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and to die is gain.

## Editor's Note:

*"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."* What did Paul mean when he made this statement in Philippians 1:21? I believe that what Paul meant was lived in the life of Dan Firman.

*James Green, Editor*



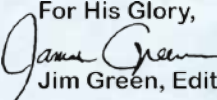
Daniel was a young boy when I met him. For over 20 years, I watched him grow up, marry, and soon would have been the father of his first born son. On August 20, 2009, God, in His providence, saw fit to take Daniel home along with three other young men in a tragic automobile accident. Dan lived a life of true dedication to his Lord, his wife, and the ministry.

We are dedicating this issue of Soaring as Eagles to the life and memory of Daniel Firman. For him to live was for

Christ. When something needed to be done, repaired or remodeled at the church, he was the doer of it. He loved the Lord's work. He was the captain of his bus route, and he loved it. He taught a Sunday School class and he worked in Junior Church. He preached with a fervor for God; with a burden for the souls of America; and for revival in our churches.

If ever I have known a young man that lived this verse, it was Dan. *"For to me to live is Christ and to die is gain."* It truly was, for after Dan's death and through his testimony, over forty people have come to Christ. As Rev. 14:13 says, *"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord... and their works do follow them."*

As you read this edition, I hope you will endeavor to be the person that Dan was. Life is shorter for some than others. What you do today will still affect others tomorrow. May this memorial edition be a testimony as well as a challenge to those of us still living.

For His Glory,  
  
Jim Green, Editor



# In loving MEMORY

by Tammy Firman



Dan & Erin Firman

Dan certainly had no idea when he left to go to work the morning of August 20 that he would never come home. I am sure that now he is SO glad that he got saved, married a Christian girl, won people to Christ, went to Bible College, loved God and his family, and had a **good name**.

I cherish the poem Dan wrote that says, *“Mother, Mother, I Will Love You Forever.”* (opposite upper right) His love for me and mine for him will never die. I am glad that he wrote down how he felt so that I have this now that he is gone. The card that Dan wrote (opposite lower right) helps me to remember to smile. Dan wanted me to be happy all of the time—it was important to him. I am sure that Dan still wants me to smile.

- Tammy Firman, Dan’s Mother

# dan

born  
11/17/1983

born again  
1989

married  
6/15/2007

ordained  
5/12/2009

deceased  
8/20/2009

**Mother, mother, I'll love you forever.**

*You're always there.*

*You'll always care.*

*You're always kind.*

*You'll always be mine.*

**Oh, mother, mother, I'll love you forever.**

*The way you look.*

*The way you cook.*

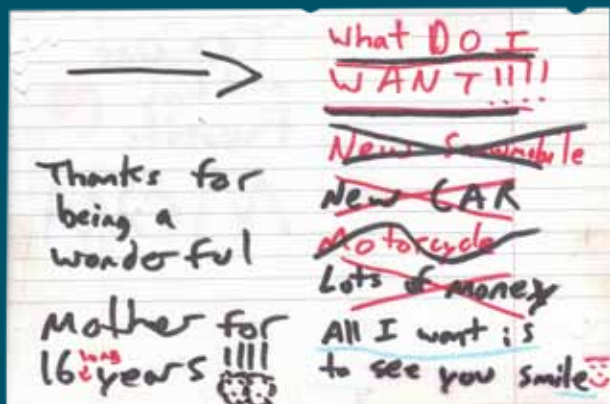
*The way you work.*

*The way you smirk.*

**Oh, mother, mother, I'll love you forever!**

• by Daniel Firman •

**Mother's Day, Ninth Grade**



# love

this is a scan of a  
hand-made card that  
Dan made for his mom.



# a good name

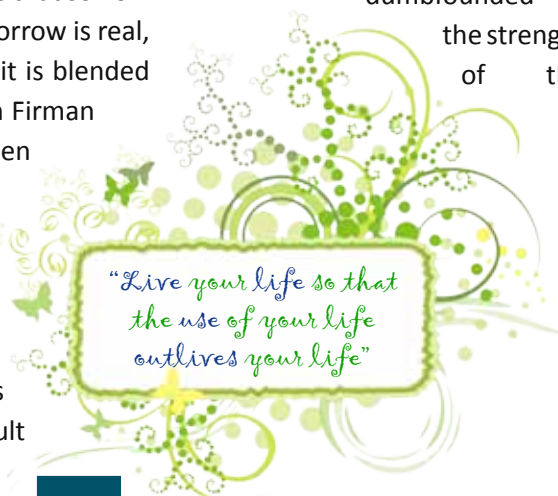
Dr. Jon M. Jenkins, Sr



**Editor's Note:** This message was preached by Dan's pastor, Dr. Jon Jenkins, at the Memorial Service on August 25, 2009.

