



Life Lines

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EDUCATION: Helping Kids SUCCEED in School

Doing well in school can foster children's self-esteem, protect against the perils of adolescence, and bring rewards such as career freedom, higher salaries and health care. There's no better time than the start of a new school year for parents to renew their support of their children's studies. Here are some ways parents can help their children succeed in school.

Care about education and let it show. Speak about school and learning with respect and enthusiasm. Be cheerful about the start of the school year. Allow yourself and your child to enjoy buying back-to-school supplies. An occasional and heartfelt chat about what education has meant to you, or, perhaps, your regret that you didn't study harder, can touch and inspire your child.

Make reading a family matter. The ability to read is the key to learning and school success. Read to your young children, and read along with your older ones. Make regular visits to a bookstore or a library. Help reluctant readers find books and magazines that interest them. Rent or borrow audio books for the car. Encourage weak readers to read daily. Practice can make most any child a better and more willing reader.

Take interest in your child's thinking. Invite your child's input during family discussions about the world, family issues, politics and

other topics. Even young children have opinions to share. Try not to dismiss or critique every opinion with your older, wiser perspective. Showing children that their ideas matter teaches them to take themselves and their reasoning seriously, readies them to engage more fully in school.

Model learning: Strive to be lifelong learners. Make "I don't know" a welcome statement, and show your child how you both can find the answers. Let your child accompany you as you learn to fix a pipe, bake a cake, or research a mutual fund. Accompanying parents on their own discoveries will convince children that learning can be a lifelong and self-directed endeavor that is relevant and useful.

Support Teachers. Avoid making disparaging comments about your children's teachers. Unless a teacher is way out of line, encourage your children to respect and work with their teachers. Learning to get along with others prepares children to appreciate different perspectives and to deal with future bosses and co-workers.

Create the space and mood for homework. Establish reasonable times and places for homework. Try to eliminate distractions, avoid watching television or playing music loudly while the children study, for example. Let your children earn play or TV time after they have done their homework. Try to be near during homework time to provide help and support, if needed.

Be a thoughtful helper. When

your children ask for help, give just enough assistance to get them back on their way. If a child is stuck on one part of a math problem, edge him in the right direction and let him finish it. A parent's job is to enable children to do their own work, not to do it for them. Keep your eye on the bigger goal of shaping your child into an independent and capable learner.

Take notice. Monitor your children's schoolwork. If they are succeeding, share your pride. If they aren't, help them discover why they are not. Meet with teachers and work together to find out what is amiss and what can be done. Many children have learning issues that can be effectively dealt with and, often, overcome. Try to reward effort more than the finished product.

Education takes place over a lifetime, but parents can do much to ensure their children's engagement and success along the way.

By Richard Bromfield, a Harvard Medical School Psychologist.

Always keep the well-being of our educators and their students in your prayers especially as we began this 2008-2009 term.

**Nature forms us;
Sin deforms us;
School informs us;
But only God transforms us.**

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

Dr. George W. Truett was entertained on one occasion in the home of a wealthy Texas oilman. After dinner the man took Truett up to the roof of his house and showed him huge fields of oil derricks. He said, "Dr. Truett, that's all mine. I came to this country 25 years ago penniless, and now I own everything as far as you can see in that direction."

Then he turned to the opposite direction and pointed to waving grain fields and said, "It's all mine. I own everything as far as you can see in that direction." Then he pointed to huge herds of cattle on the east and a great virgin forest on the west, saying "It's all mine. I worked hard and saved, and today I own everything as far as you can see in every direction."

He paused for the expected praise, but to his surprise it didn't come. Dr. Truett laid a loving hand on the man's shoulder, pointed upward and asked, "My friend, how much do you own in that direction?"

The man dropped his head in shame and said, "I never thought of that."

(Quoted from *Discovering the Pearl of Great Grace* by Eldred Echols)

We don't want to be guilty like the rich Texan. He only thought of the riches and material things that he could gain from this world. We must make sure our treasure is on things above.

