



# Life Lines

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## My Lines

By Micah Williams

### “The Fall And Rising Of Many . . .”

Forty days after His birth, Jesus was taken to the temple in Jerusalem. There He was greeted by Simon, an old, holy man, who took Him in his arms and uttered a remarkable prophecy: **“Behold this child is destined for the fall and rising in Israeli and for a sign which will be spoken against . . . that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”** (Luke 2:34-35) These words provide an apt summary of what the life of Christ is about . . .

1.) **“Behold, This Child is Destined For the Fall and Rise of Many . . .”** No name in history has caused so many irrevocable changes. People who do not know, believe, or honor Him, still live better lives because He came. He lifted the name of the town of His youth – Nazareth. It had been a byword, a sneer: **“Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?”** Jesus changed that. Today thousands of pilgrims make their way there. He brought down the pride of Capernaum: It beheld miracles and

yawned; so Capernaum was brought low. The community has vanished just as Jesus said it would! He took the power and arrogance out of the word Pharisee: When He came ordinary people were cowed by the Pharisees’ assumption that they were the honored intimates of God. Jesus left the name in shambles. But He raised the name, Samaritan. It had been a sneer, a curse, an expression of contempt, but with one story Jesus made it a benediction and a blessing . . .

2.) **“And For A Sign Which Will Be Spoken Against . . .”** Christ was not particularly welcome in the world to which He came. **“He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him.”** (John 1:11) Peter called Him, **“A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense.”** (I Peter 2:8) This is a strange, hard saying; but history has confirmed its accuracy! During His earthly existence Jesus was called **“deceiver”** and Christianity was referred to as a **“sect everywhere spoken against.”** (Acts 28:22) The Greek verb **“spoken against”** is a present participle, indicating contin-

uous action. It is still going on! Increasingly in our world, expressions of faith in Christ are frowned upon. Today’s politically correct climate is blatantly hostile to Christianity!

3.) **“That The Thoughts of Many Hearts May be Reveled.”** Jesus is the Teller of Hearts; the Tester of men’s thoughts and purposes. Christ brings to light the intentions of the heart. Preaching Christ will either awaken loathing and opposition or love and obedience . . . He draws some, other He repels. The fact of His coming forces people to choose; to declare themselves; either for Him or against Him. (John 3:19) His coming into the world compels people to choose sides; to come to the light or remain in darkness!

Twenty centuries ago, God said at Bethlehem. “Things don’t have to go on as they always have.” He sent His Son to a world of depravity and despair and He offered the possibility of change! He brought hope to a hopeless world.

He can make a difference in your life . . . if you allow Him to come in . . .

Bobby Dockery  
The Seeker  
Fayetteville, AR

## Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

*Don't we often hear someone say that they don't know enough to become a Christian? They were not raised up in the church or they haven't attended church in years. Just how much do we need to know to become a Christian?*

*Read Acts: 16:25-34. The Philippian jailer had listened to Paul and Silas sing and pray to God while they were in chains in prison. He had fallen asleep. Then a great earthquake occurred, opening the doors and loosening their chains. This frightened the jailer and he was about to kill himself when Paul stopped him.*

*The jailer asked what he must do to be saved. Paul told him that he must believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. Then Paul and Silas told the word of the Lord to them and the jailer and his entire household were baptized immediately.*

*The jailer did not have to know everything initially. He needed to believe. He needed to be baptized. The knowledge of obeying God's word would follow. God takes care of the rest.*

*"It is the same with My word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it." (Isaiah 55:11, The Book)*

*We must plant the seed as Paul and Silas did there in that prison. Most likely, they were praising God, not thinking about touching someone's heart.*

*That is exactly how our lives are. Others look at what we are doing, whether we mean for them to or not. Therefore, our lives must be doing good for God. We plant the seeds, He makes them grow.*

## Remember Our Sick

*Thelma Hatcher - Second eye surgery rescheduled for February 14, 2005.*

*Debbie Myers – had surgery, home, on antibiotics. Wednesday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, doctors appointment results are to keep checking. Surgery scheduled for January 29<sup>th</sup>, hardware has to be removed if they can't clear-up the infection.*

*Shut-ins: Needs your prayers and visits. All live in the Dover Area.*

*Evelyn Burton, Mae Vanzandt*

*Others Who Need Our Prayers:*

*William and Susie Boley, Bernice Brown, John Clark, Barbara Dawson, Evelyn Driver, Lacey Gregory, Charles and Leota Hickey, Bob and Rose Lee, Jerry Martin, Joe Miller, Sandra Mooney, Shirley Pavatt, Teresa Phillips, Zachary Shelton, Henry and Edna Smith, Esther Sparks, Gordon Roughton, Juanita Townsend, Pauline Whorton, Harold and Mildred Turner.*

