



# Life Lines

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## A Seed Planted

*“I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth.”* (I Corinthians 3:6)

It was an ordinary Saturday for Wade and Mildred Walters and their children, David, Charles Joe, Jimmy, Patsy and Billy. A day filled with the hard work that farm life requires, the satisfaction that accomplishment brings, and since it was Saturday, a trip to town. Yes, just an ordinary Saturday in the 1950's, on the home place nestled in the foot hills of the Ozark Mountains near Dover, Arkansas.

They were completely unaware that on that ordinary day an encounter with a stranger would change their lives and the lives of their descendants forever.

When they arrived in town, Wade parked in front of Rob Wilson's store. A nice-looking young man walked toward them. Patsy and Billy recognized him; he was the principal at their elementary school. He greeted the children, and with a wide smile and a firm handshake, introduced himself to Wade and Mildred, “I'm Bobby Coker, the new preacher at the Church of Christ and I want to invite you to come worship with us tomorrow.”

And they DID! Thus began a very close friendship between the Walter's family and Bobby, Marilee, their precious children and extended family. In memory, the fun, fellowship and Mildred's good cooking still remain.

Bobby Coker had planted a seed. He, Marilee and others watered it, and God gave the increase.

First, Mildred renewed her relationship with God and soon Wade obeyed the Gospel. Then, they planted seed with everyone that would listen! In a short time, Mildred's parents, Joe and Maude Sinclair, and sister, Nina Rush, all became members of the church.

These two generations have passed away, but death has not withered the seed. It flourishes in Pa and Granny Walters' perpetual garden with rows of Christian children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, in-laws and friends.

We anticipate, with love, gratitude and joy, spending eternity with you,

The Walters Family

Sent in by: *Joyce Walters*

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## DART THROWING

Sally related an experience she had in a Bible class taught by Professor Smith. He was known for elaborate object lessons.

One day, Sally walked into the classroom and knew they were in for a fun day. On the wall was a big target; on a table were many darts. Smith told the students to draw pictures of someone who had made them angry in the past.

Sally's friend drew a girl who had stolen her boyfriend. Another drew a picture of his little brother. Sally drew a former friend, with a great deal of detail, even drawing pimples on the face. Sally was pleased with the effect she achieved.

The class lined up and began throwing darts. Some threw with such force that the targets ripped apart.

Sally looked forward to her turn but was disappointed when the teacher said they had run out of time.

As she sat down, thinking about how angry she was because she did not have a chance to throw at her target, the professor began removing the target from the wall. Underneath was a picture of Jesus.

A hush fell over the room as each student viewed the mangled picture of Jesus.

Holes and jagged marks covered His face and His eyes. Smith said only these words, *“Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.”* (Matthew 24:40)

No other words were necessary – the tear-filled eyes of each student focused only on the picture of Jesus.

*From Mikey's Funnies  
House to House*

## Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

In the past I've written about my grandkids, Alec and Lakyn. Now I want to tell you about another little grandson, Matthew, about some of the things he has said. He is just 4, a little guy with big ideas.

Recently, he spent the weekend with his grandparents in Fort Smith. He likes to have someone around him all the time as he plays or whatever he is doing. Well, both of them happened to walk out of their living room at the same time, leaving him alone. When they returned he told them, "Both of you are in time out for four minutes. You are disrespecting me." (They got a kick out of this and I did too.)

He really keeps me in line with my language. You can't say butt, stupid, idiot, gosh or any other words such as these. A few days ago, my married granddaughter, Kristen, was telling me some story and used the word stupid! We didn't realize he was listening, but he was! He said, "You don't say that word. It is a bad word. When you say a bad word, God gets berry, berry sad!"

So you can imagine what I have to remember to say when I threaten to spank him. I have to say, "Spank you on your bottom," nothing else. And this has been berry, berry good for me.

Not long ago, at the Allergy Clinic, for his check-up, the nurse said, "Oh, my gosh." Nurse or not, he was very quick to correct her. He told her that was a bad word. She agreed with him and said she shouldn't have said it.