**"Yesterday . . . He loves me!
Today . . . He's just the same!
How long will this continue?
Forever . . . Praise His Name!**

Remember Our Sick

Bob Bennett – Chemo treatments.
Frank Clark – diagnosed with cancer, hospice.
Eugene Cox – son-in-law of Bob/Rose Lee, hospitalized with complications in Critical Care, St Frances, Cape Girardeau, MO.
Leonard Crout – friend of McDaniel's, recovering from surgery.
Hoyt Ensey – serious health issues.
Paul Griffin – Hospice
Joanna & Jim Gurest – Chris Sheeran's friend. **Joanna** had open-heart surgery Monday, August 26th.
Garrett Hogan – age 7 months, Children's Hospital, brain damage.
Eddie Holloway – recovering from back surgery.
Cleon Johnson – Paul Helton's mother, back in UAMS, condition deteriorating.
Robert Leavell – injured in auto accident, broken ankle/ribs.
Gary Nicholson – Shirlee Chadwick's son, recovering, still in a lot of pain.
Rodney Pfeifer – Chemo and radiation treatments to start September 4th.
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, Jeff Davis, Pauline Dale, Barbara Dawson, Charles Ensey, Sarah Ensey, Carol Graham, Sue Griffin, Joyce Helton, Pat Holloway, Ruby Gene Johnson, Dorothy King, Jim Lackey, Rose Lee, Linda Melton, Julie Moss, Don Sheeran, Reedie Smith, Tanya Smith and Judy Will.
Special Children: Zeke Church, Tiffany Knight, Elysia Lee, Keith Martin and Noah Williams.
Our Military: Cole Wetzel, D. J. Bandy and Travis Coe.

Two Horses

Just up the road from my home is a field with two horses in it. From a distance, each looks like every other horse. But if one stops the car, or is walking by, one will notice something quite amazing.

Looking into the eyes of one horse will disclose that he is blind. His owner has chosen not to put him down, but has made a good home for him. This alone is amazing.

Listening, one will hear the sound of a bell. Looking around for the source of the sound, one will see that it comes from the smaller horse in the field. Attached to her halter is a small bell. It lets her blind friend know where she is, trusting that she will not lead him astray.

Like the owners of these two horses, God does not throw us away just because we have problems or challenges.

He watches over us and even brings others into our lives to help us when we are in need.

Sometimes we are the blind horse being guided by God and those whom He places in our lives. Other times we are the guide horse, helping others see God.

*Sent In By: Dave Noles
Dover, Arkansas*

Good friends are like stars . . .
You don't always see them, but
you know they are always there.

Kaeli Miller cut her beautiful hair and sent it to *Locks of Love*. We are proud of you!
Your Church Family

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, September 20th
Chris Moss & Kevin Nordin

Dover Ladies Night
September 18th, 7PM
Hostess: Charlene Clark
Fellowship Hall,
Dover Church of Christ

Area Wide Youth Devo

3rd Sunday,
September 21st,
5:30 PM
River Valley Church of
Christ
1005 Interstate Rd.,
Clarksville, AR

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)

Lads to Leaders
and Leaderettes

Will meet/: First & Third
Sundays, 4PM
Boys: GUARD (Guys
Understanding Authority and
Real Discipleship
Girls: GIFTS (Girls In
Fellowship and Team Study

A Study of the Book of
Revelation
September 14th thru 17th
Presented by: Joe Jones
Clarksville Church of Christ
2211 W. Main
For more info: 4797543360

LADIE'S NIGHT
October 10th
6:00 – 9:00 PM
(Dinner Served)
Center Ridge Church of
Christ
Theme: “Pearls of Wisdom

September Birthdays

02 Rhonda Creel
05 Leota Hickey
06 Deidre Luker
07 Ian Roberts
09 Joyce Helton
Connie Myers
16 Susan Straight
17 Danielle Stepanovich
Mellissa Pagan
20 Jannie Myers
21 Dimitrois Tsigourlas
Michaela Walker
22 Nathan Killer
23 Rylie Boley
24 Wayne Strickland
Alan Walker
Gary Williams
25 Joshua Besterfeldt
26 Justin Vaughn
28 Yvonne Adkisson
Janie Beck
Donna Walters

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

WINGS
(Women In God's Service)
West Side Church of Christ
Thursdays, (Starting
September 25)
From 9 AM – 11:30 AM
Study: “Conversation Peace –
The Power of Transformed
Speech”
By: Mary Kassian
(workbook/video study)

THOSE TO SERVE

September 14, 2008

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Sid Womack
Rick Hollis

Communion

Podium: Alan Boatright
Serve: Earl Whitted
Jim Killer
Gary Williams
Jeff Myers

Scripture Reading

William Boley

Sunday P.M. Prayers

Rex McDaniel
Randall Walters

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.
Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.
Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Marion & Joyce Helton

Communion to Shut-Ins

Merrell Shoptaw
Marion Helton

Greeters

Allen & Marilyn Veasman

Wednesday Night Devotional

September 17, 2008

Tommy Oakes

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

Nursery Attendants:

Sunday Class: JoAnn Killer
Sunday Church: Pat McAlister
Kaeli Miller

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