



Life Lines

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A Tribute to Bernice Brown

Bernice was 93. She had seen many changes in her lifetime. She had lived through good times and bad times. She lived through the depression years, and through many wars. During these 93 years she had seen economy at its highs and its lows. Living through all these changes made her the person she became.

Bernice worked in the Dover School Cafeteria for 28 years. She loved her job. She loved the kids and they loved her. She watched many of them grow from young children to young adults. Through those 28 years she watched some go from kindergarten through high school. She knew them well. She had a special relationship with them.

Bernice never learned to drive. When she moved north of Dover she rode the school bus to work in the cafeteria. Later, she and her husband, Emmett Sr., moved to Dover, very close to the school.

They had three children, Katie, Emmett Jr. and Bob. She loved her family.

Bernice had some very rough spots in her life. When she was only 52, her husband died. He was only 57 years old. She was a young mother with three children to raise by herself. In the past few years she lost a son-in-law, then two of her granddaughters. She had pain only imaginable for someone who has experienced a similar loss. She was devastated. It was very sad to see how she suffered over the loss of these two granddaughters. This was a very hard time for her.

Bernice loved the Lord. She loved her Bible classes. She never missed unless she was ill. Joyce Walters reminded me that she always had her lesson. She wanted to be prepared. Clara Hefley and Joyce Walters took her to church and these classes for several years. She was very faithful and attended until her health would no longer allow it.

Although she didn't drive, it did not keep her from doing the Lord's work. For over 25 years she was in charge of the Food Brigade at church. When there was a need she called all of the captains and got food started. She coordinated Meals on Wheels for our church for many years. Besides being in charge she helped deliver the meals to the shut-ins. She also served as an alternate when someone could not go. She did this until she was not able to do it.

Bernice loved to send cards to those who were sick, or those who had a birthday. She was always special to me because we shared the same birthday. We were born on February 23rd. We exchanged birthday cards for many years.

She loved flowers. She always had so many around her carport and yard. She loved cats. She always had a cat. I remember when her cat, Ms. Pabby, died. She was so upset. She cried and cried. Some time later she replaced that cat with another that she call "Bo Bo." At the funeral, Brother Micah mentioned how fond she was of Bo Bo.

Brother Micah loved her laugh, a giggle. He said she had a genuine laugh. She will be remembered for this good hearty laugh. He said that Bernice realized that no matter how good she was she would never and

could never live up to the only One, Christ our Lord. He read this Scripture, John 14:1-6, "*Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know. Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going, and how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."*

Bernice loved to talk and visit with friends. At the funeral, Brett Walters told us about his visits with her when he delivered her prescriptions from the drug store. He would be gone more than the time necessary for the deliveries. She was interested in him and his family.

She had continued to piece quilts until about three weeks before her death. This was amazing, but what was even more amazing was that she could still thread a needle!

For those who knew and loved Bernice, I would be remiss if I did not mention this about her. Bernice was known to worry, now and again. This was part of her personality. She has no worries now. She is in God's care!

Bernice will be missed by many, her family, her friends and her church family.

Hopefully, her life will live on through those who knew her.

By: pmc

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city and attached the following message to his wind-shield; "I have circled this block ten times. I have an appointment to keep. **'Forgive us our trespasses.'**"

When he returned to his car he found this reply attached to his own note along with a ticket; "If I don't give you a ticket, I lose my job. **'Lead us not into temptation.'**"

I don't know who wrote this, it may be true or not. But, don't we sometimes feel we need special favors because of who we are or what we do?

This is not the same but it reminded me of the parable of the workers in the vineyard. Even though they had agreed to work for a certain amount, for a number of hours, they were later very unhappy with their wages. The workers, who came later, even to work for only one hour, were receiving the same pay! How unfair, they thought! But hadn't they previously agreed to this amount and seemed happy with it?

Jesus compared this parable to heaven. The landowner said, **"Friend, I am not being unfair to you. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the man who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?"** (Matthew 20:13-15)

How would we feel in the same situation? Probably as the early workers did. However, the owner had the right to make this decision. He wanted to be generous. Jesus wants to be generous.

Those who work all their lives will receive the same reward as those who started in the last phase of their lives.

Remember Our Sick

William Boley – broke his arm, doctors to set it Thursday, July 3rd.

Troy Curtis – home, infection clear.

Hoyt Ensey – home, very serious health problems.

Dennis Langston – (a neighbor of the McDaniel's) the loss of his brother **David Langston**, who passed away.

Cleon Johnson – Paul Helton's mother, going once a week for treatment, UAMS.

Sharon Kennedy – Earl Kennedy's daughter, tumor in nose and Sinus area, seeing an ENT for testing.

The McDaniel Family – needs our prayers.

