



Life Lines

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Christ at the Confluence

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On a hill overlooking the union of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers, near Cairo, Illinois, there stands a 90 foot cross built by donations from all over America. It is located where it can be seen by travelers on land as well as by rivermen on boats. It is called "the Cross at the Confluence."

The American Heritage Dictionary defines "Confluence" as "A following together of two or more streams; a converging at a common center." What a beautiful idea! Christ does stand at the confluence of life! At the coming together of men and nations and culture and ideas; even at the coming together of history itself!

Two thousand years ago in a far away land, a man was born in obscurity, raised in poverty and put to death for what He taught about Himself and God! Today, two millennia later and half a world away, a cross is stuck in the heart of America in His honor. His influence reaches from ancient cities now lying in ruins to the lives of people across the years and miles. Our society is blessed and transformed because of it.

What has the influence of Christ done in America and in the world?

Built Hospitals. The world had never seen a hospital until the first ones were established by the followers of Christ. This is well documented by Dr. A. Rondle Short, in his book, *The Bible and Modern Science*. Most hospitals around the country were founded by Christian people. Many continue to bear the name of someone associated with Christ.

Established Charitable Organizations. The cross in the Red Cross is the cross of Christ! In 1863, Henri Dunant founded the Red Cross in Geneva, Switzerland. Durant was a deeply religious man committed to applying the teachings of Jesus to life. A wealthy business man, he literally bankrupted himself and died in poverty to establish philanthropic organizations like the Red Cross.

Fed the Hungry and Cared for Orphans. Across America, Faith-Based ministries care for the sick, feed the hungry, house the homeless – all in the name of Christ! Most soup kitchens and food banks are staffed by Christian volunteers. Most orphan homes were founded by Christian people.

Encourage Education. Many institutions of higher learning in

America began due to the influence of Christians. 123 of 126 colleges in America were formed on Christian principles.

Today, thousands of students, kindergarten through high school are educated in Christian schools.

Nourished Freedom. On the Liberty Bell is the inscription; "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof." (Leviticus 25:10) Unlike every other country in the history of the world, the United States is not founded on the basis of tribal loyalties or ethnic identity, but rather on the basis of a creed! The creed is set forth with eloquent directness in the Declaration of Independence. "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among men."

We come back to where we began – Christ standing at the confluence of Life! All things are summed up in Him: *For all promises of God find their Yes in Him. That is why it is through Him that we utter our Amen to God for His glory.*" (II Corinthians 1:20,ESV)

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

Of the scribes and Pharisees; who was in authority? This question was brought up in our Ladies' Sunday morning class. We are studying Matthew 23, the "woe" chapter it is called. I had thought that all scribes were Pharisees, but not all Pharisees were scribes. I went to the New International Dictionary of the Bible and found the following information. (I was wrong).

Scribes were "teachers of the law" in the New Testament. They were also called "experts in the law." They were often associated with the Pharisees, but they were also mentioned alone and were not necessarily Pharisees. (Matthew 9:3, Mark 2:6; 3:22; 9:14; Luke 20:39) The Pharisees were a religious party, while the scribes held an office. The double designation distinguishes them from the Pharisees, but the majority of the scribes belonged to the Pharisee party, which recognized the legal interpretation of the scribes.

The first scribe who came into view was Ezra, who set himself to the task of teaching the law to the returning exiles. (Ezra 7:6, 10-11, 21) At first this had fallen to the priests. This was many years before New Testament times.

The scribes became the zealous defenders of the law and the true teachers of the common people. By New Testament times, they had changed. They demanded respect, wore long robes like the nobility and claimed the positions of first rank. By their practice of making "a fence about the law" they added to its actual requirements, loading the people with "burdens they can hardly carry." (Matthew 23:4; Luke 11:46) They felt that their diligent search of the Old Testament for profound meanings was meritorious and entitled them to eternal life.

