



# Life Lines

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## My Lines

Micah Williams

If you like puzzles, try this one:

A man left 17 camels to three sons. One-half was to go to one son; one-third to another; and one-ninth to the last one. No one could solve the problem

So, they consulted a wise man.

He gave them one of his old camels so they would have eighteen in all. He then gave nine to one (one-half). He gave six to another one (one-third). And he gave the last one 2 (one/ninth). He had one camel left over, so he took his old camel back and put him in his pasture.

### Life is like a Puzzle

Life is full of little puzzles. As a matter of fact, it is one big puzzle. The following seven things are what you can learn about life's puzzles.

1. **I don't always understand it.** E.g.: why do bad things happen to good people? *"Now we see through a glass*

*darkly,"* Paul said. But the longer we work at it, the more we will understand!

2. **Some problems seem impossible.** And some will try to throw it away through drugs or suicide, etc. But solutions come. *"And let us not be weary in well-doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."* (Gal. 6:9)

3. **Some problems seem impossible.** But once you learn how, impossibilities become easy. *"With God, all things are possible."*

4. **What's hard for another may not be hard for you.** Algebra. Taxes. But with help, we can do it! *"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."* (Gal. 6:2)

5. **It is good to have a friend to help.** You, of course. But mostly Jesus. He is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

6. **Once you've done it,**

**it's easy!** If we depend on Jesus, He helps carry the load. Most of it actually! That's the point of the yoke in Matthew. *"Come unto me, all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."* (Matt. 11:28-29) If we're yoked with Jesus, He pulls the load!

7. **Having learned, you ought to teach someone else!** Knowing how to work a puzzle is no fun unless you share it. Life, too. There is great satisfaction in helping others over a hurdle they thought they could never cross.

So, you have a ministry after all, don't you?

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The Vision  
West Side Church of Christ  
Russellville, AR*

## Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

### *That's Why It's Called House Work*

My grandmother had two simple rules when it came to cleaning: "I don't do dishes and I don't do windows," she'd say.

"Why don't you do dishes?" I asked.

"Because I have a dishwasher."

"So, why don't you do windows?"

"Because," she replied, "they don't fit in the dishwasher!"

*Kara McCoy, Readers Digest*

This must be a true story. Whether it is or not I like it. Don't we all like to pick and choose what we do. Now, I don't mind doing dishes, but windows are something else. I must not mind dishes because I am one who washes them before putting them in the dishwasher. My theory is that the dishwasher is not a garbage disposal.

Probably, I would say that I don't like to dust. I save it until company is coming and then just dust away, or I call my granddaughter, Kristen. She is our little "clean fanatic." Do we pick and choose in our work for the church? It seems that we do and usually it works out okay. Having different talents, likes and dislikes, give us an opportunity to do what we feel more comfortable with. The problem could be that something really important is left undone. Since God created us all differently we seem to get all things done. If we find this is not so, we need to get out of our comfort zone and get it done. We know we were "created in Christ Jesus for good works."

Paul tells us in Ephesians that God Himself gave some to apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers. (4:11)

Some of us like to teach Bible classes and others do not feel comfortable doing it at all. Some like to teach children, some like to teach adults. Some like to visit, send cards or give someone a needed call on the phone. There are some who like to invite others into their homes. Whatever we do, we know there is always some kind of deed that is just for us. Of those kind deeds we do for others, we are the beneficiary!

## Remember Our Sick

**Brent Brown** – in St. Mary's, running tests to determined diagnoses.

**Wanda Dickerson** – John Clark's mother, scheduled for stint surgery, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Little Rock Heart Hospital.

**Thelma Hatcher** – had a second eye surgery March 24th. Will know results after April 15<sup>th</sup> check-up.

**Jim Killer** – in St. Mary's undergoing tests.

**Bill Lafoon and Family** – fighting cancer.

**Bill McAlister** – gall bladder surgery scheduled for Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Nolan Passmore** – going for tests April 7<sup>th</sup>, needs our prayers.

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

**Earl Whitted** - going to have knee surgery April 12<sup>th</sup>.

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

Evelyn Burton

Louise Killer

Mae Vanzandt

### Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Doris Karnes Bachand, Luella Bellomo, Susie Boley, Amber Bolin, Donna Brewer, Bernice Brown, John Clark, Tom Cloud, Michelle Crutcher, Jeff Davis, Bennie Drewry, Robert Estridge, Barbara Forehand, A. D. Virden, Charles and Leota Hickey, Bob and Rose Lee, Lisa Link, Jerry Martin, Wayne Melton, Debbie Meyer, John and Jannie Myers, Joe Miller, Teresa Phillips, 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.