If you have never been to a funeral of a born again Christian, you are getting a great experience today. In one hand we're crying, and in the other hand were shouting and praising the Lord. That's because as Paul said of old, "We are not like those that sorrow without hope." Our sorrow is real, but it is blessed and it is blended with hope today. Dan Firman was one of four men that died in this horrific accident. All four men were members of the Grace Baptist Church, so this has been a very, very difficult

time not only for the families—the Firmans, the Ericsons, and the Hunleys - but also the family of God's people, this local church, and I want to thank all other people from other churches that have been praying for us. Honestly, I am dumbfounded at the strength of the



*"Live your life so that  
the use of your life  
outlives your life"*



families and the church, and I believe is an indication of the spiritual vigor of this church and I also think that it is the revelation of what happens when a lot of people are praying for you. It's in times like these where you appreciate that you have a home church to be a part of. And I want to thank the Grace Baptist Church for your Christianity in this difficult time.

**H**ow do you add to what we have heard today about Dan's life? Dan Firman was flat out incredible. Maybe you had just met Dan on a job site and didn't know him real well and you may be thinking, "Could anyone be as good as this guy they are talking about?" We probably didn't do justice to it. I've been to a lot of funerals and felt like they were looking far & wide for information to verify that this person was very significant for what they had done for the world, but that's not the case for Dan Firman. Our problem

was trying to figure out how to fit it into 90 minutes.

**B**ro. Hunley and I were talking. All three of the young men that were with Dan were there at the request of their parents. He was the adult that they wanted mentoring their sons. He wasn't just a boss or a foreman on a job. He was the kind of man that they wanted their boys to become.

**I** want to give tribute to this man. If I can just scratch the surface, I will feel like I've been successful. In Proverbs 13:22 we read, *"A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children."* The word "inheritance" in our old King James Bibles means "a heritage." It says in Ps. 127 that *"children are a heritage."* When Tammy and Dennis Firman dedicated their little boy, Dan, to the Lord 25 years ago, they were recognizing that he was, in fact, God's possession. He was loaned to you for a few years. Then Erin, the job he was raised

for, was to be your husband. You only had him a brief time, but oh, what a precious time.

**A** week ago on Saturday, we did some remodeling to the front of our sanctuary. There were supposed to be only two sconces, but when Dan, our resident fellow-that-can-do-everything showed up, he said it wouldn't look right with two and that there needed to be four. When Dan thought we needed to do something, we did it. He put those four lights up there. We did not know that in less than a week, four "lights" would be put out. But God knew. Isn't that awesome? We plan to engrave the names of the four boys on the bottom of the four sconces. The four lights will remind us that four young men who stood out for Christ can remind us to let our lights so shine before men that we might glorify our Father in them...

**D**an left something to us. Back in Pro. 12, notice vs. 2, *"A good*

*man obtaineth the favor of the Lord."* Dan Firman, in just 25 short years, did more than most men in a lifetime of 70-80 years and still fail at it. He obtained the favor of the Lord. This building is packed and jammed as a testimony that this 25 year old man touched us all. Bro. Dennis, Mrs. Tammy, Miss Erin, I don't know anything he could have done greater—he left behind a good name. Pro. 22:1 *"A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches and loving favor rather than silver and gold."* The dictionary's definition of the word good is almost a perfect description for Dan. I cried, I rejoiced. Have you even gotten a blessing from the dictionary?

**T**he old Webster's 1828 Dictionary says that "good" is defined as: First, Of favorable character or tendency. 2. Handsome. 3. Suitable and the right fit. A lot of us think we were his best friend. His brothers knew he was their best friend. He was

the right fit for many of us. 4. Not depreciated. His value kept on increasing.

