



Life Lines

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My Lines

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Experiencing Christ Daily

Our spiritual life may have a gap between Monday and Sunday. We need a spirituality of work, recreation, sleep, eating, housing, marriage, etc. How aware are you of your spiritual life and Satan's attempts to ensnare you?

If you were thriving spiritually, how would you know? How prominent is the living Christ in your daily experience as a person of faith?

We have a spiritual fuel tank . . .

What drains our spiritual fuel tank: disappointment, intellectual challenges, trials, hurry, Satan's schemes? Most people's lives are unbalanced . . . hurried, focused more on work, play or other things. We need an ordered spirituality in following Jesus (work, recreation, etc.).

Israel/Christ/ Christians . . . it is taught in the scriptures ". . . *you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus.*" (I Peter 2:5 and also in Romans Chapter 12.)

How do we experience Christ daily?

By seeing what Jesus saw: He saw crowds of people and had compassion on them. People see doubt, sinicism, prejudice in others, not Jesus. Jesus saw individual, sinners, but didn't see their sins as their final answer.

By hearing what Jesus heard: He heard the voice of the Father, He didn't hear people murmuring about Him. "*Zaccheus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house.*" And he hurried and came down and received Him gladly. When they saw it, they all

began to grumble, saying, 'He has gone to be a guest of a man who is a sinner.'" (Luke: 19:6-7)

Value what Jesus valued: ". . . *I desire mercy, not sacrifice . . .*" (Matthew 9:9-13) "*As Jesus went on from there, He saw a man called Matthew, sitting in the tax collector's booth; and He said to him, 'Follow Me!' And he got up and followed Him. Then it happened that as Jesus was reclining at the table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were dining with Jesus and His disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to His disciples, 'Why is your Teacher eating with tax collectors and sinners?' But when Jesus heard this, He said, 'It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick. But go and learn what this means: I desire compassion and not sacrifice, for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.'*"

Greater matters and lesser matters: "*Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting others.*"(Matt. 23:23)

Love God and your neighbor. By loving your neighbor you love God. "*But when the Pharisees heard Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered themselves together. One of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, 'Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?' And He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the foremost commandment. The second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as*

yourself.' On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets." (Matt. 22:34-40) "*For God is not unjust so far as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and is still ministering to the saints.*" (Heb. 6:10) "*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.*" (John 3 16:17) You lay your life down for others. "*We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him?"* (I John 3:16-17) I Peter "leaves" an example; forgave, listened, loved and served.

Jesus loved and loves: Jesus will never love you more than He already has. Matt. 25:32 "*All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goat; 34) Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. 35) I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; 36) naked, and you clothed Me, I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to me.'*" 40) ". . . *to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it for Me.*"

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAllister

Someone said just the other day that each of us is placed here for a purpose. Are we fulfilling that purpose?

What plan does God have for me? How do I fit in the big picture? How many times have I disappointed Him? Has He given up on me? Is He using someone else because I have failed Him?

He doesn't put too much on us, or expect more than we can do. Just as the parable that Jesus used about the talents, each according to his ability (Matthew 25:14-30).

He doesn't expect the same from all of us. He does expect us to use our potential. That is why we are different, have different abilities. Don't bury your talent in the ground like the wicked, lazy servant. His was taken away from him and given to the servant with the ten talents. In verses 29 and 30, Jesus says, *"For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."*

What ever my abilities are, I want to use them. I do not want to be worthless, thrown into darkness. I pray that God's plan will be done through me.

Don't you?

Kim Hon was baptized

Wednesday,

March 9th!!

"Believe and receive!"

Tanya Hampton, Dover, AR

Remember Our Sick

Doris Karnes Bachand – Pat and Becky's cousin, diagnosed with cancer.

Walter Arcynski – home from a long stay in hospital. Sent a note thanking us for our prayers for his recovery.

Amber Bolin – a college student and close friend of the Straights, had a four-wheeler accident. Has been released to home care.

Betty Barton – came home Friday, March 11th. Appreciated your prayers.

Tom Cloud – had a pace-maker replaced Monday, March 7th and came home the next day.

Michelle Crutcher - Charlene Clark's niece, surgery Wednesday, March 9th went well, starts radiation in three weeks. Her family needs prayer as they go through this difficult time.

Wanda Dickerson – John Clark's mother, stint installed more follow-up on condition in a month.

