



# Life Lines

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## MY LINES

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### The Light of Christ Continued

Light has come into the world. Jesus Himself is the Light of the world. ***“In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.”*** (John 1:4-5)

Jesus will accept the vilest sinner, the sinner who knows that he cannot reform himself, cannot break himself loose from the chains of sin.

**The Light judges men through Christ:** ***“For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son . . .”*** (John 5:22)

The Son of God wore our shoes; He knows where we have been. **He will do the judging!**

This experience is twofold:

*wonderful* – He understands our problems.

*Frightening* – excuses won't work. ***“If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin.”*** (John 15:22)

**The Light judges the secrets of men:** ***“. . . on the day when according to my gospel, God will judge the secrets of men through Jesus Christ.”*** (Romans 2:16)

Jesus' purpose was to reveal the whole Gospel to men and the hidden secrets of every life. ***“For nothing is hidden that will not become evident, nor anything secret that will not be known and come to light. So take care how you listen, for whoever has, to him more shall be***

***given; and whoever does not have, even what he thinks he has shall be taken away from him.”*** (Luke 8:17-18)

There is punishment for sin. According to the Bible, hell is an everlasting punishment, eternal fire and outer darkness. Those in hell will be tormented day and night forever and ever. They will weep and gnash their teeth. They will eternally be banished from the presence of God. They will never be released or delivered.

Hell is the most hopeless and helpless condition imaginable.

Sin brings torment and those in hell will still be sinners.

Sin brings disease and pain to bodies.

Sin brings torment to the conscience.

But I would be less than honest if I did not remind everyone that there is an unceasing torment for soul and body in hell.

Sin results from us being in the darkness temporarily (now) and eternally in hell.

You will never experience the company of God or His holy angels. You will miss the fellowship of all the redeemed of all the ages. You will never look upon the beauty of the everlasting city. You will not see its wall of jasper, streets of gold and gates of pearls. You will not hear the great swelling choruses of song offered daily to the Father and the Lamb. You will know nothing of the eternal joy, happiness and comforts of God's children there.

If you fail to go to heaven, you will have missed your purpose!

**The Light saves men:** ***“. . . to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from dominion of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.”*** (Acts 26:18)

Every sinner should remember that it is the weeping Savior whom you reject: A Savior weeping over the sinner's lost soul. It is a compassionate Savior whom you reject.

How many times He would have drawn you to His heart!

He knows you are a sinner. He knows every secret of your heart, yet He loves you and died for you.

Surely, it is one of the saddest sayings in the Bible that the people over whom Christ yearns and call, the people He would so often have hugged to His bosom in forgiveness and peace, would not come.

Do not be deceived. There is nothing on earth that is better than knowing Christ. Christ, and only Christ, makes a person a Christian.

God wants you to come to Christ now.

Let Him change your desires.

Come to the Light and let God expose your sinfulness, trusting Him to change you. Jesus stresses the need for faithful obedience to the preached Word.

All life needs light. Plants and animals alike need the natural light in order to survive.

Christ is that light that saves.

Man needs light (Christ) and water (Baptism) and food (the Word) to save him!

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### Wear These “Mitts” When Studying

AD-MITT the truth of the Bible

SUB-MITT to its teaching

COM-MITT it to memory

TRANS-MITT it to others

## Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

**Read Acts 17:22-31.** The scene is Paul standing in front of the Areopagus in Athens. He had found one of their altars with the inscription, "To an Unknown God." He then told them about this unknown God, who He is! From verse 24, it says, *"The God who made the world and everything in it, He who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor He made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and He allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for Him and find Him – though indeed He is not far from each of us. 'For in Him we live and move and have our being;' as even some of your own poets have said, 'For in Him we too are His offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by art and imagination of mortals. While God has over-looked the times of ignorance, now He commands all people everywhere to repent, because He has fixed a day on which He will have the world judged in righteousness by a Man whom He has appointed, and of this He has given assurance to all by raising Him from the dead."*

This was a powerful message to the Athenians and is still a powerful message to us today. Paul is telling us that God has allotted our time to live on this earth, where we will live and how we will search to find Him. He is the great Designer, nothing was left for chance. We were created for Him, by Him and we are expected to repent so we can have the assurance of a life eternal He prepared for us through His Son. It is not as though He needed anything, it's that we need Him. And He is never far away!

## Remember Our Sick

**Myra Austin** – Glen & Carolyn Austin's daughter, diagnosed with cancer, surgery was Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, Dallas, TX. At this time it is believed it was successful, but a (wait-and-see).