**A**s that which can be relied upon. That defines him, too, doesn't it? 5. Agreeable, reliable, pleasant. Have you ever met anyone anymore pleasant? He always had a smile. He was so frequently pleasant that we probably took that for granted. Listen to this one: salutatory or wholesome. We are saluting his noble life. 6. Amusing or clever. Dan was very amusing and incredibly clever. 7. Of noticeably

large size or quantity, considerable. Wasn't Dan considerable in everything? I remember when we started Grace Baptist College, and we were putting our buildings together. I thought, Dan is just a kid. He was a college student himself. We can't leave this big job to a kid? And then I walked into the buildings and saw the magnificent job he did and for about one-third the price of what others said it could be done for.

**H**ow about this definition? 8. True, deserving of respect.

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# Love Notes

**Editor's Note:** *This story was written by Rachel DenBoer, a member of my church since 1993. I have watched her grow up into a fine, Christian lady. She sincerely loves the Lord and is waiting for God's perfect will in a husband.*

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It was such a beautiful wedding. I still can't believe it's true! My wedding! And the most perfect one at that! Nothing will ever be as wonderful or satisfying.

You see, I married a Prince. Oh, not like you think. Let me explain. I'm still amazed at how it all started. I had nothing to bring to this wedding. No, not even a dress good enough to wear. I was a dirty, impure, selfish sinner that didn't deserve anything.

Then how could your wedding be so perfect you may ask. Well, that's where it all begins. Let me tell you my love story!

First, I will introduce you to my Father-in-Law—or should I say my Father in Grace? He gave me my Prince and this beautiful wedding. You see, He came and found me in my lowly state. I never thought He would look my way twice. I was so dirty with sin. I don't understand why He came and sought me out! But there I was, and He called my name. He told me that He wanted to give me His Son! Can you imagine His own Son! His own Son, the Prince of Glory!! In fact he told me that His Son was already promised to me if I just would accept him! *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Begotten son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have Everlasting life.*

*John 3:16*

He loved me!! Sure I thought, I've known the love of humans. What's it worth? The love of a person. They love conditionally. As long as

they are pleased, they will love in return. It's a selfish love. Neither want to give in that kind of love! How weary conditional love is. But He told me His son would always love me unconditionally!

Could it be true? You're wondering. Well, yes, here is what He told me... Oh! But wait I'm getting ahead of myself! Let me take you to my wedding! In case you're wondering, yes I did accept His son! After all the things he told me, I could not refuse!! I'll share them with you! But you must come to the beginning with me... "Dearly beloved, we are gathered here today to celebrate this joyous occasion. There two have come together, signifying their desire to be formally united in marriage. Being assured that no legal, moral, or religious barrier hinders their union, they will now join together and answer the following questions:  
"Do you, Jesus Christ, take Rachel

DenBoer to be your bride? Do you promise to love, cherish, honor, protect, and keep her? Do you promise in the presence of God and these witnesses to be faithful to her for all eternity?"

"I Do."

"And do you, Rachel DenBoer, take Jesus Christ to be your husband? Will you take him as the sacrifice for your sin? Will you love, cherish, honor, and worship Him? Do you promise in the presence of these witnesses to forsake all others and to rest in His love throughout all eternity?"

"I Do."

It was then and there my dirty, torn garments were turned to a beautiful, snowy white! And then He said the words: "By the authority vested in me as the minister of the gospel and creator of the universe, I now

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9. Legally valid or effectual. 10. Adequate and satisfactory. Other definitions were: choice, virtuous, right, commendable, kind, benevolent, competent, skillful, loyal, close, of the highest worth or reliability, well-behaved. That might be a little questionable! Ha! This is the definition I want you to think about: good as gold.

I want to mention some good things about this good man. Luke 6:45, *“A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good. For out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaketh.”* While our family was preparing our hearts for this sermon, I was reminded that just a week ago, our son was putting a light dimmer into our house. He called me and I said not to ask me. Call Dan. He will know. He told me, “Dad, I’ve worked with Dan in many jobs, and he never criticized anybody. He never said a cross word. Even when he thought

people were idiots, he just smiled and went on. *“Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.”*

Psalm 112:5 says, *“A good man showeth favor.”* Favor means: Pity for the less fortunate, merciful and graceful. I thought about the kids in Dan’s fifth grade Sunday School class in our Junior Two department, and the kids on the bus that he was the captain of. A lot of kids have had the joy of Dan’s benevolence. ...*“Showeth favor and lendeth with discretion.”* I was thinking about all the time that Dan has lended to all of us. I wonder if I asked how many of us have had Dan fix something for us. I bet nearly every pew in this building would have someone stand up. He wired a light, he put in an irrigation system, he put a sink in, he laid a tile floor—Dan could do anything. Dan helped so many of us. I wonder how much money we owe him had he charged us a fair market value if he would have charged us at all.

