



Life Lines

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I'm Not Old . . . Just Mature

Today at the drugstore,
the clerk was a gent.
From my purchase,
this chap took off ten percent.
I asked for the cause
of the lesser amount;
and he answered,
because of the senior discount.

I went to McDonald's
for a burger and fries;
And there, once again,
got quite a surprise.
The clerk poured some coffee
which he handed to me.
He said, for you, seniors,
the coffee is free.

Understand – I'm not old –
I'm merely mature;
But some things are changing,
temporarily, I'm sure.
The newspaper print gets
smaller each day,
And people speak softer –
Can't hear what they say.

My teeth are my own
(I have the receipt),
And my glasses identify
people I meet.
Oh, I've slowed down a bit . . .
not a lot, I am sure.
I'm only mature.

The gold in my hair
has been bleached by the sun.
You should see the damage
the chlorine has done.
Washing my hair
has turned it all white
But don't call it gray . . .
saying blonde is just right.

My car is paid for . . .
not a nickel is owed.
Yet a kid yells, Old duffer . . .
get off the road!
My car has no scratches . . .
not even a dent,
Still I get all that guff
from a punk who's all bent.
My friends all get older . . .
much faster than me.
They seem much more wrinkled,
from what I can see.
I've got character lines,
not wrinkles . . . for sure,
But don't call me old . . .
just call me mature.

The steps in the houses
they're building today
Are so high that they take . . .
your breath all away;
And the streets are much steeper
than ten years ago.
That should explain why
my walking is slow.

But I'm keeping up on
what's hip and what's new,

And I think I can still dance
a mean boogaloo.
I'm still in the running . . .
in this I'm secure,
I'm not really old . . .
I'm only mature.

*Author Unknown
From Home Touch*

*“Do not cast me
away when I am old;
Do not forsake me
when my strength
is gone . . .
Even when I am old
and gray, do not
forsake me, O God.”*

(Psalm 71:9, 18a)

The Lord is My Shepherd

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible . . . Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the verse.

Little Rick was excited about the task – but, he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line.

On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite the Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, “The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know.”

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

Not long time ago, I made a trip to my podiatrist. I go every 3 or 4 months for various problems. This time I had a callous between my large toe and the one next to it. The doctor said that I needed to wear a toe spacer. I found a gel one that works great.

Later, I thought about this problem. For years, seventy to be exact, this toe next to my big one has been content to lie beside the other one. Why, after all this time, has this toe decided to take over?

This brought another thought to mind. Other things happen like this with age. Things can happen in our spiritual lives. We must be alert. Don't let age make you lax in your spirituality. We may retire from a profession, but we can't retire from religion.

There is no scripture that tells us that Satan lets up on us as we get older. A roaring lion, as he is depicted, doesn't hesitate to kill an older person if he is hungry. Satan is no respecter of persons. In fact, since older people seem more faithful, the devil will put more attention on us. The unfaithful young are already his so he has plenty of time for us. Be alert. He has ample time and resources to slip into our lives at any time.

I'm not saying here that there aren't faithful young people, because there are. Most of us have mellowed and have learned from our mistakes. Things that seemed important when we were young are no longer important to us. We have more time to read and study. Experience has taught us a lot.

"Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And teach them to your children and your grandchildren." (Deuteronomy 4:9)

Remember Our Sick

Lawrence Boley – serious health problems.

Anna Deimund – St. Louis, MO, now in a Resident-Home.

Louise Killer – was hospitalized with a broken ankle, but has returned to Stella Manor.

Summer Russell – Moved from AMS to Children's Hosp, in rehab, battling a bacteria infection.

Christine Sheeran – young, experiencing serious health problems.

Carl Tarkington – cousin to Wendy, in ICU, UMAS, LR. Auto accident.

Wendy Tarkington – personal problems.

Glen (Bud) Wait – back in hospital in LR, heart problems, stroke.

