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COURTSHIP OF CLARENCE & JANE

by Jane Titus

My first impression of Clarence was that he was a very friendly, very tall, and very intelligent "older man". I was 16, he was 26. He first noticed me when he heard me playing the piano. He liked my long black hair. (He must have liked my face all right, too.)

It was at Miltonvale Wesleyan College, 1943-44. One Saturday evening I went downtown with my sisters and brother. Clarence saw us and offered us a ride home. We lived at least 4 blocks from "downtown" so we gladly accepted. When we got to our house, the younger kids got out of the car but I stayed in, which was just the encouragement Clarence needed to pursue the relationship.

A big night out would be to go to the drug store after a Friday night college event and get malts. They were similar to Wendy's Frostee, served in a dish. They cost \$.10. We each ordered one, then Clarence would give me a dime to pay for my own. That way he didn't have to pay the penny tax on a \$.20 purchase.

We would take rides around the countryside, sometimes parked in the cemetery. One night we were driving around and ran out of gas. Honest! We had a long talk while he waited to see if the car was only flooded. It was then that he told me I was the person he wanted to marry and he felt it was the Lord's will. (We finally had to walk back to town.)

During the summer of '44 our family moved to Syracuse, NY and Clarence spent the summer in Eau Claire, WI. We kept the postmen busy. One day after I read one particular letter, my Dad saw me coming downstairs and told Mom, "She's a gonner." Clarence took a bus to Syracuse for a visit before school started. By that time I was 17 and when, on a park bench

in Syracuse, he asked me, I was ready to tell him I would marry him. We agreed to wait 2 years until he graduated.

The next summer he drove the old Model A Ford to Syracuse, taking Louise and I home, and he worked there all summer. It was during the war and he had to find friends to give him enough gasoline stamps to make the trip. (By the time we went back to school, the war was over and gas was no longer rationed.)

I think it was on that trip that we stopped to visit Clarence's family in Illinois. Dad Titus suggested I was too young to be getting married. However, when Clarence asked him later what he thought, he replied, "If you are satisfied, I am". Clarence wanted to be sure his dad wasn't praying for us to break up, as had been the case with one of the other kids.

That fall I went with Clarence to visit Lola for Thanksgiving, my first trip to Wisconsin. Bob Fegan and Vivian Anderson made the trip with us. Pres. Hester let us two couples travel together because Vivian's brother Charles was along. (Chaperone!)

We were married the day after Clarence graduated by Dad Titus at my grandparents' church about 80 miles west of Miltonvale. We spent the weekend at the old farm. Then we, with Dad Titus and Louise, headed for Syracuse, stopping at the Tituses in Marengo. After visiting with my family for about 3 weeks, we headed back to Wisconsin, by way of Niagara Falls and Jonesboro, IN where I met some more Tituses.

Many years later I advised a daughter, "Don't marry a man unless you can't live without him." Clarence's advice was, "Don't marry a man unless you CAN live WITH him!"

CURRENT EVENTS IN THE CLARENCE TITUS FAMILY

Nancy Louise, recently moved from Seattle to Clearwater, FL, is working in the church office at Largo Free Methodist Church . Both Nancy and Rosalyn are certified color consultants by Beauty For All Seasons.

Rosalyn Joy is working for an optometric firm in the Seattle area, mostly as a Frame Stylist.

Joanne Evelyn is married to Stephen Stewart, presently a recruiter in the U. S. Army. They have just moved to Wellsville, NY. Joanne's full time job is being a good mother to 3 1/2 year old Jacob Charles and 1 1/2 year old Leanna Rose.

Patsy Ann is married to Steven Fletcher who is presently the pastor of Shady Hills Wesleyan Church, about 40 miles north of Tampa. Patsy is learning what it is like to be a pastor's wife. She teaches 6 year old Dallas Steven using Bill Gothard's home schooling material and cares for 7 month old Martin Andrew.

Clarence and Jane have settled in Florida! Jane says, "We had an enjoyable trip down here in our car, with my sister Gerry and her husband with us to help drive. We visited lots of relatives and had really good visits. One night we stayed with Paul and Wanda Gregory. That was a special treat, and we were able to show them a few pictures from the reunion, which they appreciated. The reunion was certainly a highpoint in our lives. We have a great bunch of relatives!"

"Life in Wesleyan Village is slow and quiet. I am trying to adapt. We go for walks and meet others walking, Clarence rides his bike, as do others, some ride the three wheelers and some even drive golf carts around the village. The heat has not bothered us much. The mornings and evenings are great."