When Dan came to counsel with me about Erin becoming his wife, the things that attracted him to her were not just her beauty. He described her love for people and her sweet spirit and her servant's heart. He was looking at the right things.

A few Sunday nights ago, eight or nine young married couples came to our home. Around a bon fire, I challenged them to stand up and really begin to make something of their lives for Christ. Dan made the comment that one of his great desires was to

win many more people to Christ in the next few months. One of his prayers was that the whole families of his bus riders would get into church. I remember last fall during the last week before the opening of college, Dan looked like a walking zombie. I inquired and he told me that he had not been to bed for over 72 hours. He said, "We've just got to get this done." I never would have imagined how true his next statement would be. He said, "I'll get a chance to sleep in heaven. Now it is serving-Jesus time."

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# I had to change THIS ROUTE

Standing there in silent shock  
and quiet disbelief,  
With my mind and heart  
assaulted by over powering grief,  
I struggled hard to find a way  
to bring at least some relief  
To those attached to this life of Dan's,  
with us - so very brief.

My prayer was for the grace  
of God, in such an hour  
To be present here, to lead,  
to help, and to give His power.  
And somehow there, midst the wreckage,  
bloomed that subtle flower;  
Not bursting on like a torrential rain,  
but coming on slow, like a spring shower.

Oh, the pace was hectic there,  
as the men were racing all about  
But even midst that hurried pace, the  
grace of God had come, without a doubt.  
Now, 'twasn't like a loud, strong command,  
by sergeant bellowed out,  
But the still small voice that simply  
and lovingly said, "I had to change his route."

This route of life began for him  
while but a little boy,  
And it did not end as thought  
returning home from Char  
For the Father knowing,  
His choice to be not just a  
But that through the pain of c  
can come, the birth of lasti

God's heart too, knows the pa  
you all, most surely feel,  
For His heart too felt agony a  
there on the cruel cross so  
His Son was given as the price  
redemption's purchase to s  
And Dan's life too, was given,  
that some other souls migh

For the call of God upon his li  
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To the family that is left here behind,  
you each hold a great treasure of his life,  
You dear one, given to Dan in a special role,  
as a new mother and his darling wife,  
And to you dear mother and father,  
his conversation of you, was with admiration rife,  
And the love for his brothers,  
’tis the kind found spoken of in God’s Holy Two- edged Knife.

For the testimony of life that Dan had lived,  
without malice, nor anger, nor pout,  
Has garnered the attention of so many this day,  
’tis enough to cause one to shout,  
Especially so, should some other travelers  
along life’s highway be caused to turn about,  
Then it truly would be worth our hearing that Heavenly,  
“For this - I had to change his route.”

*Written and presented at the funeral by:  
Pastor Gary Biggs  
Dan’s boyhood pastor  
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## WOULD YOU GIVE YOUR ALL FOR HIM?

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Let me read one more verse, Ps. 37:3. The Bible says, *“The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord and he delighteth in his way.”* Dan’s birth on Nov. 17, 1973, was obviously ordered by the Lord. But let me say that August 20, 2009, was just as much ordered by the Lord. As we mourn our loss today, it is okay to ask questions. Just ask the right questions, like, “Why did God let us have him as long as He did?” “Why did God let him brighten our lives as much as he did?” Dan in 25 years touched literally thousands of people.

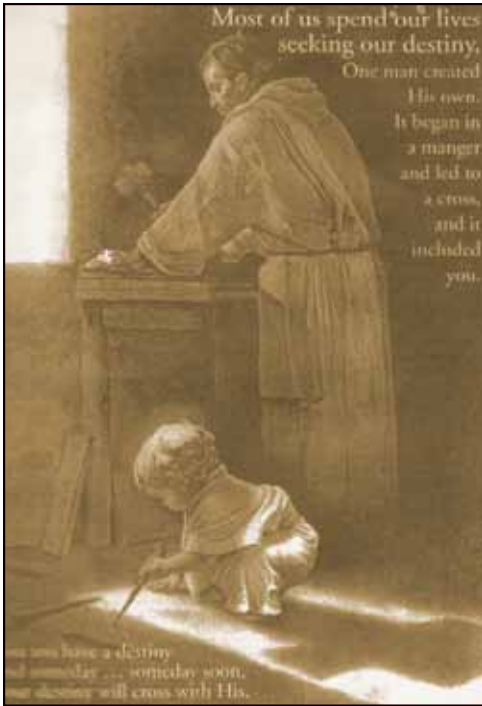
What made Dan Firman such a good man? It was because of his relationship with another good man, the man Christ Jesus. In John 7:12, Jesus was called a good man. To be called a good man is to be put in the same company as Jesus Christ. Listen to Romans 5:7, *“For scarcely for a righteous man will one die, yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to*

*die.”* That is what Jesus did for us. He laid down his life for you.

