



# Life Lines

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## Unfolding the Rose

A young, new preacher was walking with an older, more seasoned preacher in a garden one day. Feeling a bit insecure about what God had for him to do, he was asking the older preacher for some advice.

The older preacher walked up to a rosebush and handed the young preacher a rosebud and told him to open it without tearing off any petals.

The young preacher looked in disbelief at the older preacher and was trying to figure out what a rosebud could possibly have to do with his wanting to know the will of God for his life and ministry. But because of his great respect for the older preacher, he proceeded to try to unfold the rose, while keeping every petal in tack. It wasn't long before he realized how impossible this was to do.

Noticing the younger preacher's inability to unfold the rosebud without tearing it, the older preacher began to recite the following poem . . .

**It is only a tiny rosebud,  
A flower of God's design;  
But I cannot unfold the petals  
With these clumsy hands  
of mine.**

**The secret of unfolding flowers  
Is not known to such as I.  
God opens this flower  
so sweetly.  
Then in my hands they die.**

**If I cannot unfold a rosebud,  
This flower of God's design,  
Then how can I have  
the wisdom  
To unfold this life of mine?**

**The pathway that lies  
before me,  
Only my Heavenly Father  
knows.  
I'll trust Him to unfold  
the moments,  
Just as He unfolds the rose.**

*From Home Touch*

## God Does Help With Our Problems

One of the most difficult questions concerning Biblical faith is that of pain and suffering. This article may help us a little when we face life as Christians.

When Paul was arrested and bound for Rome on a ship, a great storm arose. Finally, after many days, when hunger set in and all hope of being saved was abandoned, Paul stood up and told them God had given him a message. "You will all be saved!" After 14 days they ran aground.

Here are a few things to consider:

- Paul was arrested, but God brought him through it.
- He was caught in a storm, but God brought him through it.
- Some sailors tried to escape in boats, but Paul alerted the soldiers who stopped them.
- The soldiers planned to kill all prisoners (as Romans did in those days), but the Centurion saved Paul and the rest.
- They washed up on Malta, having lost everything – but everyone was alive.
- And then Paul was bitten by a snake!

God did not take this powerful apostle away from the problems – he took him through the problems, showing Christian faith and victory. God will help you through your problems and does not always (or often) remove your problems. Your job is to glorify Him as you work faithfully through each trial. (Acts 27:27 – 28:7)

*Rick Lang  
Bulletin Digest*

## Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

*“By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.”* (Hebrews 11:3)

When we read *“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth,”* can we even comprehend what that involved? God created all. He had no pattern.

When man makes something, it is usually from something he has seen. Someone makes something, then someone else improves on that. We must use a pattern. But nothing that man has made can come close to the creation made by God. There is no comparison.

*“To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?” says the Holy One. ‘Lift your eyes and look to the heavens. Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name. Because of His great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.’* (Isaiah 40:25-26)

God created us. He created this magnificent universe. We enjoy its beauty every day. But if we try to figure out how He did it, we can forget it. For He tells us, *“... my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways.”* (Isaiah 55:8)

We are in awe when we think of the works of nature, from the little busy ant to the large whale in the ocean. All of these creatures have a purpose.

There was nothing visible. He had no pattern.

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**“What you get by reaching your goals is not nearly as important as what you become by reaching them.”**

## Remember Our Sick

**Lawrence Boley** – still having serious health problems.

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

**Tiffany Davis** – diagnosed with Graves disease (thyroid).

**Hoyt Ensey** – Surgery has been re-scheduled for sometime in June.

**Cleon Johnson** – Paul Helton’s mother, having serious health problems.

**Ray King** – Karen Womack’s father, serious health problems.

**Linda Melton** – of St. Louis, MO, breast cancer. J. Vance & D. Sheeran’s friend.

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

**Reedie Smith** – Marilyn Veasman’s mother, more tests to be run.

**Billy Walters** – knee surgery June 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Joyce Walters** – back surgery, June 26<sup>th</sup>.

**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 and Shirlye Chadwick, Jeff Davis, Anna Deimund, Don Eichenberger, Charles Ensey, Hoyt Ensey, Carol Graham, Sue Griffin, David Guthrie, Charles Hickey, Robert and Rose Lee, Bill McAlister, Charles Proctor, Summer Russell, Reedie Smith, Tanya Smith, Jewel Waldrip and Ashley Wilson.