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

Jeremy Carter, Terry Robinson and Cole Wetzel are scheduled to come home.

Chris Pearson, Tom Pickle and Adam Schrepfer are already state-side.

**"Study the Bible to be wise. Believe it to be safe. Practice it to be holy."**

## Christ Crucified

To Paul the apostle, the cross of Jesus was the very center of life. It was the basis of the message that he devoted his life to preaching. It was his personal hope of eternal life. Paul saw the cross of Jesus as a thing of beauty.

Relatively few of Paul's contemporaries were able to appreciate his view of the cross. More than once the Jews had asked Jesus for a sign of His Messiahship. When He gave them the sign of the cross, they rejected Him. Their concept of the Kingdom had no place for a crucified king. To the Greeks, the cross was utter foolishness. In their perspective of religion, gods did not sacrifice to men; men sacrificed to gods. If a god lacked the wisdom or the power to avoid such a fate, they wanted no part of him!

Historically, the cross was a symbol of shame. To this day, the unbeliever can see it as little more than a senseless sacrifice; a tragedy reflecting man's inhumanity to man.

Only to the believer can the cross ever be a thing of beauty. It is beautiful only as we see, overshadowing the cruelty of it all, the reflection of God's love for His wayward children and the promise of victory over sin and death. Only to grateful recipients of the blood shed there can the cross become something in which to glory. To all others, our devotion to that ancient torture stake must remain a mystery.

*"For the Jews demand signs and the Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified . . . Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God."*

By: Ruel D. Carlett  
Guest Editorial,  
Dallas, TX

# Events

## FAMILY NIGHT

Weiner Roast

Dover Church of Christ

April 23<sup>rd</sup>  
5:30 PM – Till?  
Camp Caudle

More info to follow.

## Ladies Night

Dover Church of Christ  
Cancelled for April

## MEALS ON WHEELS

Dover Church of Christ  
April 18 thru April 22  
Monday thru Friday

## Mark Your Calendars

AREA WIDE  
YOUTH DEVO  
April 17, 4:30 PM  
@ Camp Caudle  
West Side Church of Christ

## Wedding Shower

Diedra Wilbanks  
and  
Jason Luker

April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 PM

Dover Church of Christ  
Fellowship Hall

## BABY SHOWER

May 1, 2:00 PM  
Dover Church of Christ  
Fellowship Hall

It's A Boy!!  
Dakota Whitted  
Parents: April & Neal

## APRIL Birthdays

06 Bo Thomas  
09 Skylar Creel  
14 Danielle Smith  
15 Loredana Qualls  
17 Shannon Walters  
18 Gicala Lee  
19 Earlene Davis  
22 Curtis Rackley  
Brett Walters  
23 Rusty Parker  
Tabatha Turner  
24 Chrissie Gregory  
27 Sharon Rackley  
30 Lindsay Hollis

OOPS! Skylar Creel's Birthday was April 9<sup>th</sup>!!

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

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Pray for our troops  
and our nation!

Singles Breakfast  
Every Saturday,  
9:00 AM  
Dwayne's,  
Dover, AR

# ***THOSE TO SERVE***

***April 17, 2005***

## **Sunday A.M.**

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

### **Prayers**

Lawrence Boley  
Marion Helton

### **Communion**

**Podium:** James Chadwick  
**Serve:** William Boley  
Doug Wilson  
Robert Bird  
Alan Boatright

### **Scripture Reading**

Allen Veasman

## **Sunday P.M.**

### **Prayers**

Sid Womack  
Robert Bird

# **SPEAKER**

## **Sunday A.M.**

Micah Williams

## **Sunday P.M.**

Micah Williams

### **Prepare Table for Communion**

John and Carrie Clark

### **Communion to Shut-Ins**

Chris Ramirez  
Donny Forehand

### **Greeters**

Bob and Carolyn Bennett

### **Wednesday Night Devotional**

**April 20, 2005**

Blake Forehand

**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:** Carin Chance  
Sonia Williams

**Sunday Service:** Kim/Kaeli Miller

**Wednesday Class:** Marilyn Veasman

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