

Squeeky says...

Hi Everybody...I've got this friend I'd like to tell you about. His name is Pokey. He is slow at everything, especially when he is contemplating a plan of action. I have even checked his breathing at times to make sure he is still alive when he is thinking about something. I've often been frustrated when we are together because I get an idea and want to run with it while Pokey is still thinking about the first step. I almost called it quits with our friend-



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

ship when I heard a little voice that said, "Squeeky, you two could be a team for Kingdom

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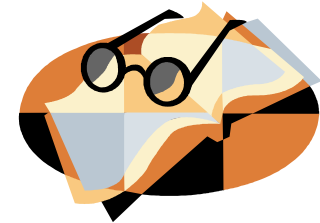
could that be," I wondered, "with me bouncing all over the place and Pokey in a trance most of the time." Then the light bulb went off. I'm the idea man, Pokey is the implementer. Together, we can accomplish great things for God's Kingdom. Apart, we're just one mouse bouncing all over the place and one practically comatose. I can't wait to share this with Pokey. Now, what can we call ourselves? God's Guys? Mice in Ministry? Squeeky and Pokey for Jesus? Let me know what you think.

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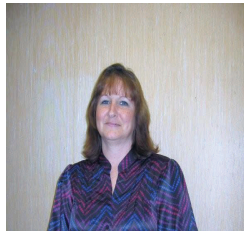
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Darlene is the Tabernacle Church Administrator. She is responsible for the oversight of the property and implementing the financial decisions of the

Board of Directors. Her husband's name is Dean and together they have raised three boys.

The three grandchildren are Darlene's passion. "They are such a joy to me I wish I would have had them first," she said. Eight year old Gabrielle and seven year old Joshua live in Texas. Every Summer Darlene looks forward to the six weeks they spend with her and Dean here in Florida. Ethan, who is three years old, lives close by.

Darlene's desires for her grandchildren are very basic: to have a Christian upbringing, to be responsible adults, and to walk closely with the Lord. She nurtures them in those values as much as she can.

One of the things Darlene enjoys most about her grandkids is the cute things they say. When Joshua was younger, she asked him if he had Jesus in his heart. He assured her that he did. She then asked him how he knew that. He looked down at his chest, shrugged his shoulders, then replied, Well, I didn't let Him out!"

Next time you see Darlene around the property, be sure to thank her for all her hard work. She does far more than her job description states.

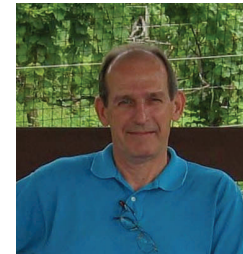
The Body of Christ...

As a child, our house was adjacent to my grandfather's small farm. Each Spring my dad would plow the fields with a horse-drawn plow. He used two horses. One was Prince, a large grey gelding, and the other one a copper colored mare named Ginger. Prince was getting too old to pull the plow alone but he was steady and would walk ever so slowly in a straight line. Ginger, on the other hand, was young and strong and could pull the plow alone but she wouldn't pull in a straight line. My dad would team them together and got Ginger's vitality with Prince's steadiness.

The Lord brought that memory to me the other day as I was reading Matthew 11: 28-30, where Jesus invited all who labor and are heavy laden to take His yoke upon them and learn of HIM. As I considered again that invitation, I realized that, not only was Jesus lifting the burden of my labors and circumstances I carry around, but when I am yoked together with HIM, HE also provides the direction and destiny for me as well.

I think it is amazing that Jesus would want me to be yoked together with HIM throughout my life. It takes a moment-by-moment conscious decision every day to seek first the kingdom of God and HIS righteousness, to enter into HIS presence and be yoked together with HIM and hear HIS voice.

If we want to find rest in our souls and deliverance from the tyranny of the world, let's get yoked together with Jesus and plow the fields before us.



Don Lees



Linda Lees

Practical Suggestions...When I want to try to understand being yoked with Jesus, I think of it this way. I use my talents, put forth my effort, expect divine appointments, then trust Jesus to multiply the effect of my contribution.

For instance, I met a man at a shopping center, named Fred. He sits in a wheelchair and quietly strums his guitar. One day, I asked him if he played in a group. He said, "No, I'm just a lone guitarist." I then said, "Play me a tune." And he played a beautiful rendition of Spanish Harlem. I thanked him and, as I walked away, I could envision him playing beautiful messages of God's love someday.

That's what I mean about being yoked with Jesus. All I do is talk to Fred and encourage him, then expect Jesus to bring His Kingdom purposes into Fred's life.

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