



# Life Lines

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## MY LINES

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### Please Don't Bother Me

By Chris Moss, Dover, AR

What is the ideal Christian?

I want to ask you a question and I want you to think about your answer. I want you to describe the ideal Christian. If each of us took the time to write down our description of an ideal Christian, we would probably be fascinated by the different descriptions we would come up with.

Each of us assumes that the majority of the congregations have the same concept of an ideal Christian that we have. When each of us considers the idea of the ideal Christian, I doubt that a majority holds very many ideas in common.

Imagine if you heard a conversation between two members of different churches. One asked, "What's the congregation like where you attend?" The other man replied with some frustration, "My congregation is always planning something new to do. They have more ministries than I can count, and they are constantly urging people to get involved. It is just busy, busy, busy all the time. And they never leave you alone."

The man that asked the question, said, "That's too bad! You ought to go to the church where I go. You come in, sit down, get up and go. Nobody bothers you."

Which church would you like to attend?

I guess the question we really need to ask is, what kind of Christians are we supposed to be? Are we supposed to be

the kind of Christian who gets involved and encourages others to stay busy? Or, are we supposed to just go to church and not bother anyone?

Psalms describes a person who is righteous:

1. *"How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers! But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night."* (Psalm 1:1-2)
2. *"When I remember You on my bed, I meditate on You in the night watches, for You have been my help, and in the shadow of Your wings I sing for joy. My soul clings to You; Your right hand upholds me".* (Psalms 63:6-8)
3. *"I shall remember the deeds of the Lord; surely I will remember Your wonders of old. I will meditate on all Your work and muse on Your deeds. Your way, O God, is holy; what god is great like our God?"* (Psalms 77:11-13)
4. *"I remember the days of old; I meditate on all Your doings; I muse on the work of Your hands, I stretch out my hands to You; my soul longs for You, as a parched land."* (Psalms 143:5-6)
5. *"How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your word. With all my heart I have sought You; do not let me wander from Your commandments. Your word I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin*

*against You. Blessed are You, O Lord; teach me Your statutes. With my lips I have told of all the ordinances of Your mouth. I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, as much as in all riches. I will meditate on Your precepts and regard Your ways. I shall delight in Your statutes; I shall not forget Your word."*

(Psalms 119:9-16)

I want you to note some common characteristics of the person described in these Psalms.

Each of the versions obviously talks about a person who hungers for a close relationship with God. This person does not reach out to God because he has to. He reaches out to God because all his being wants this.

Each of these versions declares that it is as natural as taking a breath for this person to think about God. The righteous thinks about God as he goes about the day-to-day affairs of life. He thinks of God at night. It is natural for him to meditate about God.

Each of these versions shows that it is important to the person for God to be pleased with him. God's opinion of him matters. He wants God to know that he cannot imagine life without God; such an existence is unthinkable.

This hunger, this desire to think about God and to walk with God comes from the heart. While it certainly involves what the person does, it cannot be contained by mere deeds and acts. This hunger and desire arises from what the person is, from what he is inwardly.

**Continued next week**

## Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

Do we ever turn to the very things that hurt or destroy us? Yes, we do, and probably often. We turn to things of this world, letting them draw us away from our God. Are we letting these things become our gods? We even do that. Anything that keeps us from God becomes an obsession. It becomes something we worship whether that is our intention or not.

God hates evil. He hated idol worship. He commanded the Israelites to have no other gods before Him. Our greatest commandment is to love God first, and above all else.

God promised so much to His people. He asked that they worship Him only, and He would see them through all obstacles. God's mercy was available. *"Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs."* (Jonah 2:8) By worshipping those worthless idols they had disobeyed God, leaving Him no alternative but to remove them from His grace.

Are we forfeiting this grace by worshipping things of this world? It may not seem like worship but if we put anything before God what else could it be? We can't serve two masters. (Luke 16:13)

Amaziah, king of Judah, was a good example of someone who took advantage of God's grace. The land of Edom had not been under Judean rule for half a century. They were idol worshippers. God allowed King Amaziah to recapture them under his reign. But, after capturing them he went to worship their idols.

