



Life Lines

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MY LINES

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Getting Off The Ground

One of my favorite little stories tells about some domesticated geese that lived snugly in a barn. Every morning and evening, the farmer came and fed them corn, and when it was cold, raining, and stormy, they were safe and warm in their barn. But every autumn when the wild geese flew over, they went outside and dreamed. They thought that one of these days they would also take to the skies, fly over towering mountains and land on beautiful lakes. But when nighttime came, they wobbled back into the security of the barn. They never got off the ground.

This little story illustrates how many in the church act. We come together and hear lessons and sermons on the importance of going with the gospel, **“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.”** (Mark 15:16), putting the kingdom and the righteousness first in our lives, **“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”** (Matthew 6:33), and the importance of growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, **“. . . but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior**

Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.” Then many of us may (like the geese) return to our comfort zones of seeking things other than the spiritual.

We may dream of attending every assembly. **“. . . not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.”** (Hebrews 10:25), of being faithful until death, **“Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, so that you will be tested, and you will have tribulation for ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.”** (Revelation 2:10), of being greater teachers and making every effort to help this church grow. But again, we may never get off the ground!

What are the consequences of such actions? First of all, as individual Christians we become weak and face the danger of becoming like the world, **“Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.”** (1 John 2:15-16). The lukewarm state is the most dangerous possible position! This is true because it becomes a comfort zone to the point that we are not challenged to improve. Could this be why Jesus

told the church of the Laodiceans that they made Him want to vomit? **“So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth.”**

Second, when individuals are complacent, so is the church! The church is made up of the “called out.” We are members of the body that carry out the work and service of the church. Therefore, our individual spirituality will reflect the actions of the church. As the actions grow, they show that we love the church and want to seek daily growth.

When we are involved in helping the church grow, there are many things in our lives that must be set aside. Like the geese, it may be more comfortable and convenient to take it easy in the barn. However, this does not please God! Jesus said about His church or Kingdom: **“No one having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.”** (Luke 9:62)

Will you “get off the ground”?

Benny B. Bristow
Bulletin Digest

“Reflect upon your present blessings – of which everyman has many – not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some.”

Charles Dickens

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

ANGELS Once upon a time,
an angel wrote . . .

Many people will walk in and out
of your life,
But only true friends will leave a
footprint on your heart.

To handle yourself, use your head;
To handle others, use your heart.

Anger is only one letter short of
danger.
If someone betrays you once, it's
His fault;
If he betrays you twice, it's your
fault.
Great minds discuss ideas;
Small minds discuss people.

God gives every bird its food.
But He does not throw it into its
nest.

He who loses a friend, loses
more;
He, who loses faith, loses all.
Beautiful young people are acts
of nature,
Beautiful old people are works
of art.

Learn from the mistakes of
others;
You can't live long enough
to make them all yourself.
The tongue weighs practically
nothing,
But so few people can hold it.

Author Unknown

*"Are not all angels ministering spirits
sent to serve those who will inherit
salvation?" (Hebrews 1:14)*

Remember Our Sick

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

Jason Coulter – age 34, friend of Cailen
& Kim Hon. Second diagnoses, Hodgkin
Lymphoma. Treatment undetermined at
this time.

Mary Nell Gasaway – Bonnie Vinson's
sister, home recovering nicely.

Gigi Lane has been diagnosed with
cancer.

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. On
the critical list – not doing well. Also
the granddaughter of Sonja Brent,
Russellville, AR.

Shut-ins: Needs your prayers and visits.

Dover Area: **Evelyn Burton**
Louise Killer
Mae Vanzandt

Russellville Nursing and Rehab Center:
Thelma Hatcher
Esther Sparks

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, Brian Holloway, Laura Lammar,
Thula LaRue, Carl Lawley Family, Bob
and Rose Lee, Bill and Mary 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, Shelley (Parker) Culwell.

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

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

Darus Brown leaving Iraq August 25th
for a home visit of two weeks.

Souls and More Souls

According to the U. S. Census
Bureau, one person is born in the
United States every eight seconds,
and one dies every thirteen
seconds. It computes out to a net
gain of one soul every 12
seconds. That is 5 souls per
minute, 300 souls per hour, 7,200
souls every day, 50,400 per week,
201,600 per month or 2,620,800
per year. Mind you, that is just
the population in the United
States. The current U. S.
population is 295,954,045.

Worldwide the number is
obviously of a much greater
magnitude. The World Pop Clock
is now at 6,432,793,234. In one
year, the world population has
grown 73,333,658.

What is the significance of these
numbers? Souls and more Souls!

The urgency of getting the
Gospel into all the world is
constantly before us. And with
the passing of time, and the
increase of population, the
urgency is becoming even greater.

Jesus placed a tremendous value
on the human soul. *"For what is
a man profited, if he shall gain
the whole world, and lose his own
soul? Or what shall a man give
in exchange for his soul?"*
(Matthew 16:26)

What effort have you been
making to save a soul?

As you see, the need is of
paramount importance.

Can the Lord count on you?

*Mark Aites
Swartz Creek Church of Christ*

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

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.

August 28th

Dover Church of Christ will have a special collection

INDIA
EVANGELISM

Joe Rowe, Coordinator
4900 Finch Road
Paragould, AR 72450

and

T.V. Samson, Director
P.O. Box 51
Hyderabad 500 004
India

Mark Your Calendars

Lawn Care

September 2

Marion Helton
Alan Boatright

Meals on Wheels

September 6th thru
September 9th

Tuesday thru Friday

Men’s Regular Business Meeting

September 12, 7:00 PM

Dover Church of Christ

Ladies Night

September 15, 7:00 PM

Hostess to be announced

Pray For
Our Troops,
Our Leaders
and
Our Country.

September Birthdays

02	Rhonda Creel
04	Tim Bushea
05	Leota Hickey
06	Deidre Luker
07	Ian Roberts
09	Joyce Helton Thelma Hatcher
16	Susan Straight
17	Kylee Bushea Danielle Williams Melissa Weinberg
20	Jannie Myers
21	Dimitrios Tsigourlas Michaela Walker
22	Nathan Killer
24	Wayne Strickland Alan Walker Gary Williams
28	Donna Walters
29	Larry McGuire
30	Jennifer Bushea

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

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

THOSE TO SERVE

August 28, 2005

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Rick Hollis
William Boley

Communion

Podium: Alan Boatright
Serve: Sid Womack
Allen Veasman
Andy Land
Chris Loper

Scripture Reading

Brett Walters

Sunday P.M. Prayers

Robert Bird
Doug Wilson

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.
Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.
Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Alan and Sandra Boatright

Communion to Shut-Ins

Troy Curtis
William Boley

Greeters

Jim and JoAnn Killer

Wednesday Night Devotional

August 31, 2005

Marion Helton

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
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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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