



Life Lines

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A Tribute to Bill McAlister -

“And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise.” (Luke 6:31) This is the way Bill lived his life. The Golden Rule applied to him. Nothing could say more about the character of a man than the number of friends and relatives that came to his viewing. The funeral director told Mary that there were more than 400 people who came to pay their respect. The lines were long. Several people had to make two or three trips before they could get in because of these long lines. You don't make that kind of impact, on that many people, unless it was something good. Bill was a living example of goodness and kindness.

Probably some that came by did not personally know Bill, but they knew his family, his legacy. That legacy speaks well of him, too. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather. This love is shown in the family that is left.

Bill worked very hard during his earlier years. From this hard work he became successful. Although he worked for Arkansas Highway Dept. for 33 years, he also managed a cattle farm. He loved outside work. You could tell this by his farm and also from the places he lived. He was not shy around hard work. He had to slow down these last few years because of his health. I'm sure this bothered him a lot.

Bill was always active in the community. In his earlier years he served on the Dover School Board. He also served on the Pope County Education Board. He had three children in the Dover School. He was interested in taking part in the

decisions that were made that would affect his children.

Bill and Mary helped deliver Meals on Wheels for our church in Dover. He understood the meaning of helping those in need.

I want to share a little story with you about Bill and Mary when they were first married. I think it happened not long after they were married. Bill had called Mary by his first wife's name, Ruby. He was apologetic. Of course, she didn't mind and told him so. But she also told him that she had an advantage over him. He wouldn't catch her doing this. (Her first husband's name was Bill also!) We had a good laugh about this.

Bill loved the Lord, the church and his church family. He was always encouraging Micah. He watched Micah grow in his ministry, and was always sure to tell Micah, “Keep up the good work.” Micah said at the funeral service, “One word describes Bill; kindness. Kindness exemplified Bill. His character was one of loving and goodness. My best experience with Bill was of his encouragement to me.” *“Dear Friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.”* (1 John 4:7-8)

Bill was faithful and God had been good to him. Bill had the love of two good women. Bill had some sad times losing his first wife, but he trusted God to keep His promise. God did help Bill bear his burden. *“The Lord is good to those whose hope is in Him, to the one who seeks Him.”* (Lam. 3:25)

In the Garden was one of Bill's favorite songs. He wanted the congregation to sing it at his funeral.

And he walks with me, and He talks with me, And He tells me I am his own; And the joy I share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

Bill and Mary had a good life but they both understood heartache. Mary had suffered a tragic loss with her first husband also. So they both were a source of comfort to Bill's brother when he lost his wife. At this time they met Brother Richard Kirkland at 5th and Greenwich. This was another friend and Christian brother to add to the many they already had. Brother Kirkland had many nice things to say about Bill, Mary, B J, Karen and Kathy.

Bill's life was short in today's world. He was only 77 years old. But because of his poor health he was ready to go to a better place. He had been faithful and obedient to the Lord, so he was ready for his reward. Bill will be missed by his family and friends and his church family. Someone might ask why the righteous die young. *“The righteous perish, and no one understands that the righteous are taken away to be spared from evil. Those who walk uprightly enter into peace; they find rest as they lie in death.”* (Isa. 57:1-2)

At Bill's funeral Micah read this Scripture to console the grieving. *“Do not let your heart be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in Me. In My Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with Me that you also may be where I am.”* (John 14:1-3) pmc

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

The next prophet is Jeremiah, how he was imprisoned for predicting the fall of Jerusalem. This was my assignment. It is taken from chapters 37 and 38 of Jeremiah.

Jeremiah was called at a young age. Jeremiah says to the Lord, "I am too young, I do not know how to speak." This is similar to the young boy, Samuel, and also of Moses, when he said he could not speak. The Lord assures Jeremiah that He will be with him.

The Lord does not allow Jeremiah to have a wife or family. He is dedicated to the Lord's work during a very disastrous time for the Israelites.

This was a very sad, sinful time in the history of God's people. The ten tribes of Israel had been taken into captivity by Assyria well over 100 years before. Sin and idolatry was rampant in Judah.

Jeremiah has been called "the weeping prophet" and for good cause. There were many false prophets during his time who prophesied against whatever Jeremiah tried to tell the people. This made his job very difficult.

