



Life Lines

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THE OLD PATHS

I liked the old paths, when
Moms were at home.
Dads were at work.
Brothers went into the army.
And sisters got married BEFORE
having children!

Crime did not pay;
Hard work did;
And people knew the difference.

Moms could cook;
Dads would work;
Children would behave.

Husbands were loving;
Wives were supportive;
And children were polite.

Women wore the jewelry;
And Men wore the pants.
Women looked like ladies;
Men looked like gentlemen;
And children looked decent.

People loved the truth,
And hated a lie;
They came to church to get IN,
Not to get OUT!

Hymns sounded Godly;
Sermons sounded helpful;
Rejoicing sounded normal;
And crying sounded sincere.

Cursing was wicked;
Drinking was evil;
And divorce was unthinkable.

The flag was honored;
America was beautiful;
And God was welcome!

We read the Bible in Public;
Prayed in school;
And preached from house to house.

To be called an American was worth dying for;
To be called a Christian was worth living for;
To be called a traitor was a shame!

Sex was a personal word.
Homosexual was an unheard of word,
And abortion was an illegal word.

Preachers preached because they had a message;
And Christians rejoiced because they had the Victory!
Preachers preached from the Bible;
Singers sang from the heart;
And sinners turned to the Lord to be Saved!

A new birth meant a new life;
Salvation meant a changed life;
Following Christ led to eternal life.

Being a preacher meant you proclaimed the word of God;
Being a deacon meant you would serve the Lord;
Being a Christian meant you would live for Jesus;
And being a sinner meant someone was praying for you!

Laws were based on the Bible;
Homes read the Bible;
And churches taught the Bible.

Preachers were more interested in new converts,
Than new clothes and new cars.
God was worshipped;
Christ was exalted;
And the Holy Spirit was respected.

Church was where you found Christians
On the Lord's day, rather than in the garden,
On the creek bank, on the golf course,
Or being entertained somewhere else.

I still like the old paths the best!

*"The Old Paths" was written by a retired, Tennessee minister,
Name Unknown*

Sometimes we have to look back to go forward.

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways,” declares the Lord. “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My thoughts than your thoughts.” (Isaiah 55:8-9)

So often we cannot understand how God allows things to happen in our lives. We think we know how things should go, then when it does not happen that way, we do not understand at all. We completely forget that His thoughts are higher than ours. We think from a human’s point of view.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.” (Proverbs 3:5) Maybe patience is what we need here. If we can wait on the Lord, trust in His control, we will find why He chose to handle this problem as He did. Waiting is our problem most of the time.

“A man’s steps are directed by the Lord. How then can anyone understand his own way?” (Proverbs 20:24) As long as we rely upon the lord to direct our steps we do fine. And even when we know this is best, we trudge ahead with our own ideas. We pray about these things but we don’t really wait for an answer from Him. It is the patience thing again. In a world of independence we think we have to be moving on to the next encounter.

We do not understand so much of His creation, so why should we expect to understand how He works in our lives. Why do we try to figure things out? Is it a lack of faith on our part? Is it too hard for us to lean on Him? We make it too hard by forgetting that His thoughts are not our thoughts.

Trust and lean on Him! He can make it so much easier for us!

Remember Our Sick

Michael Beasley – 18 yrs. old, acute depression.

Lois Boley – home from hospital.

Carol Graham – Grandmother of Keith Martin, cancer back.

Eugene Cox – hospitalized internal bleeding, extremely serious, ICU.

Troy Curtis – hip replacement surgery, St. Vincent, Tuesday, April 22.

Joyce Helton – body-scan, LR, April 23, waiting for results., Lymph-node surgery Tuesday, April 29, LR. Radiation treatments to follow.

Marion Helton – eye surgery April 21.

Annette Hull – surgery scheduled May 13, to remove tumor, Ft. Smith.

Mary McAlister - home recovering.

Jerry Martin, Jr. – in ICU, no improvement, Joplin Hospital, Lupus.

Beverly Myers – knee surgery April 15, doing good, rehab to follow.

Bettye Poynter – St. Marys’, head injury from a fall.