Friend, Jesus died on an old rugged cross for the good man we are paying our respects to today. He died not only for Dan Firman, but he died for you. Romans 5:8 says, *“But God commendeth his love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”*

My friend, if you have never received Jesus Christ as your Saviour, would you do that today? Dan was a good man. What made him a good man was that at one time in his life, he repented and received the Lord Jesus Christ. Dan left us an inheritance all right. He left us a heritage of faith.

In the front of Dan’s Bible is an interesting picture (*opposite top left*). It is a picture of Jesus’ earthly father, Joseph. The small child, Jesus, is casting a shadow of a cross. The caption says, “Most of



us spend our lives seeking our destiny. One man created his own. It began in a manger and led to a cross, and it included you. You, too, have a destiny, and someday soon your destiny will cross with his.”

I don't know why Dan put that picture in his Bible, but I am glad he did. Our destiny - what a thought. Tragically so, if you had been in the truck with Dan, what would have been the legacy you would have left behind? **•END ARTICLE•**

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# Love Notes

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pronounce you Husband and Wife. What I have joined together no man can separate. Congratulations!"

*And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. John 10:28-29*

I couldn't believe all that just happened! Jesus Christ was now my Husband!! *For thy maker is thine husband; the Lord of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called.*

*Isaiah 54:5*

But I was still nervous. Would this last? What if I did something He didn't like? Would He ever stop loving me? He seemed to sense

my fears. He wrapped me in His arms and with such love whispered in my ear:

*And I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in loving kindness, and in mercies. I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know the Lord.*

*Hosea 2:19-20*

I wept with years of joy! His love isn't conditional! It is pure and complete!! But wait! How can He forget what I used to be? That dirty sinner! Oh, He smiled and with love-filled eyes said: *As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed out transgressions from us.*

*Psalms 103:12*

What wonder! My heart was so full of joy! I did not deserve this. I had nothing to give! But I was all He seemed to want. I was enough! Just as I was. But there was more! Of, yes so much more!

Gifts. Wedding gifts I could never imagine! Gifts from my Father who had already given me His Son!

He smiles at me as He hands my His first gift labeled forgiveness. I accept in amazement and wonder why he would give me such a wonderful gift.

Then He told me: “Rachel, you have no reason to fear me. The punishment that you deserve was taken away by your husband, Jesus Christ.”

*For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God,*

*I Peter 3:18*

I am still in awe of the gift as He hands me another wedding gift. It's beautiful, white with shiny gold letters. It has my name on it!

My Father explained: “Since you are now my Son's bride, your name is no longer sinner. No, your new

name is 'My Child.' I'm so proud to adopt you into my family!”

*The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if the children, then heirs: heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ: if so be that we may be also glorified together.*