"We drive 18 miles to see Patsy and attend their church. It is so good to be with the

grandchildren. Steve is a good preacher and the Lord is honoring His Word and people are getting spiritual help. I am working for a Christian accountant part time, then full time starting in January. I still have some things to do around the house to get everything put in the right place. Clarence is contented here and feels at home. His old recliner, his bike, a few of his tools, and other familiar things help him feel at home. He works in the yard, does the dishes,etc. and seems to get along pretty good while I am gone. We are gradually getting to know a few people. Harry and Florence Johnson are here now. We had a long visit with them yesterday."

"God has been so good to us. He is what makes life worth living even when we get older and life is harder. How wonderful is God's promise: '**Even to your old age and gray hairs, I am He. I am He who will sustain you;...I will carry you...I will rescue you.**' Isa. 46:4."

TITUS REUNION CASH FUND REPORT

Balance on hand 6/1/86.....	\$1757.46
Interest received through 9/30.....	50.23

Disbursed:

Food etc. for the reunion.....	359.37
To Walt for phone calls.....	67.62
To Underwoods-misc. expenses.....	25.00
To Underwoods-postage.....	6.00
To Ruth Manion-copying & postage.....	26.04

Balance 10/25/86	\$1323.66
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Grandma Titus' seven children and their spouses have decided that this money, left to them by Grandma Titus, would be used for future reunion expenses and the printing and mailing of a Titus Newsletter. The "Titus Reunion" account is managed by Jane and Jean Titus. A special thanks goes to these ladies for taking care of this account.

NEWS FLASHES

DAVE & LAURIE TITUS bought a house in Yorktown, IN with lots of upstairs bedrooms to finish off. Since they are expecting their first child on April 18th they will need those rooms soon.

JEAN TITUS underwent surgery after a mamagram in August. She has Fibrotic disease of the breast and will have to go each year for a mamagram. She says, "I was only in the hospital 10 hours. We were grateful to know that it was not malignant although there is a pretty good chance that it will reoccur. It was supposed to be MINOR operation. MINOR when it is someone else, MAJOR when it is YOU."

LINDA UNDERWOOD is doing "ok" as a first grade teacher. It's keeping her very busy.

MARLENE BATEMAN was the first to return her newsletter survey. Thanks for modeling such a prompt response. The following also returned a survey: **BARB SWANSON, ELAINE TITUS, JEAN TITUS, KEVIN TITUS, PATSY FLETCHER, CHARLOTTE MATTSON, JANE TITUS, JOANNE STEWART, ROSE TITUS, and RUTH MANION.**

Best wishes are in order for **ART AND ANGIE TITUS**. They were married in Atlanta, Georgia on November 28th, 1986. WELCOME TO THE FAMILY, ANGIE!

DAN TITUS has a new job with Foot Locker - a sporting goods store in Eau Claire, WI. He lived in a duplex with cousins Pat and Brian Titus for several months when he first moved to Eau Claire. The rumor going around is that he is engaged to a neat girl named Jody.

BRIAN and HAPPY CHRONISTER moved into their new house on Nov. 15th. Since moving, they have entertained 84 people in their home. Brian thinks Happy may be going a little

overboard trying to make up for the 8 months spent in a tiny duplex while they built their house. She scheduled the Elder/Deacon Christmas Social, a small group fellowship game night, a welcome dinner for new families at church, the Chronister family Christmas dinner, and a Sunday School Social all in December. Jan. 3rd all of her first graders and their families are invited to an open house to see the nursery and get a good picture in their mind of where "Mrs. Chronister" will be once the baby arrives in early February.

Congratulations to **JOEY TITUS** for making the Varsity Golf Team at Columbus High School. Joey also has his drivers license. This enabled him to help drive to Texas for a vacation with his family during the Christmas break.

BRIAN TITUS is going to school in Eau Claire, WI and studying to be a Civil Structures Technician.

We would love to hear your news flash item. Please send it in.

MEMORIES OF GRANDPA AND GRANDMA

I remember grandpa playing his violin in his bedroom during a thunderstorm. His selection was usually "Shelter In The Time of Storm".

I remember Grandma just coming over, sitting down, not really saying much, just being around. Then she would just kind of walk away, sometimes she would stay for supper, but I think she just wanted to see what we were all doing.
(Cindy Powell)

SPECIAL THANKS

A special thanks goes to Ruth Manion for her many hours of work spent compiling and organizing the newsletter as well as getting it printed and mailed. Thank you Happy and Brian Chronister for your many late nights spent battling with the computer to get the articles to print right on these pages.

