



# Life Lines

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## My Son

Sent in by: Clara Hefley,  
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A wealthy man and his son loved to collect rare works of art. They had everything in their collection from Picasso to Raphael. They would often sit together and admire the great works of art.

When the Vietnam conflict broke out, the son went to war. He was very courageous and died in battle while rescuing another soldier.

The father was notified and grieved deeply for his only son.

About a month later, just before Christmas, there was a knock at the door.

A young man stood at the door with a large package in his hand.

He said, "Sir, you don't know me, but I am the soldier for whom your son gave his life. He saved many lives that day, and he was carrying me to safety when a bullet struck him in the heart, he died instantly.

"He often talked about you and your love for art."

The young man held out the package. "I know this isn't much. I'm not really a great artist, but I think your son would have wanted you to have this."

When the father opened the package it was a portrait of his son, painted by the young man. He stared in awe at the way the soldier had captured the personality of his son in the painting. The father was so drawn to the eyes in the painting that his eyes welled up with tears.

The father thanked the young man and offered to pay him for the painting.

"Oh, no sir, I could never repay what your son did for me. It's a gift."

The father hung the portrait over his mantle.

Every time visitors came to his home he took them to see the portrait of his son before he showed them any of the other great works he had collected.

The man died a few months later.

There was to be a great auction of his paintings and collections. Many influential people gathered, excited over seeing the great paintings and having the opportunity to purchase one for their collection.

On the platform sat the painting of his son.

The auctioneer pounded his gavel. "We will start the bidding with this picture of the son. Who will bid for this picture?"

There was silence.

Then a voice in the back of the room shouted, "We want to see the famous paintings. Skip this one!"

But the auctioneer persisted. "Will somebody bid for this painting? Who will start the bidding? \$100, \$200?"

Another voice angrily called out, "We didn't come to see this painting. We came to see the Van Gogh's, the Rembrandts. Get on with the real bids!"

But still the auctioneer continued, "The son! The son! Who'll take the son?"

Finally, a voice came from the very back of the room. It was the longtime gardener of the man and his son.

"I'll give \$10 for the painting." Being a poor man, it was all he could afford.

"We have \$10. Who will bid \$20?"

Another person, "Give it to him for \$10. Let's see the masters!"

The auctioneer came back with, "\$10 is the bid, won't someone bid \$20?"

The crowd was becoming angry. They didn't want the picture of the son. They wanted the more worthy investments for their collections.

The auctioneer pounded the gavel. "Going once, twice, SOLD for \$10."

A man sitting on the second row shouted, "Now let's get on with the collection!"

The auctioneer laid down his gavel. "I'm sorry, the auction is over."

"What about the other paintings?"

"I'm sorry. When I was called to conduct this auction, I was told of a secret stipulation in the will. I was not allowed to reveal that stipulation that only the painting of the son would be auctioned. Whoever purchased that painting would inherit the entire estate, including the paintings. The man who purchased the painting of the son gets everything!"

God gave His Son some 2,000 years ago to die on the cross. Much like the auctioneer, His message today is: "The Son, the Son, who'll take the Son?" Because, you see, whoever takes the Son gets everything.

## Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

At the end of the day do you ever find yourself thinking that you have certainly wasted this day? Did I accomplish anything at all? Why do we feel we must accomplish something every day?

I really believe that all the years I worked makes me feel that I need to accomplish something each day. Or, do we feel that each day is a gift from God so we must use it wisely? Maybe we do need to make the best of it. We never know how many more we will have.

Some days we make the wrong choices. We put our energy on wrong or worthless causes. We call this wasted time of wasted effort. We'll try not to let this happen again, not soon anyway.

Some days we spend a good part of it worrying. Usually worrying about something of which we have no control, or about something that will never come to pass. This would certainly be under the heading of worthless causes.

Some days we spend being concerned about "self." Our health is no good, we don't have enough time or money or no one understands how busy we are. This can ruin a good day.

How can we make the best of our day? What would we consider a good day?

First, we need to include God in every day. We should start with a prayer before our feet hit the floor. Otherwise, we have already started on the wrong foot. How much better our day will go if He is there at the beginning and throughout the day!

Next, we should concentrate on others rather than ourselves. How is their health? Do they need something that we can do for them? They can always be in our prayers.

To make a really good day, we can read our Bible. We can study our Bible. We can visit, send a card, bake something or call someone. Any small deed done for another will brighten our day. Then we can feel that our day has not been wasted. It is truly a gift from God!

## Remember Our Sick

**Dana Bates** – Successful surgery, Baptist, LR, Monday, March 19.

**Bob Bennett** – serious health issues.

**James Chadwick** – came home Thursday, March 15. Seriously injured his foot and leg from a fall. Facing rehab and a long recovery.