*Romans 8:16-17*

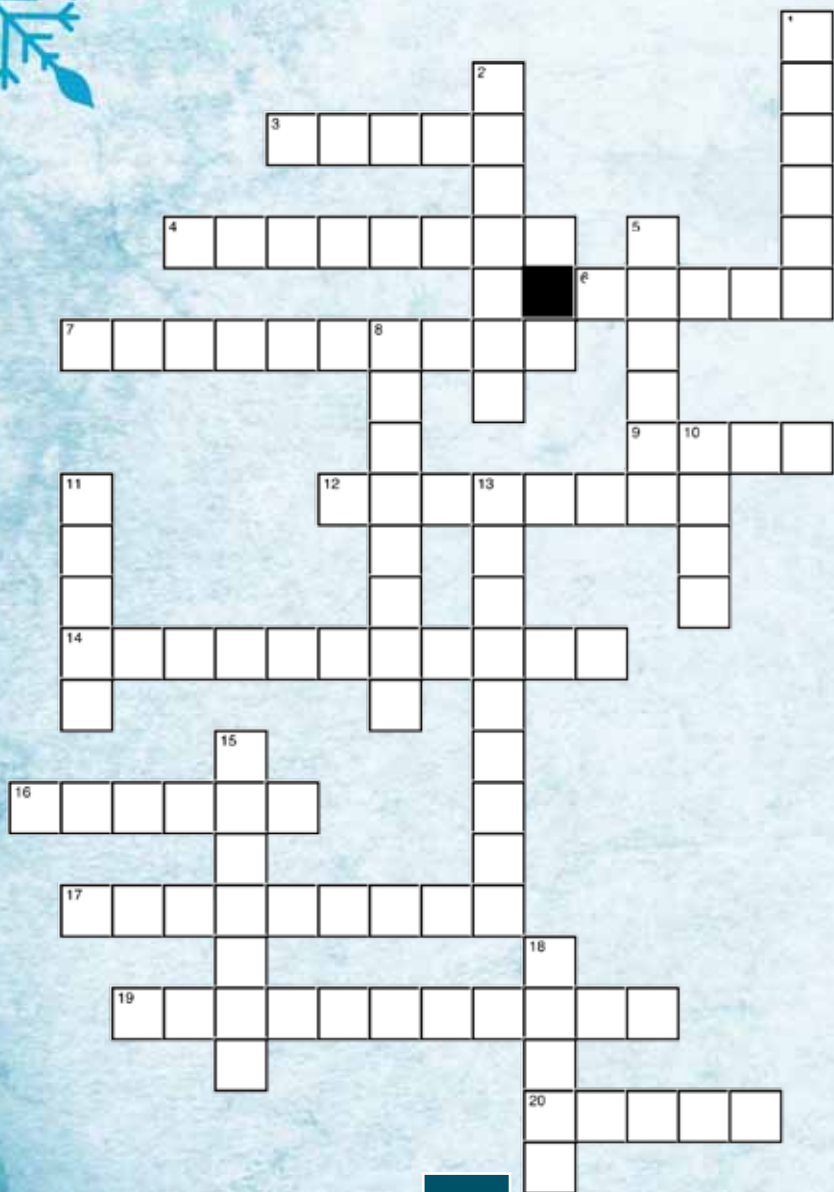
My wedding gifts keep coming as He hands me yet another gift entitled Unconditional Acceptance.

*There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*

*Romans 8:1*

Acceptance means: Approval.  
Approval means: Favorable Opinion.  
Thus unconditional acceptance means that my Father always has a favorable opinion of me. How can this be you wonder? Oh, He accepts me because of my faith in Jesus, not because of my good works.

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# CrossWord Puzzle

## Down

1. Without sleep Dan looked like a walking \_\_\_\_\_
2. Age when Dan made a card
5. "You were always so good to \_\_\_\_\_ me"
8. Dan helped build at least four \_\_\_\_\_
10. Dan's Wife (First Name)
11. God's holy two-edged \_\_\_\_\_
13. Fifth Definition of Good
15. Someday soon your \_\_\_\_\_ will cross with His
18. How many states does SAE go to?

## Across

3. Proofreader (First Name)
4. Ye are \_\_\_\_\_ in Him
6. Father - in- \_\_\_\_\_
7. The hole was not caused by a \_\_\_\_\_
9. Who is "da man" (First Name)
12. Dan's Nickname " \_\_\_\_\_ Dan"
14. Rachel's first wedding gift
16. A reason to let the babysitter out of the closet
17. Something Dan never did
19. Dan's brother owns a \_\_\_\_\_ business
20. Dan's Mom (First Name)

# Love Notes

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Oh, I already proved I fail if I have to act perfect all the time. Yet He loves me even when I make mistakes.

Furthermore it doesn't shock Him when I sin! He knows, yet my choices to sin cannot remove His acceptance!

I'm still in shock as He hands me yet another gift. This one is marked The Life of Christ. He knows I will have problems in life I cannot handle. But His son walked this earth 33 years. He knows what I will face.

So He gave me this gift to allow Jesus to live through me!

*Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest in your souls. Mt 11:29*

My wedding celebration continues as I'm handed yet another gift from Him.

Freedom from Sin!

This gift deals with the sinful nature I possessed. When I married Jesus, God added to my old nature Christ's Holy Nature. So the authority sin once had is now dead.

*Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin.*  
*Romans 6:6,7*

I'm dead to sin's power! Sure, I still have a choice, but I can now choose to let Jesus have control in me. I stare in disbelief at my wedding gifts and begin to wonder if the joy will truly last.

My heavenly Father reads my thoughts and puts His arm around



me and whispers: "I know you may feel uncertain about the future of your marriage to my Son. Don't Be afraid.

"To ease your mind I have one more wedding gift for you, Rachel. It's called Completeness. It's My guarantee that Jesus will eternally satisfy your heart. Rachel, you will always be loved, forgiven, accepted, and considered special."

*And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*1 Thessalonians 5:23*

*And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power.* *Colossians 2:10*

How my heart overflows! What a love! What a full life is mine! But yet I'm not the only one. Oh, no He longs to be with you, also!

He tells us so: *And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room. And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.*  
*Luke 14:22-23*

There is nothing more satisfying that you'll ever find! Come and find out what wonders in your wedding you can find!

-Rachel DenBoer, 2005

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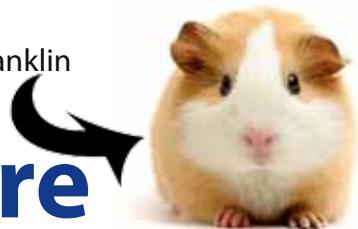
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# Hidden Picture

Franklin



**EIGHT!!!! Mwahahahaha!!! Only eight people found all ten hidden pictures. Taunt me if you'd like, but I finally proved to the world that I am the MASTER picture-hider. So be sad; mourn; weep, and bow. 2192 teenagers across the globe are stumped. (Angela, I hide this next picture in your honor. May you find them all this time :)**

## This issue I've hidden Nine.

- Find 1 - Good job. Find more when you turn 4 years old.**
- Find 3 - Don't even tell me. It's too embarrassing for you.**
- Find 5 - I salute you. You are no longer considered an idiot. :)**
- Find 6 - You now have the right to laugh at those who only found 5.**
- Find 7 - You are great. I expect only 100 to find 7.**
- Find 8 - You are a master! Tell no one your secrets.**
- Find 9 - You are "Da Man" and I am "Da Loser"**

## Rules:

- if you find it...TELL ME! Go to the website and let me know.**
- If you don't know the web site address, then your IQ is lower than I thought :) (it's on every page at least once).**

**-Seth "Da Man" Green**



# Thinking About Home



*Editor's Note: Dan was a very well-balanced young man. He could be serious and work hard, yet he could be a clown and have fun. He loved his family and was not ashamed to show his love.*


Trained by his father and his grandfathers, Dan could do anything—carpentry, construction, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, remodeling, etc. The gift of skill and wisdom was upon him. He helped build our church in Charlevoix, the Bible Baptist Church. Many hours and days for nine months with his father and family, they worked hard at our church. They helped build the Landmark Baptist Church in Petoskey. They helped build the new building at the Rogers City Baptist Church in Rogers City, MI, as well as many buildings at his college and home church, the Grace Baptist Church in Gaylord, Michigan. Dan lived everyday as if he wanted to please his Lord. As Solomon had Hiram as his man of many gifts, Daniel was the Hiram of many churches.

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Dan worked for his brother, Dave, in a landscaping business. His co-workers said that every morning Dan would give preach them a message before they went off to work. It just seemed like he was “Preacher Dan.” “God is not looking for people who can, He’s looking for people who will.” As Jonathan told David of his absence at the family table in 1 Samuel, “Thou shalt be missed, for thy seat will be empty.” May we who are left behind take Daniel’s life, his testimony, his labor of love, and his faithfulness to God, as a model for us all.

One of the last conversations Dan had with his mother was concerning a brochure that he had created for the landscaping business. She looked it over and praised him for it, and he said in a kind of strange way, “Mom, you were always so good to praise me.” As in past tense, and now we know why. He put his arm around her and gave her a hug.

Dan’s mom was sitting on the front porch enjoying the morning sun when she noticed a small hole in the house. She knew that they had been having woodpecker troubles at their beautiful wood-structured home with wooden siding, and woodpeckers liked to come in, but she said this hole was unusual! She went inside the house and noticed there was a hole inside as well. Dan had come in from hunting and was unloading his rifle and accidentally shot a hole in the house. Being the skilled carpenter that he was, he patched the hole from the inside but forgot the hole on the outside! Mom said, “Dan, be sure your sin will find you out!”



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