



Life Lines

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MY LINES

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Can You Smile?

I can remember, when I was younger, all the famous people or athletes I wanted to be. Emmitt Smith, Jose Canseco, Mark McGuire, Troy Aikman, Charles Haley, Luke Skywalker, a rock star and several super heroes. But as I grew older, those people and things didn't matter very much. I guess I can leave that part of the imagination to my own children.

But now that I am older there are things I wish I could do and would have learned when I was younger. I admire those who know carpentry and mechanics, as I cannot do those things.

One particular verse stood out to me when reading through Proverbs. *"A joyful heart makes a cheerful face . . ."* (Proverbs 15:13) That verse fascinates me; it stands out to me as a powerful and strong statement.

You may ask what this verse has to do with wanting to be like someone . . . The point is that I want to be like the person in this Proverbs passage . . . *smiling*.

We see cheerful faces and it

makes us smile. There are times and faces, wonderful memories in our lives, that can keep smiles on our faces.

The book of Proverbs, especially the contrast of the righteous and the wicked, helps us to point to the *'cheerful or joyful heart.'* *" . . . a cheerful heart has a continual feast."* (Proverbs 15:15) *"A joyful heart is good medicine . . ."* (Proverbs 17:22)

Joy or a smile comes from inside, from the heart!

Our faces and body language shows our happiness and joy in the Lord.

But what about the joyful attitude?

Our Spiritual Life should also be a joy!

Jeff Walling tells the story of an alien that sees a church building and peeks in and asked, "What are they doing in there?"

"They are worshipping," his guide told him.

"Why are they worshipping?" asked the alien.

"Because they have been saved by the grace of God and they are going to go to heaven and live in paradise with God forever."

To which the alien replied, "Do they know that?"

Happiness is on the inside.

What a person is inwardly has

more of a lasting impact in his emotional state than his circumstances.

We cannot let others' failures or our own to steal our happiness.

"Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ . . ." (Romans 5:2)

"For not one of us lives for himself and not one dies for himself; for if we live, we live for the Lord, or if we die, we die for the Lord; therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living." (Romans 14:7-9)

God wants us to smile and to have peace and joy in our hearts and lives.

I pray you will.

Without the Lord true happiness is not obtainable!

CONGRATULATIONS!!

The Dover Church of Christ men took the Second Place Trophy in the Russellville Church League Tournament, Men's Lower Division, 2005.

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

Always There

Hello God, I called tonight
To talk a little while . . .
I need a friend who'll listen
To my anxiety and trial.

You see, I can't quite make it
Through a day just on my own . . .
I need your love to guide me,
So I'll never feel alone.

I want to ask you please to keep,
My family safe and sound.
Come and fill their lives
with confidence
For whatever fate they're bound.

Give me faith, dear God, to face
Each hour throughout the day,
And not to worry over things
I can't change any way.

I thank you God, for being home
And listening to my call,
For giving me such good advice
When I stumble and fall.

Your number, God, is the only one
That answers every time.
I never get a busy signal,
Never had to pay a dime.

So thank you, God, for listening
To my troubles and my sorrow.
Good night, God, I love You, too,
And I'll call again tomorrow!

Author Unknown

Prayers and Sympathy

For the family of *Michelle Crutcher* of Rosie, AR who passed away Wednesday, July 20, 2005. Memorial services were held Friday, July 22, at Oil Trough, AR. *Michelle* was the niece of Charlene Clark.

Remember Our Sick

Myra Austin – Glen & Carolyn Austin's daughter, diagnosed with cancer, surgery Wednesday, July 20th, Dallas, TX.

Bill Bowden – John Clark's Grandfather, Arlington, TX, seriously ill.

Dennis Boyd – Donna Walters' friend, spinal cord stroke.

Shirley Chadwick – having knee surgery July 22nd.

Jason Coulter – friend of Cailen & Kim Hon, diagnosed with lung cancer, age 34.

Mary Nell Gasaway - Bonnie Vinson's sister, had colon surgery, has been moved to Baptist Re-hab in L.R., doing very well.

Thula LaRue – Donna Walters' friend, stroke.

Brian Holloway – Pat Holloway's grandson, moved to Shepherd's Hospital, Atlanta GA. Hopeful recovery from spinal injuries received in a recent auto accident.

Harold Turner – had eye surgery Monday, July 11th, has some improvement but will have to have cataract surgery in the future.

Faye Williams – Roxanna Shoptaw's sister, has a child in Children's Hospital, Columbia, Mo with a very serious infection.

