



Life Lines

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Congratulations to Donny Forehand For Teacher of the Year of 2006!!

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As all of you know, our congregation is truly blessed with teachers. Nearly every member either is or has been at one time or another, a Bible class teacher. We are also very fortunate to have many public school teachers in our midst. These Christians have spent many hours in college and still more hours in training for the teaching profession. As I look around, I see that nearly 25/25% of you here tonight have done just that.

Our teacher of the year for 2006 is one of these educators. This person started his career in the Paris School District in the mid 80's. His chosen field was one of the most challenging and that was teaching special education. From this humble position, he went right to the top as a principal of the Dover Elementary School in the mid 90's. In fact, his goal was to be a principal by the age of 30! By now, there is no doubt who our "Teacher of the Year" winner is for this year . . . DONNY FOREHAND.

Donny is a Dover original. Although I found out that he was born in Chicago, and came to Dover as a child. He attended Dover schools and was very active in the 4-H program then and continues to help Blake, his son, in his 4-H duties today.

About the time Donny took charge of the Dover Elementary School, he also took charge of the education program for the church in Dover. He made schedules and rotations and got the most out of us that he possibly could! He has begged,

cajoled and shamed us into whatever teaching position he needed at the time and continues doing this. Unfortunately, his troops weren't always as reliable as he needed us to be. Except for the two Ladies' classes, I believe I have seen Donny teach in every classroom and for every age group there is available at church.

For about 3 years in the late 90's, when Finis was here, Donny played a big part in the Leadership Training for Christ program in which we all participated. I remember well the drama presentation they did that first year that reduced me and everyone else to tears.

About 2 years ago Nubbin Boley came up with an idea for a Wednesday night program for the young people. Donny again got every young child and all their parents involved in this program called "Log Jam." Now, Donny and all the other parents and children are working together for the Lads to Leaders and Leaderettes program.

Donny knows how to throw a week-long teaching party every other year or so when we have Vacation Bible School. He always manages to get all the painters, craftsmen and craftswomen together to put on a "really good show." Marilyn Veasman says that one of Donny's best traits is that he is a good delegator. Recently, when he had been reduced to being the song leader, he had to call in outside help.

If I remember correctly, Donny was the one who first started the teacher's banquets. In the beginning he would get Leigh Anne, his wife, to help cook the whole thing for us. Once we went to Western Sizzlin, one time he had it catered – then James and Shirlye Chadwick came along and began helping him. Donny continues to do a lot of the cooking.

As if Donny is not busy enough being a good husband to Leigh Anne and father to Blake and Heath, being the principal for Dover Elementary, and being the Education Director for the Dover Church of Christ, he has also found time to be a big part of the Dover community. He has been a member of Dover Chamber of Commerce for many years, served as Vice-President and in 2003, President. He also was Chairman of Ozark Memories Day that same year. A big part of the work of the Chamber is Ozark Memories Day. Donny was named the Dover Chamber of Commerce Member of the Year for 2003. Donny was always the ramrod for getting the float together and he and Leigh Anne always helped with the children's games.

In October of 2005, he was one of a group of 7 who took off work to go to Louisiana to help with the cleanup from Hurricane Katrina for 3 days.

In I Timothy 42:13, Paul talks to his son in the faith, Timothy, and tells him how he wants him to act as a Christian. Paul said he must show he is a Christian in his speech, in his life, in his love, in his faith and in his purity. I believe Donny is trying his best to follow Paul's words for Timothy with his own life, in his speech, his love, his faith and his purity,

I been told that when Donny really believes in something he puts his whole heart and soul in it. I believe we all saw this a few months ago during the last school election. He wanted to get the people out to vote for a new elementary school for his students and he walked in the hot sun all day Saturday on Highway 7 with a sign on his front and back asking people to vote. Then he was back on Tuesday doing it again. And vote for it we did!

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Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

To speak of "mere words" is much like speaking of "Mere dynamite."

C. J. Ducasse

Words can be eloquent or words can be nasty. Often it's the way we present them. We don't mean for them to be nasty but that's how they come out. Apology comes next.

Wouldn't it be great if we never had to apologize for our words? I guess this could be possible but not probable. The reason is that we speak before we think, or we talk too much!

Listening is a great asset. Listening brings wisdom. A good listener has many friends. We were created with two ears and one mouth. Doesn't that indicate that we will be better off if we listen twice as much as we talk? I was trying to be funny, but isn't that true?

"When the mouth stumbles, it is worse than the foot."

West African Proverb

James tells us the tongue is untamable. Men can tame every kind of beast, birds or reptile, but no man can tame the tongue. He tells us how the tongue, although small, can cause unruly evil. It is full of deadly poison. We have witnessed this.

Unkind words are hard to forget. We try to brush them aside but they keep grinding on us. We know we need to forgive and forget. Forgiving is easier than forgetting.

Most of us like to talk. We like to pass our thoughts along to others, anyone who will listen. We enjoy sharing our stories and adventures. Caring words from friends help to overcome heartaches, depression and other illnesses. It helps to share with support groups. We need these comforting words to heal.

