



# Life Lines

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## My Lines

By Micah Williams

### “Little Drops of Grace”

By: Brian Tipton

“What is that?” the man asked. He had never seen anything like it, but the description the old man had given him had peaked his curiosity.

“It is a phrase tester. It allows you to test each word you say to see the impact it will have before you actually say it.”

The old man could see the confused look on his benefactor’s face.

“Just try it tonight. Before you say anything, speak into this box first. The screen on top will show you what will transpire because of what you said. It will show you thoughts, emotions, feelings, actions and consequences.”

The man drove home, completely puzzled. How could such a thing be, no one can tell the future can they?

At dinner that night, he sat down with his family and thought he would try out his box. They were having meatloaf . . . again. Why did they have the same thing all the time? But before he spoke, he said to his box, “Why do we have meatloaf all the time?” The

box made no sound but the video screen came to life and he saw himself speak the words. He saw his children looking at him and wondering to themselves, “Why is Dad always complaining? I wonder what Mom will say.” His wife was hurt and for the first time, because of the box, he could feel her pain, as if swords had been thrust through her heart, and he could hear her thoughts, like someone was narrating every thing in her mind.

She thought, “But this is his favorite. I try to do something nice and he complains about that, too. I must be the worst wife.”

He looked up from his box. He had to hold back his tears.

He must have been visibly shaken because his wife asked him, “What’s wrong? You look like you are going to be sick. Is everything okay? What is that in your hand?”

“Oh, this, a friend gave it to me. I’m fine . . . and I will get better. I’m okay. By the way, the meatloaf is excellent.”

Instantly his wife lit up and beamed from the inside to out. His children also smiled at him; they liked it when he treated Mom well.

From then on the man tested everything he said. And soon, he used the machine less and less.

But he always thought about what he said anyway and could often guess what kind of impact it would have.

The man cherished his little box, the blessed enigma from that old man.

He knew not how the box worked, but he was thankful it did what it did. For all the people marveled at his wisdom, always having the right thing to say and always carefully measuring his words to ensure they were communicated accurately. They called his words “*Little Drops of Grace.*”

***“You must let no unwholesome word come out of your mouth, but only what is beneficial for the building up of the one in need, that it may give grace to those who hear.”*** (Eph. 4:29)

***“If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this man’s religion is worthless.”*** (James 1:26)

***“Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the days of visitation.”*** (I Peter 2:12)

## Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

*There's a commercial on TV now that says. "Would you do what you do if you were recorded?" It goes on to show a father drinking milk out of a carton from the refrigerator. Next, is a mom driving in congested traffic, mouthing off at the other drivers. All the while the children are watching!*

If you have children you are being recorded. They imitate us in everything we do, good or bad. That's how they learn. If it is okay for you to do, it must be okay for them. At least that's how they see it.

If we know we are being recorded we will be on our best behavior. We will look our best and use our best smile, best language and best personality. We sure want to impress someone. That seems to be human nature, doing our best when someone is watching.

The old adage, "do what I say, and not what I do" may sound good, but it doesn't work, not with children. Kids learn more from the pictures in their books than they do your reading to them. Even grown-ups remember more from sight than we do from hearing. Visual learning.

Kids are so impressionable. They believe all these commercials on TV. If they say you can get two, not just one, of these, for \$19.95 that will do wonders, the kids believe them and want it. They saw it work right there before their eyes, so it must be true.

So, we must remember when children are around, we are being recorded. They watch us. They imitate us. We must be on our best behavior. It could save us some problems and much embarrassment in the future.

"Children may forget what you say, but they will never forget how you make them feel!" This little saying has been on my desk for years. I love to read it as I pass by. It's true! They will remember how you made them feel!

"The smallest deed is better than the grandest intention."

## Remember Our Sick

**Walter Arcynski** – home, recovering from gall-bladder surgery.

**Luella Bellomo** - pancreatic cancer, receives our bulletin.

**Donna Gail Brewer** – Robert and Juanita Bird's niece, following surgery diagnosed with ovarian cancer, starts chemo in 10 days.

**Harriet Foot** – Thelma Hatcher's daughter had a heart-valve replacement Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Bill McAlister** – had fluid build up in lungs and around his heart. On medication for this. Was at church Sunday evening.

