



Life Lines

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A NEW YEAR AND A NEW SPIRIT

There is something thrilling about the prospect of a new year. I think that most of us feel a prospect of doing better, not making the same mistakes we made last year. It is like a clean page, a fresh beginning, where we can make a clean fresh start.

So much of the Christian life is like this. We have begun with a "new birth". We have with Christ entered into a "new covenant." Our hope is based upon His promise of some day bringing us into the "new heaven and new earth."

While Israel was in captivity, God tried to encourage them through the prophet Ezekiel by saying that the time would come when they would return to Judah and would have a new heart and a new spiritual outlook. He wrote, **"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh."** (Ezekiel 36:26)

The King James Version translates Romans 7:6 **"But now we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve**

in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter." Saying, that since we have been discharged from serving under the Old Law, we should now serve **"in newness of spirit."**

This is probably our greatest need for the New Year – an eagerness to serve the Lord, a new outlook on life, optimism, a renewed hope. So many Christians never change. We get into a rut in our living and thinking and we make very few changes.

Our attitude is often, "What's the use!"

That can be most dangerous. We are a group of people on this earth that are supposed to be "renewed daily in the spirit" even though our outward person is perishing. **"Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day."** (II Corinthians 4:16) We are growing daily in "grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." **"... but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen."** II Peter 3:18.

We are to "forget the things which are behind . . . and press on toward the goal of a life dedicated

to Christ. **"I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."** (Philippians 3:14)

We cannot afford to "get set in our ways," but must always be looking to God's Word for ways that we can keep on improving and growing in Christ.

Each new year should be met with spiritual resolutions.

The child of God who truly believes in the Father's promise, **"I will never fail you nor forsake you,"** cannot have anything but a "HAPPY NEW YEAR."

We must **"be of good cheer"** for the One whom we love and follow **"has overcome the world."**

YES, HAVE A HAPPY SPIRITUAL NEW YEAR!

By: Harvey Porter
Highland Drive Church of Christ
Popular Bluff, MO

The staff of Life Lines wish all of you a very happy and prosperous NEW YEAR!

May God bless you!

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

A is for arthritis.
B is for bad back.
C is for the chest pins. Cardiac?
D is for dental decay and decline.
E is for eyesight – can't read that top line.
F is for fissures and fluid retention.
G is for gas (which I'd rather not mention).
H is happy! I can make decisions.
I is for itches, and lots of incisions.
J is for joints, that now fail to flex.
L is for life - what's happening next?
Wait I forgot about **K**!
K is for my knees that crack all the time.
M is for memory. Forgive me it I get a few lapses from time to time.
N is for nerves enclosed in the spine in my back.
O is for osteo - for all the bones that crack.
P is for prescriptions, that cost a small fortune.
Q is for queasiness, is it the flu?
R is for reflux – one meal turns into two.
S is for sleep-filled nights, counting my dears.
T is for tinnitus – I hear bells in my ears.
U is for usual supplies that I buy.
V is for vertigo, as life spins by.
W is wishing all paper was wide-lined (large-print, please!)
X is for X-ray – for what one might find.
Y is for year (another one ending).
Z is for zest for a New Year's beginning!

Prayers and Sympathy

For the Family of **Brian Holloway** who passed away Wednesday, December 27, 2006. Memorial services Sunday, December 31, 2006. He was the grandson of Pat Holloway.

Remember Our Sick

Charles Hickey – still experiencing extreme pain.
Theresa Phillips – cancer no longer in remission.
El Mering – cousin of Marion Helton and Joan Vance, aneurism, treatment pending.
Betty Ortega – close friend of Frances Kennedy, Eye removal surgery, Jan. 9th, cancer.
Grace Ann Rowlands - still in Children's Hospital, LR, slowly improving.
Summer Russell – friend of Diane Walters' and Bonnie Vinson injured in an auto accident 12-23-06, in AMS, head and spinal injuries.
Bud Wait – hospitalized with heart problems.
Jewel Waldrip – Eleanor Shaniton's mother.
Shut-ins: Need prayers and visits.
Dover Area: **Bernice Brown**
Evelyn Burton
Mae Vanzandt
Russellville Nursing and Rehab Center:
Evelyn Driver
Thelma Hatcher
Stella Manor: **Louise Killer**,
Pauline Whorton
Others Who Need Our Prayers:
Daisy Hogins Anderson, Walter and Thelma Arcynski, Lawrence Boley, Lloyd Boley, Susie Boley, Gail Brewer, Ina Dell Cloud, Tom Cloud, Jeff Davis, Charles Ensey, Hoyt Ensey, Barbara Forehand, Rebecca Gray, Sue Griffin, Robert and Rose Lee, Annie Robinson, Reddie Smith, Tanya Smith, Stone Family, David Walters, and Elsie Youngerman.
Special Children: Bethaney Beasley, Emmy May, Keith Martin and Noah Williams.
Military: Darus Brown, Greg Davis, Steve Ferguson (Iraq), Johnny Ragsdale, Cole Wetzell and Rudy Will.