It seems strange but out of the same mouth come blessing and cursing. This ought not to be. (James 3:10) James doesn't tell us to listen more but that is indicated in his warnings about the tongue.

"Wisdom is the reward you get for a lifetime of listening when you'd have preferred to talk." *Dough Larson*

Remember Our Sick

Tommie Causey – Shirlee Chadwick's brother, diagnosed with lung cancer.

Hoyt Ensey—had pneumonia, home from hospital but has an appointment to analyze aneurism treatment.

David Guthrie – (Southern Christian Home) diagnosed with colon cancer.

Tracy Kissiah (Strickland) in Conway hospital in coma, on life support.

Jim Lackey – cancer, receiving treatments.

Ray Motley – Theresa Motley's father-in-law, in St. Mary's with pneumonia. Out of ICU.

Betty Ortega – recovering from eye removal surgery, Jan-uary 9th, cancer.

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

Grace Ann Rowlands – home, will be a slow recover.

Summer Russell – injured in an auto accident 12-23-06, still in AMS, (coma) head and spinal injuries.

Bud Wait – back in Hospital, in rehab.

Donna Walters – home from hospital, some heart blockage, but can be treated.

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

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, Charles Hickey, Robert and Rose Lee, Bill and Mary McAlister, El Mering, Bobbye Meline, Teresa Phillips, Charles Proctor, Annie Robinson, Reedie Smith, Tanya Smith, Stone Family, Jewel Waldrip and Elsie Youngerman.

Bobbye Meline wishes to thank everyone for the prayers, visits, flowers, calls and cards during her stay in the hospital.

"Have A Nice Day"

This is God. Today I will be handling ALL of your problems for you. I do Not need your help. So have a nice day.

I love you.

P. S. And remember . . . if life happens to deliver a situation to you that you cannot handle, do Not attempt to resolve it yourself!! Kindly put it in the SFGTD (Something for God to Do) box. I will get to it in MY TIME. All situations will be resolved, but in My time, not yours.

Once the matter is placed into the box, do not hold onto it by worrying about it. Instead, focus on all the wonderful things that are present in your life now.

Should you have a bad day at work; think of the man who has been out of work for years.

Should you despair over a relationship gone bad; think of the person who has never known what it's like to love and be loved in return.

Should you find yourself the victim of other people's bitterness, ignorance, smallness or insecurities; remember, things could be worse. You could be one of them.

Should you find yourself at a loss and pondering what life is all about, asking what is my purpose? Be thankful. There are those who didn't live long enough to get the opportunity.

Should you notice a gray hair in the mirror; think of the cancer patient in chemo who wishes she had hair to examine.

Should your car break down, leaving you miles away from assistance; think of the paraplegic who would love the opportunity to take that walk.

"Thank God for the things you have and thank God for the things you don't have."

Congratulations Donny Forehand **Continued from page one –**

It seems to me that Donny must really believe in a lot of things by the things he does. He obviously believes in his family, his church family, in his school and in his community.

All of us in this room, and many others outside this room, have been blessed by his life.

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

Registration is limited
to the first 1000 registered
9th thru 12th Grades, including
sponsors.

Lads, to Leaders and Leaderettes

meets for practice every
Sunday 4:00 to 6:00 PM

Gospel Meeting

February 25 – March 1
10:00 AM Sunday
7:00 PM Nightly

Mark Your Calendars

Center Ridge Church
of Christ
Center Ridge, Arkansas

Speakers
Sunday: Fred Whitelaw
Mon. PM: Loyd Harris
Tues. PM: Tom Hartaway
Wed. PM: Leon Barnes
Thurs. PM: David Riley

Celebration!!

March 4, 2007

Joe and Becky Miller's
50 Wedding Anniversary!

Dover Church of Christ
Fellowship Hall
2:00 – 4:00 PM

LADIES' DAY!!

Dover Church of Christ
Mark Your Calendars
Saturday, April 28th,

More info to follow!

(A little late, but hold this thought.)

“For God so loVed the world,
That He gAve

His onLy
BegottEn
SoN

That whosoever
Believeth In Him
Should Not perish
But have Everlasting life.”

Sent In By: Iris Bates, Springdale, AR

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.

“In Search of the Lord's Way”

Now 24/7

The Search Program can now
be accessed at ant time on its
website: www.searchtv.org

Mack Lyon's weekly lesson can
be heard and seen on KARK,
Channel 4, Sunday, 7:30 AM.

THOSE TO SERVE

February 18, 2007

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Chris Loper
Brett Walters

Communion

Podium: Marion Helton
Serve: Dennis Whiteside
Gary Williams
Jim Killer
Rex McDaniel

Scripture Reading

Earl Whitted

Sunday P.M. Prayers

Donny Forehand
Jim Killer

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.
Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.
Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Troy and Rachel Curtis

Communion to Shut-Ins

Earl Whitted
Troy Curtis

Greeters

Gary and Sonia Williams

Wednesday Night Devotional

February 21, 2007

Merrell Shoptaw

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
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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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