



# Life Lines

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## MY LINES

Micah William

### “PREFERENCE OR COMMITMENT?”

At certain times in life, people are asked to name a “religious preference.” This happens, for example, when entering the hospital or being inducted into the army. It is also usually true that when a person dies the obituary indicates a religious “preference.”

I have known many who indicated a particular “preference” with out ever making a genuine commitment to Christ! They are not members of His church, do not support His work, and seldom, if ever attend the assemblies of His people. Though they claim a “preference” for Christ, they do not have enough “commitment” to live for Him. They lean toward Christ but do not really stand for Him!

1. **Some Are For Jesus As Long As It Is Easy.** Some in Bible times followed Jesus for the loaves and fishes. But when the way grew difficult and the teachings of Jesus became demanding, they dropped out. “. . . *many of His disciples withdrew and were not walking with Him*

*anymore. So Jesus said to the twelve, ‘You do not want to go away also, do you?’ Simon Peter answered Him, ‘Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.’” (John 6:66-68)*

2. **Some Are For Jesus As Long As It Is Popular.** Some will tell you that they believe God’s way, but when it comes right down to it they are unwilling to risk the disapproval of the world. They don’t want to be perceived as being narrow-minded or religious fanatics. They care more for the good opinion of other people than the good opinion of God.
3. **Some Are For Jesus As Long As There Is Nothing Else To Do.** In the Parable of the Sower, Jesus warned that many are not really committed to Him, because their hearts are choked by the cares, riches and pleasures of the world. *“The seed which fell among the thorns, these are the ones who have heard, and as they go on*

*their way they are choked with worries and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to maturity.” (Luke 8:14)* Many have a kind of easy allegiance to Christ which takes a back seat to ball games, TV programs or unexpected company.

Preference does little good without commitment. True commitment runs deeper than any temptation. Jesus demands servants who will be faithful “*until death.*” *“Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, so that you will have tribulation for ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.” (Revelation 2:10)*

*Bobby Dockery  
(From Printer’s Ink)  
The Seeker  
Fayetteville, AR*

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**Dover Church of Christ  
Visitation Group to meet  
after evening services,  
Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>.**

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## Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

Do you find yourself complaining when you don't mean to? We do it all the time. Often it is something worth complaining about, but mostly it is trivial. Things that don't matter to a "hill of beans."

It is so much nicer to listen to someone discussing nice, happy things rather than complaining all the time. However, if we have a complaint, it is nice to have a listening ear.

Moses sure had a bunch of complainers. Well over a million and I'm sure most of them complained constantly. He didn't have many nice days. That's all the thanks he got for leading them out of slavery. We seem to quickly forget the good things when we have a complaint.

The people complained, "*If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost – also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic. But now we have lost our appetite; we never see anything but this manna!*" (Numbers 11:10-15) This angered the Lord!

Then I imagine Moses had had it! He cries out to the Lord, "*Why have you brought this trouble on your servant? What have I done to displease you that you put the burden of all these people on me? Did I conceive all these people? Did I give them birth? Why do You tell me to carry them in my arms, as a nurse carries an infant, to the land you promised on oath to their forefathers? Where can I get meat for all these people? They keep wailing to me, 'give us meat to eat!' I cannot carry all these people by myself; the burden is too heavy for me. If this is how you are going to trust me, put me to death right now – if I have found favor in your eyes – and do not let me face my own ruins.*" (Numbers 10:15)

God answers Moses' prayer. God gives His spirit to seventy Israelite elders to help Moses with the complaints. He also gives them meat to eat. But Moses doubts God. How

## Remember Our Sick

**Dana Bates**– malignant thyroid tumor removed Thurs., June 15, Baptist, L.R. (Contained)!

**Lawrence Boley**- diagnostic procedure for heart blockage on hold until blood count improves.

**Charles Hickey** – in intense pain, bone deterioration, hopeful for pain management.

**Teresa McKinley** – Don Sheeran's Sister hospitalized in St. Louis.

**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**

Legacy: **Pauline Whorton**

**Others Who Need Our Prayers:**

Walter and Thelma Arcynski, J. D. Bates, Lloyd Boley, Susie Boley, Gail Brewer, Dora Dean Cloud, Tom Collier, Jeff Davis, Hoyt Ensey, Barbara Forehand, Clifton Gamble, Grady Gregory, Vickie Gregory, Sue Griffin, Hiroko Hatcher, Chris Henderson, Alice Hollis, Brian Holloway, Pat Holloway, Ray King, Robert and Rose Lee, John and Jannie Myers, Joe Miller, Teresa Phillips, Reedie Smith, Tanya Smith, Mildred Sutherlin, Juanita Whitted, 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.

