



# Life Lines

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*“What kind of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?”* (Matthew 8:27)

## What Are You Doing For Heaven’s Sake?

Truth is not just for believing. Truth is for doing! If the winds and the sea obey Him, shouldn’t I? Acts 5:32 makes it plain that God gives His Holy Spirit to those who obey Him. So, *believing* the right things is important, but so is *doing* the right things – sometimes even more so.

A *Christianity Today* cartoon shows a man sitting in a hotel room. His hair is a mess, his shirt is lying open and his tie is loosed. He’s unshaven, his eyes have deep, dark rings around them and he has a look of desperation on his face as he hoarsely says into the phone, “Preacher, you’ve got to help me. I’ve lost my job, my wife has left me, the kids have gone with her, I’m in debt over my head and I won’t be able to pay my hotel bill. Please tell me, is Revelation 20 literal or figurative?”

A story from Saul Bellow’s collection of traditional Jewish tales goes like this:

In a small Jewish town in Russia, there is a rabbi who disappears each Friday morning for several hours. His devoted disciples boast that during those hours their rabbi goes up to heaven and talks to God.

A stranger moves into town, and he is skeptical about all this, so he decides to check things out. He hides and watches. The rabbi gets up in the morning, says his prayers, and then dresses in peasant clothes. He grabs an axe, goes off into the woods and cuts some firewood, which he then hauls to a shack on the outskirts of the village where an old woman and her sick son live. He leaves them the wood, enough for a week, and then sneaks back home.

Having observed the rabbi’s actions, the newcomer stays on in the village and becomes one of his disciples. So, whenever he hears one of the villagers say, “On Friday morning our rabbi ascends all the way to heaven,” the newcomer quietly adds, “If not higher.”

Another man, Jim McGuiggan once wrote that Christians will tell you there is another Jewish rabbi who really did ascend all the way to heaven and who would be thrilled at the behavior of the Russian rabbi.

Of this Rabbi, one of those who knew Him best wrote, *“He went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.”* (Acts 10:38)

It is that Jewish Rabbi, Jesus Christ, who claims that one day He will judge the world. And on that *Day* one of His central concerns will be what we *did* with the truth.

Our destiny will hang on whether or not we cared for and catered to the needs of others. *“... to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.”* (Matthew 25:40)

Vision  
West Side Church of Christ  
Russellville, Arkansas

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## Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

### Some Assembly Required

We often see this on items we purchase, "some assembly required." Most of the time it can be "more" than "some." It may mean a lot. It can be easy to difficult, but I would say mostly difficult.

Could this term be used in our spiritual life? After we are baptized, when we first become a new Christian, we need "some assembly required." Changes need to be made. We may have been a good person, doing work and good deeds for others, but we were not doing it for the Lord. We were outside His flock. Our work takes a different outlook.

For those of us, having been a Christian for many years, we may also need "some assembly required." We need to take a serious look at our spiritual life. Are we studying the Scriptures as we should? Are we helping the needy and elderly? Are we being good examples to our friends and family? No matter how old we get, there is always room for improvement. Never get complacent with your spiritual life.

We want to be the sheep on the Right Hand when Jesus comes again to get us. He will call us faithful, saying that we fed the hungry, gave drink to the thirsty, took the stranger in and clothed him and visited the sick and those in prison. He will say, "Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world . . ." (Matthew 25:34)

Our physical body needs "some assembly required" as we age and things start falling apart. The same is true of our spiritual life. We must keep fed and active. Keep our minds on the Lord's work. Do not forget to pray often. Depend on God more.

Be ready. Don't be one of the goats on the Left Hand, who will be told, "And those will go away into everlasting punishment . . ." (Matthew 25:46a)

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## Remember Our Sick

**Bill Barkley** – Pat McAlister's son-in-law and Alec's dad – back surgery August 10, Denver, CO.

**Lawrence Boley** – home, respiratory problems.

**Ramona Brooks** – Blood Clot.

**Charles Hickey** – experiencing more pain, on morphine patch, back home.

**Leota Hickey** – eye surgery (transplant) July 31. Home, surgery successful.

**Liliya McDaniel** – experiencing some serious health problems.

**Ray Motley** – Teresa Motley's father-in-law, home recovering.

**Jim Lackey** – diagnosed with cancer, seriously ill.

**Annie Robinson** – Mike Creel's sister, cancer no longer in remission, home. Chemo treatment, doctors hopeful.

**Don Sheeran** – serious health problems, heart/gall-bladder, no date on possible surgery as yet.

**Bonnie Vinson** – test results great!

**Earl Whitted** – Arterial-gram test, results good.

**Patsy Wisbrock** – knee replacement August 22.

### Shut-ins – need prayers and visits.

Dover Area:

**Bernice Brown**

**Evelyn Burton**

**Mae Vanzandt**

Russellville Nursing and Rehab Center:

