



# Life Lines

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## MY LINES

Micah Williams

### “Pornography”

#### Learning about the Birds and Bees from the Bunny.

You may have seen it around town. It’s a white ‘Hummer’ with a picture of a naked woman painted on it and advertising the new ‘adult’ video and book store in Clarksville. It moves around town, from downtown to the Tech campus, to Walmart – you get the idea. It’s a moving billboard, not exactly illegal, but certainly unwelcome.

If you have a business or work in one that is affected by this vehicle, please call the police and complain politely when it parks in your spaces. Enough of those calls could make a difference without calling undue attention to its presence and wind up giving it more publicity.

Pornography is a multi-billion dollar business that is sapping the moral fiber out of America and out of marriages, even Christian marriages. Those who do not understand that are naïve fools with their heads stuck in the sand (or, more likely, piles of porn.

Wake up.

Men and women alike need to read a book titled *An Affair of the Mind* by Laurie Hall. It is one woman’s

courageous battle to salvage her family from the devastation of pornography. Read it.

Our sources of information about sex have changed dramatically over the last 40 years. Before Playboy made its debut in 1954, sex education was catch-as-catch-can. Those who grew up in the country had a good sense of how things went from being around the animals on the farm. The kids in the city learned about sex in back alleys. A lucky few learned about sex from their parents.

Things are different. Studies show that more and more children are learning about the birds and bees from pornography. Youths between the ages of twelve and seventeen have the highest interest in pornographic material and are its prime viewers. Don’t let the ‘adult’ label fool you. And sex education in the schools often promotes the use of pornography directly or indirectly.

Some think porn is ‘just a guy thing.’ He gets a sexual buzz and returns to earth and everything’s okay. No big deal. Others realize it is not good but if they just stop looking at it, everything will be okay. They seem genuinely puzzled when you try to explain that there are a multitude of stresses in the marriage where porn has invaded. They naively assume that pornography is an isolated event in an otherwise healthy life.

Wise up.

Porn has a multifaceted effect on a man – and on a marriage. It is like the evil weed in the north east or the stinging nettle in Texas. The stinging nettle is pretty when it blooms, seems harmless enough, but it will take over a pasture when it goes to seed, and if you touch it, it stings sharply at first then spreads and hurts for days. Once in your pasture, it’s a constant battle to make sure it doesn’t take over.

Pornography takes over. Your eyes. Your body. Your money. Your time. Your heart. Your mind. Your imagination. And then . . . your soul.

Hugh Hefner once spoke of himself as a missionary, “liberating people from their sexual hang-ups.” I agree. A missionary from hell.

By Dan Lightfoot  
*The Vision*  
Russellville, AR

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## THANK YOU

Chris and Julie Moss wish to thank you, Mike Creel, for the awesome train table you made and donated to the Children’s Church Nursery.

They want you to know we appreciate all you do for the children.

## Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

Micah tries to encourage us about the importance of fellowship. He knows the importance of growing in God's family. He cautions us about spending time together, getting to know each other better.

Christ's church is set up like a family. We have a Father who wants us to share in love with one another. He intends for us to grow and encourage each other. These things can't be done alone.

Do you think it is important to fellowship with your brother and sisters at church? Do you miss the closeness by not having this association with them?

Here are some thought questions. What do you think you have missed? If you never stay after church to visit?

If you never attend any of the potlucks?

If you never see another Christian from one Sunday to the next?

It you never attend one of the devotionals for the men or women?

Will your life be the same if you miss these fellowships? The encouragement alone is worth the effort we put forth in attending one of these. What of the many Scriptures that tell us to encourage one another, exhort one another and build each other up? (Heb. 3:13a)

How do we obey these if we do not associate with the brethren?

*“... So that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart.”* (1 Peter 1:22b) Then in 2:17 Peter says, *“... show proper respect to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear your God, honor the king.”*

How can we have a sincere love of the brethren if we don't know them? We need this fellowship to grow into this deep sincere love from the heart.

Did you once do these things but have slacked off? You just can't seem to get back with the group.

“What happened to the banana when it left the bunch? It got skinned.”

## Remember Our Sick

**Sue Griffin** – serious health problems, not a candidate for surgery.

**Alice Hollis** – moved to St. Mary's Wednesday, Feb. 22. In rehab until surgery is scheduled at Heart Hospital, Little Rock.

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, Jeff Davis, Barbara Forehand, Virginia Grant, Grady Gregory, Vickie Gregory, Brian Holloway, Robert and Rose Lee, Jerry Martin, Bill and Mary McAlister, Troy and Bennie Lou Meadows, John and Jannie Myers, Joe Miller, Nolan Passmore, Teresa Phillips, Tanya Smith, Matt and Nikki Tackett, Pauline Whorton and Valentina.

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

**Military:** Jon Allen, Darus Brown, Greg Davis, Johnny Ragsdale and Rudy Will. Cole Wetzel is stateside waiting for his next assignment.

