



# Life Lines

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## MY LINES

Micah Williams

### Why We Give

Why do we give?

**We Give Because It Is Commanded.** The Bible clearly instructs us to . . . Give on the first day of the week . . . Give as we have been prospered . . . Give sacrificially . . . Give as we have purposed . . . Give cheerfully . . .

**We Give As A Means Of Saying "Thank You Lord!"** God has given us life, strength and health. God has saved us through His Son Jesus. In fact, all good blessings come down from our Father in heaven. We give because He first loved us, and demonstrated His love with blessings.

**We Give Because Our Generosity Blesses Us.** Paul told the Ephesian Elders that Jesus Himself had said, "*It is more blessed to give than receive.*" It was Jesus who also said, "*Give, and it will be given to you.*" (Luke 6:38) God blesses our generosity by giving us more. The bottom line is that we cannot out give God. "*And God is able to make all grace abound to you,*

*so that always having sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed . . ."* (II Corinthians 9:8) Blessed are the folk who have found this truth and tested it by their own generosity.

**We Give Because It Proclaims Our Love.** We cannot separate loving from giving. "*God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son.*" If we genuinely love, we will give. And God loves a cheerful giver. Yes, we can give without loving, but we cannot love without giving. If we love God, we will give Him our ambitions, our energy, time, talent and treasure in accordance with His truth.

May God continue to bless your giving.

*Reflections:*  
*Randall Caselman*  
*The Seeker*  
*Fayetteville, AR*

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### Prayers and Sympathy

For the family and friends of **Mary Nell (Pinky) Gassoway** who passed away, Saturday, January 14, 2006, in Russellville, AR. The memorial service and interment was Wednesday, January 18, 2006, in Dumas, AR.

### My Gratitude

For loved ones Thou hast given me,  
For friends, I cannot number,  
For Blood which daily cleanses me,  
For nightly peaceful slumber;

For work to do, for love to share,  
For burdens often lifted,  
For open hearts and open doors  
And help from those more gifted;

For guidance of the Living Word,  
And comfort of the Spirit,  
For intercession at Thy throne  
When prayer shall bring me near it;

For confidence that others give,  
For trust they place within me;  
For godly souls who for Thee live,  
And strength they ever lend me;

For steadfast souls who stand the shock  
When Satan fierce assails them,  
Whose feet are firm upon the Rock  
Where thou dost never fail them;

For peace and calm amid the storm,  
For lessons learned through failing;  
For faith that o'er the evil yet  
The good will be prevailing;

For crown and throne and golden home  
And life when life shall end,  
I thank Thee, Father, Lord of all,  
In Jesus' name. Amen

*Norman Gipson*  
*The Seeker*

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"A hug is a perfect gift – one size fits all, and nobody minds if you exchange it"

## Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

# Remember Our Sick

## “Divers Diseases”

### Thoughts to Ponder

Does a clean house indicate that there is a broken computer in it?  
Why is it that no matter what color of bubble bath you use the bubbles are always white?  
Is there ever a day that mattresses are not on sale?  
Why do people constantly return to the refrigerator with hopes that something new to eat will have materialized?  
On electric toasters, why do they engrave the message, “one slice”?  
How many pieces of bread do they think people are gonna try to stuff in that slot?  
Why do people keep running over a string a dozen times with their vacuum cleaner, then reach down, pick it up, examine it, then put it down to give the vacuum one more chance?  
Why is it that no plastic garbage bag will open from the end you first try?  
How do those dead bugs get into those closed light fixtures?  
Considering all the lint you get in your dryer, if you kept drying clothes would they eventually disappear?  
When we are in the super-market and someone rams our ankle with a shopping cart then apologizes for doing so, why do we say, “it’s all right”? When it isn’t all right.  
Why is it that whenever you attempt to catch something that’s falling off the table you always manage to knock something else over?  
Is it true that the only difference between a yard sale and a trash pickup is how close to the road the stuff is placed?

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**Janet Bruzdowski** – Susie Pfeifer’s sister, diabetes, possible foot amputation.

**Barbara Forehand** – Donny Forehand’s mother, diagnosed with cancer.

**Grady Gregory** – Rachel Curtis’ brother, health problems confined to home care.

**Vickie** – Rachel Curtis’ niece, diagnosed with lung cancer.

**Mary McAlister** - had stint surgery, Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, doing well.

**John Myers** – scheduled for more treatments.

**Mildred Sutherlin** – Teresa Parker’s mother, having replacement knee surgery January 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Emma Sue Williams** – Micah Williams’ grandmother, tumor on kidney. Tumor removed January 10<sup>th</sup>, no treatments necessary.

**Shut-ins:** Needs prayers and visits.  
Dover Area:

**Bernice Brown**

**Evelyn Burton**

**Mae Vanzandt**

Russellville Nursing and Rehab Center:

**Thelma Hatcher**

**Esther Sparks**

Stella Manor:

**Louise Killer**

**Others Who Need Our Prayers:**

Susie Boley, Tom Cloud, Jamie Churchill, Wanda Damouth, Jeff Davis, Virginia Grant, Sue Griffin, Brian Holloway, Ray King, Robert and Rose Lee, Debbie Link, Bill and Mary McAlister, Jannie Myers, Joe Miller, Nolan Passmore, Teresa Phillips, Gene Smith, Tanya Smith, Mildred Sutherland, Emma Sue Williams, Pauline Whorton and Valentina.