Living the Way We Pray

*I knelt to pray when the day was done
And prayed: "O Lord, bless everyone.
Lift from each heart the pain,
And let the sick be well again."
And then I woke one day,
And carelessly went on my way,
The whole day long I did not try
To wipe a tear from any eye.
I did not try to share the load
Of any brother on the road;
I did not even go to see
The sick man just next door to me.
Yet once again when day was done
I prayed: "O Lord bless everyone."
But as I prayed, to my ear
There came a voice
that whispered clear:
"Pause, hypocrite, before you pray:
Whom have you tried
to bless today?
God's sweetest blessings always go
By hands that serve Him
here below."
And then I hid my face and cried:
"Forgive me, God, for I have lied,
Let me but live another day,
And I will live the way I pray."*

Ten Ways to Become Your Own Best Friend

Start watching the way you talk to yourself.
Learn to accept yourself as you are.
As a Christian, know who you are.
Recognize your special talents and uniqueness.
Learn to accept responsibility for your life.
Keep your promises.
Learn to forgive yourself.
Learn to accept reality.
Learn to forgive others.
Learn to be a "people builder."

*Author Unknown
Bulletin Digest*

Events

Dover Church of Christ
Children's Church
Every Sunday
11:15 - 12:00 Noon
Ages 4 thru 8
Bible Story and
Activities
Ages 1 thru 3
Nursery Class

Men's Business Meeting

Monday, 7:00 PM
January 8th, 2007

Dover Church of Christ

MEN'S DEVO

Thursday, 7:00 PM
January 11, 2007

Host; Marion Helton

LADIES NIGHT

Thursday, 7:00 PM
January 18, 2007

Hostess: Joyce Helton

Mark Your Calendars

AREA WIDE DEVO

January 21, 2007
5:00 – 7:00 PM
Church of Christ
Student Center
Dinner Provided

We invite as many teens
that it is possible to bring!

YOUTH OUTREACH UNIVERSITY

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January 19th thru 21st

University of Central
Arkansas in Conway

Keynote Speakers:
Wiley Lowe
And
Willie Franklin

www.youthoutreachuniversity.org

Southern Christian Home

Grocery truck will be here
January 17, 2007, to pick-up
groceries and supplies.

For a list of needs, visit our
web-site: <http://www.schome.org/needs.html>

January Birthdays

- 01 Alexis Boley
Billy Walters
- 02 Sandra Mooney
Marilyn Veasman
- 07 Chris Moss
- 08 Micah Williams
- 13 Doug Wilson
- 20 JoAnn Killer
Teresa Parker
Patsy Wisbrock
- 21 Bennie Lou Meadows
- 26 Klaus Mullins
- 28 Bill McAlister

If we missed your birthday,
please let us know so it
won't happen again.

LADS to LEADERS

Practice Session

Sunday,

January 7, 2007

(after morning services)

For Lads to Leaders, their
parents and those who
volunteered to help.

This will be a spaghetti
lunch, meeting and
practice.

See sign-up sheet.

THOSE TO SERVE

January 7, 2007

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Marion Helton
Rex McDaniel

Communion

Podium: Allen Veasman
Serve: Chris Besterfeldt
William Boley
Robert Bird
Chris Moss

Scripture Reading

Donny Forehand

Sunday P.M. Prayers

Sid Womack
William Boley

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Robert and Juanita Bird

Communion to Shut-Ins

Lawrence Boley
Marion Helton

Greeters

Robert and Juanita Bird

Wednesday Night Devotional

January 10, 2007

Blake Forehand

Meeting Times

Sunday Morning Bible Classes

9:45 A.M.

Sunday Morning Worship

10:45 A.M.

Sunday Evening Worship

6:00 P.M.

Ladies Tuesday Bible Class

10:00 A.M.

Wednesday Bible Classes

7:00 P.M.

Minister: Micah Williams
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Or Cell: 479-264-9244

Elders:

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Jim Killer 331-2802
Allen Veasman 331-2156
Sid Womack 967-2367

Deacons:

Chris Besterfeldt
Donny Forehand
Brent Hottinger
Chris Loper
Rex McDaniel
Chris Moss
Joe Miller

Nursery Attendants:

Sunday Class: Kaeli Miller
Sunday Church: Pat McAlister
Kaeli Miller

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