



Life Lines

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MY LINES

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“Barefoot In The Pulpit”

By Bobby Dockery, *The Seeker*

In common with most preachers, I suspect, I having a recurring dream about being unprepared for Sunday. In my own particular nightmare, its Sunday morning and almost time for church . . . I'm running late and can't get my socks on . . . No matter how I struggle, they won't fit . . . I keep struggling and struggling and it is getting closer and closer to time for church to begin . . . I know I'm not going to make it. Then suddenly, I'm standing in the pulpit and I look down in horror and see that I'm barefoot!

I'm pretty sure I know what my dream is about – Preparation! Preachers live with a never ending series of deadlines. There are always new sermons and class lessons to be prepared – always a new deadline staring one in the face! Batsell Barret Baxter used to say to his preacher students: “The tyranny of Sunday is that it comes once a week.”

The need for preparation is something we all must take seriously. Nowhere is this truer than in the spiritual realm. The Prophet Amos warned long ago: “**Prepare to meet thy God . . .**” (Amos 4:12) “Prepare” is a word millions of people need to get serious about . . .

1. Prepare For Worship. An older preacher once told of the way his family prepared for Sunday worship when he was a boy. On Saturday night baths were taken, overalls were washed and shoes were shinned. The father of the family didn't much hold with Saturday night parties or other late activities. He thought the family ought to be getting ready for Sunday! That's an attitude that we need to recapture! Too many tired saints drag in bleary-eyed on Sunday because of Saturday's activities. Worship would be more meaningful if we made better preparation. Read and think about the Word of God before you come! Pray for those who will be leading in worship! Come with eager anticipation and expectation! Prepare!

2. Prepare For Life. Life is filled with so many tests . . . so many obstacles . . . so many challenges . . . so many disappointments . . . How do we get ready? We need to grow deep spiritual roots so we'll be able to withstand the storms of life when they come. We need spiritual food and exercise. That's why Sunday morning Bible Classes are so important for the whole family!

That's why Sunday evening and Wednesday evening services are vital! That's why Bible reading, prayer, service and sacrifice are essential! They help us prepare for life!

3. Prepare For Eternity. In the Old Testament God sent a messenger to a king to say, “**Set your house in order for you must die.**” (II Kings 20:2) That's good advice for all of us. Death is an appointment on the calendar of life for every one of us. “**And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment, so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for salvation without sin . . .**” (Hebrews 9:27-28) This life is a proving ground which we have been given to ready us for our meeting with God. We are living in the shadow of eternity. The real business of life is getting ready for what comes next!

The ultimate nightmare is to meet Judgment unprepared. “**You must be ready,** Jesus said, “**because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect Him.**” (Matt. 24:44)

Are you prepared?

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

The Word of the Lord came to Ezekiel, saying, *“What do you mean when you use the proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying: ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge?’”* (Ezekiel 18:1-2)

“As I live,” says the Lord, “you shall no longer use this proverb in Israel . . . the soul who sins shall die.” (Ezekiel 18:3,4b)

Accountability. God was telling them that every person was responsible for their actions. The son would not die because of the sins of his father. The father would not die because of the sins of his son. They would not share guilt or reward. Each person was accountable for how he lived.

“The soul who sins is the one who will die. The son will not share the guilt of the father, nor will the father share the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous man will be credited to him, and the wickedness of the wicked man will be charged against him.” (Ezekiel 18:20)

In this same chapter the Lord does explain to them, through Ezekiel, that they can repent of their wickedness and live. If a wicked man turns away from all of the sins he has committed and keep the Lord’s decrees, doing what is just and right, he can live. His sins will be blotted out, remembered no more against him.

Yet, the Lord tells them that the opposite is true also. If a righteous man turns from his righteousness and does the same evil things the wicked man does, he will die. None of the righteous things he has done will be remembered.

Each and every one of us is accountable for our own actions, whether they are righteous, or whether they are wicked. One will end in death, the other in life. God assures us today that, just as the wicked can repent and be saved; the righteous can fall into sin and be destroyed.

Into which category do you fall?

Remember Our Sick

Barbara Forehand – home, serious breathing problems.

John Myers – Home, Hospice.

Charles Ensey – in Little Rock Hospital.

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

Charles Proctor – Marcia Stang’s father, diagnosed with cancer, receiving at home treatments.

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, Sue Griffin, Hiroko Hatcher, Brian Holloway, Robert and Rose Lee, Bobbye Meline, Barbara Mitchell, Jannie Myers, Theresa Phillips, Reddie Smith, Tanya Smith, Stone Family, 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 Wetzal and Rudy Will.

Southern Christian Home
Pick-up, October 2, 2006

Young Family “Fiesta Night”

Friday, October 6,
6:30 PM

Dover Church of Christ

I Promise Myself . . .

To think only of the best, to work only for the best and expect only the best.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person I meet.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature I meet a smile.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as I am about my own.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make my optimism come true.

To make all my friends feel they are special and there is something worthwhile in them.

To give so much time to the improvement of myself that I have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear and too happy to permit the presence of trouble . . . because my attitude is my life.

Author Unknown

Words of Wisdom . . .

Give God what’s right – not what is left.

Man’s way leads to a hopeless end – God’s way leads to an endless hope.

He who kneels before God can stand before anyone.

In the sentence of life, the devil may be a comma – but never let him be the period.

Don’t put a question where God puts a period.

When praying, don’t give God instructions – just report for duty.

Author Unknown

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
Youth Devo
October 1(after Sunday
evening services)
The Forehand Home

Men's Business Meeting
October 2, 7:00 PM
Dover Church of Christ

Dover Church of Christ
Lawn Schedule
October 7
Allen Veasman
William Boley

Men's Devo
October 12, 7:00 PM
Dover Church of Christ

Mark Your Calendars

Ladies Night

October 19,
Thursday, 7:00 PM
Dover Church of Christ
Hostess: Tanya Smith

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

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

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 KATV, Channel 4, Sunday,
8:00 AM.

GOSPEL MEETING

Dover Church of Christ
November 10 thru 12
David Riley (Mars Hill)

THOSE TO SERVE

October 1, 2006

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Rick Hollis
William Boley

Communion

Podium: Chris Loper
Serve: Robert Bird
Chris Moss
Chris Besterfeldt
Alan Boatright

Scripture Reading

Allen Veasman

Sunday P.M. Prayers

Sid Womack
Robert Bird

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Gwen Hale and Bobby Meline

Communion to Shut-Ins

Donny Forehand
Earl Kennedy

Greeters

Troy and Rachel Curtis

Wednesday Night Devotional

October 4, 2006

Donny Forehand

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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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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