



# Life Lines

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We all know or knew someone like this . . .

When I was a freshman in high school, I saw a kid from my class walking home from school. His name was Kyle. It looked like he was carrying all of his books.

I thought to myself, "Why would anyone bring home all his books on a Friday? He must really be a nerd."

I had quite a weekend planned (parties and a football game with friends), so I shrugged my shoulders and went on.

As I continued walking home, I saw a bunch of kids running toward him. They ran at him, knocking all his books out of his arms and tripping him so that he landed in the dirt.

His glasses went flying, I saw them land in the grass about ten feet from him.

He looked up and I saw this terrible sadness in his eyes.

My heart went out to him. So I jogged over to him as he was crawling around looking for his glasses with tears in his eyes.

As I handed him his glasses, I said, "These guys are jerks. They really should get a life."

He looked up at me and said, "Hey thanks!"

There was a big smile on his face. It was one of those smiles that showed real gratitude.

I helped him pick up his books and asked where he lived. It turned out, he lived near me, so I asked him why I had never seen him before.

He said he had gone to a private school before now.

We talked all the way home and I carried some of his books.

He turned out to be a pretty cool kid.

I asked him if he wanted to play a little football with my friends.

He said, "Yes."

We hung out all weekend and the more I got to know Kyle, the more I liked him, and my friends felt the same way.

Monday morning came, and there was Kyle with the huge stacks of books again.

I stopped him and said, "Boy, you are gonna really build some serious muscles if you keep carrying this pile of books everyday!"

He just laughed and handed me half of the books.

Over the next four years, Kyle and I became best friends.

When we were seniors we began to think about college. Kyle decided on Georgetown and I was going to Duke.

I knew we would always be friends, that the miles would never be a problem.

He was going to be a doctor and I was going for business on a football scholarship.

Kyle was valedictorian of our class. And of course he had to prepare a speech for our graduation. I teased him all the time about being a nerd. I was glad it wasn't me having to get up there and speak.

Graduation day, I saw Kyle. He looked great. He was one of those guys that really found himself during high school. He filled out and actually look good in glasses. He had more dates than I had and all the girls loved him. Sometimes I was jealous and today was one of those days.

I could see that he was nervous about his speech. So, I smacked him on the back and said, "Hey, big guy, you'll be great!"

He looked at me with one of those looks (the really grateful one) and smiled.

"Thanks," he said.

As he started his speech, he cleared his

throat and began.

"Graduation is a time to thank those who helped you make it through those tough years. Your parents, your teachers, maybe a coach . . . but mostly your friends . . .

"I'm here to tell all of you that being a friend to someone is the best gift you can give them. I am going to tell you a true story."

I looked at my friend with disbelief as he told the story of the day we met.

He had planned to kill himself over the weekend. He had cleaned out his locker and was carrying all his stuff home so his Mom wouldn't have to do it later.

He looked hard at me and gave me that smile.

"Thankfully, I was saved. My new friend that I met that day saved me from doing the unspeakable."

I heard the gasp go through the crowd as this handsome, popular boy told us about his weakest moment.

I saw his Mom and Dad looking at me, smiling that same grateful smile. Not until that moment did I realize its depth.

Never underestimate the power of your actions. With one small gesture you can change a person's life; some times for better or worse.

God puts us all in each other's lives to impact one another in some way.

Look for God in others.

**"Friends are angels who lift our feet when our wings have trouble remembering how to fly."**

Sent in by: *Clara Hefley*  
Dover, Arkansas

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## Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

### Attitude

There once was a woman who woke up one morning, looked in the mirror, and noticed she had only three hairs on her head. "Well," she said, "I think I'll braid my hair today!" So she did and she had a wonderful day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror, and saw that she had only two hairs on her head. "Hmm," she said, "I think I'll part my hair down the middle today!" So she did and she had a grand day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror, and noticed that she had only one hair on her head. "Well," she said, "Today I'm going to wear my hair in a pony tail." So she did and she had a fun, fun day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror, and noticed there wasn't a single hair on her head. "Yea," she exclaimed, "I don't have to fix my hair today!"

