



Life Lines

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MY LINES

Micah William

Holding Out For Grace

By Bill Denton

“It is God who saved us and chose us to live a holy life. He did this not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan long before the world began – to show his love and kindness to us through Christ Jesus. And now he has made all of this plain to us by the coming of Christ Jesus, our Savior, who broke the power of death and showed us the way to everlasting life through the Good News.” (II Timothy 1:9-10)

“It’s a mind-blowing concept that God who created the universe might be looking for company, a real relationship with people, but the thing that keeps me on my knees is the difference between grace and karma.”

Saying that the idea of karma is central to all religions, Bono explained: What you put out comes back to you; an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, or in physics – in physical laws – every action is met by an equal or an opposite one. It’s clear to me that karma is at the very heart of the universe. I’m absolutely sure of it. And yet, along comes this idea called grace to upend all that “...as you reap so you will sow...” stuff. Grace defies reason and logic.

Love interrupts, if you like, the consequences of your actions, which in my case is very good news indeed, because I’ve done a lot of stupid stuff ...

It doesn’t excuse my mistakes, but I’m holding out for grace. I’m holding out that Jesus took my sins onto the cross, because I know who I am and I hope I don’t have to depend on my own religiosity.

Michka Assayas, Bono: In Conversation with Michka Assayas (Riverhead Books, 2005)

I’m not ready for Bono to become one of my favorite theologians, but I will give him one thing; his point about holding out for grace, holding out that Jesus took his sins onto the cross, and not having to depend on his own religiosity is something more people need to hold out for.

Too many people struggle with this idea of grace, but for grace to be grace, it must mean that we don’t earn or deserve what God gives us. Scripture says plainly that salvation is a free gift. It must be free if it is to be a matter of grace. Otherwise, we somehow deserve to be saved, or we earn our salvation through our own acts of merit. Grace means neither of those things is true and we can be saved anyway! As Bono puts it, “Love interrupts . . . the consequences of your actions.”

“But what about our part?” someone cries. Our part in what?

Surely, we must have faith, but there is nothing in faith that achieves

salvation. What did you offer for your sins? What price did you pay for your unrighteous acts? What did you do that was so overwhelmingly powerful that it cleansed the unholy out of your life? At some point, we need to acknowledge that if we’re saved, we’re saved because of Jesus and in spite of our selves. Our part is in receiving God’s gift.

A lot of folks just need to relax. They need to look more to Jesus and less to themselves. No wonder so many are concerned about being saved. If I had to depend on myself to be saved, I’d be worried too. It’s comforting to know that Jesus saves.

Let’s hold out for grace.

*Submitted By: Merrell Shoptaw
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Dover, AR*

Pledged Membership

Sunday, September 3, 2006:
Jeffery and Connie Myers Austin (son) and Rachel (daughter).

Beverly J. Myers

Baptism

Charles Ensey was baptized Tuesday, September 5, 2006.

Camp Caudle received a donation in honor of Troy and Rachel Curtis.

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

What enchanting memories –
Tiny baby joys,
Smiles and tears and giggles,
Silly squeaky toys,
Discoveries and adventures,
Bright sparkly eyes,
Snuggles on your shoulder,
Soft and sleepy sighs,
Barefoot - - grass to run through,
Sticky Hands to hold,
Love beyond description,
Treasures yet untold!

For everyday moments
That mean such a lot,
Those little surprises –
Some good and some not –
The marvelous millstones,
The shinning successes,
The funny expressions,
And mishaps and messes,
The daily adventures
With narrow escapes,
The sticky, wet kisses
And boo-boos and scrapes . . .
That's what makes memories
All sizes and shapes.

Author Unknown

What we all want for our children and grand-children:

Bless this child with a lively faith, a fervent charity and a courageous hope of reaching Your kingdom.

Something To Think About

Eat Less – Breathe More
Talk Less – Think More
Ride Less – Walk More
Worry Less – Work More
Waste Less – Give More
Preach Less – Practice More

Author Unknown

Remember Our Sick

Stan Clark – grandson of Lawrence Boley, broken back.

Stone Family – St. Louis, family problems.

Thomas Stone – heart attack, followed by heart surgery.

John Myers – St. Mary's Hos-pital, condition serious.

Charles Ensey – in Little Rock Hospital.

