



Life Lines

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MY LINES

Micah William

“The Broken Harp”

By: Joan Clifton Costner

In the corner, of the basement,
Stood a cobweb covered harp.
Broken now and so forsaken,
There it stood back in the dark.

No one, in the little village,
Could repair the harp again.
And, you’d never guess the music
Or the places it had been.

Came a ragged man a beggin’
For a place out of the cold,
He was bent and slightly limpin’.
He was lookin’ frail and old.

So, the houseman gave permission.
He could sleep upon the floor
Of the basement, where was kept
The harp – with melody no more.

Soon, the house was filled with music!
T’was as sweet as angels bring,
And, the household came a-runnin’,
Just to see the vibrant strings!

Dusted now, it stood in beauty.
Every web was cleared away,
And, the ragged man was singing
Very Softly as he played.

In his song, he told the story
How he’d made that harp, when new.
Since he’d made its first beginning,
Fixing wasn’t hard to do.

Dear friend, if you are needing
Just a touch from God above,
Just remember Who has made you.
He can “fix” you with His love.

He can fill the empty corners
Of your heart with song a new.
He can take each day and make
A special melody for you!

He can fix the broken pieces,
Better even than before,
And open wide the storehouse
Of His blessing evermore!

From: *The Vision*
West Side Church of Christ
Russellville, AR

NOAH’S ARK

In the year 2006, the Lord came unto Noah, who was now living in the United States and said, “Once again, the earth has become wicked and over-populated and I see the end of all flesh before me. Build another Ark and save two of every living thing along with a few good humans.”

He gave Noah the blueprints, saying, “You have six months to build the Ark before I will start the unending rain for 40 days and 40 nights.”

Six months later, the Lord looked down and saw Noah weeping in his yard . . . but no Ark.

“Noah!” He roared, “I am about to start the rain! Where’s the Ark?”

“Forgive me, Lord,” begged Noah. “But things have changed. I needed a building permit. I’ve been arguing with the inspector about the need for a sprinkler system. My neighbors claim that I’ve violated the neighborhood zoning laws by building the Ark in my yard and exceeding the height limitations.

“We had to go to the Development Appeal Board for a decision. Then the Department of Transportation demanded a bond be posted for the future cost of

moving power lines and other overhead obstructions, to clear the passage for the Ark’s move to the sea. I argued that the sea would be coming to us, but they would hear nothing of it.

“Getting the wood was another problem. There’s a ban on cutting local trees in order to save the spotted owl. I tried to convince the environmentalists that I needed the wood to save the owls. But no go!

“When I started gathering animals, I got sued by an animal rights group. They insisted that I was confining wild animals against their will. As well, they argued the accommodation was too restrictive and it was cruel and inhumane to put so many animals in a confined space.

“Then the EPA ruled that I couldn’t build the Ark until they’d conducted an environmental impact study on your proposed flood.

“I’m trying to resolve a complaint with the Human Rights Commission on how many minorities I’m supposed to hire for my building crew.

“Also, the trades unions say I can’t use my sons. They insist I have to hire only Union workers with Ark building experience.

“To make matters worse, the IRS seized all my assets, claiming I’m trying to leave the country illegally with endangered species.

“So, forgive me, Lord, but it would take at least ten years for me to finish this Ark.”

Suddenly the skies cleared, the sun began to shine, and a rainbow stretched across the sky. Noah looked up in wonder and asked, “You mean, You’re not going to destroy the world?”

“No,” said the Lord, “The government beat me to it.”

Author Unknown – Home Touch

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

It hurts not to be chosen. It may be for a new job. It may be for a ball team. It may even be a child who isn't chosen by his friends to play with them. This is a great hurt for a child. Many teens are hurt because they are left out of things.

Sometimes, to be chosen, we have to be considered the best. We can't be second best. There is room for only the best in many situations.

Christianity is not one of them. We don't have to be the best. We must do our best. And there is room for anyone who wants to be included.