**Tom Cloud** – in Heart Hospital, Little Rock, diabetes complications, possible leg amputation.

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

**Hoyt Ensey** – aneurism surgery rescheduled, no date set yet.

**Carol Graham** – little Keith Martin's grandmother, had cancer surgery.

**Summer Russell** – head and spinal injuries from a December auto accident. Out of coma, speaking some. Moved from AMS to Children's Hosp.

### 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, Ray Motley, Teresa Phillips, Charles Proctor, Annie Robinson, Reedie Smith, Tanya Smith, Stone Family, Jewel Waldrip and Donna Walters.

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

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

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Sympathy and prayers for the family and friends of **Sandra Mooney** who passed away Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

## If I Knew

Author Unknown

If I knew it would be the last time  
I would be there to share your day,  
Well, I'm sure you'll have many more  
So I can just let this one slip away.

For surely there's always tomorrow  
To make up for an oversight  
And we always get a second chance  
To make everything right.

There will always be another day  
To say our "I love you's."  
And certainly there's another chance  
To say our, "Anything I can do's?"

But just in case I might be wrong,  
And today is all I get.  
I'd like to say how much I love you  
And hope you never forget.

Tomorrow is not promised to anyone,  
Young or old alike.  
And today may be the last chance  
You get to make the wrongs all right.

So, if you're waiting for tomorrow, Why  
not do it today?  
For if tomorrow never comes,  
You'll surely regret the day.

That you didn't take that extra time,  
For a smile, a hug or a kiss.  
And you were too busy to grant someone  
What turned out to be their one last wish.

So always hold them dear,  
Take time to say I'm sorry,  
Please forgive me,  
Thank you, or it's okay.  
And if tomorrow never comes,  
You'll have no regrets today.

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## Moments with God

**Happy moments, praise God.**  
**Difficult moments, seek God.**  
**Quiet moments, worship God.**  
**Painful moments, trust God.**  
**Every moment, thank God.**

*"And Enoch walked with God."*  
(Genesis 5:24)

## 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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### Dover Men's Business Meeting

April 2, 7:00 PM  
Dover Church of Christ

### Dover Men's Devo

April 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM  
Host:

### AREA WIDE YOUTH DEVO

April 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM  
Clarksville Church of  
Christ  
2211 West Main St.  
RSVP (479) 754-3360  
Food, Fun and Fellowship!

### Lads to Leaders and Leaderettes

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

## Mark Your Calendars

### Conway County Ladies Day

April 14<sup>th</sup>, Saturday  
9:00 AM – 1:00PM  
Harding Street  
Church of Christ  
906 Harding St.  
Morrilton, AR  
For more info:  
(501) 354-4337  
(501) 354-0183

### Bellefonte Church of Christ

4464 Highway 65 South  
Harrison, AR  
You are invited to:  
"Walk A Mile In My Shoes"  
**During our**  
First Annual Women's Day  
Event  
Saturday, April 28, 2007  
Please RSVP by April 8<sup>th</sup>  
Call Anne Crawford:  
(870) 743-1212  
Sharon Taylor: (870) 741-6206

### 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: Shirlie Chadwick.

## April Birthdays

- 09 Skylar Creel
- Suzy Pennington
- 14 Danielle Smith
- 15 Loredana Qualls
- 16 Zach Pennington
- 17 Shannon Walters
- 18 Gicala Lee
- 19 Earlene Davis
- 22 Curtis Rackley
- Brett Walters
- 23 Rusty Parker
- 24 Chrissie Robison
- 27 Sharon Rackley
- Mae Vanzandt  
(Celebrates 101 years!)
- 28 Kati Pennington
- 29 Lindsay Hollis

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"

**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.**

### 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

# ***THOSE TO SERVE***

***April 01, 2007***

**Sunday A.M.**

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

## **Prayers**

Marion Helton  
Rex McDaniel

## **Communion**

**Podium:** Alan Boatright  
**Serve:** Robert Bird  
Chris Moss  
Chris Besterfeldt  
Steve Pennington

## **Scripture Reading**

Blake Walters

**Sunday P.M.  
Prayers**

Sid Womack  
William Boley

# **SPEAKER**

**Sunday A.M.**  
Micah Williams

**Sunday P.M.**  
Micah Williams

## **Prepare Table for Communion**

Diane Walters

## **Communion to Shut-Ins**

William Boley  
Alan Boatright

## **Greeters**

Alan and Sandra Boatright

## **Wednesday Night Devotional**

**April 4, 2007**

Rick Hollis

**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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