Barbara Forehand – Donny Forehand's mother, home from hospital.

Thelma Hatcher – second eye surgery re-scheduled for March 24th.

Bill Lafoon and Family – fighting cancer.

Wayne Melton – Tabatha Turner's father having health problems.

Wilma Shirley – Ronnie Clark's sister, diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

A. D. Virden – hospitalized with flu.

Earl Whitted - going to have knee surgery April 12th.

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

Evelyn Burton

Louise Killer

Mae Vanzandt

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Luella Bellomo, Susie Boley, Donna Brewer, Bernice Brown, John Clark, Jeff Davis, Robert Estridge, Charles and Leota Hickey, Bob and Rose Lee, Jerry Martin, Debbie Meyer, John and Jannie Myers, Joe Miller, Esther Sparks, Harold and Mildred Turner, David and Betty Walters.

Expectant Mothers: Melissa Jackson and Kemah Johnson.

Special Children: (Birth Defects) - Zachary Shelton, Gabriel Ross Finlayson, Keith Martin and Noah Williams.

"Rules For Daily Life"

Begin the day with God;

Kneel down to Him in prayer;
Lift up thy heart to His abode,
And seek His love to share.

Open the Book of God,

And read a portion there;
That it may hallow all thy thought,
And sweeten all thy care.

Go through the day with God,

Whate'er thy work may be;
Where'er thou are – at home, abroad,
He still is near to thee.

Converse in mind with God,

Thy spirit heavenward raise;
Acknowledge every good bestowed,
And offer grateful praise.

Conclude the day with God,

Thy sins to Him confess;
Trust in the Lord's atoning blood,
And plead His righteousness.

Lie down at night with God,

Who give His servants sleep;
And when thou tread'st
The vale of death,
He will be the guard and keep.

*Author Unknown
Bulletin Digest*

Military: John Allen, Greg Davis, Paul Holt, Randall Nixon and Rudy Will.

Jeremy Carter, Chris Pearson, and Terry Robinson scheduled to come home. Tom Pickle and Adam Schrepfer are already state-side.

**"May you never miss a rainbow
because you are looking down."**

Events

Annual
Easter Egg Hunt
at
Camp Caudle
on
Saturday, March 26th
2:00 PM

Sponsored by the
Dover Church of Christ

Community Invited
(Dover and Hector Areas)

Age 1 thru 6th Grade
Puppets, Games, Prizes!

LADIES DAY

April 9, 2005

Dover Church of Christ
Dover, Arkansas

Continental Breakfast
and

Registration: 9:00 AM
Program: 9:30 AM
Lunch: 12:00 Noon

Theme: "I am the light"

Mark Your Calendars

March 29th
Elders' Meeting
Dover Church of Christ
7:00 PM

April 6th,
Following Sunday
Evening Services
Dover Church of Christ
Youth Devo @
The Hottinger's

April 4th, 7:00 PM
Men's Regular
Business Meeting
Dover Church of Christ

April 14th, 7:00 PM
Men's Devo
Dover Church of Christ

MEALS ON WHEELS
Dover Church of Christ

April 18 thru April 22
Monday thru Friday

April 21st, 7:00 PM
Ladies Night
Dover Church of Christ
Hostess to be announced

MARCH Birthdays

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

OOPS! We missed Carl
Lawley's Birthday, it was
March 12th.

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

Dover Church
of Christ's

Singles

Still Meet
9:00 AM, Every Saturday
Dewayne's

THOSE TO SERVE

March 27, 2005

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Allen Veasman
Blake Walters

Communion

Podium: Jim Killer
Serve: Earl Whitted
Gary Williams
James Chadwick
John Myers

Scripture Reading

Marion Helton

Sunday P.M. Prayers

Robert Lee
Brett Walters

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.
Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.
Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

John and Carrie Clark

Communion to Shut-Ins

William Boley
Alan Boatright

Greeters

Troy and Rachel Curtis

Wednesday Night Devotional

March 30, 2005
Alan Boatright

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.

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Jim Killer 331-2802
Allen Veasman 331-2156

Deacons:

Donny Forehand
Brent Hottinger
Chris Loper
Rex McDaniel
Joe Miller

Nursery Attendants:

Sunday Class: Carin Chance
Sonia Williams

Sunday Service: Wilma Johnson

Wednesday Class: Marilyn Veasman

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