It really bothers me that so many people say, "Oh, my G\_d!" If you watch any TV at all you hear this on each and every program. I would like to get Matthew after them. I don't think any of them realize how disrespectful this is to the Lord.

***"But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth."***  
(Colossians 3:8)

Then Jesus told the multitude, "***But let your 'yes' be 'yes' and your 'no' be 'no.' For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.***" (Matthew 5:37)

I'm trying to let my 'yes' be 'yes' and my 'no' be 'no.' I appreciate Matthew's help in keeping me in line. I just pray that he will continue this through his growing-up years.

Another cute thing he says is, "He's a chip off the old block." (And he doesn't even know what this means!)

## Remember Our Sick

**Lawrence Boley** – was in St. Mary's, Wednesday, May 2, blood transfusion.

**Shirlie Chadwick** – goes to LR for more testing Thursday, May 3.

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

**Hoyt Ensey** – Surgery scheduled for May 15, UAMC, LR.

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

**Christine Sheeran** – young, experiencing serious health problems.

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

**Ashley Wilson** – possible thyroid problems, more tests, no cancer.

**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, Wendy Tarkington, Carl Tarkington, 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 Wetzel and Rudy Will.

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

## What Matters

My Mother says she does not care  
About the color of my hair,  
Nor if my eyes are blue or brown,  
Nor if my nose turns up or down –  
It really doesn't matter.

And Mother says she does not care  
If I am dark or if I'm fair,  
Or if I'm thin or if I'm fat;  
She doesn't fret o'er things like that-  
It really doesn't matter.

But if I cheat or tell a lie,  
Or say mean things to make folks cry,  
Or if I'm rude and impolite,  
And do not try to do the right –  
Then that does really matter.

It isn't looks that make one great,  
But Christianity that seals your fate.  
It's what's within your heart,  
you see,  
That makes or mars your destiny –  
And that does really matter.

**By: Myrtle Barbara Carpenter**  
**Sent In By: Joyce Walters**

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## Wish I Were

Big enough to honestly admit all my shortcomings;  
Broad enough to accept flattery  
without it making me arrogant;  
Tall enough to tower above deceit;  
Strong enough to treasure love;  
Brave enough to welcome criticism;  
Compassionate enough to understand human frailties;  
Wise enough to stand by my friends;  
Human enough to be thoughtful  
of my neighbor, and  
Righteous enough to be devoted to the laws of God.

**Author Unknown**  
**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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### The CARE CENTER of Little Rock, AR

Is sponsoring professional  
counseling in a Christian  
environment one day per  
week, every Friday, at the  
Dover Church of Christ.

Please spread the word, tell  
your friends and neighbors.

Call for an appointment:  
(479) 331-3428

Don't Forget!

### Mother's Day

Sunday,  
May 13th

## Mark Your Calendars

### Dover Church of Christ

Ladies' Night  
Thursday, May 17  
7:00 PM  
Hostess: Marilyn Veasman

### Lawn Schedule

Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>  
Alan Boatright  
Marion Helton

### AREA WIDE YOUTH DEVO

May 20<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM  
River Valley Church  
of Christ  
Clarksville, AR

### FAMILY CAMP OUT

Dover Church of Christ

June 1 thru 3  
Petit Jean Park

More details to follow!  
See sign-up sheet.

## 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.**

# ***THOSE TO SERVE***

***May 13, 2007***

**Sunday A.M.**

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

## **Prayers**

Robert Bird  
Brent Hottinger

## **Communion**

**Podium:** Allen Veasman  
**Serve:** Alan Boatright  
Blake Walters  
Brett Walters  
Sid Womack

## **Scripture Reading**

Jim Killer

**Sunday P.M.  
Prayers**

Steve Pennington  
Alan Boatright

# **SPEAKER**

**Sunday A.M.**  
Micah Williams

**Sunday P.M.**  
Micah Williams

## **Prepare Table for Communion**

Diane Walters

## **Communion to Shut-Ins**

William Boley  
Chris Ramirez

## **Greeters**

Marion and Joyce Helton

## **Wednesday Night Devotional**

**May 16, 2007**

Donny 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  
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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