



Life Lines

Dover Church of Christ
Dover, Arkansas 72837-0299

Volume 16 Number 41

Email: staff@dovercoc.org

October 09, 2005

MY LINES

Micah Williams

Jesus My Lord

Continued from last week

All other "Lords" are ruled out . . . that's anything outside myself which would lead me away from the Lord. *"But may it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world."* (Galatians 6:14)

This would include such things as work and family. ". . . *Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God! But He said to him, 'A man was giving a big dinner, and he invited many; and at the dinner hour he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for everything is ready now.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first one said to him, 'I have bought a piece of land and I need to go out and look at it; please consider me excused.' Another one said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please consider me excused.' Another one said 'I have married a wife, and for that reason I cannot come.' The slave came back and reported this to his master. Then the head of the household became angry and said to his slave, 'Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the city and bring in here the poor and crippled and blind and lame.' And the slave said, 'Master What you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' And the master said to the slave, 'Go out into the highways and along the hedges, and compel them to come in, so that my house may be filled.*

For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste of my dinner." (Luke 14:15-24) *"If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple."* (Luke 14:25-27)

This includes the philosophy and traditions of men. *"Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude. See to it that no one takes you captive through deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ. For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete, and He is head over all rule and authority . . ."* (Colossians 2:6-10)

Also, our brethren is included in this. Certainly we are to submit to one another: *" . . . and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ."* (Ephesians 5:21) Some seem to fear their brethren more than they fear the Lord! Attend services only to please the brethren. We must watch our language and conduct in the presence of the brethren. While we may submit to those in authority (family members, elders, government, etc.), it is because we have made Jesus our "one Lord" above all others!

Many Christians live as though their self, their flesh, the world, or their brethren were their "master" or "owner." It may help to avoid this divided loyalty if we truly make . . . Jesus "my" Lord!

"The Golden Rule"

"In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets." (Matthew 7:12)

- Be what you want others to be.
- Say what you want others to say to you.
- Love like you want to be loved.
- Live like you want others to live around you.
- Be faithful because you want others to be faithful to you.
- Sing like you want our singing to be.
- Be faithful in worship as you want your children to be.
- Serve like you want to be served.
- Smile like you want others to smile around you.
- Care for others because you need others to forgive you.
- Be there for others because some day you will need others to be there for you.
- Compliment others and those around you will become a comfort to you.
- Strengthen others and those around you will become your strength.
- Be Christ-like and those around you will be Christ-like, too.
- Rejoice in the Lord and those around you will rejoice.

*Author Unknown
Via the Anchor -
Bulletin Digest*

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

God is in control! I truly believe this. Yet, He cannot be blamed for every tragedy that occurs in our lives. So many times we hear, "God, why did you allow this to happen?"

I'm sure many along the Gulf Coast are asking God this very question right now. "God, why did you allow this to happen to us? What have we done to deserve this?" Many of us not directly affected may be asking the same question.

Even though God is in control, He allows us choices. We choose where we live. I chose to live in Arkansas. We sometimes have bad thunderstorms, tornadoes and high winds. The people who live here know that. We take the chance every season that we may lose everything, even our life. Some good people may be hurt. God sends rain on the just and the unjust.

The people who live along the coast have chosen that area. They realize there may be hurricanes of this magnitude. They take that chance. This doesn't make the tragedy any easier to bear, but there is an explanation for it.

Our circumstances and lifestyles, the choices we make, play a large part in what happens to us. Then, sometimes we are hurt by what others choose to do. Innocently, we can be in the wrong place at the wrong time. We can be hurt at no fault of our own.

Paul says we can grow through adversity. *"And not only that, but we also exult in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope."* (Romans 5:3-4)

I find it a hard reach to find what good can come from all of this Gulf Coast devastation. But it's there! I believe in God's Word. Good will come of this. We couldn't think of any good to come from the tragedy of September 11, 2001. But in the days to follow we did. A city that was known for not caring for each other, came together, helping their neighbors. A closeness came that no one imagined.

God is faithful in that He will not allow more to happen to us than we can overcome. (Hebrews 10:13) (Part 1)

Remember Our Sick

Kenneth Anderson – Heart attack, hospitalized at Conway.

Lois Boley – Total knee surgery October 25th, on a walker now.

Caleb Chance – was in Children's Hospital for tests, home, no diagnoses.

Dustin Corbin and Logan Sage – Dover High students had a bad auto accident, both in serious condition.

Hayden Jones – Rick Hollis' father-in-law, diagnosed with cancer. Lives in Midland, TX.

Randy Holland – fighting cancer.

Bill Parker – Rusty Parker's father, still in hospital from an auto accident.

Ester Sparks – undergoing some tests.

Lee Stobough – elder at Center Ridge, bypass surgery Monday, Sept. 19th.

Shut-ins: Needs your prayers and visits.