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

**Mike Creel** – home bound for a week with Lyme disease.

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

**Mary Nell Gasaway** – Bonnie Vinson's sister, still in Baptist Re-hab in L.R., might get to come home this week.

**Thula LaRue** – Donna Walters' friend, stroke.

**Brian Holloway** – Pat Holloway's grandson, moved to Shepherd's Hospital, Atlanta GA. Hopeful recovery from spinal injuries. Under-going a special experimental procedure called, Pro-Cord.

**Gigi Lane** has been diagnosed with cancer.

**Emmy May** – 6 month old daughter of Scott and Lorianne May, had heart valve surgery Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. Surgery did not correct the problem, will under-go heart surgery at a later date. Home temporarily with family.

**Brooke Morphis** – had surgery Monday, August first. Kim Statler's friend.

**Kaitlyn Schwartz** – 3 month old daughter of Stephen Schwartz (formerly of Dover, resides in Minnesota) had a tumor removed from her spine. Biopsy results; rare, malignant, Rhabdoid tumor. Will have to have chemo treatments. Also the granddaughter of Sonja Brent, Russellville, AR.

**Faye and Tom Williams** – (Roxanna Shoptaw's sister), son (Ryan) is home from the hospital with a serious, rare infection, doing better. Will be on round-the-clock antibiotics four to six weeks with more tests first of August.

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

**Evelyn Burton**

**Louise Killer**

**Mae Vanzandt**

Russellville Nursing and Rehab Center:

**Thelma Hatcher**

**Esther Sparks**

## "Happy Home Recipe"

**4 cups of love**  
**2 cups of loyalty**  
**3 cups of forgiveness**  
**1 cup of friendship**  
**5 spoons of hope**  
**2 spoons of tenderness**  
**4 quarts of faith**  
**1 barrel of laughter**

Take love and loyalty, mix them thoroughly with faith, and blend with tenderness, kindness and understanding. Add friendship and hope, sprinkle abundantly with laughter. Bake it with sunshine.

*Serve daily in generous helpings.*

*Author Unknown*

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### 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, Tanya Smith, Harold and Mildred Turner, and Betty Walters.

**Expectant Mothers:** Kristen Loper Nordin. (It's a BOY!) Due 12-08-05.

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

**Military:** Jon Allen, Darus Brown, Greg Davis, Randall Nixon and Cole Wetzel.

## OOPS!!

**Correction:** Dover Church of Christ Ladies won First Place in the Russellville Church League, Women's Division II, not the men. Had men's not women's on the plaque. The plaque goes back for correction for this error.

## Events

### “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](http://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.

The Dover Church of Christ’s Camp Caudle collection, Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, netted \$2,197.00 with more pledges to come in.

The best mathematical equation I have ever seen:

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \text{ cross} \\ + 3 \text{ nails} \\ = 4 \text{ given} \end{array}$$

## Mark Your Calendars

### Lawn Care

Friday, August 19th

Rick Hollis  
Silas Powers

### Ladies Night

Dover Church of Christ

Thursday  
August 18, 7:00PM

Hostess:  
Marilyn Veasman

### **Pray For Our Troops and Our Nation.**

### Parting Words

“The best portions of a good man’s life (are) his little nameless unremembered acts of kindness and love.”

*William Wordsworth*

## AUGUST Birthdays

- 01 Jacob Boley  
Connor Chance
- 02 Ana Marie Lawley  
John Meyers
- 03 Frances Kennedy
- 05 Pauline Dale  
Kimberly Hon
- 06 Josh Pennington
- 10 Karen Womack
- 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.

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

# THOSE TO SERVE

August 14, 2005

## Sunday A.M.

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

### Prayers

Donny Forehand  
Gary Williams

### Communion

**Podium:** Alan Boatright  
**Serve:** Marion Helton  
Mike Creel  
Rex McDaniel  
Rick Hollis

### Scripture Reading

William Boley

## Sunday P.M. Prayers

James Chadwick  
Joe Miller

# SPEAKER

**Sunday A.M.**  
Micah Williams

**Sunday P.M.**  
Micah Williams

## Prepare Table for Communion

Alan and Sandra Boatright

## Communion to Shut-Ins

John Myers  
Lawrence Boley

### Greeters

Jim and JoAnn Killer

## Wednesday Night Devotional

August 17, 2005

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

### Deacons:

Donny Forehand  
Brent Hottinger  
Chris Loper  
Rex McDaniel  
Joe Miller

### Nursery Attendants:

**Sunday Class:** Charlene Clark  
Cara Williams

**Sunday Service:** Leigh Anne Forehand

**Wednesday Class:** Pat McAlister

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