



# Life Lines

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## Where Are Your Priorities?

Life has its priorities. Some things demand our first attention. Others can and should wait until the priorities are cared for. The person who does not learn this lesson early in life will suffer for his ignorance. Failure to honor priorities can be very costly.

### My family has a prior claim on my life, my time and my attention.

Neglect of family needs can cost a person his mate or the love of his children. God Himself says that “. . . if a man provides not for his own . . . he has denied the faith and is worse than an infidel.” (I Timothy 5:8) Paul said, “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for it.” (Ephesians 5:25) He also said, “. . . do not provoke your children . . . bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.” (Ephesians 6:4) These are responsibilities that cannot be delegated to another person.

My creditors have a claim on my income. If they provide me a loan or allow me to purchase things on credit they can rightly expect to receive their payment, before I spend my money on other things (Romans 13:8). Each account has a due date and if I ignore that date there will be a penalty.

My employer has a prior claim on my time and attention during the hours I am being paid. I cannot decide I want to skip work and go fishing. That must be done on my own time. I cannot sleep late and drag in late at my job. Not if I want to keep it! While at work, my time belongs to the company. I cannot play computer games, or engage in endless personal phone calls and expect to be re-

warded.

If I am a student, my school has a claim on my time and interest. They have a requirement that I must meet for every class I sign up for. Should I fail to attend classes, to pay attention or do my assigned work, I cannot expect to graduate. Many young people have not learned this lesson.

My High School football coach, Gator Morton, always said, “The way you practice is the way you will play.” He did not want 75% effort but 100% plus.

### The church has a claim on my life.

If I want to be a Christian and receive the Christian’s reward in eternity, then I must honor my priorities. The church can expect me to be present when it assembles. (Hebrews 10:25) My financial support of its undertakings is a priority. (II Corinthians 9:7) The church also has a claim on my time to help accomplish its duties. If there is work to be done or special services, such as a workshop or revival, I should be there. When family or friends choose to visit me at the time the church meets, I will not be allow them to take priority over the Lord’s church. I will invite them to go with me. When material things catch my eye, they will not allow to claim the funds I should give to the Lord’s church. I will not allow sports events, entertainment or TV shows to take the place of the time for worship or Bible study at church. The church has priority in all such matters.

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## Nipper’s Master’s Voice

During the mid-twentieth century, one of the most recognizable brand icons in America was a dog sitting in front of an old-time gramophone, head cocked, listening to the sound. That iconic image, owned by the RCA Victor Record Company, was taken from a painting by English artist, Francis Barraud. The dog, Nipper, had been owned by Barraud’s brother who had recorded his voice on early phonograph records. After the brother died, Barraud inherited Nipper and the gramophone and records. Whenever the records with Nipper’s master’s voice were played, the dog would sit in front of the gramophone listening to his master’s voice.

That’s a beautiful image of the relationship between Jesus Christ and us. He has gone away from earth, so we can no longer hear His physical voice. But we sit in front of His Word and listen to our Master’s teachings.

Listening for the Master’s voice is a sign of loyalty and longing – an indication that we are eager to hear and obey.

*Adapted from Turning Point devotional  
House to House, Heart to Heart*

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A special thanks to Alan and Sandra Boatright and Marion Helton for the new front entryway and foyer. It looks so nice! They have a talent and they use it! We appreciate them.

## Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

**“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.”** (Mark 16:15)

Do we fall short of this commandment? Are we often too hard on ourselves? Do we give up, trying too hard, yet doing nothing?

“I am glad to think I am not bound to make the world go right, but only to discover and to do with cheerful heart the work that God appoints”

**Jean Ingelow**

God doesn't expect us to do it all. In fact, we plant the seed, He makes it grow and spread. It is good to discover that we aren't bound to make the whole world right. It is good to know that we only need to do what He has established for us.

### But I Can't Do Anything!

Can you bake a pie? Can you mix a cake?

Can you catch some fish down at the lake?

Can you sing a song? Can you say a prayer?

Can you shave a face? Can you style hair?

Can you use a computer? Can you write a letter to a friend to make him feel better?

Can you walk a dog? Can you read a book?

Can you show someone young how to cook?

We all can't preach, but we all can serve.

It just takes some thought and a little nerve.