**Special Children:** Elysia Lee, Emmy May, Keith Martin’s heart stopped twice last week, but he still held on . . . and Noah Williams.

**Military:** Darus Brown, Greg Davis, Johnny Ragsdale, Cole Wetzel and Rudy Will.

## Mrs. Goodnest

Author Unknown

A mom was very concerned about her Kindergarten son walking to school. He didn’t want his mother to walk with him.

She wanted to give him the feeling that he had some independence, but yet know that he was safe. So, she had an idea on how to handle it.

She asked a neighbor if she would please follow him to school in the mornings, staying at a distance, he probably wouldn’t notice her anyway.

The neighbor was glad to do this since she was up early with her toddler, it would be a good way for them to get some exercise, so she agreed.

The next school day the neighbor and her little girl set out following behind Timmy as he walked to school with another neighbor boy he knew. She did this for the whole week.

As the boys walked and chatted, kicking stones and twigs, Timmy’s little friend noticed the same lady was following them. She had done this every day for the past week. Finally, he said to Timmy, “Have you noticed that lady following us to school all week? Do you know her?”

Timmy nonchalantly replied, “Yeah, I know who she is.”

The friend asked, “Well, who is she?”

“That’s Shirley Goodnest,” Timmy replied, “And her daughter, Marcy.”

“Shirley Goodnest? Who is she and why is she following us?”

Well,” Timmy explained, “Every night, my mom makes me say the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm with my prayers, it says, ‘Shirley Goodnest and Marcy shall follow me all the days of my life,’ so I guess I’ll just have to get used to it!”

*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

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Wedding Shower!!  
For  
Danielle Williams  
Saturday, 2:00 PM  
June 9th  
Fellowship Hall  
Dover Church  
Of Christ

Lawn Schedule  
Saturday, June 16

Steve Pennington  
Josh Pennington

Men's Devo  
Thursday,  
June 14, 7 PM  
Host: Alan Boatright

Ladies' Night  
Thursday,  
June 21, 7 PM  
Hostess: Sandra  
Boatright

## Mark Your Calendars

No Area Wide  
Youth Devo  
In June or July  
Student/Mentor Social  
June 10, Sunday PM  
(after evening church services)  
Please Bring Finger Foods  
For more details see:  
Karen Womack  
Joyce Helton

GOLDEN AGERS  
POTLUCK  
West Side  
Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>  
11:30AM – 2:30 PM  
Speaker: Bruce Grice  
Skits and Entertainment  
The CARE CENTER  
Of Little Rock, AR

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### Camp Caudle Day Camp

June 11-15, 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grades  
8:30AM – 4:30 PM  
Monday thru Friday  
Registration Sunday,  
3:00 – 4:00 PM

## June Birthdays

- 01 Sandra Boatright
- 02 Chase Chance
- 03 Allen Veasman
- 04 Michelle Helton
- 05 Eugene Qualls
- 07 Bob Bennett
- 10 Leanna Mullins
- 11 Joe Miller
- 12 Ashlee Wilson
- 14 Kenna Rae Jackson
- 15 Jacqueline Helton
- 21 Caitlyn Straight
- 22 Nina June Qualls
- 25 Ashley Anderson  
Pat Holloway  
Iris Lawley
- 28 Tanya Smith  
Joyce Walters

If we missed your birthday, *please*  
let us know so it won't happen  
again.

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### CAMP CAUDLE

Twelve packs and cases of soda  
of all flavors are needed for the  
coming camp season. They can  
be brought to the office.

### “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***

***June 10, 2007***

## **Sunday A.M.**

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

### **Prayers**

Dennis Whiteside  
Donny Forehand

### **Communion**

**Podium:** William Boley  
**Serve:** Chris Besterfeldt  
Steve Pennington  
Blake Walters  
Brent Hottinger

### **Scripture Reading**

Brett Walters

## **Sunday P.M. Prayers**

Earl Whitted  
Gary Williams

# **SPEAKER**

**Sunday A.M.**  
Micah Williams

**Sunday P.M.**  
Rex McDaniel  
Sid Womack

## **Prepare Table for Communion**

Troy and Rachel Curtis

## **Communion to Shut-Ins**

Dennis Whiteside  
Donny Forehand

### **Greeters**

Jim and JoAnn Killer

## **Wednesday Night Devotional June 13, 2007**

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  
**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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