

## Squeeky says...

Hi Everybody...Don't tell Roger but I've been sneaking into his office early every morning to catch Joyce Meyer on TV. She's like a faith coach and I sure do need help in that area. I just realized that I pray little "mousey" prayers (pardon the pun), and don't really expect God to answer beyond what I ask. When I pray for cheese, I only expect to find some dried up old cheddar, not imported Swiss.



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

Well, that kind of puny praying has got to stop. From now on, I'm going to expect great things to happen

when I pray.

Now, let's see, maybe I could ask God for a giant cheeseball to fall out of a garbage truck right in front of Fellowship Hall and I could invite all my friends in for a feast.

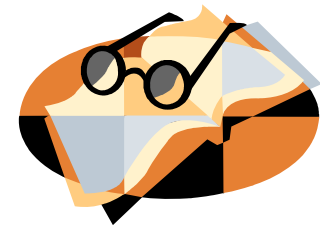
Or, I could write a book called, Great Expectations (oh no, I think that has already been done). Sorry, I got a little carried away. But you get the picture. You're going to see a different Squeeky around the place from now on.

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# TIDBITS April 2008

**Learning to love GOD  
And one another**



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*John 13:34-35*

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

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BETTY BLACK



Betty is one of our active seniors. She spends four days a week driving other seniors to doctor appointments, club meetings, and the beauty shop. She considers them 'Precious Cargo' and makes sure her car is always in good running order and has plenty of gasoline. She even stays with them at some of the club meetings so she can enjoy the fellowship, too.

For the last 24 years, Betty has been a widow. When she lost her husband, mother, and daughter within a seven-week period, she told herself, "Betty, you are on your own now with Jesus." Her son and granddaughter live outside of Florida.

On Sunday mornings you will find Betty seated at one of the tables in Fellowship Hall, enjoying a cup of coffee and lively conversation with other folks gathered there.

Stop in Fellowship Hall some Sunday morning and get acquainted with Betty. She's a quiet servant but always willing to share her experiences with Jesus.

**The Body of Christ...**A few weeks ago, I was meditating on what I had read during my morning devotions, when I heard GOD say to me, "I want you to increase your expectations in ME." It rather startled and perplexed me to think that I wasn't expecting enough, in the opinion of GOD.

I began to ask myself, what am I expecting? I have a plaque on my wall in front of my desk that says, "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1. The word 'hope' is translated from the Greek word 'elpis', which can also be translated into the word 'expect.'

As I shared this experience with some friends recently, one them said, "You know, I had a similar thing happen to me when I was praying. I was telling God how much I trusted HIM and how sovereign HE is, when He asked me, 'What are you expecting?'"

Mark 11:22 & 23 says, "Have faith in GOD. For verily I say unto you, that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith."

What are you expecting in GOD? When we abide in HIM and hear HIS voice, we can ask knowing we are asking based on 'rhema', according to John 7:15. Lets do it, intentionally, as GOD desires.



Don Lees



Linda Lees

**Practical Suggestions**...One of the scriptures that helps me increase my expectation of God is Ephesians 3:20, "Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." When I pray for myself or someone else, I can expect the answer, solution, or healing to be more than I ever imagined it to be.

Another thing that helps me is to realize that it is my responsibility to expect great things when I pray for someone. If I truly believe that God is able to do far more than I ask or think, then I must exercise my faith in this way on behalf of others.

It's a great adventure to ask God for something, then watch Him go to work taking my little prayer and multiplying the effect. This is a responsibility that is both rewarding and very exciting.

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