



Life Lines

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FROM THE DESK OF GOD...

Effective Immediately:

Please be aware that there are changes you need to make in your life. These changes need to be completed in order that I may fulfill my promises to you to grant you peace, joy and happiness in this life. I apologize for any inconvenience, but after all that I am doing, this seems very little to ask of you. I know, I already gave you My commandments. Keep them. But follow these guidelines as well.

Quit Worrying. Life has dealt you a blow and all you do is sit and worry. Have you forgotten that I am here to take all your burdens and carry them for you? Or do you just enjoy fretting over every little thing that comes your way?

Put it on the list. Something needs done or taken care of. Put it on the list. No, not YOUR list. Put it on MY to-do-list. Let ME be the one to take care of the problem. I can't help you until you turn it over to me. And, although my to-do-list is long, I am, after all, God. I can take care of anything you put into my hands. In fact, if the truth were really known, I take care of a lot of things for you that you never even realize.

Trust Me. Once you've given your burdens to me, quit trying to take them back. Trust in Me. Have the faith that I will take care of all your needs, your problems and your trials. Problems with the kids? Put them on My list. Problem with finances? Put them on My list. Problems with your emotional roller coaster? For My sake, put it on My list.

I want to help you. All you have to do is ask.

Leave it alone. Don't wake up one morning and say, "Well, I'm feeling much stronger now. I think I can handle it from here." Why do you think you are feeling stronger now? It's simple. You gave Me your burdens and I'm taking care of them. I also renew your strength and cover you in My peace. Don't you know that if I give you these problems back, you will be right back where you started? Leave them with Me and forget about them. Just let Me do My job.

Talk to Me. I want you to forget a lot of things. Forget what was making you crazy. Forget the worry and the fretting because you know I'm in control. But there's one thing I pray you never forget. Please don't forget to talk to me—OFTEN! I love you. I want to hear your voice. I want you to include me in the things going on in your life. I want to hear you talk about your friends and family. Prayer is simply you having a conversation with Me. I want to be your dearest friend.

Have faith. I see a lot of things from up here that you can't see from where you are. Have faith in Me that I know what I'm doing. Trust Me, you wouldn't want the view from My eyes. I will continue to care for you, watch over you and meet your needs. You only have to trust Me. Although I have a much bigger task than you, it seems as if you have so much trouble just doing your simple part. How hard can trust be?

Share. You were taught to share when you were only two years old. When did you forget? That rule still applies. Share with those who are less fortunate than you. Share your joy with those who need

encouragement. Share your laughter with those who haven't heard any in such a long time. Share your tears with those who have forgotten how to cry. Share your faith with those who have none.

Be Patient. I managed to fix it so in just one lifetime you could have many diverse experiences. You grow from a child to an adult, have children, change jobs many times, learn many trades, travel to so many places, meet thousands of people and experience so much. How can you be so impatient then when it takes Me a little longer than you expect to handle something on My to-do-list? Trust in My timing, for My timing is perfect. Just because I created the entire universe in only six days, everyone thinks I should always rush, rush, rush.

Be kind. Be kind to others, for I love them just as much as I do you. They may not dress like you, or talk like you, or live the same way you do, but I still love you all. Please try to get along, for My sake. I created each of you different in some way. It would be too boring if you were all identical. Please know I love each of your differences.

Love yourself. As much as I love you, how can you not love yourself? You were created by Me for one reason only – to be loved, and to love in return. I am a God of Love. Love Me. Love your neighbors. But also love yourself. It makes My heart ache when I see you so angry with yourself when things go wrong.

You are precious to Me. Don't ever forget that!

*Author Unknown
From Home Touch*

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

Thought for today: “Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak, courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.”

Winston Churchill

Today we're going to discuss the word “prescription.” But first, a brief history of medicine as offered by some unknown author:

The History of Medicine

2000 B.C. Here, eat this root.
1000 A.D. That root is heathen.
Here say this prayer.
1850 A.D. That prayer is superstition. Here, drink this potion.
1940 A.D. That portion is snake oil.
Here, swallow this pill.
1985 A.D. That pill is ineffective.
Here, take this antibiotic.
2000 A.D. That antibiotic is artificial. Here, eat this root.

Your doctor may prescribe a root for you. More likely, she's going to prescribe a pill or two. But what does the word “prescribe” mean? Literally, it means to “write (scribe) before (pre).”

A prescript in ancient Rome was often a heading at the top of a “page.” These headings were often laws and rules – stated briefly and succinctly – following which there was commentary.

So when your doctor gives you a prescription, she's giving you a rule, or a law, to follow which she thinks will benefit you – if you follow the rule she's given. That's why we often talk about “obeying our doctor's orders.” If we do, we have a chance to be healthy.

Makes you think about God, too, doesn't it? God has given us rules, or prescriptions, not to make life difficult for us, but to make life healthier and easier.

Sometimes the “pills” we are asked to take are hard to swallow. But we can rest assured that our “Doctor” will never give us a pill that we cannot take!

*Author Unknown
From Home Touch*

Remember Our Sick

Bob Bennett – home from hospital.