Rebecca Gray – Justin Vaughn's grandmother, diagnosed with Cancer.

Shut-ins: Need prayers and visits.

Dover Area:

Bernice Brown

Evelyn Burton

Sandra Mooney

Mae

Vanzandt

Russellville Nursing and Rehab Center:

Thelma Hatcher

Stella Manor:

Louise Killer

Pauline Whorton

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Walter and Thelma Arcynski, Twila Bench, Lawrence Boley, Susie Boley, Gail Brewer, Jamie Churchill, Tom Cloud, Jeff Davis, Hoyt Ensey, Barbara Forehand, Sue Griffin, Hiroko Hatcher, Brian Holloway, Robert and Rose Lee, Bobbye Meline, Barbara Mitchell, Jannie Myers, Reddie Smith, Tanya Smith, Lela Beth Wallace, Ahishi Web and Elsie Youngerman.

Special Children: Kaitlyn Ford, Emmy May, Gabriel Ross Finlayson, Keith Martin, Zachary Shelton and Noah Williams.

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

Southern Christian Home Pick-up October 2, 2006

What is Evangelism?

Evangelism is NOT . . .

Arrogantly arguing with a friend, trying to prove that he is wrong and you are right . . . Building a place for fun, food and fellowship while neglecting to mention Jesus Christ to others. . . Compromising the truth in order to enjoy the favor of the world and increase our numbers with unconverted people . . . Providing for our own comforts and pleasures while ignoring the needs of a world that is lost in sin . . . Hording up money for a rainy day while billions of people never hear the Gospel.

Evangelism IS . . .

A saved sinner lovingly and patiently teaching a lost sinner what to do to be saved . . . One who has found spiritual food and is now sharing that food with those who are spiritually starved . . . A faithful child of God gently leading a fallen child of God back into the fold . . . Lifting our eyes upon the fields and doing everything that we can to bring in a bountiful harvest for the Master . . . Using every means that is scriptural and expedient to effectively save others.

Ted Knight

Conway, AR

Prayers and Sympathy for the family of **Hadden Jones** who passed away Tuesday, September 12, 2006 in Mid-land, TX. (Rick Hollis' father-in-law.)

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 Church of Christ
Lawn Schedule
September 30
Rick Hollis
Silas Powers

Elders Meeting
September 26th
Tuesday, 7:00 PM
Dover Church of Christ

GOSPEL MEETING
September 24th thru 28th
Center Ridge
Church of Christ
Speaker: Tom Hartaway

Mark Your Calendars

Fall Gospel Meeting

October 8th thru 11th
5th and Greenwich Church
of Christ
Russellville, AR
Speakers:
Jack Lawyer
David Riley
Jeff Taylor
Scott Roderick

LADIES DAY

October 14, 8:30 AM till Noon
(Breakfast & Lunch Provided)
Clarksville Church of Christ
2211 West Main (Hwy 64 W)
Clarksville, AR
Theme: Thoughts for Today
Speaker: Sandra Foster
Please RSVP – (479) 754-3360

Friends Day

“Youth Get Together”

Clarksville Church of Christ
October 22, 6:00PM
(Dinner Provided)
Food, Fun and Fellowship!
Speaker: Jon Binkley,
From Paragould, AR
RSVP: (479) 754-3360

September Birthdays

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

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

“In Search of the Lord's Way”

Now 24/7
The SEARCH Program can now
be accessed at any time on its
website:

www.searchtv.org

Mack Lyon's weekly lesson can
be heard and viewed in this area
on KARK, Channel 4, Sunday,
8:00 AM.

THOSE TO SERVE

September 24, 2006

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Lawrence Boley
Marion Helton

Communion

Podium: Earl Whitted
Serve: Rick Hollis
Troy Cutis
William Boley
Sid Womack

Scripture Reading

Alan Boatright

Sunday P.M. Prayers

Merrell Shoptaw
Rex McDaniel

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.
Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.
Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Donny and Leigh Anne Forehand

Communion to Shut-Ins

Chris Ramirez
Dennis Whiteside

Greeters

James and Shirlie Chadwick

Wednesday Night Devotional

September 27, 2006

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: Patsy Wisbrock
Kaeli Miller
Sunday Church: Pat McAlister
Kaeli Miller

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