



Life Lines

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MY LINES

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“The King”

Once upon a time there was a king who was strong, brave and possessed of all other good qualities. He ruled his country justly, loved his people and was loved by them. Because of this there was no crime in his kingdom – until one day it was discovered that a thief was loose in the land.

Knowing that wrongful behavior would multiply unless he took a strong hand against it, the king decreed that when the thief was caught the thief would receive twenty lashes.

But the thefts continued.

He raised the punishment to forty lashes in hope of deterring further crime, but to no avail.

Finally, he announced that the criminal would be punished with sixty lashes, knowing that no one in the country could survive sixty lashes except himself.

At last the thief was caught, and it turned out to be – the king’s mother.

The king was faced with the dilemma. He loved his mother

more than anyone in the world, but justice demanded that the punishment be carried out. Moreover, were his subjects to see that it was possible to commit a crime and not be punished for it, social order would eventually be completely undermined. At the same time, he knew that if he were to subject his own mother to a punishment that would kill her, the people’s love would turn to revulsion and hate toward a man who lacked compassion and ordinary affection. He would be unable to govern at all.

The whole nation wondered what he would do.

The day arrived for administering the prescribed punishment.

The king mounted a platform in the capitol’s square and the flogger took his place. Then the king’s elderly mother was brought forward, fragile and trembling.

On seeing her son the king, she burst into tears. “I’m . . . so sorry . . . for what I did.” She wailed, between sobs. Then, recovering, the bent, white-haired figure made her way toward the flogging harness.

The people gasped as the flogger raised his muscled arm with the leather whip.

Just as it was about to crack down on the exposed back of the

woman who had given him birth, the king cried, “Stop!”

The arm posed in mid-air, and the whip fell limp.

The king rose from his seat, removed his robe, walked to the harness, embraced his mother, and, with his broad frame covering his mother and his bared back exposed to the flogger, commanded him, “Execute the Sentence!”

The sixty stripes fell on the back of the king.

“He was wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities; His suffering was for our well-being, and by His stripes we are healed. We all like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, each one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.”

(Isaiah 53:5-6)

**A person can hear,
but a friend listens for the
meaning.**

**A person can look,
but a friend sees the heart.**

**A person can know,
but a friend understands.**

Author Unknown

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

When we are sick, we take medicine or see a doctor. If we have a toothache, we see a dentist. But, what do we do when we have sickness of the soul, sin?

Sin is the most tragic ailment of humanity! Sin corrupts the soul. It can grow and grow, spreading from one of us to others. It is contagious. It is universal, not contained in one area, or to one people.

Some of the sick are in denial. This sickness is incurable by human hands. We need the hand of God. So, what do we do about this sickness?

Jesus Christ is our Great Physician. He can cure this sickness for He has the authority to forgive sins! *“But that you may know that the Son of Man has the power on earth to forgive sins.”* (Mark 2:10)

Where do we find the remedy for this sin? The gospel of Christ is God’s remedy for sin. Through the power of God, we can be cured, be saved. *“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes . . .”* (Romans 1:16)

Alone, we cannot cure this sickness of the *soul*. We cannot take a pill and hope for it to go away. This is denial. This would be disastrous. *“. . . in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.”* (II Thessalonians 1:8-9)

Obedience to God is essential for a cure. *“. . . let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For God is a consuming fire.”* (Hebrews 12:28b,29)

Dover Church of Christ Lawn Schedule

May 06 Rick Hollis
Silas Powers

Remember Our Sick

Lawrence Boley – home, recovering from surgery on Thursday, April 13th.

William Boley – home, diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes, heart problems and pneumonia.

Lloyd Collins – diagnoses, cancer.

Hoyt Ensey – has had more health problems.

Chris Henderson – Troy Meadows’ nephew, still in Baptist Hosp., Little Rock. Still Critical. Diagnosed with a rare incurable muscle disease

Alice Hollis – still weak. Gall bladder surgery scheduled for Thursday, April 27th, Arkansas Heart Hospital, Little Rock.

Shut-ins: Need prayers and visits.