*Expectant Mothers: Christine Stone*

*Military: John Allen, Jeremy Carter, Greg Davis, Paul Holt, Chris Pearson, Tom Pickle, Terry Robinson and Adam Schrepfer.*

*Please Note we have a new E-Mail address: [staff@dovercoc.org](mailto:staff@dovercoc.org)*

*Our Website: [www.dovercoc.org](http://www.dovercoc.org)*

*Teacher's Appreciation Banquet*

**Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup>  
Arkansas Tech  
Church of Christ  
Student Center**

## The New Year - A Time of Reflection and Vision

*More info to follow*

*As 2004 ends and we start the new year of 2005, it is a time of genuine reflection of the past with a vision of the future.*

*As Paul gave thanks at all times for the brethren, "We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brethren, as is only fitting, because your faith is greatly enlarged, and the love of each one of you toward one another grows even greater." (II Thessalonians 1:3), we are likewise bound.*

*Consider the following people as we spend time in thanksgiving prayer to God Our elders who lead us be their considerate love. Our deacons who serve our churches in all the congregation needs. Our Bible class teachers, especially those in charge of the typically unruly grades. Our custodians who do such a fine job of keeping our buildings clean. Our correspondence course teachers who grade Bible correspondence lessons every week and have assisted large numbers to become Christians. Our minister and family who share the load of our spiritual and emotional needs. Each member who does his or her works of service without complaint.*

*It is truly a blessing to be a part of such a loving, Christ-like fellowship. In 2005, our congregation can grow in numbers and spirituality as we become more concerned about others and become Christ-centered.*

*A reflection of the past is happy because of the love of the brethren. The vision of the future is a larger number of people sharing this warmth. Our goal: let's work hand-in-hand After all, that is what Christ would do. Bulletin Digest*

# Events

## Youth Outreach University!

January 14<sup>th</sup> Thru 16<sup>th</sup>

Morrilton Downtown  
Church of Christ

Grades 7 Thru 12

Students: \$15.00  
Elders: Free

Keynote Speakers:  
Jon Binkley  
Willie Franklin

Parents are encouraged to  
bring and/or go with their  
children.

For More information  
See Doug Wilson

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## Mark Your Calendars Devotional Scrapbooking Class

January 18<sup>th</sup>  
thru April 12<sup>th</sup>

Every Tuesday  
6:30 – 8:30 PM

Theme: "Fruits of the Spirit"

Dover Church of Christ

For more info see:  
Karen Womack

## January Birthdays

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|----|---|
| 01 | Alexis Boley<br>Billy Walters                   |
| 02 | Sandra Mooney                                   |
| 03 | Marilyn Veasman                                 |
| 07 | Chris Moss                                      |
| 08 | Micah Williams                                  |
| 11 | Velva Bates                                     |
| 13 | Doug Wilson                                     |
| 16 | Carrie Clark                                    |
| 20 | JoAnn Killer<br>Teresa Parker<br>Patsy Wisbrock |
| 22 | Bennie Lou<br>Meadows                           |
| 26 | Klaus Mullins                                   |
| 28 | Jack Escue                                      |
| 29 | Troy Meadows                                    |

If we missed your birthday  
*please* let us know so that it will  
not happen again.

# ***THOSE TO SERVE***

***January 9, 2005***

**Sunday A.M.**

**Announcer:** Randall Walters  
**Song Leader:** Merrell Shoptaw

## **Prayers**

**1<sup>st</sup>:** John Myers  
**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Joe Miller

## **Communion**

**Podium:** Earl Whitted  
**Serve:** Troy Curtis  
William Boley  
Doug Wilson  
Sid Womack

## **Scripture Reading**

Brett Walters

**Sunday P.M.**

## **Prayers**

Marion Helton  
Merrell Shoptaw

# **SPEAKER**

**Sunday A.M.**

Micah Williams

**Sunday P.M.**

Micah Williams

## **Prepare Table for Communion**

John and Carrie Clark

## **Communion to Shut-Ins**

Marion Helton  
Merrell Shoptaw

## **Greeters**

Earl and Frances Kennedy

## **Wednesday Night Devotional**

**January 12, 2005**

Donny 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**

**Church Office: 479-331-3428**

**Or Cell: 479-264-9244**

## **Elders:**

William Boley 858-7131  
Jim Killer 331-2802  
Allen Veasman 331-2156

## **Deacons:**

Donny Forehand  
Brent Hottinger  
Chris Loper  
Joe Miller

## **Nursery Attendants:**

**Sunday Class:** Charlene Clark  
Patsy Wisbrock

**Sunday Service:** Marilyn Veasman

**Wednesday Class:** Joan Vance  
Kaeli Miller

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