



Life Lines

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MY LINES

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HOW GREAT IS LOVE?

After the usual Sunday evening hymns, the church's minister stood up, walked to the pulpit. But before he gave his sermon for the evening, he briefly introduced a guest, a minister who was attending the service that evening.

In the introduction, the minister told the congregation that the guest minister was one of his dearest childhood friends and that he wanted to have a few moments to share whatever he felt would be appropriate for the service. With that, an elderly man stepped up to the pulpit and began to speak.

"A father, his son, and a friend of his son were sailing off the Pacific coast." He began. "When a fast approaching storm blocked any attempt to get back to the shore. The waves were so high, that even though the father was an experienced sailor, could not keep the boat upright and the three were swept into the ocean as the boat capsized."

Making eye contact with two teenagers who were, for the first time since the service began, looking somewhat interested in

his story.

The aged minister continued with his story, "Grabbing a rescue line, the father had to make the most excruciating decision of his life! To which boy would he throw the other end of the life line? He had only seconds to make that decision. The father knew that his son was a Christian and he, also, knew this his son's friend was not.

"The agony of his decision could not be matched by the torrent of the waves."

"The father yelled out! 'I love you son!' He threw out the life line to his son's friend."

By this time, the two teenagers were sitting up straight in the pew, anxiously waiting for the next words to come from the old minister's mouth.

"The father," he continued, "knew his son would step into eternity with Jesus and he could not bear the thought of his son's friend stepping into an eternity without Jesus. Therefore, he sacrificed his son to save the son's friend."

"How great is the love of God that He should do the same for us. Our heavenly Father sacrificed His only begotten Son that we could be saved. I urge you to accept His offer to rescue you and

take a hold of the life line He is throwing out to you in this service."

With that, the elderly man turned and sat back down in his chair as silence filled the room.

The regular minister came back to the pulpit and delivered a brief sermon followed by an invitation. However, no one responded to the appeal.

Within minutes after the service ended, the two teenagers were at the older man's side.

"That was some story," politely stated one of them, "But I don't think it was very realistic for a father to give up his only son's life in hopes that the other boy would become a Christian."

"Well, you've got a point there," the elderly man replied glancing down at his worn Bible. A big smile broadened his narrow face. He looked at the boys once again and said, "It sure isn't realistic, is it? But I'm standing here today to tell you that story gives me a glimpse of what it must have been like for God to give up His Son for me. You see . . . I was that father and your minister is my son's friend."

*Sent to us by: Sid Womack
Elder, Dover Church of Christ*

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlistier

A HUG FROM A VIRTUOUS HEART

A Near Perfect Cure For What Ails You!

No batteries to wear out
No periodic checkups
High energy yield
Inflation-proof
Low energy consumption
No monthly payments
No insurance requirements
Theft-proof
Non-taxable
Non-polluting
Fully returnable!

SUCH HUGS ARE HEALTHY

They . . .
Relieve tension
Combat depression
Reduce stress
Improve blood circulation
Invigorate
Rejuvenate
Generate goodwill
Elevate self-esteem

LITTLE SHORT OF A WONDER DRUG!

*"A joyful heart is good
medicine . . ."*
(cf. Proverbs 17:22)

Bulletin Briefs
Author Unknown

Dover Church of Christ Lawn Schedule

May 27 Lawrence Boley
 James Chadwick

Remember Our Sick

Lawrence Boley – still having heart problems and blockage, surgery to be scheduled soon.

Gail Brewer – niece to Robert Bird, still receiving treatment for cancer.

Donny Forehand – had shoulder surgery Friday, May 5th. Doing well.

Clifton Gamble – nephew to Juanita Whitted, heart attack.

Hiroko Hatcher – Juanita Whitted's sister-in-law, diagnosed with cancer.

Alice Hollis – finally home following gall-bladder surgery. **Juanita Whitted** – health problems, no diagnoses, yet.

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 Arcynski, Lloyd Boley, Susie Boley, Dora Dean Cloud, Jamie Churchill, Lloyd Collins, Tom Collier, Jeff Davis, Hoyt Ensey, Barbara Forehand, Virginia Grant, Grady Gregory, Vickie Gregory, Sue Griffin, Chris Henderson, Brian Holloway, 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.

"The Sneeze"

They walked in tandem, each of the ninety-two students filing into the already crowded auditorium. With rich maroon gowns flowing and the traditional caps, they looked almost as grown-up as they felt.

Dads swallowed hard behind smiles, and Moms freely brushed away tears.

This class would not pray during the commencements . . . not by choice but because of a court ruling prohibiting it.

The principal and several students were careful to stay within the guidelines allowed by the ruling. They gave inspirational and challenging speeches, but no one mentioned divine guidance and no one asked for blessings on the graduates or their families.

The speeches were nice, but they were routine . . . until the final speech that received a standing ovation.

A solitary student walked proudly to the microphone. He stood still and silent for just a moment, and then, it happened. All 92 students, every single one of them, suddenly SNEEZED!!!

The student on stage simply looked at the audience and said, "GOD BLESS YOU, each and every one of you!" And he walked off the stage.

The audience exploded into applause.

The graduating class found a unique way to invoke God's blessing on their future with or without the court's approval.

This is a true story that happened last year at the University of Maryland.

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

Ladies Night

Thursday, 7:00 PM
May 18th

Dover Church of Christ

Hostess: Karen
Womack,
Russellville

CAMP CAUDLE
May 28 thru June 3
Servant Week

Director: Scott Roderick
Ages 16 and up
(Bring work clothes)

Mark Your Calendars

The Perfect Congregation

I think I shall never see a church
that's all it might be;
A church whose members never
stray,

Beyond the straight and narrow
way.

A church that has no
empty pews,
Whose leaders never
have the blues;

A church whose deacons always
"deek,"

Elders always "eld," and
all are meek;

Where gossip never tells lies,
Or make complaints
Or criticize;

Where all are always sweet and
kind,

And all to others' faults
are blind.

Such perfect churches
there may be,
But none of them are
known to me.

But still, we'll work, pray
and plan,
To make THIS ONE the
BEST we can!

Author Unknown

In SEARCH of the
Lord's Way
Little Rock's KARK-TV 4
(Sunday 8 AM)

MAY Birthdays

02 Amelia Besterfeldt

05 Brett Cains

06 Randall Walters

07 Jessica Straight
Victoria Thomas

Carlee Williams

08 Trinity Loper

09 Sid Womack

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:

Alicia Brown
Rachel Hale
Jana Parker McGuire
Ashlee Womack Wilson

THOSE TO SERVE

May 21, 2006

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Rick Hollis
Robert Bird

Communion

Podium: Allen Veasman
Serve: Earl Whitted
Earl Kennedy
Gary Williams
James Chadwick

Scripture Reading

Jim Killer

Sunday P.M. Prayers

Chris Moss
Alan Boatright

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.
Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.
Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Lois Boley

Communion to Shut-Ins

Dennis Whiteside
Earl Kennedy

Greeters

Earl and Frances Kennedy

Wednesday Night Devotional

May 24, 2006

Allen Veasman

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.

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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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