’t have to carry around my old coat. I don’t have to wear it; I can have His.

If you looked at my tattered coat, you probably wouldn’t think much of it. In fact, you’d probably think it was “nothing.” In my eyes it may be comfortable, broken in, and matching everything I own. But in your eyes it doesn’t keep me warm, dry or covered. So we can trade tattered and torn for welcome and warm.

So doesn’t it seem like we would want to anxiously throw off our coat to put on His new coat? As much as it seems kind of sick to think that we would refuse His coat, or only wear it for a little while before we exchange it back for ours, it happens all the time. Anytime we choose to do our will and or do it our way, we are taking off His new coat to put ours back on.

We get “Something for Nothing” when we choose God’s gift of Salvation. We get to trade in our tattered coat for something better. I haven’t seen a deal like this anywhere. How would you like to get “Something for Nothing”?

The world says it’s impossible. But I know better.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Josephine County Commissioners will conduct informal meetings with public officials, county department heads and employees, and other citizens, every legal day, Monday through Friday, with the exception of Wednesday, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M., in Room 154 of the Josephine County Courthouse. On Wednesdays, the office hours are from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. A daily schedule of all prearranged meetings will be posted each morning beginning at 8:00 A.M. from the Executive Secretary of the Board of Commissioners. The purpose of these meetings will be to gather information, discuss issues, and deliberate toward decisions concerning matters of public policy and concern. All interested persons may attend said meetings except those designated as “Executive Sessions.” In addition, notice of advisory board and commission meetings are also posted in the Commissioners Office.

DONE and DATED this 22nd day of Jan. 1997.

JOSEPHINE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Harold Haugen, Chair
Jim Riddle, Vice Chair
Jim Brock, Commissioner

Approved:
Steven Rich
Josephine County Legal Counsel

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Truth never damages a cause that is just.
- Gandhi

Ambition is only vanity ennobled.
- Oliver Wendell Holmes

Please all and you will please none.
- Aesop

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Church Directory

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SELMA 18285 Redwood Hwy. Pastor Monty Pope Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m. Wednesday: Music Practice - 7 p.m. Prayer & Bible Study 7:30 p.m. *** BRIDGEVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH Pastor Charles Bridges P.O. Box 645 5181 Holland Loop Non-Denominational Child's Church - 10:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship 6 p.m. Thursday Bible Study- 7 p.m. Women's Prayer/Thursday 9:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Meeting 1st & 3rd Saturday - 8 a.m. Youth Group Sunday - 6 p.m. KBCC-LP at 107.9 FM Corner Dick George/ Holland Loop *** GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH East River Street & Lewis Court Sunday Worship - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Pastor Peg Harvey-Marose 592-2147 Church Phone: 592-2290 *** BAHA'I FAITH Phone 592-5234 *** ST. MATTHIAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH 25904 N. Redwood Highway Sunday Services: 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sunday 9:30 a.m. 4th Sunday - 5:30 p.m. Vicar: Jan Meikle 592-2006	ST. PATRICK OF THE FOREST CATHOLIC CHURCH 407 W. River Street, C.J. 592-3658 Father Harry Holwell Parochial Vicar Masses - Sunday Daylight Saving - 9:00 a.m. Standard Time - 10 a.m. Daily Mass Tues.-Fri. 9:00 a.m. First Saturday . . . 10:00 a.m. Holy Days - 9:00 a.m./7:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday - 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. *** COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH 113 S. Caves Avenue, C.J. Evangelical & Non-Denominational Sunday School 9:15-10:15 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. Junior Church, Infant and Toddler Nursery Provided Dr. Don Blackburn, Pastor Community Christian Academy *** ILLINOIS VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH 2110 Caves Highway Stanley W. Smith, Pastor Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Bible Study - Thursday - 6 p.m. Youth Meeting - Thursday - 7 p.m. A Southern Baptist Ministry Phone: 592-3029 Cell: 659-8934 *** FOUNTAIN OF LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD 451 S. Junction Avenue Phone 592-3956 Pastor Mark McLean Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship -6:00 p.m. Wednesday - 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study	SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH 265 S. Old Stage Road Sabbath School - 9:30 a.m. Sat. Church Service 11:00 a.m. Sat. Prayer & Praise 7:00 p.m. Tues. Pastor Harold Premdas Church 592-3218 Everyone Welcome Madrone Adventist School 592-3330 Sr. Teacher: Mrs. Amy Whitchurch 592-6604 *** IMMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 220 Watkins Ph. 592-3876 Pastor David Goodrich Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. Sunday Worship - 9:15 a.m. Child-care for small children Potluck/Bible Study Thursday 6:00 p.m. WEB Page: http://Immanuel UMC.net *** VALLEY EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH 498 Laurel Road Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service - 11:00 a.m. Wednesday - 7 p.m. Bible Study, Youth Group Thursday - 7 p.m. - Adult Bible Study Pastor Austin Patty 592-6160 or 590-5184 *** CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS 207 Junction Avenue, C.J. Sacrament Meet - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School - 10:20 a.m. Priesthood, Relief Soc. 11:10 a.m. Bishop Gary Dobie 1st Counselor Bill Hart 2nd Counselor Sam Williams	ILLINOIS VALLEY PRAISE CENTER 28569 Redwood Hwy. Cave Junction Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting - 6:00 p.m. Thursday evening - 7 p.m. Home Bible Study/Youth Group Non-Denominational Bible Teaching Church Pastor Doug Wilson 592-4872 *** TAKILMA BIBLE CHURCH 10300 Takilma Road Pastor Dan Robinson Bible Study/Prayer Time 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Thursday Bible Study 7 p.m. *** LIVING WORD FELLOWSHIP “Walking as Jesus Walked” Full Gospel Non-Denominational Sunday School - 10 a.m. Sunday Worship - 11 a.m. Sunday Evening - 7 p.m. Thursday Bible Study Prayer 7 p.m. 139 S. Caves Ave. Suite G (Next to Junction Avenue) Pastor Wayne Vineyard 592-2815 - Home Healing Rooms Open - Tuesday 7-8 p.m. or by appointment *** ILLINOIS VALLEY HOME MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP A Messianic Congregation P.O. Box 1949, CJ 97523 Sabbath Services Hebrew classes, worship in dance classes and celebrations of the Lord's Feasts - 592-4649	FIRST LOVE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP 139 Caves Ave. Front door Pastors Drs. Bob & Virginia Kurko 592-4775 The Church that Love has built in the Heart of Cave Junction Worship Schedule Sunday 10:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday School & Nursery 10:30 a.m. Tues. & Wed. Bible college classes - 7 p.m. Thurs. 'First Love Kitchen' Free meal 11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m. Fri. Genesis 12 Step - 7 p.m. Sat. 'Free Bread 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. “A Full Restoration, NT Church” Phone for classes being offered this semester. *** ILLINOIS VALLEY PENTECOSTALS Meeting 2 p.m. Sundays American Legion Hall 2110 Caves Hwy. 'Road through the RV Park' Contact 592-4716 for Bible Study in your home or the pastor's - P.O. Box 2180 Cave Junction, OR 97523 Pastor Wendell Owens 592-4716
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Worship at the church of your choice.

