



# Life Lines

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## MY LINES

Micah William

### The Scars of Life

A few years ago, on a hot summer day in Florida, a little boy decided to go for a swim in the old swimming hole behind his house.

In a hurry, he ran out the back door, leaving behind his shoes, socks and shirt to dive into the cool water.

He flew into the water, not realizing that as he swam toward the middle of the lake, an alligator was swimming toward the shore.

His father working in the yard saw the two as they got closer and closer together. In utter fear, he ran toward the water, yelling to his son as loudly as he could.

Hearing his voice, the little boy became alarmed and made a u-turn to swim to his father. It was too late. Just as he reached his father, the alligator reached him. From the dock, the father grabbed the little boy by the arms just as the alligator closed on the boy's legs.

That began an incredible tug-of-war between the two. The alligator was much stronger than the father, but the father was much too passionate to let go.

A farmer happened to be driving by and heard the screams. The man stopped his truck, grabbed his rifle,

raced to the scene and shot the alligator.

Remarkably, after weeks and weeks in the hospital, the little boy survived.

His legs were extremely scarred by the vicious attack of the alligator. And, on his arms were deep scratches where his father's fingernails had dug into his flesh in his effort to hang on to the son he loved.

The newspaper reporter who interviewed the boy after the trauma, asked if he would show him his scars. The boy lifted his pant legs, showing him the scars. And then, with obvious pride, he said to the reporter, "But look at my arms. I have great scars on my arms, too. I have them because my Dad wouldn't let go."

You and I can identify with this little boy. We have scars, too. No, not from an alligator, but maybe scars of a painful past. Some of those scars are unsightly and have caused us deep regret. But, some wounds, my friend, are because God has refused to let go. In the midst of your struggle, He's been there holding on to you.

The Scripture teaches that God loves you. You are a child of God. He wants to protect you and provide for you in every way. But sometimes we foolishly wade into dangerous situations, not knowing what lies

ahead.

The swimming hole of life is filled with peril – and we forget that the enemy is waiting to attack. That's when the tug-of-war begins – and if you have the scars of His love on your arms, be very, very grateful. He did not and will not ever let you go.

God has blessed you, so that you can be a blessing to others. You just never know where a person is in his/her life and what they are going through.

Never judge another person's scars, because you don't know how they got them.

Somehow, somewhere, someone needs to know that God loves them, too – enough to not let them go.

Hopefully, you can show them you love them, too.

***"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. He who believes in Him is not judged; he who has not believed has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."*** (John 3:16-18)

Sent In By: Sid Womack, elder  
Dover Church of Christ  
Dover, Arkansas

## Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

### I am Thankful

For the wife who says it's  
hot dogs tonight,  
Because she is home with me,  
And not out with someone else.

For the husband who is on the sofa being a  
couch potato,  
Because he is home with me  
And not out at the bars.

For the teenager who is complaining about  
doing the dishes,  
Because it means she is at home,  
Not on the streets.

For the taxes I pay  
Because it means I am employed.

For the mess to clean after the party  
Because it means I have been surrounded by  
friends.

For the clothes that fit too snug  
Because it means I have  
enough to eat.

For my shadow that  
watches me work  
Because it means I am  
out in the sunshine.

For a lawn that needs mowing,  
Windows that need cleaning,  
And gutters that need fixing,  
Because it means I have a home.

For all the complaining  
I hear about the government,  
Because it means we have  
freedom of speech . . .

For the parking spot I find  
At the far end of the parking lot,  
Because it means I am  
capable of walking  
And I have transportation.

For my huge heating bill  
Because it means  
I am warm.

For the pile of laundry and ironing  
Because it means I have  
clothes to wear.

For weariness and aching muscles  
Because it means I have been  
capable of working hard.

For the alarm that goes off  
In the early morning hours,  
Because it means I am alive!

## Remember Our Sick

**Dana Bates** – surgery, Thurs., June 15,  
thyroid malignant tumor removed and  
contained. Tests and future treatment to  
be determined.

**Lawrence Boley**- treatment sched-uled  
for Thursday, June 22, to relieve heart  
blockage, Heart Hosp, LR.

**Charles Hickey** – in intense pain, bore  
deterioration, hopeful that pain  
management can be accomplished.

**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, Jeff Davis,  
Hoyt Ensey, Barbara Forehand, Hiroko  
Hatcher, Pat Holloway, Brian Holloway,  
Robert and Rose Lee, Teresa McKinley,  
John and Jannie Myers, Joe Miller,  
Teresa Phillips, Reddie Smith, Tanya  
Smith, Mildred Sutherland, Juanita  
Whitted, and Valentina. **Special**  
**Children:** Emmy May, Gabriel Ross  
Finlayson, Keith Martin, Zachary  
Shelton and Noah Williams.