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**Lines for Ladies - continued**

can He feed six thousand men, including their families? (Moses too, must have forgotten the recent crossing of the Red Sea!)

I really like God's answer to Moses. "*Is the Lord's arm too short? You will now see whether or not what I say will come true.*" Numbers 11:23)

## Seven Days of The Week

Maybe we should think twice before complaining next time.

**Monday, Wash Day:** Lord, help me wash away all my selfishness and vanity, so I may serve you with perfect humility through the week ahead.

**Tuesday, Ironing Day:** Dear Lord, help me iron out all the wrinkles of prejudice I have collected through the years so that I may see the beauty in others.

**Wednesday, Mending Day:** O God, help me mend my ways so I will not set a bad example for others.

**Thursday, Cleaning Day:** Lord Jesus, help me to dust out all the many faults I have been hiding in the secret corners of my heart.

**Friday, Shopping Day:** O God, give me the grace to shop wisely so I may purchase eternal happiness for my self and all others.

**Saturday, Cooking Day:** Help me, my Savior, to brew a big kettle of brotherly love and serve it with clean, sweet bread of human kindness.

**Sunday:** O God, I have prepared my house for you. Please come into my heart so I may spend the day and the rest of my life in your presence.

Author Unknown

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**"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."** (Philippians 4:13)

The road to success is not straight. There is a curve called *Failure*, a loop called *Confusion*, speed bumps called *Friends*, red lights called *Enemies*, caution lights called *Family*. You have flats called *Jobs*. But, if you have a spare called *Determination*, an engine called *Perseverance*, insurance called *Faith*, a driver called *Jesus*, you will make it to a place called *Success*.

Author Unknown

## 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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### CAMP CAUDLE Junior Week

June 25 thru July 1

Director: Greg Sublett  
Keith Lape

This session for children  
who have finished 2<sup>nd</sup> grade  
to sixth grade.

Registration Sunday 3 – 5  
Camp ends with an award  
assembly for parents 7 PM

Friday night. Campers  
should go home at that time.

CAMP CAUDLE  
Wanted!

Camp Cooks for Junior  
Week, June 25<sup>th</sup>.

If you can serve please call  
Greg Sublett 501-658-8849

## Mark Your Calendars

### Dover Church of Christ Lawn Schedule

July 01 Allen Veasman  
William Boley

### Announcement:

Please bring empty printer's  
ink cartridges for the Care  
Center and place in the  
container in the side foyer  
of the Dover Church of  
Christ.

### Announcement:

Need cans of soft drinks for  
Camp Caudle summer  
camps. You can leave them  
at the Dover Church of  
Christ, in the church's north  
foyer. They will be picked  
up and delivered to Camp  
Caudle.

### Dover Church of Christ 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration Parking Lot 5:00 PM

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and  
the Fix'ins  
Watermelon Contest,  
Games, etc.  
See Sign-up sheet to  
register!  
Fireworks at Ball Park

## June Birthdays

- 01 Sandra Boatright
- 02 Chase Chance
- 03 Allen Veasman
- 04 Michelle Helton
- 05 Eugene Qualls
- 07 Bob Bennett  
Victoria Mitchell
- 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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Dover Church of Christ's  
Singles Breakfast  
Every Saturday, 9:00 AM  
Bayou Cafe

In SEARCH of the  
Lord's Way

Little Rock's KARK-TV 4  
(Sunday 8 AM)

# ***THOSE TO SERVE***

***June 25, 2006***

## **Sunday A.M.**

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

### **Prayers**

Blake Walters  
Chris Loper

### **Communion**

**Podium:** Donny Forehand

**Serve:** Brett Walters  
Dennis Whiteside  
Earl Kennedy  
Earl Whitted

### **Scripture Reading**

Gary Williams

## **Sunday P.M.**

### **Prayers**

Donny Forehand  
Dennis Whiteside

# **SPEAKER**

## **Sunday A.M.**

Brett Walters

## **Sunday P.M.**

Blake Walters

### **Prepare Table for Communion**

Chris and Amanda Besterfeldt

### **Communion to Shut-Ins**

Donny Forehand  
Blake Forehand

### **Greeters**

Robert and Juanita Bird

### **Wednesday Night Devotional**

**June 28, 2006**

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  
**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:** Patsy Wisbrock  
Kaeli Miller

**Wednesday Class:** Marilyn Veasman

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