Shut-ins – need prayers and visits:

Dover Area: **Bernice Brown**
Evelyn Burton
Robert Lee

Russellville Nursing & Rehab Center:
Evelyn Driver
Melba Hodges

Stella Manor: **Louise Killer**
Mae Vanzandt

Towbin Health Care, LR:
Charles Hickey

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Yvonne Adkisson, Amie Barkley, Bob/Carolyn Bennett, Lloyd Boley, Wm/Susie Boley, Jeff Davis, Pauline Dale, Barbara Dawson, Eddie Holloway, Mark Holloway, Charles Ensey, Hoyt/Sarah Ensey, Paul/Sue Griffin, Leota Hickey, Cleon Johnson, Ray/Dorothy King, Rose Lee, Liliya McDaniel, Mary Martin, Linda Melton, Julie Moss, Charles Proctor, Margie Ratchford, Don Sheeran, Reddie Smith, Tanya Smith, & Judy Will.

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

Expectant Mothers: Kelly Chance, Amy Johnson, and Kristen Nordin

Our Military: Greg Davis (state-side) and Cole Wetzel. Rudy Will, out of Iraq, home soon.

ONE . . . CAN

One song can spark a moment,
One flower can wake the dream.
One tree can start a forest,
One bird can herald spring.
One smile begins a friendship,
One hand clasp lifts a soul.

One star can guide a ship at sea,
One word can frame the goal.
One vote can change a nation,
One sunbeam lights a room.

One candle wipes out the darkness,
One laugh will conquer gloom.
One step must start the Journey,
One word must start each prayer.

One hope will raise our spirits,
One touch can show you care.
One voice can speak with wisdom,
One heart can know what’s true.
One life can make a difference,
You see it’s up to “you!”

A Smile Epidemic

Smiling is infectious,
You catch it like the flu.
When someone smiled at me today,
I started smiling too.

I passed around the corner,
And someone saw my grin.
When they smiled I realized,
I’d passed it on to them.

I thought about that smile,
Then I realized its worth.
A single smile just like mine,
Could travel the earth.

So, if you feel a smile begin,
Don’t leave it undetected,
Let’s start an epidemic quick,
And get the world infected!

Both of the above items are from Home Touch!

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's Youth Devotional
May 4th, Following
Evening Services
Host: Jim & JoAnn Killer

Dover Church of Christ
Men's Business Meeting
Monday, May 5, 7 PM

Dover Men's Devo
May 8, 7 PM
Host: Sid Womack

Dover Ladies' Night
May 17, 7 PM
Hostess: Leota Hickey

Mark Your Calendars

Graduates of 2008

If you are graduating in 2008,
please let Shirly Chadwick
know.

This is the list thus far:
Skylar Creel, Kaeli Miller, Jacob
Shatwell, Danielle Smith, Jordan
Walters, Cara Williams, and Micah
Williams.

Graduation Celebration!!

Evening Services,
Sunday, May 25th
POTLUCK

No Area Wide Devo
For the Months of
May, June & July

Petit Jean Camp Out!

Dover Church of Christ
May 30th thru June 1st

Make plans now.

For more info see:
Sid Womack

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.

"In Search of The Lord's Way"

Now 24/7

**The Search Program can
now be accessed any time
website:**

www.searchtv.org

**Mack Lyon's weekly lesson
can be heard and seen on
KARK, Channel 4 Sunday,
7:30 AM**

THOSE TO SERVE

May 04, 2008

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Rick Hollis
Marion Helton

Communion

Podium: Jim Killer
Serve: Jeff Myers
Rex McDaniel
Robert Bird
Sid Womack

Scripture Reading

Gary Williams

Sunday P.M.

Prayers

Joe Miller
Jim Killer

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

“Singing”

Prepare Table for Communion

Diane Walters

Communion to Shut-Ins

Earl Whitted
Jim Killer

Greeters

Gary and Sonia Williams

Wednesday Night Devotional

May 07, 2008

Merrell Shoptaw

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
Joe Miller
Chris Moss

Nursery Attendants:

Sunday Class: JoAnn Killer
Sunday Church: Pat McAlister
Kaeli Miller

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