Dover Area:

Evelyn Burton

Mae Vanzandt

Russellville Nursing and Rehab Center:

Thelma Hatcher

Esther Sparks

Stella Manor:

Louise Killer

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Ruby Boley, Susie Boley, Dennis Boyd, Donna Brewer, Bernice Brown, Jamie Churchill, Jason Coulter, Jeff Davis, Bennie Drewry, Ronda Fields, Brian Holloway, Gigi Lane, Thula LaRue, Robert and Rose Lee, Bill and Mary McAlister, Jerry Martin, Janetta Mason, John and Jannie Myers, Joe Miller, Nolan Passmore, Teresa Phillips, Tanya Smith, Harold and Mildred Turner, and Betty and David Walters, and Pauline Whorton.

Expectant Mothers: Kristen Loper Nordin, Shelley Parker Culwell.

Special Children: (Birth Defects) – Emmy May, Zachary Shelton, Gabriel Ross Finlayson, Keith Martin, Kaitlyn Schwartz and Noah Williams.

Military: Jon Allen, Greg Davis, and Cole Wetzel. Randall Nixon is stateside but is being sent to the Katrina Disaster Area.

Prayers: for the ones that have lost families, homes, etc., in the "wake of Katrina" and "Rita". Also, pray for the ones going into these area's to be of assistance.

Sympathy and Prayers for the family of Pamela McMinn formerly of Dover, who passed away Saturday, September 24, in Little Rock, AR. She was the only daughter of Carman Banks.

Good Morning Lord!

Good Morning!!!

This morning when I wakened
And saw the sun above,
I softly said, "Good morning, Lord,
Bless everyone I love."

Right away I thought of you
And said a loving prayer,
That He would bless you specially,
And keep you free from care.

I thought of all the happiness
A day could hold in store,
I wished it all for you because
No one deserves it more.

I felt so warm and good inside,
My heart was all aglow.
I know God heard my prayers for
you,
He hears them all you know.

Author Unknown

*Submitted by: Iris Bates
Springdale Arkansas*

**Men's Regular Monthly
Business Meeting
Has been moved to**

**Monday, October 10th,
7:00 PM**

Dover Church of Christ

Events

Dover Church of Christ
Children's Church
Every Sunday,
11:15 - 12:00 Noon
Ages 2 to 6

For more info Contact:
Chris or Julie Moss
(479) 331-9707

Items needed: paper towel
tubes and small empty raisin
boxes or small tooth-pick
boxes. These items can be
left at the church office.

West Side Ladies'

“WINGS”

September 8th

Thru

November 17th

9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Theme: Fragrance of
Faith

Discover the Aroma of
Christ in the Beatitudes
Child Care Provided

GOSPEL MEETING

October 12-15

Downtown Church of Christ
Morrilton, AR

Theme: The Family & the Home
Neal Pryor, Harding University
Phone: (501) 354-2323

Mark Your Calendars

Lawn Care

October 14th
Rick Hollis
Silas Powers

DOVER CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY NIGHT

October 29th, 5:30 PM
Camp Caudle

Camp Fire Cook-Out

Every family bring
something to put in the
cooking pot.

Hot Dogs and the fix'ens
will be furnished.

Dress-up for Halloween is
optional. Children's
costumes will be judged.

Prizes, games and
hayrides!!

Bring drinks for your
family and your favorite
lawn chair.

Men's Devo

Dover Church of Christ
Thursday, October 13th

The Veasman's, 7:00 PM

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 Chance

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

PRAISE 2005

October 15th thru 16th
Saturday and Sunday

Cabot Church of Christ
Cabot Arkansas

Registration: 9:00 AM
Saturday morning and
Saturday afternoon seces-
sion, followed by an early
morning and late morning
secession on Sunday.

Email: cabotcoc@centurytel.net.
Phone: (501) 843-5688
Fax: (501) 628-1000

***THOSE TO
SERVE***
October 9, 2005

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Jim Killer

Prayers

Brett Walters
Chris Loper

Communion

Podium: Marion Helton
Serve: Blake Walters
Dennis Whiteside
Donny Forehand
Earl Kennedy

Scripture Reading

James Chadwick

**Sunday P.M.
Prayers**

Earl Whitted
Gary Williams

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.
Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.
Micah Williams

**Prepare Table for
Communion**

Allen and Marilyn Veasman

Communion to Shut-Ins

Lawrence Boley
Merrell Shoptaw

Greeters

Merrell and Roxanna Shoptaw

**Wednesday Night
Devotional**

October 12, 2005

Sid Womack

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: JoAnn Killer

Wednesday Class: Marilyn Veasman

Life Lines is a Publication of the Dover Church of Christ

Editor: Pat McAlister, Layout and Design: Joan Vance, Technical Assistance: M. Shoptaw

Dover Church of Christ
P.O. Box 299
Dover, AR 72837
Return Service Requested

Nonprofit Organization
U.S. Postage Paid
Dover, AR
Permit No. 18