



# Life Lines

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## FAMILY

*I ran into a stranger as he passed by,  
"Oh excuse me please" was my reply.*

*He said, "Please excuse me too;  
I wasn't watching for you.*

*We were very polite, this stranger and I.  
We went on our way and said goodbye.*

*But at home a different story is told,  
How we treat our loved ones,  
young and old.*

*Later that day, cooking the evening meal  
My son stood beside me very still.*

*When I turned, I nearly knocked  
him down.  
"Move out of the way."  
I said with a frown.*

*He walked away, his little heart broken.  
I didn't realize how harshly I'd spoken.*

*While I lay awake in bed,  
God's still small voice came to me  
and said,*

*"While dealing with a stranger,  
common courtesy you use,  
But with the family you love,  
you seem to abuse.*

*Go and look on the kitchen floor,  
You'll find some flowers  
there by the door.*

*Those are the flowers  
he brought for you.  
He picked them himself:  
pink, yellow and blue.*

*He stood very quietly  
not to spoil the surprise,  
You never saw the tears*

*that filled his eyes."*

*By this time, I felt very small,  
And now my tears began to fall.*

*I quietly went and knelt by his bed;  
"Wakeup, little one, wake up," I said.*

*"Are these the flowers  
you picked for me?"  
He smiled, "I found 'em, out by the tree.*

*I picked 'em because they're  
pretty like you.  
I knew you'd like 'em,  
especially the blue."*

*I said, "Son, I'm very sorry  
for the way I acted today;  
I shouldn't have yelled at you that way."  
He said, "Oh, Mom, that's okay.  
I love you anyway."*

*I said, "Son, I love you too,  
And I do like the flowers,  
especially the blue."*

## Family

*Are you aware that if we died  
tomorrow, the company that we are  
working for could easily replace us in a  
matter of days.*

*But the family we left behind will feel  
the loss for the rest of their lives.*

*And come to think of it, we pour  
ourselves more into work than into our  
own family, an unwise investment  
indeed, don't you think?*

*So what is behind the story?*

*Do you know what the word FAMILY  
means?*

**Father And Mother I Love You!**

*Author Unknown*

## What Shall It Profit?

**He lost his soul for popularity.**  
Nothing is wrong with popularity if  
you can maintain it and stand for the  
truth.

**He lost his soul for a bank account.**  
Nothing is wrong with a bank  
account. Nothing is wrong with an  
account if accumulated and used in  
the right way.

**He lost his soul for a friend.**  
Friends are to be sought and  
cherished. However, do not lose  
your soul for one.

**He lost his soul for a money-  
making deal.** Make money, but  
make it honestly.

**He lost his soul for an hour of  
pleasure.** Pleasure is legitimate if it  
is right, but it must not be put first.

**He lost his soul for an hour of rest.**  
We must rest, but not when the Lord  
calls us to duty. Think of this at the  
hour of worship.

**He lost his soul for a scholastic  
degree.** Education is an asset if the  
training does not make one feel he  
can live without God.

**He lost his soul because of life's  
problems.** We all have problems,  
but do not drown in them.

*"For what is a man profited, if he  
shall gain the whole world, and lose  
his own soul? Or what shall a man  
give in exchange for his soul?"  
(Matthew 16:26)*

*John H. Alley*

## Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

*“And I know that whatever Goes does is final. Nothing can be added to it or taken from it. God’s purpose in this is that people should fear Him. Whatever exists today and what ever will exist in the future has already existed in the past. For God calls each event back to its turn.”* (Ecclesiastes 3:14-15, The Book)

Solomon had begun this book with the words, “. . . *everything is meaningless.*” He wrote, *“History merely repeats itself. It has been done before. Nothing under the sun is truly new. What can you point to that is new? How do you know it didn’t already exist long ago?”* (Ecclesiastes 1:9-10a)

In chapter one Solomon seems to be at a low in his life. Then in chapter three he picks up when he gives God credit for His beautiful creation. He said, *“God has made everything beautiful for its own time.”* (3:11a)

Often, our lives reflect our moods, as did Solomon’s. Everything seems meaningless. What’s the use? But when we look at the larger scope of things, the things that God has done in our lives, we must change as Solomon did. We must look at the good. We must praise God for His blessings. Whatever God has done, or will do, is final.

We are but a small dot in the whole scheme of things. However small we are, we are still important in His great plan. No matter our status in this world, we are as important as anyone else, even King Solomon. Jesus, our Savior and Messiah, proved that in His earthly ministry as a servant when He died as a sacrifice for our sins.

The Scriptures prove our importance. Jesus told the crowd that if God cared for the birds in the air and lilies of the field, how much more He cared for us. We are important to God. We need to make Him important to us.