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:

Mary Lee

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Daisy Hogins Anderson, Bob Bennett, Lloyd Boley, Susie Boley, James Chadwick, Jeff Davis, Charles Ensey, Hoyt Ensey, Carol Graham, Sue Griffin, David Guthrie, Charles Hickey, Robert and Rose Lee, Bill McAlister, Charles Proctor, Reddie Smith, Tanya Smith and Jewel Waldrip.

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

Military: Darus Brown, Greg Davis, Johnny Ragsdale, Cole Wetzal and Rudy Will.

If you are graduating in May of 2007, please let Shirly Chadwick know.

Look What Has Come to the World

An English writer has said, "The early Christians did not go around saying, 'Look what the world has come to.' Rather they went out with great joy and said to all men. 'Look what has come to the world!'"

There is a great difference between these two attitudes. Yes, the world is in bad shape – but read the second chapter of Romans and you will find that the world was in an awful condition in Paul's time. The unique Gospel of Jesus Christ offers the solution to man's problems. Look! See what has come into the world – God's revelation of Himself in all His power, wisdom and love through Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son. This is indeed glorious news! This is a message which we cannot keep to ourselves, but we must tell everybody about it. No wonder Christians are radiant with joy. They have found the treasure all are seeking. They have seen what has come into the world in the advent of Jesus Christ, and they are working for the advancement of His kingdom until He comes again.

"In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him." (1 John 4:9)

From: House to House

Hear to heart.

A Clean Heart

How does a worm get inside an apple: Perhaps you think the worm burrows in from the outside? No, the worms come from the inside. Simple! An insect lays an egg in the apple blossom. Sometime later, the worm hatches in the heart of the apple, then eats his way out

Sin, like the worm, begins in the heart and works through the person's thoughts, words and actions. For this reason, David once wrote, *Create in me a clean heart, O God.*"

Bulletin Digest

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

Don't Forget!!!

LADIES' DAY!!

Dover Church of Christ
Saturday, April 28th,
Theme: "Walking Where
Jesus Walked"
8:30 – 9:30 AM
Registration and
Breakfast
9:30 – 12:00 program
12:00 – Lunch
(Door Prizes)
Speaker: Elsie Huffard,
Jackson, TN

Dover Church of Christ
Youth Devo
Sunday, April 29th
(After Evening Services
at the Helton's home.)

Mark Your Calendars

50th Wedding Celebration

Saturday, May 5th, 2PM

Amos and Alice Hollis

Dover Church of Christ
Fellowship Hall

Friends and Family
Cordially Invited
(no gifts, please. Just cards
and shared moments.)

5th Sunday

Potluck, May 6th,
(after evening services)
Dover Church of Christ

Dover Church of Christ
Men's Business Meeting
Monday, May 7, 7PM
Deacon's Meeting
Monday May 7, 6PM

Dover Church of Christ
Men's Devo
Thursday, May 10th
Host: Sid Womack

Lawn Schedule
Saturday, May 5th
Steve & Josh Pennington

May Birthdays

02 Amelia Besterfeldt
04 J R Hale
05 Brett Cains
06 Randall Walters
07 Jessica Straight
Victoria Thomas
Carlee Williams
08 Trinity Loper
13 Kelli Hottinger
Misty Pointer
15 Alan Boatright
Alicia Brown
20 Shelley Culwell
Aleck Pointer
24 Jaylinn Williams
25 Diane W. Walters
31 Paul Helton
Don Johnson

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

Southern Christian Home
Saturday, May 5th
HOMECOMING
Come share a meal and
have a grand tour of the
campus.

Southern Christian Home
Truck will be here on
Monday, May 7th

THOSE TO SERVE

April 29, 2007

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Gary Williams
Jim Killer

Communion

Podium: Alan Boatright
Serve: Chris Besterfeldt
Brent Hottinger
Chris Loper
Rick Hollis

Scripture Reading

Earl Whitted

**Sunday P.M.
Prayers**

Alan Boatright
Donny Forehand

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.
Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.
Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Diane Walters

Communion to Shut-Ins

Earl Whitted
Jim Killer

Greeters

Alan and Sandra Boatright

Wednesday Night Devotional

May 2, 2007

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.

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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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