PATSY FLETCHER
on being a pastor's wife

I was requested to write about being a preacher's wife - in 200 words or less! Actually, that shouldn't be too hard for me, since I have only been one for 11 months. I'm sure I'm not nearly as qualified to write on the subject as some of you other "preacher's wives", just as I never dreamed I'd ever be qualified to BE a preacher's wife. (I'm sure some of you who know me would agree!) Steve had always said "Lord, I'll do anything you want me to except be a preacher or a missionary." And I had always said, "Lord, I'd really prefer not to be married to a preacher or a missionary." (I guess there is a lesson to be learned there!) But Steve felt the Lord calling him to preach and finally at age 30 he submitted. He now knows that he would not be happy doing anything else, and since I wouldn't be happy being anyone else's wife - I guess that kind of settles it for me, too! So far it's been a great experience and we love what we are doing. I'm sure we've got a lot to learn (understatement of the year!) but just knowing we are where God wants us gives us peace of mind, and the Lord is blessing our work here. For example, I never did learn how to play the piano, so I figured, "See, I can't be a preacher's wife!" But the Lord sent us a wonderful piano player - my mother. (I'm sure that was one of the main reasons they moved to Florida! Or maybe it was so she could give me piano lessons!

1988 REUNION COMMITTEES

Look who has volunteered to help with the 1988 Titus Reunion. If you would like to serve on one of these committees, let us know.

FOOD: Barb Swanson-chairperson, Walt Titus, Elaine Titus, Rose Titus, Olive Titus.

RECREATION: Ruth Manion. **PROGRAM:** Barb Swanson, Rose Titus, Ruth Manion.

FINANCIAL RECORDS: Jean Titus, Jane Titus. **RECORDS & CORRESPONDENCE:** Olive Titus.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH : SUICIDE BARS from Laurie Titus

<u>dough</u>	<u>chocolate filling</u>
3 c. oatmeal	2 eggs
2 1/2 c. flour	2 t. vanilla
1 t. baking soda	1 1/2 c. semi-sweet choc chip
1/2 t. salt	1 - 14 oz can sw. cond. milk
1 c. margarine	2 T. butter or margarine
2 c. brown sugar	1/2 c. chopped walnuts

Stir together oatmeal, flour, baking soda, and salt. In a large mixing bowl, beat together the 1 c. butter or margarine on med. speed for 30 seconds. Add brown sugar and beat till fluffy. Add eggs and 2 t. vanilla; beat well. Add dry ingredients to beaten mixture, beat till well combined. In saucepan or double boiler, melt choc. chips, condensed milk, and the 2 T. butter or marg. Cook and stir over low heat till choc. chips and butter are melted. Remove from heat. Stir in nuts and 2 t. vanilla. Pat 2/3 of the oats mixture onto bottom of an ungreased 9 x 13 x 2 pan. Spread chocolate mixture over this layer. Top with remaining oat mixture by patting pieces of dough flat in your hands and piecing on top of the chocolate layer till dough is used up. Bake at 350° 25-30 min. or until oat mixture is lightly browned.

FAMILY TRIVIA

Trivia question from our last newsletter: Who had their 70th birthday the day Grandma Titus died? Answer: Floyd Titus.

Answers to this month's trivia questions will be found somewhere on this newsletter.

1. Who was married the day Grandpa Titus died?
2. Who was born on Clarence & Jane's 40th Anniversary?
3. What two people share the middle name of Evelyn?
4. Which two family members have Crohn's Disease?
5. What do cousins Missy Manion and Leanna Stewart have in common?
6. Who has the nickname "Scrabble Shark"?
7. Which two Tituses have an "odd" toe on one foot?

REUNION SUGGESTIONS

The following are suggestions made for the next reunion. We appreciate all of your good ideas. They will be seriously considered by the committees that plan our 1988 reunion.

- Another time of brief introduction of everyone there. (So we know who everyone is.) A "formal time" of sharing - getting to know a little something about everyone there (testimonies, etc.) Patsy
- Another reunion survey with perhaps a presentation, one from each of the 7 families, relating interesting items from the survey. Marlene
- Discussion groups with the groups picked by random and with suggested questions to help us mix and connect even more. Marlene
- Continue the enjoyed activities such as volleyball, swimming, and croquet. Marlene
- Introduce some group activity games that would include all age groups and physical abilities. I have lots of new game ideas - I would be willing to do this. Ruth
- Have another evening of talent and singing. Marlene & Ruth
- Some organized activities for the younger kids - organized by those who like to do those things, not me! Joanne
- Meeting place -campground with rooms and a dining hall would be nice. Marlene
- Food - have it all catered or have a prepared work list and responsibilities spread to each. It would make an activity to get conversation going. 75 people divided by 5 meals = 15 for each meal - should be plenty for preparing and dish washing. I'll even be in charge. Barbara

-SALAD BAR,SALAD BAR, SALAD BAR,
SALAD BAR, SALAD BAR! Rose

-Entertainment wise - have Steve Steward do his "Frank Underwood imitation". It's hilarious. Rose

- Menu ideas- spaghetti, pizza, hamburgers, hotdogs, salad bar. Ruth

FAVORITE SAYINGS AND QUOTES

When Dad (Clarence) wanted one of us girls, but not sure which one, he'd say, "Na-Ro-Jo-Pat!" (Joanne)