Attitude is everything. Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle. Live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly, and leave the rest to God.

Author Unknown

Submitted by Joyce Walters

Thank you, Joyce. This is a very good story about attitude, and with some humor in it!

Out attitude can make our day or it can ruin it. Many things happen to us that we can't change. Then, to get past this, we must make a change in our attitude about it. Our attitude is something we can control. Not others, but ours. Our contentment depends on our attitude.

Lou Holtz once said, "Ability is what you're capable of doing. Motivation is what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it."

A good attitude is the best medicine for our health and well-being. "A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones." (Proverbs 17:22)

So if we wake up tomorrow and have no hair on our head, just shine our noggin' and go on and have a fun day! We have one less thing to worry about.

## Remember Our Sick

**Lawrence Boley** – serious health problems.

**Shirle Chadwick** – running tests, results not back yet.

**Don Eichenberger** – Clarksville, father of Sue Ann Jernigan, had a stroke.

**Summer Russell** – in rehab at Children's Hosp, battling a bacteria infection, some improvement.

**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:

**Louise Killer**  
**Mary Lee**

### Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Daisy Hogins Anderson, Bob Bennett, Lloyd Boley, Susie Boley, James Chadwick, Jeff Davis, Anna Deimund, 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 Wetzell and Rudy Will.

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

## The Gospel According to you

There's a Gospel according to Matthew;  
To Mark and to Luke and John, too.  
There's another that many are reading –  
The Gospel according to you.

All teachings we find in the Bible  
Are but fact we believe to be true;  
You must live them to make them the  
Gospel –  
The Gospel according to you.

Every day you are writing your Gospel;  
In this life you may never know who  
May be helped or hindered by reading  
The Gospel according to you.

Many read not the words of the Bible;  
I will tell you what some of them do –  
They are reading the book you are  
writing –  
The Gospel according to you.

There's power in the minister's  
preaching;  
So you say, I believe this is true;  
But the thing that may tell most to  
others  
Is the Gospel according to you.

God help you to Christ to be faithful,  
And to live all his teachings so true,  
So that all may be seeing His Spirit  
In the Gospel according to you.

Author Unknown

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### **Understanding the Christian Viewpoint**

A Christian feels supreme love for One whom he has never seen, talks familiarly every day to Someone he cannot see, expects to go to heaven on the virtue of Another, empties himself in order to be full, admits he is wrong so he can be declared right, goes down in order to get up, is strongest when he is weakest, richest when he is poorest, and happiest when he mourns. He dies so he can live, forsakes in order to have, gives away so he can keep, sees the invisible and knows that which passeth knowledge –  
adapted from A. W. Tozer  
From House To House

## 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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### 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Celebration

Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2PM

Amos and Alice Hollis

Dover Church of Christ  
Fellowship Hall

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

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

Potluck, May 6<sup>th</sup>,  
(after evening  
services)

Dover Church of  
Christ

## Mark Your Calendars

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 10<sup>th</sup>  
Host: Sid Womack

Dover Church of Christ  
Ladies' Night  
Thursday, May 17  
7:00 PM  
Hostess: Marilyn  
Veasman

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

Southern Christian Home  
Truck will be here on  
Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

Lawn Schedule  
Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>  
Chris Besterfeldt  
Mike Creel

## 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.

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### “In Search of the Lord's Way”

Now 24/7

The Search Program can now  
be accessed at any time  
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

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environment one day per week,  
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Church of Christ.

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friends and neighbors.  
Call for an appointment:  
(479) 331-3428

# ***THOSE TO SERVE***

***May 06, 2007***

**Sunday A.M.**

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

## **Prayers**

Earl Whitted  
Rick Hollis

## **Communion**

**Podium:** Allen Veasman  
**Serve:** William Boley  
Robert Bird  
Chris Moss  
Steve Pennington

## **Scripture Reading**

Gary Williams

**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**

Marion Helton  
Merrell Shoptaw

## **Greeters**

Marion and Joyce Helton

## **Wednesday Night Devotional**

**May 9, 2007**

Dennis Whiteside

## **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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