We won't be passed over because we are too short or because we are too slow. We will be chosen because we will do our best.

Even though Jesus said that a few will enter heaven, we know that it can be us. We can be included, chosen. There is room for us. Jesus chose us. If we remain Christians we will enter that narrow gate. We can choose that and will be accepted.

"You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you." (John 15:16)

We don't have to compete with others. It is competition within. We alone control the outcome of whether we will be one of the chosen.

The hurts we experience in this life will be no comparison to the hurt we will receive if we aren't among the chosen saints.

We can be one of those who say, "I choose Jesus, He is the best for me."

Remember Our Sick

Dana Bates – Surgery, Thurs., June 15, thyroid malignant tumor removed and contained, treatments to follow.

Lawrence Boley- diagnostic procedure scheduled later this month.

Ricky Reid – of West Side, age 35, suffered a very serious stroke. At Little Rock, UMAS.

Esther Sparks – hospitalized, St. Mary's, Friday, June 23rd, fluid on lungs, improving.

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, Charles Hickey, Clifton Gamble, Grady Gregory, Vickie Gregory, Sue Griffin, Hiroko Hatcher, Chris Henderson, Pat Holloway, Alice Hollis, Brian Holloway, Ray King, Robert and Rose Lee, Theresa McKinley, John and Jannie Myers, Joe Miller, Teresa Phillips, Reedie Smith, Tanya Smith, Mildred Sutherland, 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 Wetzel and Rudy Will.

"Our Shepherd"

He is our Shepherd,
Our Father, our Guide –
And you're never alone
With the Lord at your side.

Helen Steiner Rice

STAMINA

A recent television documentary pointed out that the cheetah survives on the African plains by running down its prey. The big cat can sprint seventy miles per hour.

But the cheetah cannot sustain that pace for long. Within its long sleek body is a disproportionately small heart, which causes the cheetah to tire quickly. Unless the cheetah catches its prey in the first flurry, it must abandon the chase.

Sometimes Christians seem to have the cheetah's approach to ministry.

We speed into projects with great energy. But lacking the heart for sustained effort, we fizzle before we finish. We vow to start faster and run harder, when what we need may be not more speed but more staying power – *stamina* that comes only from a bigger heart.

Motion and busyness, no matter how great, yield nothing unless we allow God to give us the heart.

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"Feeling, Faith and Fact"

Three men were walking on a wall,
Feeling, Faith and Fact,

When *feeling* got an awful fall, and *faith*
was taken back.

So close was *faith* to *feeling*,
He stumbled and fell too,

But *fact* remained and pulled *faith* back,
and *faith* brought *feeling* too . . . (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

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

Men's Business Meeting

Monday, July 10, 7 PM

Dover Church of Christ

Men's Devo

July 13, 7PM

Dover Church of Christ

Ladies Devo

Thursday, July 20, 7 PM

Hostess: Carolyn Bennett

CAMP CAUDLE

July 9th thru 15th

Session for ages 10 thru 17

Registration Sunday,
3:00 to 5:00 PM

Campers picked up
between 9:00 – 10:00 AM
Saturday, July 15th

Performance: Friday,
July 14th, 8:30 PM

Please come and enjoy the
Praise.

Directors: Chris George
Greg Sublett

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.

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 15 Lawrence Boley
James Chadwick

THOSE TO SERVE

July 9, 2006

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Marion Helton
Sid Womack

Communion

Podium: Alan Boatright
Serve: Rex McDaniel
Rick Hollis
William Boley
Robert Bird

Scripture Reading

Blake Walters

**Sunday P.M.
Prayers**

Chris Moss
Brent Hottinger

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Micah and Cara Williams

Communion to Shut-Ins

Merrell Shoptaw
Marion Helton

Greeters

Marion and Joyce Helton

**Wednesday Night
Devotional**

July 12, 2006

Marion Helton

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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Or Cell: 479-264-9244

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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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