Edna Helton – the loss of her son, **Don Helton**, who passed away suddenly. (Marion & Joan's cousin.)

William, Kim & Kelsi Sims – serious health problems.

Shut-ins – need prayers and visits:

Dover Area: **Evelyn Burton**
Robert Lee

Russellville Nursing & Rehab Center:
Evelyn Driver
Melba Hodges

Stella Manor: **Ruby Gene Johnson**
Louise Killer
Mae Vanzandt

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Yvonne Adkisson, Amie Barkley, Bob/Carolyn Bennett, Bill Boley, Lloyd Boley, Lois Boley, Wm/Susie Boley, Rachel Curtis, Eugene Cox, Jeff Davis, Pauline Dale, Barbara Dawson, Charles Ensey, Sarah Ensey, Carol Graham, Paul/Sue Griffin, Joyce Helton, Pat Holloway, Dorothy King, Rose Lee, Linda Melton, Julie Moss, Carol Presley, Don/BJ Sheeran, Reddie Smith, Tanya Smith, Judy Will and Gene Williams.

Special Children: Tiffany Knight Elysia Lee, Keith Martin and Noah Williams.

Expectant Mothers: Kelly Chance, and Jillian Church.

Our Military: Cole Wetzal, D.J. Bandy and Travis Coe (Son-in-law of Mary McAlister).

Pray for our men and women serving overseas, Iraq, Iran, etc. This is their summertime and the temperatures are extremely high this time of year.

"Dear God"

You are my comfort,
You are my strength
When I am weary,
On You I'll lean.

I know that You'll listen
To my every prayer.
And never am I alone,
For You are always there.
I know that You'll always lighten
With You're loving power.

You are my comfort,
You are my strength
When I am weary,
On You I'll lean.

I know one day You'll greet me
Where the streets
are paved with gold
And I'll realize the stories
of the songs of old.
I'll join in the chorus
of the Angel Choir
And sing those sweet melodies
With the harp and lyre.

You are my comfort,
You are my strength
When I am weary,
On You I'll lean.

Until those days in heaven,
Here I'll patiently wait,
Then I'll climb the stairway
To the heavenly gate,
For I know You'll lovingly cherish
Each and every one of us
Who linger till our song is sung.

For You are my comfort,
You are my strength
And when I am weary,
On You I'll lean.

By Lori Lynn Brown
(10-25-1996)

Bernice Brown's Granddaughter

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

No Area Wide Devo

For the Month of
July.

Dover's Lawn Mowing Schedule

Saturday, July 19th
Marion Helton
and
Alan Boatright

Dover Ladies Night

Thursday, July 17, 7PM
Hostess: Carolyn Bennett

Mark Your Calendars

Camp Caudle Schedule

Living Stones Week

July 13th thru 119th

Session: for ages 14 and up
Monday thru Friday

Theme: "*I Surrender*"

Director: Brent Ruple
Lee Henson

Registration:
Sunday 3-5PM

Early Registration: \$85
(If registered 3 weeks prior to
camp date)
T-Shirt Included
Late Registration: \$105

Center Ridge Church of Christ

V B S 2008

July 13th thru 17th

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Theme: "*From Here to
Eternity*"
(II Corinthians 5:1)

Classes for all ages
Refreshments Nightly!

JULY Birthdays

01 Silas Powers
15 Dan Straight
16 Chris Ramirez
Diane Walters
17 Kim Statler
23 Emily Walker
Earl Whitted
25 Becky Miller
30 James Chadwick
31 Kim Miller

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

"In Search of The Lord's Way"

Now 24/7

The Search Program can
now be accessed any time
website: www.searchtv.org

Mack Lyon's weekly lesson
can be heard and seen on
KARK, Channel 4
Sunday, 7:30 AM

THOSE TO SERVE

July 13, 2008

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Tommy Oakes
Steve Pennington

Communion

Podium: Marion Helton
Serve: Sid Womack
Rick Hollis
Rex McDaniel
Robert Bird

Scripture Reading

Jim Killer

Sunday P.M.

Prayers

Sid Womack
Robert Bird

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.
Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.
Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Clara Hefley

Communion to Shut-Ins

Brent Hottinger
Chris Loper

Greeters

Marion and Joyce Helton

Wednesday Night Devotional

July 16, 2008
Donny Forehand

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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Jim Killer 331-2802
Allen Veasman 331-2156
Sid Womack 967-2367

Deacons:

Chris Besterfeldt
Donny Forehand
Brent Hottinger
Chris Loper
Rex McDaniel
Joe Miller
Chris Moss

Nursery Attendants:

Sunday Class: JoAnn Killer
Sunday Church: Pat McAlister
Kaeli Miller

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