

## Squeeky says...

### Meet my new friend =====>



**The Tabernacle's resident church mouse, philosopher and occasional complainer**

Hi Everybody...  
I'm feeling a little braver these days. Want to know why? I crossed the street to visit Peanut. However, I must admit that I wimped out when the Fellowship

Hall door closed and locked behind me. I stood there frozen in fear till I saw Peanut waving at me. So, over I went and what a wonderful time I had. I learned so many new things. Did you know a squirrel's tail stands straight up all by itself? Without any hair gel? And that their homes are in the trees? I had to stay overnight with Peanut, you know, because I got locked out. So he put me in his son's room. His name is PJ. Wow! Now I have two new friends. You know what the best part of Peanut's life is? Marcia and Jimmy feed him and PJ peanuts and dried fruit. I enjoyed those snacks so much I didn't even miss my cheese. My taste buds are still tingling. The next morning when Jimmy unlocked the church doors, I scooted back across the street and hopped inside. Now, what do you think would have happened if I had stayed in my fear? I would have missed the most wonderful experience of my life.



**Peanut the Squirrel**

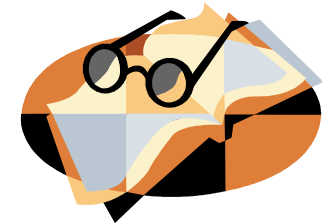
### Squeeky's Neighbor & Friend

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*John 13:34-35*

# Increasing our appetite for GOD... tidbits from Don & Linda Lees

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Charlene was born in Arkansas, where her family owned a large farm. That was 77 years ago. Since then, she and her military husband lived in many places before settling in Melbourne in 1967. They were married for 53 years before he died recently.

The Keatings were blessed with two sons, one daughter and four grandsons. Both sons graduated from West Point. Some of the family members live in Marietta, Georgia, and some in Williamsburg, Virginia. Charlene misses them and wishes she could see them more often. But she prays constantly for them.

For over 30 years the Tab has been Charlene's church home. Almost every Sunday you will hear her say to someone, "I love this church." When asked why, she replied, with a twinkle in her eye, "I know everyone and everyone is so friendly."

Charlene also said, "Every service at the Tab is wonderful. I never go out of there feeling like anything was missing." Now that's a loyal parishioner!

## The Body of Christ

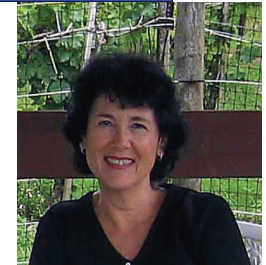
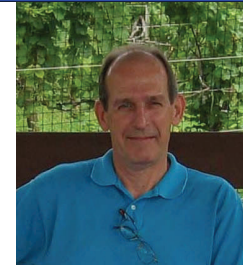
Well, October 2008, will certainly go down in the history books as the month in which the world's banking system came perilously close to total collapse. For Christians, I believe it is a wake up call, an opportunity from God for us to assess where we place our security.

Proverbs 6:20–23, gives us clear instruction concerning our source of values and priorities, as well as what we need to protect regarding the issues of life.

It has become clearer to me, more than ever before, that God has intentionally allowed circumstances in my life to allow me to see my self-serving tendencies and my inclination to not want to have to trust Him in certain areas.

The latest is the turmoil in the financial system and the economy, which has a direct impact on my family's provision. But I discovered a fresh revelation during my latest wrestling match with God. Romans 11:7b, in The Message translation says, "The chosen ones of God were those who let God pursue his interest in them, and as a result received his stamp of legitimacy."

God desires our presence so that He can impart in us an assurance of trust in Him, which then calms our fears and reveals the pathway He has set before us. Discovering the depths of God's love and provision is here for us during these times.



**Practical Suggestions...** When we lived in California in the middle 90's, I attended a Bible Study entitled, "Experiencing God." There were seven precepts that we were encouraged to learn and practice. The first three have remained a daily part of my life: 1. God is always at work around you. 2. God pursues a continuing love relationship with you that is real and personal. 3. God invites you to become involved with Him in His work.

Up till that time, I hadn't seriously considered that I could be part of God's work on a daily basis. My life was mostly self-centered: How can I control my life? How can I get what I want? How can I get my prayers answered? But life took on new meaning when I began to think about what God wanted and what I could do to participate in His work.

Opportunities started to surface and I found joy in the simplest acts of service. I became more relaxed and secure, knowing that God has a wonderful plan for me, as well as all the ones I care about. Yes, even in these tough times, we can trust Him.

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