



Life Lines

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“Thou Art the Potter, I Am the Clay”

“But now, O Lord, You are our Father; we are the clay, and You our Potter; And all of us are the work of Your hand. (Isaiah 64:8)

God created us (man) and made us beautiful and perfect, (He doesn't make any mistakes) but He made us with the ability to choose (free will). Immediately, the Devil entered the scene and we (man) chose sin. Was this because God made us imperfect in some way? Not at all and He didn't throw us away, He gave us a new and better way (a new covenant) that can mold us and make us perfect again. He never throws His work away, His work, His beautiful work, goes away from Him by choice.

Sin comes in many forms to draw us away, to confuse us. It comes in the form of the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life. To counteract these avenues of temptation, we can “give our bodies (*our flesh*) as living sacrifices. (Romans 12:1-2) Our bodies are the “*temple of the Holy Spirit*” (I Corinthians 6:19-20) and we have to “*daily buffet our bodies.*” Food and drink and becoming slothful (lazy) can become detrimental to our bodies. We have to take care of our physical bodies so we can be “*acceptable*” to God and keep “*the temple*” holy and pure. (Galatians 2:20) Paul said, “*I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless, I live, yet*

not I, but Christ liveth in me and the life which I now live, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me!”

We have to shun the “*appearance of evil.*” We have to avoid looking at “*unlovely*” (look at lovely things). (Philippians 4:6) Do not watch wicked acts of murder, fornication, drinking and lying. Turn these programs off. Put a restriction on your TV if you cannot control them. We should not let our eyes read X-rated books. What goes in through the eyes gets into our hearts and changes our thought patterns. Do people force us to make bad choices? Think of all the beautiful choices we have to look at. Have you been to Big Bend National Park or the Grand Canyon or seen a rainbow or a beautiful sky? Have you looked closely at a beautiful flower, much less a beautiful child? We are surrounded by beauty and the devil tempts us to think of the “*dark and ugly.*” . . . But we make the choice . . . beautiful or ugly, spiritual or carnal . . . over and over. Even if we sweep our souls clean every day, more evil comes. We have to have our “*spiritual armor*” on and pray without ceasing! (I Thessalonians 5:17)

To me “*a haughty spirit*” is having too much pride. It can make us fall. Wanting to be superior to others in any way we can is pride working in us. If we can't be happy when others get more of anything or more praise than us, it is pride working on us. Can we rejoice with others when they are rejoicing? If

we look down on those of “*low estate*” it is pride working on us. If we worked as hard to have “*spiritual*” things in our lives as we work on getting “*material*” things, we would be greatly blessed.

By: *Barbara Kee*

At the Potter's Wheel

Empty and broken, I came back
to Him,
A vessel unworthy, so scarred
with sin . . .
But He did not despair,
He started over again . . .
And I bless the day,
He didn't throw the clay away . . .

Over and over,
He molds me and makes me
Into His likeness,
He fashions the clay,
A vessel of honor, I am today,
All because Jesus didn't throw
the clay away.

He is the Potter and I am the clay
Molded in His image,
He wants me to stay.
But when I stumble and fall
And my vessel breaks,
He just picks up the pieces,
He doesn't throw the clay away.

Over and over, He molds me
And makes me
Into His likeness,
He fashions the clay.
A vessel of honor,
I am today,
All because Jesus didn't throw
The clay away.

From: wandascountryhome.com

This was the theme for Ladies' Day,
Dover, Arkansas, April 2008.

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

Problems with “things” are not really too difficult to solve. If we have problems with the drain, we call a plumber. If we have problems with our vehicle, we get a mechanic. These problems can be annoying, but they are seldom earth shattering. Maybe it is to our pocketbook, but not to our well being.

Now, it's an entirely different matter when we have “people” problems. Even the smallest people problems can mushroom in our minds, causing serious emotional harm. People problems can be a test of our spiritual well-being.

What causes people problems? How can we deal with them? Can we avoid them? Could we be the problem?

Are you selfish? *“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.”* (Philippians 2:3)

How do you treat others? Christ said, *“So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you.”* (Matthew 7:12)

Can you control your tongue? *“The tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes big boasts . . . the tongue is also a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body.”* (James 3:5-6) James also likens the tongue to a small rudder that pilots a large ship. The tongue, a small thing, can corrupt the whole body.

Let us be careful, one of another, with love, and stop people problems before they begin.

Our attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus our Lord.

Congratulations!

Holly Jennings was Baptized,
Sunday, August 3, 2008

Remember Our Sick

Bob Bennett – Chemo treatments
Jillian Church – still in hospital, doctors want delivery after August 15th.
Jamie Churchill – radiation burns.
Hoyt Ensey – serious health issues.
Paul Griffin – Hospice
Jim Lackey – at Houston Cancer Center for evaluation.
Gary Nicholson – serious health problems, undergoing a series of shots. (Shirley Chadwick's son.)
Rodney Pfeifer – diagnosed with cancer. Surgery, Friday, August 8th.

