



# Life Lines

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## The Law of Heartfelt Humility

Early in the 1900's an American business man was traveling through Europe by train. Entering his assigned compartment he discovered to his dismay that he was to occupy an uncomfortable upper berth. As he began to complain loudly to the conductor, the young man on the lower berth offered to switch with him. The offer was accepted, and the two men then had a pleasant conversation.

The next morning the young man had to change to another train.

"Goodbye," he said to the American traveler, "I hope sometime you will think of Prince Bernadotte. I am on my way to preach the gospel to the Laplanders."

The American was stunned. He remembered the news accounts of the young prince who had given up his rights to the throne to become a missionary. Unbeknownst to the businessman, he had been given the better place by the son of Sweden's king!

Excellent stewards consistently choose to put others first, just as Jesus did. They live by the *Law of Heartfelt Humility*, disciplining

themselves to think outwardly instead of inwardly. Even though they may be remarkable individuals with exceptional skills, they choose not to blow their own horns. Willingly and lovingly, they humble themselves.

The perfect example of heartfelt humility is, of course, the Lord Jesus Christ, who though He was rich, yet for our sake became poor, so that we through His poverty might become rich. (II Corinthians 8:9) And throughout the Bible there are other examples of a humble spirit; servants of God like Abraham, Jacob, Moses . . .

And there is John the Baptist who humbly summarized his life's purpose: "**He must increase but I must decrease.**" (John 3:30)

I witnessed the growth of one in this regard recently. He/she said they had always regarded holidays as a strictly "family time." But this year they had others in their home for these occasions.

"Guess what?" they said, "I was the one most blessed."

Remember . . .

- You are blessed to be a blessing;
- You were saved to save others;
- It has been given to you so that you might give;
- Heaven is open for you to share.

## God's Love

It's amazing and incredible,  
But it's as true as can be.  
God loved and understands us all,  
And that means you and me.

His grace is all-sufficient  
For both the young and old,  
For the lonely and timid,  
For the brash and for the bold.

His love knows no exceptions,  
So never feel excluded.  
No matter who or what you are,  
Your name has been included.

No matter what your past has been,  
Trust God to understand.  
No matter what your problem is,  
Just place it in His hands.

For in all of our unloveliness  
This great God loves us still.  
He loved us since the world began,  
And what's more, He always will!

*Author unknown*

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## Saved!

A physician can save your life . . .  
A lawyer can save your business . . .  
A financial advisor can save you  
money . . .  
A coach can save your athletic career . . .  
An image consultant can save your  
reputation . . .  
But only Jesus can save your SOUL!

*From: House to House  
Jacksonville, AL*

## Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

### 21 Keys to a Happy Life

Compliment three people every day.  
Watch a sunrise.  
Be the first to say "Hello."  
Live beneath your means.  
Treat everyone as you want to be treated.  
Never give up on anybody, miracles happen.  
Forget the Joneses.  
Remember someone's name.  
Pray not for things, but for wisdom and courage.  
Be tough-minded, but tenderhearted.  
Be kinder than you have to be.  
Don't forget that a person's greatest emotional need is to feel appreciated.  
Keep your promises.  
Learn to show cheerfulness even when you don't feel it.  
Remember that overnight success usually takes 15 years.  
Leave everything better than you found it.  
Remember that winners do what losers don't want to do.  
When you arrive at your job in the morning, let the first thing you say brighten everyone's day.  
Don't rain on other people's parades.  
Don't waste an opportunity to tell others that you love them.  
Keep some things to your self and don't promote havoc by backstabbing.

Author Unknown

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**Prayer is so simple. It is like quietly opening a door and slipping into the very presence of God.**

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## Remember Our Sick

**Ronnie Clark** – home recovering from stint surgery – doing well. Appointment Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>, Baptist Hosp., test for stomach ulcers.