Obituaries

Jean M. Weiss
Jean Maxine Weiss, 77, of Cave Junction, died on Friday, Nov. 21 at her residence.

Private services were arranged through Illinois Valley Funeral Home. She was born on June 20, 1926 in Bellingham, Wash.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Otto Weiss. She is survived by a cousin.

Alan E. Williams
Alan Edward Williams, 68, of Cave Junction, died on Friday, Nov. 21, 2003 at his home.

A private memorial is planned for his birthday.

Chapel of the Valley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. It is the family’s wish that memorial remembrances be made to Lovejoy Hospice, 939 S.E. 8th St., Grants Pass, OR, 97526.

Mr. Williams was born on April 2, 1935 in London, England.

After graduating from Wanstead high School in Essex, he worked in the shipping department of William Jacks of London. He then served in the British Army’s Essex Regiment in Wuppertal, Germany and Trieste, Italy.

He worked for Dunhill’s of London in the cigar room. In 1959 he transferred to the New York Branch and then to Dunhill’s new branch in Chicago. The Cuban embargo

ended his career in the cigar business and he moved to Stamford, Conn. where he sold life insurance for several years.

A friend persuaded him to moved in 1964 to San Francisco where he worked for American Express. The burgeoning rock music scene of the mid-1960s caused another career shift. Williams played with various bands, organized concerts and went on tour. He enjoyed meeting many of rock music’s icons.

He retired to Ojai, Calif. In 1970, then retired again to Cave Junction in 1986. He married the former Judy Smith on Aug. 17, 1985 in Ojai.

He enjoyed sports, cribbage and dominoes and especially gardening. He was proud of his ability to grow traditional English vegetables year-round.

Survivors include his wife Judy; sons, Andrew Williams of Yorkshire, England, Gabriel and Jonathan Williams of Cave Junction, Timothy Williams of Ashland and Michael Melilli of Medford and David Grove of Ventura, Calif; a sister, Eileen Gordon of Essex, England; and two grandchildren.

Brian Starks
Former Cave Junction resident Brian Starks, 58, died on Nov. 18, 2003 in

Prescott, Ariz.

A memorial service will be held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 209 S. Junction Ave., on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 2 p.m. in CJ.

Mr. Starks was born on Dec. 19, 1944 in Cave Junction in a log house located across the street from where I.V. Video is now.

He attended grade school in Kerby and graduated from Illinois Valley High School in 1964. After graduation he joined the U.S. Navy and served a tour of duty on the USS “Bradley.” He was also a Vietnam veteran and received a Medal of Valor for heroic efforts while

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Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale

December 6

Soup and Pie Lunch 11-1

Immanuel United Methodist Church 200 W. Watkins



Life Lines christmas Bazaar

December 6th & 13th 9am-4pm

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