

Squeeky says...
Happy New Year everybody!!



Hi Everybody... I put on a few extra ounces over the Christmas holidays, as you can see. So, it's time to get out the old

tennis shoes and start running . Peanut wants to do it with me. I didn't even ask Pokey, for obvious reasons.

A new year is a great time to begin again or start something brand new. My body is not too energetic right now but my little mind is full of ideas and enthusiasm.

When I saw the Fellowship Hall's new look, I got inspired to redecorate my home. One day, I followed Sharon outside because I could see she was going to throw away a paint brush. It still had some of that luscious green paint on it so I jumped into that garbage bin and retrieved it. Guess what? There was enough paint to cover all my walls. Then, I found some paint samples on the floor that I framed and hung in the den.

Oh boy! There's no stopping me now. I think I'll have an open house when I get finished with this project. So, all you Tabites, please drop lots of goodies on the floor next Sunday. I'm going to need a lot of food for my party.

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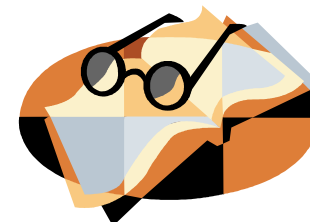
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John 13:34-35

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

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Leah Hurd

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Leah has been at the Tab off and on since 1986. She moved to St. Augustine for a few years and is now back with us. Her home is in Indian Harbour Beach, where she lived before moving away. "I'm a beach bum (not a tree hugger)," says Leah. "That's where I feel closest to God."

Not only does Leah feel close to God on the beach, she sees His creation everywhere she looks. She has a way of taking a piece of driftwood, a tiny shell, even shells that are broken and creating masterpieces of art for many people to enjoy.

In keeping with her Jewish roots, Leah says she likes to take a sow's ear and turn it into a silk purse, whether it is furniture, things from the sea, or lost souls. She has a passion to see Jewish people come into their destiny. Currently, she is helping to raise money to feed the poor and lonely in Israel. On a local level, Leah works in the Food Bank to serve the people in our community.

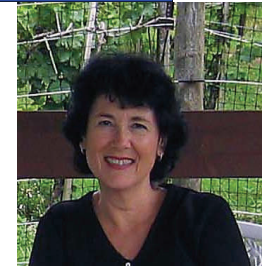
The Body of Christ—Don

New beginnings are refreshing and full of new expectations. In 2Corinthians 5:17, the apostle Paul writes, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

The year 2008 is gone and a new year, 2009, has arrived with new possibilities. Sometimes it is difficult to let go of past hurts and past mistakes so we carry them along with us on our journey, letting them have access to our thoughts, which torment us with discouragement. Is it any wonder that the result is an attack on our faith and trust in God.

In Revelation 2:17, the apostle John records the words of Jesus, "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it." The word "name" translated in this verse literally means character and authority. Jesus is promising a new character and authority and hidden food from heaven to those who overcome. Look at Revelation 12:10-11 to find out how to become an overcomer.

Let's make a new year's resolution to not give the accuser of the brethren any time or space in our thoughts or plans. We are new creatures in Christ. Let's behave like it. Happy new year!



Practical Suggestions—Linda

When I think about becoming a new creature in Christ, I think about the perfect nature of Jesus living in me. Awesome! However, when I asked Him to come into my heart many years ago, I didn't see His life manifested in my thoughts and behavior. This caused me to question whether I was a new creature or not and my faith wavered.

As I studied God's Word and fellowshiped with other Christians, my understanding grew. The book of Romans was very helpful, especially Chapter 7. Verses 22 and 23 spell it out. The inward man (the new nature) loves the law of God. The flesh (the old nature) wars against the inward man. What is the answer? The new nature must grow and overtake the old.

Paul said in Ephesians 4:11-13, that giftings were given to believers so that we all could mature into the full stature of the fullness of Christ. Let's keep encouraging each other to continue the journey.

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