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

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### VETERANS

Author Unknown

It is the VETERAN, not the preacher, who  
has given us freedom of religion.

It is the VETERAN, not the reporter, who  
has given us freedom of the press.

It is the VETERAN, not the poet, who has  
given us freedom of speech.

It is the VETERAN, not the campus  
organizer, who has given us freedom to  
assemble.

It is the VETERAN, not the lawyer, who  
has given us the right to a fair trial.

It is the VETERAN, not the politician, who  
has given us the right to vote.

It is the VETERAN who salutes the flag. It  
is the VETERAN who serves under the flag.

## Are You On The List?

The Social Register contains the names  
and addresses of 25,000 of America's  
most prominent families along with their  
club memberships, college affiliations  
and other facts. It provides information  
about art, travel, collecting, philanthropy  
and other subjects of interest to the well-  
heeled. It is published annually in  
November, updated in May, costs  
\$125.00 and sold only to the 25,000  
families who are members.

Didn't receive your subscription  
invitation to the Social Register this  
year? Not to worry, truth be told, there's  
another book that is far more important;  
the Lamb's Book of Life. ". . . *I ask you  
also to help these women who have  
shared my struggle in the cause of the  
gospel, together with Clement and the  
rest of my fellow worker, whose names  
are in the book of life.*" (Philippians 4:3)  
". . . *and nothing unclean, and no one  
who practices abomination and lying  
shall ever come into it, but only those  
whose name is in the book of life.*"  
(Revelation 21:27)

It's fine to be honored on earth for  
prominence or importance, but the  
bigger question is whether our names are  
written in God's book in heaven. Jesus  
asked, "*For what is a man profited, if he  
shall gain the whole world, and lose his  
own soul? or what shall a man give in  
exchange for his soul?*" (Matthew  
16:26) Entrance into the New Jerusalem  
will only be for those whose names are  
found in God's book. John foresaw the  
scene, "*And I saw the dead, small and  
great, stand before God; and the books  
were opened; and another book was  
opened, which is the book of life: and the  
dead were judged out of those things  
which were written in the books,  
according to their works.*" (Revelation  
20:12)

The applause for prominence on earth  
will one day be drowned out by the  
applause of heaven: ". . . *then shall  
every man have praise of God.*"  
(Corinthians 4:5)

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Jacksonville, AL

## 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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#### 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.

#### Announcement:

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

## Mark Your Calendars

### **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!

Each family bring their  
own drinks and lawn  
chairs.

Followed by Fireworks at  
the Baseball Park!

#### Men's Business Meeting

Monday, July 10, 7 PM

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#### Men's Devo

July 13, 7PM

Dover Church of Christ

#### Ladies Devo

Thursday, July 20, 7 PM

Hostess: Carolyn Bennett

## July Birthdays

01 Silas Powers  
04 Grant Nicholson  
15 Dan Straight  
16 Chris Ramirez  
Diane Walters  
18 Kim Statler  
20 Cole Nicholson  
23 Emily Boley  
Earl Whitted  
25 Becky Miller  
28 Tina Nicholson  
30 James Chadwick  
31 Kim Miller

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)

### Dover Church of Christ Lawn Schedule

July 8 Alan Boatright  
Marion Helton

# ***THOSE TO SERVE***

***July 2, 2006***

**Sunday A.M.**

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

## **Prayers**

Gary Williams  
Earl Whitted

## **Communion**

**Podium:** Alan Boatright  
**Serve:** James Chadwick  
Jim Killer  
Lawrence Boley  
Marion Helton

## **Scripture Reading**

Rex McDaniel

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

James Chadwick  
Joe Miller

# **SPEAKER**

**Sunday A.M.**  
Chris Loper

**Sunday P.M.**  
Chris Moss

## **Prepare Table for Communion**

Micah and Cara Williams

## **Communion to Shut-Ins**

Troy Curtis  
William Boley

## **Greeters**

Marion and Joyce Helton

**Wednesday Night  
Devotional**

**July 5, 2006**

Jim Killer

**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:** Diane Walters  
Bonnie Vinson

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