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## LADS TO LEADERS STATE CONVENTION

**Sunday, March 11, 2006**

**8:30 AM – 3:00 PM**

**West Side Church of Christ  
Russellville, AR**

**Please make reservations:**

**Bob Clark (479) 858-4663**

**E-mail: rclark@entergy.com**

**Lunch will be provided**

## God's Little Angel

Little Kaitlyn Schwartz was dealt a heavy burden the day she was born, April 29, 2005. She has fought a battle with cancer from the beginning. However, even during the battle, she would give her brother a smile. The smile of an angel, her grandmother, Sonja, would say.

Although she lived many miles away from us we felt close because of our thoughts and prayers for this little fighter. She lost her battle on Saturday, February 18, 2006. Our hearts go out to the sweet little baby's relatives and friends who have struggled with her all these months of her life. She surely must have been strong.

Some parents were bringing their children to Jesus. They wanted Him to put His hands on them and pray for them. The disciples rebuked them, asking them not to bother Jesus. But Jesus said, *“Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.”* (Matthew 19:14)

Little Kaitlyn is the, *“... of such is the kingdom of heaven.”* An angel who has gone to be with Jesus, who will no longer suffer on this earth.

Our prayers are now for God to give this family some peace. Peace should come from the wonderful memories this little girl left them.

She had a very short life but she has touched the lives of so many. Her funeral was Tuesday, February 21, 2006 in Shakopee, Minnesota.

*By: Pat McAlister  
Dover Church of Christ  
Dover, Arkansas*

An account has been set up in her name at First State Bank of Russellville (Account No. 1256254) to help with expenses incurred during her long battle with cancer.

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## Events

### Dover Church of Christ Children's Church

Every Sunday

11:15 - 12:00 Noon  
Ages 2 to 8

Story for March  
"God's Promise to Abraham"  
(Genesis 13, 14, 15)

Memory Verse:  
"For God so loved the world  
that He gave His one and only  
Son . . ."  
(John 316a)

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## Ladies Day!

Dover Church of Christ  
Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006  
8:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Speaker: Barbara Knight

"As for me and my house we will  
serve the Lord." (Josh 14:15)

Come with anticipation of:  
Laughter  
Joy  
Being Uplifted  
and  
Encouraged  
Lunch will be provided.

## Mark Your Calendars

### YOUTH

### DEVOTIONAL

Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 PM  
Clarksville Church  
Of Christ  
2211 West Main  
Clarksville, AR

Singing, Devotional and  
Dinner Provided.

### YOUTH DEVO

Dover Church of Christ  
March 5<sup>th</sup>  
(After PM Services)  
Host: William Boley

### Men's Business Meeting

March 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM  
Dover Church  
of Christ

### Men's Devo

March 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM  
Host: Merrell Shoptaw

### Ladies Night

March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 PM  
(4<sup>th</sup> Thursday)  
Hostess: Pat McAlister

## March Birthdays

02 Kelly Williams  
03 Bryan Bates  
Keaton Creel  
Rick Hollis  
07 Harold Turner  
Colton Williams  
08 Adam Land  
12 Carl Lawley  
13 Matthew Moss  
17 Jim Killer  
18 Ryan Whiteside  
21 William Boley  
22 Alan Herron  
25 Blake Brown  
26 Mike Creel  
Jessalyn Davis  
Wilma Johnson  
Shelby Statler  
28 Kaeli Miller

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

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## Notice

Dover Church  
of Christ's Ladies!  
Our turn: CCSC Luncheon  
Wednesday, March 15th

## Ladies Day

Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>  
Registration: 8:30 AM  
Overcup Church of Christ  
Speaker: Juanita Felts  
Theme: "Showers of Blessings"

# ***THOSE TO SERVE***

***March 05, 2006***

**Sunday A.M.**

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

## **Prayers**

Rex McDaniel  
Rick Hollis

## **Communion**

**Podium:** Jim Killer  
**Serve:** Donny Forehand  
Earl Kennedy  
Earl Whitted  
Gary Williams

## **Scripture Reading**

James Chadwick

**Sunday P.M.**  
**Prayers**

William Boley  
Sid Womack

# **SPEAKER**

**Sunday A.M.**  
Micah Williams

**Sunday P.M.**  
Micah Williams

## **Prepare Table for Communion**

JoAnn Killer

## **Communion to Shut-Ins**

Alan Boatright  
Brent Hottinger

## **Greeters**

Alan and Sandra Boatright

**Wednesday Night  
Devotional**

**March 8, 2006**

Earl Whitted

**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:**

Chris Besterfeldt  
Donny Forehand  
Brent Hottinger  
Chris Loper  
Rex McDaniel  
Chris Moss  
Joe Miller

## **Nursery Attendants:**

**Sunday Class:** Charlene Clark  
Patsy Wisbrock  
**Wednesday Class:** Carin Chance

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