**Debbie Meyer** – has been back in hospital, but back home now.

**John Myers** – diagnoses, lung cancer.

**Faye Williams** – Roxanna Shoptaw's sister, biopsy February 7<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Evelyn Burton**

**Louise Killer**

**Mae Vanzandt**

### Others Who Need Our Prayers:

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

**Expectant Mothers:** Melissa Jackson.

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

**Special Children:** Zachary Shelton, Keith Martin and Noah Williams.

## CHRISTeens

West Side Church of Christ

February 15 thru 27<sup>th</sup>

Register now: [wsyouth.org](http://wsyouth.org)

## "He Keeps Me Singing"

It happened in Galveston, TX. It concerned a woman and a parakeet named "Chippie." It seems that the woman was cleaning the bottom of Chippie's bird cage with a canister vacuum, without any attachment on the tube, when the telephone rang. She turned her head to pick up the phone, continuing to vacuum the cage and as she said, "hello" into the phone, she heard the horrible noise of Chippie being sucked into the vacuum. Immediately, she put down the phone, ripped open the vacuum bag, and found Chippie in there, stunned, but still alive.

Since the bird was covered with dust and dirt, she grabbed it, ran with it into the bathroom, turned on the faucet, and held the bird under the water to clean it off. When she finished that, she saw the hair dryer on the bathroom sink. She turned it on and held the bird in front of the blast of hot air to dry him off.

A few weeks later, a reporter from the newspaper that originally published the story went out to the house to ask the woman, "How's Chippie doing now?" She said, "Well Chippie doesn't sing much anymore. He just sort of sits and stares."

Many of us can identify with Chippie. Life has sucked us up, thrown cold water on us, and blown us away. Somewhere in the trauma, we have lost our song.

The amazing thing about the early Christians is that, despite the difficulties they encountered, they still had their song. Look at Paul and Silas in prison. They had been attacked by a mob, beaten with rods by the magistrates, had their clothes torn off, thrown into prison, and their feet fastened in stocks, but they didn't just sit there and stare. They were praying and singing hymns to God.

In the words of L. B. Bridges:

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus  
Sweetest name I know  
Fills my every longing  
Keeps me singing as I go.

*Adapted from John Gipson, Little Rock, AR Devotional, Given By Donny Forehand, Dover Church of Christ, Jan. 19, 2005*

## Events

### “WINGS”

(Ladies from West Side Church of Christ)

February 17<sup>th</sup>  
thru  
May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005

Every Thursday  
9:00 – 11:30 AM

Beth Moore Series -  
“Seeking a heart like God through  
the study of David”

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### Devotional Scrapbooking Class

Started January 18<sup>th</sup>

Will Meet Every Tuesday,  
6:30 – 8:30 PM,  
Ending April 12th

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Theme: “Fruits of  
The Spirit”

Only Four Reservations open!

For more info see:  
Karen Womack

## Mark Your Calendars

**Dover Church of Christ**  
**Youth Devotional**  
February 6<sup>th</sup>,  
Following evening services  
at the home of Joan Vance

**Men’s Monthly**  
**Business Meeting**  
Monday, 7:00 PM  
February 7<sup>th</sup>

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### **SWEETHEART** **BREAKFAST**

Saturday, 9:00 AM  
February 12<sup>th</sup>

Men Cooking  
More Details to Follow!

The Dover Church  
Of Christ is invited  
To Celebrate

**Bernice Brown’s**  
**90<sup>th</sup> Birthday!!**

February 20<sup>th</sup>  
From 2:00 to 4:30PM  
Fellowship Hall

## February Birthdays

03 Mildred Turner  
Jon David Vance  
04 Andrew Land  
08 Mary McAlister  
Dylan Williams  
09 Juanita Whitted  
11 Kristen Nordin  
12 Shawn Bates  
Emily Straight  
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 that it will not happen again.

### **Dover Church of Christ** **LADIES NITE**

February 17<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday, 7:00 PM

Hostess:  
To be announced

# THOSE TO SERVE

*February 6, 2005*

## Sunday A.M.

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

### Prayers

**1<sup>st</sup>:** Marion Helton  
**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Paul Helton

### Communion

**Podium:** Chris Loper  
**Serve:** Earl Whitted  
Gary Williams  
James Chadwick  
Jim Killer

### Scripture Reading

John Myers

## Sunday P.M. Prayers

Rex McDaniel  
William Boley

# SPEAKER

**Sunday A.M.**  
Micah Williams

**Sunday P.M.**  
Micah Williams

## Prepare Table for Communion

John and Carrie Clark

## Communion to Shut-Ins

Brent Hottinger  
Chris Loper

### Greeters

James and Shirlie Chadwick

## Wednesday Night Devotional

**February 9, 2005**

Marion Helton

### 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  
Rex McDaniel  
Joe Miller

### Nursery Attendants:

**Sunday Class:** Charlene Clark  
Patsy Wisbrock

**Sunday Service:** Patsy Wisbrock

**Wednesday Class:** Joan Vance

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