I like what God said to King Amaziah. *"Why have you sought the gods of the people, which could not rescue their people from your hand?"* (II Chronicles 25:15)

The king of Judah didn't seem very smart, did he? Because of his sins against God, and before his death, he becomes a weak and humiliated vassal to the king of Israel during the last years of his reign.

We should not turn to the very things that can destroy us and keep us from the grace of God.

## Remember Our Sick

**Lawrence Boley** – heart test results good, he is to see an eye specialist. He is losing his sight.

**Lois Boley** – is receiving Gel treatments for her knee.

**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.

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

**Kaitlyn Schwartz** – 3 month old daughter of Stephen Schwartz (formerly of Dover, now resides in Minnesota) diagnosed with a rare, malignant, Rhabdoid tumor. She is receiving chemo treatments and it shows the tumor is shrinking. Please continue to keep her in your prayers. She is 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 25<sup>th</sup> for a home visit of two weeks.

## *The SEARCH Light* Programs

### All Programs New for September 2005

#### September 4<sup>th</sup>

##### My Ebenezer

It's recorded in the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter of I Samuel that after the Lord had given Israel a great victory over the Philistines, Samuel raised an Ebenezer "to the help God supplied to His people." On this day this year Mack Lyon raises his Ebenezer to the help God has supplied the SEARCH ministry for 25 years.

#### September 11<sup>th</sup>

##### The church Is The Kingdom

It is the common belief in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Christianity that Christ came to establish a kingdom but was foiled in His plan by the Jews who crucified Him; and that He established the church instead; and will establish His kingdom when He comes again. But is that what the Bible teaches?

#### September 18<sup>th</sup>

##### Be Reconciled To God

Man is created in the image of God, and because of that, he is called "the offspring of God." (Acts 17:28) But when sin enters a person's life, man is separated from the Creator/Father. If he is to live with God in the here and now and in the hereafter, he must be reconciled with God. How can that be?

#### September 25<sup>th</sup>

##### For Conscience Sake

Conscience is the awareness of being responsible for one's own intentions or conduct whether "good" or "bad." It was once thought to be a desirable quality of character, but is rapidly becoming more frowned upon. One who is conscientious is often considered a "radical" or "extremist." What does the Bible say?

*Topics subject to change without notice.*

*See page 3 for time and channel to hear these messages.*

## 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.

West Side Ladies’

### “WINGS”

September 8<sup>th</sup>  
Thru  
November 17<sup>th</sup>

9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Theme: Fragrance of Faith

Discover the Aroma of Christ in the Beatitudes

Child Care Provided

## Mark Your Calendars

### Lawn Care

September 9<sup>th</sup>

Lawrence Boley  
James Chadwick

### Meals on Wheels

September 6<sup>th</sup> thru  
September 9<sup>th</sup>

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: Carolyn  
Bennett

Children’s Church  
Dover Church of Christ  
Starting October 2<sup>nd</sup>

Ages 2 to 5

Volunteers needed

Contact: Chris or Julie  
479-331-9707

## 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.

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Our Food Barrel needs items again!!

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

# THOSE TO SERVE

*September 4, 2005*

## Sunday A.M.

**Announcer:** Randall Walters

**Song Leader:** Jim Killer

### Prayers

Alan Boatright

Allen Veasman

### Communion

**Podium:** William Boley

**Serve:** Dennis Whiteside

Donnie Forehand

Earl Kennedy

Earl Whitted

### Scripture Reading

Chris Loper

## Sunday P.M.

### Prayers

Blake Walters

Robert Lee

# SPEAKER

## Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

## Sunday P.M.

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### Prepare Table for Communion

JoAnn Killer

### Communion to Shut-Ins

Allen Veasman

Blake Forehand

### Greeters

Robert and Juanita Bird

### Wednesday Night Devotional

September 7, 2005

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.

**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:** Carin Chance

Sonia Williams

**Sunday Service:** Cara Williams

**Wednesday Class:** Marilyn Veasman

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