



Life Lines

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All Things Considered

Is illness the result of sin?

God placed Adam and Eve in a perfect environment in Eden. He put them into the Garden of Eden to dress it and keep it, saying, *“Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: but the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”* (Genesis 2:25-17) Adam and Eve had everything needed for perfect health, but when they sinned, corruption, including illness, entered the world.

God told Eve, *“I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children.”* And to Adam He said, *“Because thou hast harkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles shall bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground.”* (Genesis 3:16-19)

Adam and Eve, our ancestors, were perfect in health until their fall, but since then mankind has been subject to all sorts of maladies. When they lost access to the tree of life in the Garden, they died spiritually, and their bodies began to decay. Sin

brought all these consequences into the world.

It is not the case, however, that everyone who experiences an illness does so because of his or her personal sin. Certainly many lifestyle choices open us up to disease and illness, but many illnesses come upon us despite our best efforts to live healthily and faithfully to God.

“And as Jesus passed by, He saw a man which was blind from his birth. And His disciples asked Him, saying, ‘Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he is born blind?’” (John 9:1-2) The disciples expressed a common misconception of the day – that all illness, and especially one as serious as blindness, resulted from sin. But *“Jesus answered. Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents; but that the works of God should be manifest in him.”* (John 9:3)

After Jesus healed him, he worshipped Jesus as God’s Son. (John 9:35-38)

Jesus, the Great Physician, has prepared a place for His servants (John 14:1-5) where illness will be no more. *“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.”* (Revelation 21:4)

There will be no need for hospitals in heaven, because all that was lost in the fall of man will be restored.

Having obeyed Christ, we will be forgiven of our sins, and we will live eternally in the presence of the Lord.

*Bob Prichard
Oxford, Al
From: House to House*

The Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity
To accept the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can,
And the wisdom to know
the difference.

Living one day at a time;
Enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardship as the pathway
to peace.

Taking, as He did, this sinful
world as it is,
Not as I would have it;
Trusting that He will make
all things right
If I will surrender to His will;
That I may be reasonably
Happy in this life
And supremely happy with Him
forever in the next.

Reinhold Niebuhr

“What we obtain too cheaply, we esteem too highly; it is dearness only that gives everything its value.”

Thomas Paine

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

And He walks with me,
And He talks with me.
And He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share as we
tarry there,
None other has ever known.
C. Austin Miles

“Enoch walked with God; then he was no more, because God took him away.”
(Genesis 5:24)

Not much is said about Enoch. We understand from the scripture that he was a very faithful man. He walked with God and God took him away.

The writer of *Hebrews* says, ***“By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, and was not found, because God had taken him, for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God.”*** (11:5)

This should be what we want said of us when we reach the end of this life here on earth. “He/she walked with God.” Or “he/she pleased God.” What an accomplishment!

As God made the covenant with Abraham, He said to him, ***“I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless.”*** (Genesis 17:1) We know that Abraham did in fact walk with God and was blessed exceedingly.

How can we walk with God and be pleasing to Him? Paul says, ***“For we walk by faith, not by sight.”*** (II Corinthians 5:7) And we know that it is impossible to please God without faith. (Hebrews 11:6a)

Having this faith enables us to walk with God as we read and study His Word. We must diligently search and study to be pleasing to Him. Isaiah 2:3 says, ***He will teach us His ways, so that we may walk in His paths.”***

Also, we are told to walk in the light. The alternative is to walk in darkness. We know how it feels to be in darkness. It’s scary. We have fear of the unknown. We can’t find our way out of it.

We are also told to walk in love. We are to walk as the wise. Let it be said of us, that we walked with God, and that we pleased Him!

Remember Our Sick

Lawrence Boley – still having serious health problems.

Shirlie Chadwick – problems related to her heart – more tests.

Gloria Jean Daniels – daughter of Jasine Bates Page, waiting for a heart transplant.

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

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

Summer Russell – at Children’s Hosp, in rehab, battling a bacteria infection.

Don Sheeran – St. Louis, diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease.

Glen (Bud) Wait – back in hospital in LR, systems shutting down.

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, Carol Graham, Sue Griffin, David Guthrie, Charles Hickey, Robert and Rose Lee, Bill McAlister, Charles Proctor, Reedie 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.

It Is Strange, Isn’t It . . .

Isn’t it strange how a 20 dollar bill seems like such a large amount when you donate it to the church, but such a small amount when you go shopping?

Isn’t it strange how 2 hours seem so long when you’re at church, and how short they seem when you’re watching a good movie?

Isn’t it strange that you can’t find a word to say when you’re praying but – you have no trouble thinking what to talk about with a friend?

Isn’t it strange how difficult and boring it is to read one chapter of the Bible but how easy it is to read 100 pages of a popular novel or a Zane Grey book?

Isn’t it strange how everyone wants front-row tickets to concerts or games but they do whatever is possible to sit in the last row in church?

Isn’t it strange how we need to know about an event for church 2-3 weeks before the day so we can include it in our agenda, but we can adjust it for other events at the last minute?

Isn’t it strange how difficult it is to learn a fact about God to share with others; but how easy it is to learn, understand, extend and repeat gossip?

Isn’t it strange how we believe everything that magazines and newspapers print but . . . we question the words in the Bible?

Isn’t it strange how everyone wants a place in heaven but . . . they don’t want to believe, do or say anything to get there?

Isn’t it strange how we send jokes in e-mails and they are forwarded right away but when we are going to send messages about God, we think about it twice before we share it with others?

*Sent In By: Clara Hefley
Dover, Arkansas*

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

Special Meeting

May 20, 12:15 PM

Dover Church of Christ
Fellowship Hall

For ALL

Coordinators/Mentors of
Lads to Leaders and
Leaderettes

This will be a Spaghetti
Luncheon

Questions?

See: Donny Forehand
Sid Womack

Lawn Schedule

Saturday, May 26

Allen Veasman
Blake Forehand

Mark Your Calendars

AREA WIDE YOUTH DEVO

May 20th, 5:30 PM

River Valley Church
of Christ

1005 Interstate Dr.
Clarksville, AR

Wedding Shower!!

For

Danielle Williams

Saturday, 2:00 PM

June 9th

Fellowship Hall

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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
- 09 Sid Womack
- 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.

FAMILY CAMP OUT

Dover Church of Christ

June 1 thru 3

Petit Jean Park

More details to follow!

See sign-up sheet.

THOSE TO SERVE

May 20, 2007

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Chris Loper
Blake Walters

Communion

Podium: Allen Veasman
Serve: Dennis Whiteside
Earl Whitted
Gary Williams
Donny Forehand

Scripture Reading

Marion Helton

Sunday P.M.

Prayers

Brett Walters
Joe Miller

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Cara Williams

Communion to Shut-Ins

Dennis Whiteside
Alan Boatright

Greeters

Marion and Joyce Helton

Wednesday Night Devotional

May 23, 2007

Earl Whitted

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

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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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