Shut-ins: Needs your prayers and visits.
Dover Area: **Evelyn Burton**

Louise Killer

Mae Vanzandt

Russellville Nursing and Rehab Center

Thelma Hatcher

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Ruby Boley, Susie Boley, Donna Brewer, Bernice Brown, Jamie Churchill, Jeff Davis, Wanda Dickerson, Bennie Drewry, Ronda Fields, Kevin Gibson, Laura Lammar, Carl Lawley Family, Bob and Rose Lee, Bill McAlister, Jerry Martin, Debbie Meyer, John and Jannie Myers, Joe Miller, Nolan Passmore, Teresa Phillips, Wilma Shirley, Tanya Smith, Esther Sparks, Mildred Turner and Betty Walters..

Expectant Mothers: Kristen Loper Nordin.

Special Children: (Birth Defects) - Zachary Shelton, Gabriel Ross Finlayson, Keith Martin and Noah Williams.

“A.S.A.P.”

Ever wonder about the abbreviation A.S.A.P.? Generally we think of it in terms of even more hurry and stress in our lives. Maybe if we think of this abbreviation in a different manner, we will begin to find a new way to deal with those rough days along the way.

There's work to do,
deadlines to meet;
You've got no time to spare,
But as you hurry and scurry –
A.S.A.P. – *Always Say A Prayer.*

In the midst of family chaos,
“Quality Time” is rare.
Do your best; let God do the rest –
A.S.A.P. – *Always Say A Prayer.*

It may seem like your worries
Are more than you can bear.
Slow down and take a breather –
A.S.A.P. – *Always Say A Prayer.*

God knows how stressful life is;
He wants to ease our cares,
And He'll respond to all your needs
A.S.A.P. – *Always Say A Prayer.*

*Submitted By Lois Boley
Dover Church of Christ
Dover, AR*

The Vase

Once a rather rough, uncultured man, who for some reason fell in love with a beautiful vase he found in an antique shop. He purchased the vase and placed it on the mantel in his living room.

The piece became a kind of judgment of his surroundings. The curtains looked dingy beside it. The La-Z-Boy with the stuffing coming out of the seat would not do. The wallpaper and paint needed redoing. So the man slowly started cleaning up the room to make it worthy of the beautiful vase. Gradually the whole room was transformed.

THOUGHT: When a person puts the Lord in the mantel of his heart, his whole life begins to change.

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.” (II Corinthians 5:17)

Bulletin Digest

Events

CAMP CAUDLE

“Living Stones Week”

July 31st
thru
August 6th

Directors: Brent Ruple
Lee Henson

Theme: Moving Mountains

Session: Ages 14 and Up

(Limited to 45 Campers)

“In Search of the Lord’s Way”

Now 24/7

The Search Program can be
accessed at any time on its
website:

www.searchtv.org

Mack Lyon’s weekly lessons
can be seen and heard any
time in this area on KATV,
Channel 4 on Sundays at
8:00 AM.

Mark Your Calendars

Men’s Regular
Business Meeting
Monday,
August 1st, 7:00 PM
Dover Church of Christ

Lawn Care
Friday, August 5th

Lawrence Boley
James Chadwick

FOOD BARREL

Items are needed for our
Food Barrel.

Our inventory is very low.

CAMP CAUDLE DAY

The Dover Church of Christ
will take-up a special
collection in the morning
service, Sunday, July 31st for
the support and commit-ment
of Camp Caudle.

Singles’ Breakfast
Every Saturday
9:00 AM
Dewayne’s
Dover AR

AUGUST Birthdays

01	Jacob Boley Connor Chance
02	Ana Marie Lawley John Meyers
03	Frances Kennedy
05	Pauline Dale Kimberly Hon
06	Josh Pennington
13	Blake Forehand
14	Russell Boley Carolyn Clark
15	Lacey Hon
19	Drew Walters Creek Jackson
20	Makyah Bushea
21	Lois Boley Donny Forehand Merrell Shoptaw
25	Corey Hottinger Jana McGuire
27	Shirlie Chadwick
28	Steve Pennington
29	Troy Curtis
31	Dennis Whiteside Matthew Roberts

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

5TH SUNDAY July 31st

Dover Church of Christ
Potluck Dinner
After morning services
Evening Services Cancelled

THOSE TO SERVE

July 31, 2005

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Sid Womack
Robert Bird

Communion

Podium: Donny Forehand
Serve: Dennis Whiteside
Earl Kennedy
Gary Williams
Earl Whitted

Scripture Reading

James Chadwick

**Sunday P.M.
Prayers**

Alan Boatright
Allen Veasman

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.
Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.
Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Charlene Clark

Communion to Shut-Ins

Donnie Forehand
Earl Kennedy

Greeters

Marion and Joyce Helton

Wednesday Night Devotional

August 3, 2005

Donnie 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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Allen Veasman 331-2156

Deacons:

Donny Forehand
Brent Hottinger
Chris Loper
Rex McDaniel
Joe Miller

Nursery Attendants:

Sunday Class: Charlene Clark
Cara Williams

Sunday Service: Keri Letson

Wednesday Class: Pat McAlister

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