**Evelyn Driver**

**Thelma Hatcher**

Stella Manor:

**Louise Killer**

### Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Daisy Hogins Anderson, Bob and Carolyn Bennett, Lloyd Boley, Susie Boley, Jeff Davis, Anna Deimund, Don Eichenberger, Charles Ensey, Hoyt Ensey, Carol Graham, Sue Griffin, David Guthrie, Ray King, Thula La Rue, Robert and Rose Lee, Linda Melton, Bill and Mary McAlister, Charles Proctor, Summer Russell, Reddie Smith, Tanya Smith, Billy Walters, and David Walters

**Special Children:** Elysia Lee, Emmy May, Keith Martin and Noah Williams.

**Military:** Greg Davis, Johnny Ragsdale, Cole Wetzel and Rudy Will.

Darius Brown, home and discharged.

## Don't Quit

When things go wrong,  
as they sometimes will,  
When the road you're trudging  
seems all uphill,  
When funds are low  
and the debts are high,  
And you want to smile,  
but you have to sigh,  
When care is pressing you  
down a bit,  
Rest, if you must,  
But do not quit.

Life is queer with its twists  
and turns,  
As every one of us sometimes learns,  
And many a failure turns about,  
When he might have won  
had he stuck it out:  
Don't give up though  
When the pace seems slow –  
You may succeed with  
another blow.

Often the goal is nearer than  
it seems to a faint and  
faltering man,  
Often the struggler has given up,  
When he might have  
captured the victor's cup,  
And he learned too late when  
the night slipped down,  
How close he was to the  
golden crown.

Success is failure turned  
inside out –  
The silver tint of the  
clouds of doubt,  
And you never can tell  
how close you are,  
It may be near when it  
seems so far,  
So stick to the fight when  
your hardest hit –  
It's when things seem worse  
that you must not quit.

Author Unknown

## 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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### Announcement

Chris Buxton at ATU Church of Christ Student Center will be teaching a for-credit course this fall on Acts of the Apostles. This course can be counted by ATU students as a general elective, but is also open to anyone who enrolls through Harding's Institute for Church and Family distance learning program. It is possible to audit the course if you aren't interested in taking it for a credit.

For more information contact Chris Buxton at CCSC (479-968-2626) or Harding's Institute for Church and Family (501-279-4660)

## Mark Your Calendars

### Dover Church of Christ Men's Business Meeting

Monday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM  
Deacon's meeting 6 PM  
(prior to business meeting)

### Dover Church of Christ Men's Devo

Thursday, Sept. 13, 7 PM  
Host: Marion Helton

### Area Wide Youth Devo

September 19th  
Dover Church of Christ

### Dover Ladies Night

Thursday, Sept. 20, 7 PM  
Hostess: JoAnn Killer

### Lawn Schedule

Saturday, September 1  
Chris Moss  
Kevin Nordin

### Baby Shower

Sunday, Sept. 9, 2 PM  
Dover Church of Christ  
For: Shelley Culwell

## September Birthdays

- 02 Rhonda Creel
- 05 Leota Hickey
- 06 Deidre Luker
- 07 Ian Roberts
- 09 Joyce Helton  
Thelma Hatcher
- 10 Karen Womack
- 16 Susan Straight
- 17 Danielle Williams  
Melissa Williams
- 20 Jannie Myers
- 21 Dimitrios Tsigourlas  
Michaela Walker
- 22 Nathan Killer
- 23 Rylie Boley
- 24 Wayne Strickland  
Alan Walker  
Gary Williams
- 25 Joshua Besterfeldt
- 26 Justin Vaughn
- 28 Donna Walters

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

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### "In Search of the Lord's Way"

Now 24/7

The Search Program can now be accessed at 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.

# ***THOSE TO SERVE***

***August 26, 2007***

## **Sunday A.M.**

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

### **Prayers**

Marion Helton  
Joe Miller

### **Communion**

**Podium:** Chris Loper  
**Serve:** Chris Besterfeldt  
Chris Moss  
Steve Pennington  
Alan Boatright

### **Scripture Reading**

William Boley

## **Sunday P.M. Prayers**

Merrell Shoptaw  
Rex McDaniel

# **SPEAKER**

**Sunday A.M.**  
Micah Williams

**Sunday P.M.**  
Micah Williams

## **Prepare Table for Communion**

Alan and Sandra Boatright

## **Communion to Shut-Ins**

Brent Hottinger  
Chris Loper

### **Greeters**

Allen and Marilyn Veasman

## **Wednesday Night Devotional**

**August 29, 2007**

Dennis Whiteside

### **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  
Chris Moss  
Joe Miller

### **Nursery Attendants:**

**Sunday Class:** Kaeli Miller  
**Sunday Church:** Pat McAlister  
Kaeli Miller

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