



Life Lines

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My Lines

By Micah Williams

“Unchanging Things”

By Bobby Dockery
From: *The Seeker*

Ours is a changing world. Someone has said that there is nothing so permanent as change! Today’s fad will be forgotten tomorrow. We ourselves undergo daily changes – hopefully for the better, but not always so. In our changing world, we desperately need to be reminded of what does not change.

- 1.) **God Does Not Change!** (Malachi 3:6) **“For I, the LORD, do not change . . .”** We have a Father we can rely upon. God is not variable, capricious or inconsistent. He will be faithful to His promises. We can have absolute confidence in Him.
- 2.) **God’s Word Does Not Change.** (Matthew 24:35) **“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.”** The principles within God’s Book are timeless. His standards

of right and wrong do not change with the fashions. God’s word does not need changing to fit the times; rather we need changing to fit God’s word!

- 3.) **God’s Son Does Not Change.** In an uncertain, erratic, unpredictable world, our hope is **“Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever.”** (Hebrews 13:8) He is still our faithful and merciful High Priest. “. . . while it is said, **‘TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS, AS WHEN THEY PROVOKED ME.’** For who provoked Him when they heard? **Indeed, did not all those who came out of Egypt led by Moses? And with whom was He angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned . . .”** In the flux and change and confusion of modern life we can put our confidence in Him knowing He will not let us down!

I wish you a day of ordinary miracles . . .

*A fresh pot of coffee
you didn’t make yourself.*

*An unexpected phone call
from an old friend.*

*Green stoplights on your
way to work or shop.*

*I wish you a day of
little things to rejoice in . . .*

*The fastest line at the
grocery store.*

*A good sing along song
on the radio.*

*Your keys right where
you look.*

*I wish you a day of
happiness and perfection . . .*

*I wish you little bite-size pieces
of perfection that give you
the funny feeling that the Lord
is smiling on you, holding you
so gently because you are
someone special and rare.*

*I wish You a day of Peace,
Happiness and Joy.*

Submitted by Iris Bates
(She receives our Life Lines)

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

On January 29th, Merrell Shoptaw was honored as being selected "Teacher of the Year" for 2005 at our teacher's banquet. The following are just some of the things mentioned about Merrell before he was presented a plaque.

Merrell is more than your typical teacher. Besides teaching his own class each Sunday morning, he will fill in for others anytime he is needed.

His mother, Sue Shoptaw, once told me, "If you want something done, give it to the busiest person you know." I have found this to be very true, and especially true of Merrell.

He teaches an adult class each Sunday morning and has taught the adult class on Wednesday evenings many times. In his teaching, he is very thorough; he prepares in advance and includes his audience in his discussions.

Merrell has been our song leader for many years. And, he is not your typical song leader. I remember when he attended the Tulsa Soul Winning Workshop to learn new devotional songs so he could teach them to us. Also, he sees that we learn new songs quite often. He had a singing workshop for us. He sees that we have practice sessions, too.

He is the leader of our Fellowship Group at church. He is responsible for the men's monthly schedule. He has been responsible for the minutes of the men's monthly business meeting for quite some time.

Merrell is the man behind the scenes for all our computers at church. He is always ready and willing to help with any problems that arise with Life Lines. In fact, he has the title of "technical assistant" for our bulletin. We couldn't do without his help.

He is probably the first person to get to church each Sunday morning. He puts the song numbers on the wall plaque for us. He puts all the information on the overhead screen, up-coming announcements, songs, verses, pictures, etc. He was instrumental in the installation of this computerized equipment.

In his life away from church he is the Director of the Computer Dept. at ATU.

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Remember Our Sick

Luella Bellomo - pancreatic cancer, receives our bulletin.

Donna Gail Brewer - Robert and Juanita Bird's niece, following surgery diagnosed with ovarian cancer, has started chemo treatments.

Robert Estridge - Pauline Dale's nephew, brain tumor diagnoses.

Harriet Foot - Thelma Hatcher's daughter is home recovering from a heart-valve replacement and a heart attack following surgery.

Thelma Hatcher - has her check-up for her previous eye surgery on February 14, 2005. Second eye surgery to be scheduled then.

John Myers - diagnoses, lung cancer. Another biopsy Monday, Feb. 7th.

Linda Smith - Cara Williams' mother, home recovering from gall bladder surgery Tuesday, Feb. 8th.

J. C. Thompson - diagnosed with terminal cancer.

Faye Williams - Roxanna Shoptaw's sister, biopsy February 7th.

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

Evelyn Burton

Louise Killer

Mae Vanzandt

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Walter Arcynski, Lawrence Boley, William and Susie Boley, Bernice Brown, John Clark, Jeff Davis, Barbara Dawson, Evelyn Driver, Charles and Leota Hickey, Bob and Rose Lee, Bill McAlister, Jerry Martin, Debbie Meyer, 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, Adam Schrepfer and Rudy Will.

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

Working with God

Author Unknown

God places us in this world as His fellow workers, as agents of teaching. We work with God so that knowledge is converted into belief and action. We work with God so that there will be more compassion and caring.

We work with God so that there will be more laughter and joy.

We work with God so that there will be more togetherness and peace.

We work with God so that we might join more of our family, friends and neighbors in eternal life.

Alan Boatright shared this poem with us at the close of our Teacher's Appreciation Banquet.

Lines for Ladies - continued from column one -

He served two terms or more on the Dover School Board. He had the same energy and zeal on this board as he does at church. He helped many teachers and students with his input and training.

He is a member of the Dover Area Chamber of Commerce. He was our MC at our annual banquet this past month, and he has served in this capacity in the past. He did a great job at this, too.

Merrell is a God-fearing man. You can tell it in his work for the Lord. He has been blessed. So, as Sue said, "If you want to get something done, give it to the busiest person you know." This would be Merrell!

In accepting the award, Merrell said, "It is an honor to receive this recognition. The church and its work is the most important thing in my life. I enjoy every minute of it. Thank you."

Events

“WINGS”

(Ladies from West Side Church of Christ)

February 17th
thru

May 5th, 2005

Every Thursday
9:00 – 11:30 AM

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

Devotional Scrapbooking Class

Started January 18th

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

Dover Church of Christ

Theme: “Fruits of
The Spirit”

Still time to make reservations
and catch-up!

For more info see:
Karen Womack

Mark Your Calendars

The Dover Church
Of Christ is invited
To Celebrate
Bernice Brown’s
90th Birthday!!
February 20th
From 2:00 to 4:00PM
Fellowship Hall

MEALS ON
WHEELS
Dover Church of Christ
February 21 thru 25th
Monday thru Friday

Workshop
“Holding to Traditions”
February 26, 2005
Judsonia Church of Christ
392 Jackson Avenue
Judsonia AR
Web Site:

www.judsoniachurchofchrist.org

Host of speakers and panel
members

Dover Church of Christ
“Doug’s Kids”
Will do evening Services
February 27th, 6:00 PM

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.

CHRISTeens

West Side Church
of Christ
February 25th thru 27th
Wsyouth.org

THOSE TO SERVE

February 20, 2005

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

1st: Allen Veasman
2nd: Blake Walters

Communion

Podium: Chris Loper
Serve: Paul Helton
Paul Williams
Rex McDaniel
Rick Hollis

Scripture Reading

William Boley

Sunday P.M.

Prayers

Brett Walters
Robert Lee

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

John and Carrie Clark

Communion to Shut-Ins

Donny Forehand
Blake Forehand

Greeters

James and Shirlye Chadwick

Wednesday Night Devotional

February 23, 2005

Randall Walters

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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