**Hoyt Ensey** – new complications – aneurism.

**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-uary 9th, cancer.

**Christy Pickle** – Cara Williams' sister, in Africa for 3 Months (internship).

**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** – home recovering.

**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,**  
**Mary Lee**  
**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, Barbara Forehand, Sue Griffin, Robert and Rose Lee, Charles Proctor, Annie Robinson, Reddie Smith, Tanya Smith, Stone Family and Elsie Youngerman.

## That's the man that died for me

Let me tell you a true story about a young fireman.

In the midst of a blaze he stepped forward and volunteered to go rescue a little baby, even though the chief had said that the flames were too strong and the building too unstable.

As soon as that young fireman was able to get the little girl out the window and into the rescue net, the building collapsed and he perished in the flames.

Twenty years later, at a graveside with a statue of a fireman, stood a young woman sobbing. A man stopped and asked politely, "Was that your father or brother?"

"No," she replied, "That's the man that died for me."

Christ did something for humanity that no one else could do.

While we struggle with the finality of death, we should be more concerned about the finality of everlasting life.

Everyone is going somewhere . . . Christ has provided the way to live eternally with Him.

In Jesus we have the yearning God in pursuit of people. In Christ we find that God is not content to let people live and die beyond His circle of love. Saul of Tarsus was overwhelmed in the Syrian Desert by the Savior whose religion he had set out to destroy.

The story may be apocryphal, but when Karl Barth was asked what was the most profound theological truth he knew, he replied, "Jesus loves me, this I know."

Calvin Miller  
House to House  
Jacksonville, AL

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**Prayer List** – continued

**Special Children:** Bethaney Beasley, Emmy May, Keith Martin and Noah Williams.

**Military:** Darus Brown, Greg Davis, Steve Ferguson (Iraq), Johnny Ragsdale, Cole Wetzel and Rudy Will.

## 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

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### CHRISTeens 2007

February 23rd thru 25th  
West Side Church of Christ  
2300 West "C" Street  
Russellville, AR 72801  
wsyouth.org  
Deadline for reservations:  
January 26, 2007  
\$10.00 per person, payment due  
by: February 9th  
Registration is limited to the  
first 1000 registered 9th thru  
12<sup>th</sup> Grade including sponsors.

### Baby Shower

Sunday, 2:00 PM  
February 11, 2007  
Misty Pointer  
(It's a boy)  
Useable items  
Dover Church of Christ  
Fellowship Hall

## 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!

Email reservations to:  
buxchris@gmail.com

### YOUTH OUTREACH UNIVERSITY

#### Y O U

January 19<sup>th</sup> thru 21<sup>st</sup>  
University of Central  
Arkansas in Conway

Keynote Speakers:  
Wiley Lowe  
Willie Franklin

[www.youthoutreachuniversity.org](http://www.youthoutreachuniversity.org)

Dover Church of Christ  
Teacher Appreciation  
Banquet

January 20, 2007  
Saturday, 6:00 PM  
at: ATU CCSC

## 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
- 27 Bill McAlister

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

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### "In Search of the Lord's Way"

Now 24/7

**The Search Program  
can now be accessed at  
any time on its website:  
[www.searchtv.org](http://www.searchtv.org)**

**Mack Lyon's weekly  
lesson can be heard and  
viewed for this area on  
KARK, Channel 4,  
Sunday, 7:30 AM.**

# ***THOSE TO SERVE***

***January 21, 2007***

## **Sunday A.M.**

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

### **Prayers**

Brett Walters  
Chris Loper

### **Communion**

**Podium:** Allen Veasman  
**Serve:** Earl Whitted  
Gary Williams  
Dennis Whiteside  
Donny Forehand

### **Scripture Reading**

Jim Killer

## **Sunday P.M. Prayers**

Donny Forehand  
Earl Whitted

# **SPEAKER**

**Sunday A.M.**  
Micah Williams

**Sunday P.M.**  
Micah Williams

## **Prepare Table for Communion**

Robert and Juanita Bird

## **Communion to Shut-Ins**

Alan Boatright  
Troy Curtis

### **Greeters**

Robert and Juanita Bird

## **Wednesday Night Devotional**

**January 24, 2007**

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  
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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