

# the CRANberry VINE

## JESUS LOVES ME. THIS I KNOW !

The story is told of an aged retired pastor who was asked what was the greatest lesson he had learned in all his years of preaching. He thought about it and then said: "what made the most difference in my life and sustained me through all my trials were the words to the children's hymn 'Jesus Loves Me'."

Here is the **SENIOR** version of that well-known children's hymn:

Jesus loves me this I know.  
Though my hair is white as snow..  
Though my sight is growing dim,  
Still He bids me trust in Him.

**CHORUS:** YES JESUS LOVES ME, YES JESUS LOVES ME,  
YES JESUS LOVES ME, THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO.

Though my steps are oh, so slow,  
With my hand in His I'll go  
On through life, let come what may,  
He'll be here to lead the way.

When the nights are dark and long,  
In my heart He puts a song,  
Telling me in words so clear  
"Have no fear for I am near."

When my work on earth is done,  
And life's victories have been won.  
He will take me home above,  
Then I'll understand His love.

I love Jesus, does He know?  
Have I ever told Him so?  
Jesus loves to hear me say,  
That I love Him every day.

**May we keep that song in our hearts as we go through each day.**

**Blessings,**

*Linda L. McIntyre*

**President**



**God answers  
prayers  
Don't Quit  
Praying**

## **Reminder**

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your annual  
membership  
dues?**

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our CRAN**

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*Spring was in the air, you could smell it. Seventy of your fellow members enjoyed great food and fellowship at our spring luncheon.*



## WHAT 'S NEXT?

**June 16 - Summer Picnic at Lake Julian 10am to 3pm.**  
**Potluck lunch at 12 noon. Boat Rides available from 9am to 3pm. Join in the FUN.**

**Welcome to our new members to be voted in at this event: Ardith Trecartin, Marilyn Lang, Doris Vaughan**

**September - Fall Retreat at Nosoca Pines**

**December - Holiday Luncheon at Pisgah Academy**

*You are welcomed to Bring a Friend, show them the fun we have of being together!! Then encourage them to join CRAN!!*

Use your voice for kindness, your ears for compassion, your hands for charity, your mind for truth and your heart for love.





**Jon Smith** was our featured luncheon speaker. Jon is a born storyteller. So if you know Jon you knew you were in for a treat.

Jon started his talk with the following thought and text:

“I think nature is awesome. I always enjoy my time in nature. And I think our creator God is awesome. He is all the world to me.”

**Job 12:7-10** "But ask the animals what they think—let them teach you; let the birds tell you what's going on. Put your ear to the earth—learn the basics. Listen—the fish in the ocean will tell you their stories.

“Isn't it clear that they all know and agree that GOD is sovereign, that he holds all things in his hand— Every living soul, yes, every breathing creature?”

Jon and his wife Glenda are avid bird watchers. I think it is safe to say they never take a trip that doesn't include nature and bird watching. One time as they drove into a wildlife sanctuary, Jon as usual concentrating on the trees and sky, drove right pass a sign saying “clothing optional beyond this point”.

Jon and Glenda love nature and it loves them back. One time they were looking for a Scrub Jay and it came and landed right on Glenda's head.

Jon has a Gray Fox living across the road from their home. He's noticed the Fox, with kits in his mouth - will look up and down the road three times to be sure it is safe to cross. We learned a Gray Fox can climb a tree? Jon has fed the fox and has discovered it loves marshmallows.



Just think of when we get to heaven and the birds and animals will be our pets. I want to be there with GOD living in nature. Let us all be faithful and enjoy eternity together.

I'm sorry if you were unable to attend our luncheon, you missed a chance to learn and be entertained.

Owen Spencer  
Editor



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**We cannot force someone to hear a message they are not ready to receive.**



**But we must never underestimate the power of planting a seed.**



### The Soul Journey with Sarah Moussa

An elderly woman had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole which she carried across her neck. One of the pots had a crack in it while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water. At the end of the long walks from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full. For a full two years this went on daily, with the woman bringing home only one and a half pots of water..

Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it could only do half of what it had been made to do.

After two years of what it perceived to be bitter failure, it spoke to the woman one day by the stream. 'I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house.' The old woman smiled, 'Did you notice that there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side?' 'That's because I have always known about your flaw, so I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back, you water them.'

For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house.' Each of us has our own unique flaw. But it's the cracks and flaws we each have that make our lives together so very interesting and rewarding. You've just got to take each person for what they are and look for the good in them.

SO, to all of my cracked pot friends, have a great day and remember to smell the flowers on your side of the path! God Bless You all!!!

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