

## Squeeky says...

Hi Everybody...I've been spending a lot of time lately in my hiding place, contemplating my purpose. There's got to be more to life than just following the cheese trail. I mean, look at me! I get awake every morning, peek out my door to see if it's safe and head out looking for treats. To tell you the truth, I was getting a little bored.

One Sunday I was listening to some people in Fellowship Hall, talking about being used by God in their everyday lives. As each one shared how they were able to help someone or tell someone about Jesus, I got real excited. Now that's something I could sink my two big front teeth into.

Quickly, I ran back to my hole so I could think about what I had heard. Maybe I could help another mouse find a home. Or, maybe I could warn other mice about dangers in the area (you, know, like cats). The possibilities are endless. Now, I can hardly wait for each new day to see how God will use me for his Kingdom purposes.



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

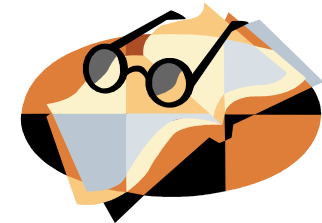
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*John 13:34-35*

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LAURA WATSON

Brooks and Laura have been at the Tab since it's beginning, over 40 years ago. They have worn many hats over the years but most recently Brooks has served on the

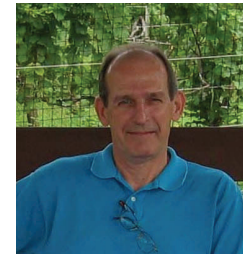
Board of Directors and teaches the adult Sunday School class. Laura started and continues to participate in a writers critique class, which meets on Sunday afternoons.

## The Body of Christ...

I've been reminded lately of what Jesus said to HIS disciples just prior to HIS arrest and crucifixion, regarding the Spirit of truth. He said, "The Spirit of truth will guide you into all truth for He will not speak of Himself but, whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak and He will show you things to come." John 16

It's amazing how easy it is to get complacent about actively listening for the voice of the Spirit of truth in my life. For the people in my sphere of influence, it seems more natural for me to relate with them based on my personal expectation of them, rather than to hear and see what the Spirit of truth is revealing. I sense God has given me the opportunity for intentional living, particularly with family, friends and coworkers. Choosing to not judge a loved one, choosing to forgive an offense against me, choosing to trust GOD in their lives, is an intentional act.

The Spirit of truth guides us into all truth and speaks to us what Jesus says about our situations and relationships. He gives the "rhema" needed to reveal the hidden things so we can let GOD bring HIS Presence in our relationships. We need wholeness in the Body of Christ in order to hear and see what He is doing. Let's choose to intentionally follow God in loving people so we can keep the bond of peace in the spirit of unity.



Don Lees



Linda Lees

**Practical Suggestions**...One of my favorite words is, "practice." When I'm trying to learn a new truth or change a way of thinking, I have to practice. That helps me to effect the change and not be too hard on myself when I forget—or fail.

I've been trying to be purposeful and intentional for some time now and I pray about that every morning. But usually before the day ends I've gotten caught up in some distraction or bad attitude. "But no worries," I remind myself. "Just practice again what you've learned till it becomes ingrained."

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