The wise Solomon said, *“Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.”* (Ecclesiastes 12:13b)

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## Remember Our Sick

**Bob Bennett** – serious health issues.

**James Chadwick** –hospitalized, serious injury to his foot and leg from a fall. Facing re-hab and a long recovery.

**Mel Davis** – diagnosed with cancer, receiving treatment.

**Hoyt Ensey** – aneurism surgery rescheduled.

**Carol Graham** – little Keith Martin’s grandmother, cancer surgery Feb. 19.

**Elysia Lee** – newborn, great-granddaughter of Bob/Rose Lee, one kidney. She will need a trans-plant.

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

**Summer Russell** –still in AMS, (coma) head and spinal injuries.

**Gene Smith** – Cara Williams’ father had tests run, results not back yet.

### 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, Lawrence Boley, Lloyd Boley, Susie Boley, Gail Brewer, Jeff Davis, Anna Deimund, Charles Ensey, Sue Griffin, David Guthrie, Charles Hickey, Jim Lackey, Robert and Rose Lee, Bill McAlister, Sandra Mooney, Ray Motley, Teresa Phillips, Charles Proctor, Annie Robinson, Reedie Smith, Tanya Smith, Stone Family, Jewel Waldrip and Donna Walters.

**Special Children:** Emmy May, Keith Martin and Noah Williams.

**Military:** Darus Brown, Greg Davis, Steve Ferguson, Johnny Ragsdale, Cole Wetzel and Rudy Will.

Our **heartfelt sympathy, prayers and love** goes out to the family of **Barbara Forehand** who passed away Monday, March 5, 2007. Services Wednesday, March 7, 2007. She was the mother of Donny Forehand.

## Monsters?

West Side Church of Christ  
Russellville, Arkansas

Children are afraid of monsters, but they also like them. They are usually fascinated by them, read about them, and use them to scare other children. But monsters are just for kids, right? We’re too old for that. We’ll maybe not.

One person dreamed he was being pursued by this grotesque, terrifying monster. Wherever he ran it would be close behind. Its teeth were bared. The person ran frantically but couldn’t seem to put any distance between himself and the beast. In his desperation he ran down an alley that was a dead end.

All of a sudden he realized, *there’s no way out. I’m trapped.* He looked to the left and the right, but he was blocked by high walls on all sides. He watched as this hideous monster came closer and closer. *“What terrible thing are you going to do to me?”* the man cried out. The monster stopped and said, *“That’s up to you. It’s your dream.”*

What’s your dream? Is it a dream, or more of a nightmare? Some adults do live with monsters pursuing them in their minds. Sometimes our dreams become a portrayal of our thoughts. We give our thoughts free rein and the monsters in our minds put on a cloak of reality. Is there any monster in your life that has been given room to roam? If so, remember that monsters can be tamed. They’re only as powerful as your thoughts.

God’s Word tells us what to do with our thoughts.

Read and reflect upon *Philippians 4:8.*

For children, monsters are often scary and fun. For adults, they’re not fun..

Remember . . . what your monster does is up to you. It’s your dream.

## 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

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### AREA WIDE YOUTH DEVO

March 18, 6:00 PM  
Mt. George Church  
of Christ

### The CARE CENTER Of Little Rock, AR

Is sponsoring professional  
counseling in a Christian  
environment one day per  
week, every Friday, at the  
Dover Church of Christ.  
Please spread the word, tell  
your friends and neighbors.

Call for an appointment:  
(479) 331-3428

## Mark Your Calendars

### Lads to Leaders & Leaderettes

The girls are making a church  
scrapbook and are in desperate  
need of photos!

Anyone with photos of the  
following events is asked to  
share them.

Ladies' Day, April 2006  
May Graduation Banquet  
July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration  
Veasman's Pool Party  
Clean Up/Fix Up event

Contact Karen Womack

### Lads to Leaders and Leaderettes

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

Note the change in dates  
for the:

### Dover Ladies' Devo

5th Thursday

March 29th, 7:00 PM

Hostess: Diane Walters  
(Pinehill Rd.)

### LADIES' DAY!!

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

More info to follow!

Hand towels, cup towels, tea  
towels needed. Color doesn't  
matter. See Shirly Chadwick.

Please

## March Birthdays

- 02 Kelly Williams
- 03 Bryan Bates  
Keaton Creel  
Rick Hollis
- 07 Harold Turner  
Colton Williams
- 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  
Shelby Statler
- 27 Wilma Johnson
- 28 Kaeli Miller

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

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### "In Search of the Lord's Way"

**Now 24/7**

**The Search Program can  
now be accessed at any  
time on its website:**

[www.searchtv.org](http://www.searchtv.org)

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

# ***THOSE TO SERVE***

***March 18, 2007***

## **Sunday A.M.**

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

### **Prayers**

Blake Walters  
Chris Loper

### **Communion**

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

### **Scripture Reading**

Alan Boatright

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

Dennis Whiteside  
Donny Forehand

# **SPEAKER**

**Sunday A.M.**  
Micah Williams

**Sunday P.M.**  
Micah Williams

## **Prepare Table for Communion**

James and Shirlie Chadwick

## **Communion to Shut-Ins**

Earl Whitted  
Jim Killer

### **Greeters**

Troy and Rachel Curtis

## **Wednesday Night Devotional**

**March 21, 2007**

Sid Womack

**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:** Kaeli Miller  
**Sunday Church:** Pat McAlister  
Kaeli Miller

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