Shut-ins – need prayers and visits:

Dover Area: **Evelyn Burton**
Robert Lee
Russellville Nursing & Rehab Center:
Evelyn Driver
Melba Hodges
Stella Manor: **Louise Killer**
Mae Vanzandt

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Yvonne Adkisson, Amie Barkley, Carolyn Bennett, Bill Boley, Lloyd Boley, Lois Boley, Wm/Susie Boley, Troy/Rachel Curtis, Jeff Davis, Pauline Dale, Barbara Dawson, Charles Ensey, Sarah Ensey, Carol Graham, Sue Griffin, Pat Holloway, Cleon Johnson, Ruby Gene Johnson, Dorothy King, Rose Lee, Linda Melton, Julie Moss, Susie Pfeifer, Don Sheeran, Reedie Smith, Tanya Smith and Judy Will.

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

Expectant Mothers: Kelly Chance
Our Military: Cole Wetzel, D.J. Bandy and Travis Coe.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS: Pray for our men and women serving our country and fighting for our freedom.

Teacher's Meeting Scheduled

Sunday, August 17th, 4:30 PM
Dover Church of Christ
Fellowship Hall

Jim Killer requests all teachers be present.

Some Things You Keep

From: Home Touch

Some things you keep. Like good teeth. Warm coats. Bald husbands. They're good for you, reliable and practical and so sublime that to throw them away would make the garbage man a thief. So you hang on, because something old is sometimes better than something new, and what you know often better than a stranger.

These are my thoughts, they make me sound old, old and tame and dull at a time when everybody else is risky and racy and flashing all that's new and improved in their lives. New spouses, new careers, new thighs, new lips.

The world is dizzy with trade-ins. I could keep track, but I don't want to.

I grew up in the fifties with practical parents – a mother, God bless her who washed aluminum foil after she cooked in it, then re-used it, and still does. A father who was happier getting old shoes fixed than buying new ones.

They weren't poor, my parents, they were just satisfied. Their marriage was good, their dreams focused. Their best friends lived barely a wave away. I can see them now. Fifties couples in Bermuda shorts and Banlon sweaters, lawnmower in one hand, tools in the other. The tools were for fixing things – a curtain rod, the kitchen radio, screen door, the oven door, the hem of a dress. Things you keep.

It was a way of life, and sometimes it made me crazy. All that re-fixing, re-heating, re-newing, I wanted just once to be wasteful. Waste meant affluence. Throwing thing away meant there'd always be more.

But then my father died, and on that clear autumn night, in the chill of the hospital room, I was struck with the pain of learning that sometimes there isn't any 'more'. Sometimes what you care about most gets all used up and goes away, never to return.

So, while you have it, it's best to love it and care for it and fix it when it's broken and heal it when it's sick. That's true for marriage and old cars and children with bad report cards and dogs with bad hips. You keep them because they're worth it, because you're worth it. **Some things you keep.**

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

Dover's Lawn Mowing Schedule

Saturday, August 23rd.
Chris Besterfeldt
and
Mike Creel

Dover Men's Devo

(Please Note the Change)
Devo Postponed
UNTIL
Thursday,
October 9, 2008.

Dover Ladies Night

Thursday, August 21, 7PM
Hostess: Leota Hickey

Mark Your Calendars

AREA WIDE

YOUTH DEVO

Please Note Change in Time

Sunday, August 24th

5:30 PM

5th & Greenwich
Church of Christ

2008 – 2009

Lads to Leaders
Leaderettes

Overall Theme:

*“... All that You command us we
will do,
and wherever You send us we will
go.”*

(Joshua 1:16)

Who Does What?

A man and his wife were having an argument about who should brew the coffee each morning.

The wife said, “You should do it because you get up first, and then we don't have to wait as long to get our coffee.”

The husband said, “You are in charge of cooking around here, you should do it, because that is your job, and I can just wait for my coffee.”

The wife replied, “No you should do it, and besides, it is in the Bible that the man should do the coffee.”

The husband says, “I can't believe that, show me!”

So the wife got the Bible and opened the New Testament and showed him that it indeed says,

“HEBREWS”!

AUGUST Birthdays

- 01 Jacob Boley
- Connor Chance
- 02 Ana Marie Lawley
- 03 Frances Kennedy
- Wes Walker
- 04 Carl Adkisson
- 05 Pauline Dale
- 06 Josh Pennington
- 10 Karen Womack
- 13 Blake Forehand
- 14 Russell Boley
- Carolyn Clark
- 19 Drew Walters
- Creek Jackson
- Tristan Stamps
- 21 Lois Boley
- Donny Forehand
- Merrell Shoptaw
- 25 Corey Hottinger
- Jana Parker
- 27 Shirlye Chadwick
- 28 Steve Pennington
- 29 Troy Curtis
- 31 Matthew Roberts
- Dennis Whiteside

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

5th Sunday Celebration

August 31st
Dover Church of Christ
Following evening services
Fellowship Hall
POTLUCK

THOSE TO SERVE

August 17, 2008

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

William Boley
Tommy Oakes

Communion

Podium: Donny Forehand
Serve: Jim Killer
Marion Helton
Rex McDaniel
Rick Hollis

Scripture Reading

Chris Loper

Sunday P.M.

Prayers

“Young Men”
“Young Men”

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

“Young Men”

Prepare Table for Communion

Leigh Anne Forehand

Communion to Shut-Ins

Alan Boatright
Brent Hottinger

Greeters

Jim and JoAnn Killer

Wednesday Night Devotional

August 20, 2008

Merrell Shoptaw

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
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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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