Quotes from Floyd: "I have to go see a man about a dog." "That's all she wrote." (Barb)
"You learn more by listening than talking." (Happy)

Olive's remedy, "If you're bored, I'll put you to work." (Barb) Whenever we would complain that there was nothing to do, "You can go practice the piano or dust." (Happy)

A favorite quote of Marlene's: "What doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly, and to love mercy , and to walk humbly with thy God." (The Hebrew Prophet- Micah)

Jane asked Clarence for a quote from his mom and he said, "I can't remember any, but she would wrinkle up her face and bite her lip and keep her mouth shut."

Clarence: "Keep your hopes dragging in the dirt where they belong."

W. H. Titus: "If you get burned, you're the one who has to sit on the blister." (Olive)

Ida Titus: "Be true to your teeth or they will be false to you." (Olive)

WHAT I WANT TO DO...

by Katie Swanson

What do you want to when you grow up?

"Lots of things - a cowgirl, baton twirler out in front and a girl scout chocolate cookie seller." (Mother's thought - the head Dallas Cowboy Cheerleader!)

FAMILY TRIVIA ANSWERS

- 1) Patsy & Steve Fletcher 2) Patsy's baby Martin
- 3) Joanne & Lola 4) Wes Woelhoff & Brian Chronister 5) July 11th birthdays 6) Olive Titus
- 7) Joanne Stewart & Dort Underwood

ARTICLE REQUESTS

The following topics have been suggested by the Titus clan as potential articles for the next newsletter. Please respond today!

- Nancy Titus - Life so far in Florida (Mar)
- Rose Titus - "What I like about Seattle." (Mar)
- All pregnant ladies- How are the pregnancies progressing? (Joanne & Patsy)
- Happy & Brian - your courtship (Jean)
- Children of Walter and Ida- What do you feel you have given your children to improve the quality of their lives - physically, spiritually, emotionally, etc. -How well do you feel you knew your parents? - Conflicts with either or both parents - Good times with either or both parents (Barb)
- Walt Titus- Why it is necessary to have professional help- how it can help when ones philosophy says "TRUST GOD" (Barb)
- Dort & Frank - Getting your family to sing and love it! - Living so close together (Barb)
- Elinor & Dort - Being a twin -pro's and con's (Barb)
- Paul, Walt, Floyd, Clarence, Dorothy, etc. - Voice training - how did you know you could sing? Did Grandma sing? Why none of you played the violin? (Barb)
- Walt - Why did you start whistling and when? (Barb)

-Lola & Phil- the joys and miseries of living in one place all your married life. (Barb)

-Ist Cousins and mates of the original 7- Why you did or didn't chose to be ministers? (Barb)

-Walter & Ida Children and spouses- Tell us some anecdotes from the family. (Rose)

-Jamie Titus- Tell us about your coin collection. (Ruth)

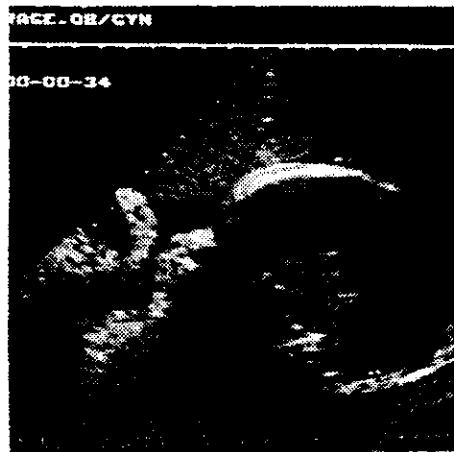
-Phil Gregory- Give us some tips on nutrition. (Ruth)

-Cindy Powell- Tell us about your trip to Israel. (Happy)

-Dave & Laurie Titus, Happy & Brian Chronister, Cindy & Darrel Powell- What's it like to be a first time parent? Any surprises? How's your sex life since your new arrival? (Ruth...who else)

A Note From Happy

Rather than waste this space, I will fill it with a photo of our baby. (This beats reserving all 6 pages of the newsletter! :)) Brian & I got to watch them do the 34 week sonogram. They found the stomach, 2 kidneys, a full baby bladder, a 3 vessel umbilical cord and a 4 chambered heart in addition to the feet with toes, and hands. Our little girl's weight is already 5 lbs. Her heart rate is 144 beats per minute. When she moves around, it speeds up - just like ours does when we exercise. They said this was good because they worry about babies whose heart rate slows or stops the same when moving. This could indicate that they will be in distress once labor begins. The heart rate of the baby should increase during the mother's contraction. Brian & I are enjoying this part of the pregnancy. We are both anxious to become parents.



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