Because Jesus refused to be bound by the scribal additions to the law, the scribes soon fiercely opposed Him. They were watchful and determined opponents. Because of their hypocrisy Jesus denounces them, as we find in Matthew 23; "*Woe to you, scribes and* **Continued, bottom of second column, same page -**

Remember Our Sick

Lawrence Boley was in hospital with congestive heart failure this past week.
Ronnie Clark – test for ulcers clear.
Hoyt Ensey – complications – aneurism. Treatment undecided at this time.
David Guthrie – (Southern Christian Home) diagnosed with colon cancer.
Jim Lackey – diagnosed with cancer.
Bill McAlister – Home recovering from back surgery Wednesday, January 17th
El Mering – cousin of Marion Helton and Joan Vance, aneurism, treatment pending.
Bobbye Meline – still in St. Mary's, condition serious. Out of I.C.U.
Ray Motley – Theresa Motley's father-in-law, in St. Mary's with pneumonia.
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, still in AMS, (coma) head and spinal injuries.
Bud Wait – back in Hospital, condition being evaluated.
Pauline Whorton – fell, in St. Mary's.

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

Lines for Ladies continued -

Pharisees, hypocrites! (v. 14)

The scribes played an important part in the death of Jesus. Not all the scribes were wholly bad, for Nicodemus and Gamaliel were scribes; but as a whole they were marked by spiritual corruption, and their thoughts and actions were the very essence of Pharisaism.

Difference Between Women and Men!

A man will pay \$2.00 for a \$1.00 item he needs.

A woman will pay \$1.00 for a \$2.00 item that she doesn't need if it's on sale.

A woman has the last word in any argument.

Anything a man says after that . . . is the beginning of a new argument.

A woman worries about the future until she gets a husband.

A man never worries about the future until he gets a wife.

A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend.

A successful woman is one who can find such a man.

Men wake up as good-looking as they went to bed.

Women somehow deteriorate during the night.

A woman marries a man expecting he will change, but he doesn't.

A man marries a woman expecting that she won't change, but she does.

A couple drove down the highway several miles following an argument without speaking, thinking it might lead to another argument. As they passed a barnyard of mules, jack asses and pigs, the husband asked sarcastically, "Relatives of yours?"

"Yep," replied the wife, "in-laws."

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Daisy Hogins Anderson, Walter and Thelma Arcynski, Lloyd Boley, Susie Boley, Gail Brewer, Ina Dell Cloud, Tom Cloud, Jeff Davis, Charles Ensey, Barbara Forehand, Sue Griffin, Charles Hickey, Robert and Rose Lee, Teresa Phillips, Charles Proctor, Annie Robinson, Reedie Smith, Tanya Smith, Stone Family, Jewel Waldrip 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 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

CHRISTeens 2007

February 23rd thru 25th

West Side Church of Christ
2300 West "C" Street
Russellville, AR 72801
wsyouth.org

Deadline for reservations:
Was January 26, 2007
\$10.00 per person, payment
due by: February 9th
Registration is limited to the
first 1000 registered 9th –
12th Grades and sponsors.

Lads, to Leaders
and Leaderettes
meets for practice every
Sunday 3:00 to 6:00 PM

Mark Your Calendars

Dover Youth Devo

Sunday, February 4th
After Evening Services

Joan Vance's Home

Men's Regular Monthly Meeting

Monday, 7:00 PM
February 5th
Dover Church of Christ

Dover Men's Devo

Thursday, 7:00 PM
February 8th
Host to be announced

Baby Shower

Sunday, 2:00 PM
February 11th
Misty Pointer
(It's a Boy)
Diapers, wipes, etc.
Dover Church of Christ
Fellowship Hall

Ladies Night

Thursday, 7:00 PM
February 15th
Hostess: Pat McAlister

February Birthdays

- 03 Mildred Turner
Jon David Vance
08 Mary McAlister
09 Juanita Whitted
11 Kristen Nordin
12 Shawn Bates
Emily Straight
15 Zackary 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
27 Caleb Chance
28 Teresa Motley

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

LADIES' DAY!!

Dover Church of Christ

Mark Your Calendars
Saturday, April 28th,

More info to follow!

THOSE TO SERVE

February 4, 2007

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Rex McDaniel
Rick Hollis

Communion

Podium: Marion Helton
Serve: Troy Curtis
William Boley
Robert Bird
Chris Moss

Scripture Reading

Alan Boatright

Sunday P.M. Prayers

Sid Womack
William Boley

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.
Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.
Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Troy and Rachel Curtis

Communion to Shut-Ins

Brent Hottinger
Chris Loper

Greeters

Gary and Sonia Williams

Wednesday Night Devotional

February 7, 2007

Jim Killer

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.

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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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