Dover Area: **Bernice Brown**

Evelyn Burton

Mae Vanzandt

Russellville Nursing and Rehab Center:

Thelma Hatcher

Esther Sparks

Stella Manor: **Louise Killer**

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Walter and Thelma Arysenski, Lloyd Boley, Susie Boley, Dora Dean Cloud, Jamie Churchill, Sue Griffin, Jeff Davis, Barbara Forehand, Virginia Grant, Grady Gregory, Vickie Gregory, Brian Holloway, Jim Killer, Ray King, Robert and Rose Lee, Bill and Mary McAlister, Troy and Bennie Lou Meadows, John and Jannie Myers, Joe Miller, Nolan Passmore, Teresa Phillips, Laurie Ann Robey, Reedie Smith, Tanya Smith, Virgil Turner, Sue and W. T. Williams, Pauline Whorton, Valentina and Elsie Youngerman.

Special Children: Emmy May, Gabriel Ross Finlayson, Keith Martin, Zachary Shelton and Noah Williams.

Military: Jon Allen, Darus Brown, Greg Davis, Johnny Ragsdale, Cole Wetzell and Rudy Will.

AN ONION IS A ROSE?

The preacher reached into a paper sack and pulled out an onion. He held it up for all to see and said, “This is a Rose.”

“In an age when being cool is being hot and being bad is being good and being really great is wicked, this is a rose.

“When you have to live the low life to lead the high life, this is a rose.

“When so-called Christian nations refuse to pray, when heaven can only be had on earth, when hell is only a joke, this is a rose.

“When the right to kill an unwanted baby is called the right to choose, and when God calls an abomination, we call gay, this is a rose.

“In a place where liquor referendum is a restaurant referendum, and more sin means more prosperity, this is a rose.

“When fathers no longer try to be dads, and mothers refuse to be moms, and families are defined as homeless, this is a rose.

“When shepherds scatter the sheep, when the blind see the light but choose darkness, when the stained can be washed but the individual returns to the mire, when the thirsty refuse to drink from the fountain, this is a rose.”

“Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.” (Isaiah 5:20)

Dear Lord,

Help us to know the difference between your truth and the lies Satan tells us every day.

Ben Flatt

Henderson, TN

“Generosity is giving more than you can, and pride is taking less than you need.”

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

Dover Church of Christ Annual Fish Fry

Saturday, April 29th
Camp Caudle
5:30 PM

See Sign-up Sheet for
Side Dishes and
Desserts.

Men's Business
Meeting

May 1, 7:00 PM
Dover Church of Christ

Mark Your Calendars

Youth Devotional
May 7 (after evening
services)
Host: Steve and Suzy
Pennington

Men's Devo
Dover Church of Christ
Thursday, May 11
7:00 PM

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN HOME

Be a Part of this
80th Year!!

Open House and
Homecoming

Saturday, May 6, 2006

9:30 AM: Registration
10:00 AM: Program
12:00 Noon: Bar-B-Q
Lunch

1:00 PM: Fellowship
and Karaoke

Send donations to:
Southern Christian Home
P.O.B. 649
Morrilton, AR 72110

MAY Birthdays

02 Amelia Besterfeldt
05 Brett Cains
Walt Davis
06 Randall Walters
07 Jessica Straight
Victoria Thomas
Carlee Williams
08 Trinity Loper
10 Casey Loper
13 Kelli Hottinger
Tim Mitchell
15 Alan Boatright
Alicia Brown
20 Shelley Culwell
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.

May 21, 2006

Dover Church of Christ
Potluck honoring our 2006
graduates (after evening
services)

High School Graduates:
Kaci Statler
Catlin Straight
Alan Walker

Arkansas Tech University:
Jana Parker McGuire
Ashlee Womack Wilson

THOSE TO SERVE

April 30, 2006

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Donny Forehand
Earl Whitted

Communion

Podium: James Chadwick
Serve: Troy Curtis
William Boley
Sid Womack
Robert Bird

Scripture Reading

Alan Boatright

Sunday P.M.

Prayers

Gary Williams
James Chadwick

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Sid Womack

Sunday P.M.

Congregational Singing

Prepare Table for Communion

Leota Hickey

Communion to Shut-Ins

Troy Curtis
William Boley

Greeters

Allen and Marilyn Veasman

Wednesday Night Devotional

May 3, 2006

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
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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: Charlene Clark
Patsy Wisbrock

Wednesday Class: Carin Vaughn

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