Tommy Causey – Shirlie Chadwick's brother, diagnosed with terminal cancer. Home destroyed with latest Hurricane, no facilities to start cancer treatment.

Eugene Cox – son-in-law of Bob/Rose Lee, in Barnes Hospital, St. Louis, MO, some improvement.

Hoyt Ensey – serious health issues.

Paul Griffin – Hospice

Brent Hottinger – running tests.

Cleon Johnson – Paul Helton's mother, had surgery, UAMS, LR.

Robert Paul Leavell – home from hospital, surgery and therapy to follow.

Mary Sue Martin (Dardanelle CofC) and **Betty Ann Johnson** (West Side CofC) both diagnosed with cancer.

Gary Nicholson – Shirlie Chadwick's son, not improving.

Rodney Pfeifer – Has started Chemo and radiation treatments.

Don Sheeran – acute Cerebral palsy

Ethan Turner – grandson of Virgil Turner, out of ICU, came home Tuesday, was a rare food poisoning.

Jon Vance – running some test, Joan Vance's son.

Rebecca Vick – in hospital, colon pain.

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, Susie Boley, Troy/Rachel Curtis, Jeff Davis, Pauline Dale, Barbara Dawson, Charles Ensey, Sarah Ensey, Carol Graham, Sue Griffin, Joanna & Jim Gurest, Eddie Holloway, Pat Holloway, Ruby Gene Johnson, Dorothy King, Rose Lee, Linda Melton, Julie Moss, Cherry Nicholson, Summer Russell, Reedie Smith, Tanya Smith, Juanita Townsend, and Judy Will.

Special Children: Zeke Church, Garrett Hogan, Tiffany Knight, Elysia Lee, Keith Martin and Noah Williams.

Our Military: Cole Wetzal, D. J. Bandy and Travis Coe.

Isn't It Strange . .

Isn't it strange . . . how a Twenty Dollar bill seems like such a large amount when you donate it to church, but such a small amount when you go shopping?

Isn't it strange . . . how two hours seem so long when you are at church and how short they seem when you're watching a good movie?

Isn't it strange . . . that you can't find a word to say when you're praying, but you have no trouble thinking what to talk about with a friend?

Isn't it strange . . . how difficult and boring it is to read one chapter of the Bible, but how easy it is to read 100 pages of a popular novel or a western book?

Isn't it strange . . . how everyone wants front row tickets to a concert or games, but they do whatever is possible to sit in the last row at church?

Isn't it strange . . . how we need two-three weeks to include a church event in our agenda, but we can adjust our schedule for other events at the last minute?

Isn't it strange . . . how everyone wants a place in heaven, but they don't want to believe, do or say anything to get there?

Isn't it strange . . . how we send jokes in e-mails and they are forwarded right away, but when we are going to send messages about God we think twice before sharing it with others?

*Sent in by: Mary Stamps
Dover, Arkansas*

Our Prayers & Sympathy

To the family and friends of **Frank Clark** who passed away September 4th.

To the family and friends of **Tommy Wayne Rentfro** whose sudden death occurred Saturday, September 13, 2008. An account 13-412-94 has been set-up at River Town Bank to help the family with expenses.

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, October 4th
Christ Besterfeldt
Mike Creel

Dover Youth Group Devotional

Sunday, October 5th, PM
(after evening services)
Home of: Steve & Suzy
Pennington

Dover Men's Business Meeting

Monday, October 6th, 7PM
Dover Church of Christ

Area Wide Youth Devo

3rd Sunday,
October 19th,
5:30 PM

West Side Church of Christ
At Arkansas Tech
Russellville, Arkansas

Dover Men's Devo

Thursday, October 9th 7PM
Home of Donny Forehand

Mark Your Calendars

GOSPEL MEETING

September 28 - October 2, 7PM
Center Ridge Church of Christ
Speaker: Leon Barnes

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

LADIE'S NIGHT

October 10th
6:00 – 9:00 PM
(Dinner Served)

Center Ridge Church of Christ
Theme: “Pearls of Wisdom”

Southern Christian Home
Kaleidoscope Fish Fry
and Auction

Saturday, October 11th
Buffet Fish Dinner 5:30 PM
Pleasant Valley Church of Christ
in Little Rock

Tickets are \$25.00 per person
More info: 501-354-2428

October Birthdays

01 Rose Lee
Shannon Nicole
09 Jason Clark
Lisa Mullins
12 Susie Boley
13 Kelley Chance
Cyndie Loper
15 Heath Forehand
16 Bonnie Vinson
19 Robert Lee
21 Brent Brown
22 Kelsi Hottinger
Emma Letson
23 Blake Walters
27 Carin Vaughn

Remaining September Birthdays:

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 28, 2008

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Jim Killer
Jeff Myers

Communion

Podium: Alan Boatright
Serve: Steve Pennington
William Boley
Larry Mahan
Allen Veasman

Scripture Reading

Sid Womack

Sunday P.M. Prayers

Gary Williams
Earl Whitted

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.
Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.
Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Marion & Joyce Helton

Communion to Shut-Ins

Allen Veasman
Blake Forehand

Greeters

Allen & Marilyn Veasman

Wednesday Night Devotional

October 1, 2008

Alan Boatright

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.

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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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