**Expectant Mothers:** Shelley Parker Culwell.

**Special Children:** Emmy May, Zachary Shelton, Gabriel Ross Finlayson, Keith Martin, Kaitlyn Schwartz and Noah Williams.

**Military:** Jon Allen, Darus Brown, Greg Davis, and Johnny Ragsdale.

Cole Wetzel is stateside, waiting for a new assignment.

The aged mountain preacher’s text was: “They brought to Jesus all those that were taken with diver’s diseases.”

The old preacher said, “Now doctors can scrutinize you, analyze you and sometimes cure your ills, but when you have diver’s diseases, then only the good Lord can cure you. And brethren, there is a regular epidemic of diver’s disease among us.

“Some dive for the door after Bible school is over. Some dive for the TV set during evening services. Some dive into a bag of excuses about work that needs to be done for the Lord. A few dive into a fury of fault-finding every time the church takes on a new program.

“Yes, brethren, it takes the Lord to cure you of diver’s diseases.

“When you have diver’s diseases you are in a bad way, brethren.”

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**“Thoughts to Ponder” - continued from Lines for Ladies, first Column.**

In winter, why do we try to keep the house as warm as it was in the summer, when we complained about the heat?

How come we never hear father-in-law jokes?

The statistics on sanity are that one out of every four Americans is suffering from some sort of mental illness. Think of your three best friends, if they’re okay, then it’s you.

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The Ladies Bible Class of Dover Church of Christ made a memorial gift to Camp Caudle in honor of Mary Nell (Pinky) Gassoway.

## Events

Dover Church of Christ  
Children's Church

Every Sunday

11:15 - 12:00 Noon

Ages 2 to 8

Story for January:  
"Noah's Ark."

Memory Verse:

*"I have set my rainbow  
in the clouds."*  
(Genesis 9:13a)

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TEACHERS'  
APPRECIATION  
BANQUET

January 28<sup>th</sup>,  
5:30 PM

C.C.S.C., ATU

Desserts furnished by the  
Fellowship Committee.

For more information:  
See Shirly Chadwick

## Mark Your Calendars

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

January 29<sup>th</sup>

7:00 PM

Dover Church  
Of Christ  
Evening Potluck

Youth Group  
Devotional

First Sunday in February

February 5<sup>th</sup>,  
After Sunday Evening  
Services  
Hostess: Joan Vance

SWEETHEART  
BREAKFAST

February 11th  
Saturday, 9:00AM

Men to Cook Breakfast

Bring your wife,  
mother or friend  
(make baby sitting  
arrangements)

Food, Prizes,  
Fellowship!

*"I hear there may be some  
chocolate gravy!"*

## February Birthdays

03 Mildred Turner  
Jon David Vance  
04 Andrew Land  
08 Mary McAlister  
09 Juanita Whitted  
11 Kristen Nordin  
12 Shawn Bates  
Emily Straight  
15 Zachary Shelton  
16 Rachel Curtis  
19 Carolyn Bennett  
Tyler Mullins  
20 Kaci Statler  
21 Julie Moss  
22 Eugene Davis  
Keri Letson  
Troy Meadows  
23 Bernice Brown  
Pat McAlister  
Linda Vance Herron  
24 Earl Kennedy  
26 Suzanne Land  
27 Caleb Chance  
John Clark

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

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Men's Business  
Meeting

Monday,  
February 6, 7:00 PM  
Dover Church of Christ

Men's Devo

Thursday,  
February 9th, 7:00 PM  
Host: Jim Killer

# **THOSE TO SERVE**

**January 29, 2006**

**Sunday A.M.**

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

## **Prayers**

Sid Womack  
Marion Helton

## **Communion**

**Podium:** Earl Whitted  
**Serve:** Jim Killer  
John Myers  
Lawrence Boley  
Mike Creel

## **Scripture Reading**

Rex McDaniel

**Sunday P.M.  
Prayers**

Robert Bird  
Chris Moss

# **SPEAKER**

**Sunday A.M.**  
Micah Williams

**Sunday P.M.**  
Micah Williams

## **Prepare Table for Communion**

James and Shirlye Chadwick

## **Communion to Shut-Ins**

Dennis Whiteside  
Donnie Forehand

## **Greeters**

James and Shirlye Chadwick

## **Wednesday Night Devotional**

**February 1, 2006**

Alan Boatright

## **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:**

Donny Forehand  
Brent Hottinger  
Chris Loper  
Rex McDaniel  
Joe Miller

## **Nursery Attendants:**

**Sunday Class:** Charlene Clark  
Patsy Wisbrock

**Sunday Service:** Marilyn Veasman

**Wednesday Class:** Carin Chance

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