So “gird up your loins,” jump into the fray.

And see what God can do with you today?

**“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works.** (Ephesians 2:10a)

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## Remember Our Sick

**Bob Bennett** – Chemo treatments.

**Hoyt Ensey** – in St. Mary's

**Paul Griffin** - Hospice

**Eddie Holloway** – Surgery, August 12.

**Jim Lackey** – Houston Cancer Center for evaluation.

**Gary Nicholson** – serious health problems, having to undergo a series of shots. (Shirley Chadwick's son.)

**Rodney Pfeifer** – surgery successful, follow-up appointment, Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup>.

### 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, Jamie/Mary Ann Churchill, Troy/ Rachel Curtis, Eugene Cox, Jeff Davis, Pauline Dale, Barbara Dawson, Charles Ensey, Sarah Ensey, Carol Graham, Virginia Grant, Sue Griffin, Joyce Helton, Pat Holloway, Cleon Johnson, Ruby Gene Johnson, Dorothy King, Felicia Kremers, Rose Lee, Linda Melton, Julie Moss, Carol Presley, Don 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

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.

### CONGRATULATIONS:

Jillian and Dustin Church (**Baby Boy**), **Zeke**, arrived Mon., Aug. 11, both Mother and baby doing okay!

## Words Must Be weighed, Not Counted

As this is being written, lawmakers in Parliament in the United Kingdom are thinking about abolishing the blasphemy laws which have been on the books since sometime in the 1800s.

Leaders in the Church of England, perhaps bowing to the inevitable, have signaled that they would not put up much resistance to such an abolishment. No one gets arrested for blasphemy these days, so what's the point?

But in California, a small town decided that at least one week a year should be proclaimed as “no Cussing Week.”

South Pasadena had their first “No Cussing Week” last March, and they intend to observe the first week of March every year in a similar manner. Town leaders hope it will remind people to be civil.

It's nice to know that some people think that foul language is a problem and that our communal life is much better when we're free of it.

As Christians, we've known this all along. The Bible warns us in many places against foolish talk, swearing, profanity, gossip, vain and idle talk.

If fact, the apostle Paul says in Colossians 4:6: **“Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer everyone.”**

Our speech should be “seasoned.” It should “taste good” to those around us. It should not be “foul-smelling,” but pleasant and gracious.

Question: Do you know people who can't get around as well as they used to, but their mouths are still working overtime?

Let's use our speech to be a blessing to others.

*From: Home Touch*

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**“Teachers open the doors. You enter by yourself.”**  
*Chinese proverb*

## 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

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Dover's Lawn Mowing  
Schedule  
Saturday, August 30th.  
Marion Helton  
and  
Allen Boatright

Dover Men's Devo

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

AREA WIDE  
YOUTH DEVO

Please Note Change in Time

Sunday, August 24th  
5:30 PM  
5th & Greenwich  
Church of Christ

## Mark Your Calendars

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)

5th Sunday  
Celebration

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

“In Search of  
The Lord's Way”

**Now 24/7**

The Search Program can  
now be accessed any time  
website: [www.searchtv.org](http://www.searchtv.org)

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

## 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.

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People talk about having an open  
mind. I believe in having an open  
window, too, but I want a screen in  
it to keep the bugs out.

In religion, don't believe every-  
thing you hear! Screen it first!

Carroll Sites  
The Lakeside Messenger

# ***THOSE TO SERVE***

***August 24, 2008***

**Sunday A.M.**

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

## **Prayers**

Steve Pennington  
Sid Womack

## **Communion**

**Podium:** Donny Forehand  
**Serve:** Larry Mahan  
Alan Boatright  
Allen Veasman  
Blake Walters

## **Scripture Reading**

Brett Walters

**Sunday P.M.  
Prayers**

Rex McDaniel  
Randall Walters

# **SPEAKER**

**Sunday A.M.**  
Micah Williams

**Sunday P.M.**  
Micah Williams

## **Prepare Table for Communion**

Leigh Anne Forehand

## **Communion to Shut-Ins**

Chris Loper  
Chris Ramirez

## **Greeters**

Jim and JoAnn Killer

## **Wednesday Night Devotional**

**August 27, 2008**

Randall Walters

## **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  
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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