Chapters 37 and 38 occur during the time of Zedekiah, the last king of Judah. Jeremiah tells the king that Judah will fall to Babylon and if they will just go with the Babylonians they will be saved. Of course the false prophets tell the king a different story. Jeremiah tells them that their captivity will last for seventy years and then they can return to their homeland. He also tells them that if they try to escape to Egypt, they will be doomed.

In chapter 37, King Zedekiah asks that Jeremiah be brought to him to pray to the Lord for them. At that time Jeremiah has been allowed to come and go as he pleased. This is about to change. You can understand how the king could be torn from one prophet to another. Who was he to believe?

Babylon besieges Jerusalem. For this reason there is a famine. Then Pharaoh's army from Egypt advances toward Jerusalem. This halts the Babylonians. Most likely this gives

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Remember Our Sick

Yvonne Adkinson – St. Mary's, serious health problems. Mother of Tanya Smith.

Bill Besterfeldt – grandfather of Chris Besterfeldt, liver problems.

Lois Boley – in Heart Hospital, LR. Surgery (stint and balloon) surgery successful. Checking further for other serious problems.

Jessalyn Davis – cancer, undergoing treatment, still in hospital.

Ray Motley – Home, hospice

Charles Hickey – experiencing more pain, on morphine patch, back home.

Don Sheeran – gall-bladder surgery scheduled for October 31st.

Diane Walters – (Randall's) still treating blood clots from knee surgery

Shut-ins – need prayers and visits:

Dover Area:

Bernice Brown

Evelyn Burton

Mae Vanzandt

Russellville Nursing and Rehab Center:

Evelyn Driver

Melba Hodges

Stella Manor:

Louise Killer

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Daisy Hogins Anderson, Bob and Carolyn Bennett, Lloyd Boley, Susie Boley, Jeff Davis, Charles Ensey, Hoyt Ensey, Sue Griffin, David Guthrie, Ray King, Jim Lackey, Robert and Rose Lee, Liliya McDaniel, Linda Melton, Charles Proctor, Reddie Smith and Tanya Smith.

Special Children: Elysia Lee, Emmy May, Keith Martin and Noah Williams.

Military: Greg Davis, Johnny Ragsdale, Cole Wetzal and Rudy Will.

**"Life must be understood backward.
But it must be lived forward."**

**"One can have no smaller or greater
mastery than mastery of oneself."**

Leonardo da Vinci

Jeremiah, the Prophet

Continued from Lines for ladies . . .

King Zedekiah a good reason to believe the false prophets. Jeremiah is wrong. It looks as if the city will be saved by Egypt.

I like what Jeremiah tells them about this. "The Lord says that even if Egypt destroyed all the Babylonians but wounded men, the Babylonians would still conquer Jerusalem because the Lord would raise the wounded men to destroy them!"

Jeremiah was going out the Benjamin Gate toward his property when he was arrested and put in prison at the home of Jonathan the scribe. The people thought he was defecting to the Babylonians. Later he was put into a cell in a dungeon, where he remained many days.

King Zedekiah must have had a change of heart, or got scared, because he had Jeremiah brought to him secretly. He wanted to know if there was any word from the Lord. Again, Jeremiah told him, "You shall be delivered into the hand of the King of Babylon." Jeremiah begged the king not to return him to the dungeon where he would surely die. So the king had him put in the court prison and given bread daily.

In chapter 38, some of the men wanted Jeremiah put to death for what he had spoken. They said that he was weakening the men that were left in the city. They said he was doing harm to the people. King Zedekiah let them put him in a dungeon at the house of one of his sons. They let him down with ropes. There was no water but it was filled with mud.

An Ethiopian eunuch, Ebed-Melech, came to his rescue. He asked the king to let Jeremiah out before he died, because there was no more bread in the city. The king ordered him to take 30 men to rescue the prophet. They took old clothes and rags, let them down like ropes. Jeremiah put them under his armpits and they pulled him out.

Again, King Zedekiah calls for Jeremiah . . .

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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

Lawn Schedule

October 20th
Saturday
Steve Pennington
Josh Pennington

No Area Wide Youth Devo Scheduled for October

Ladies' Night
Thursday
October 18th,
7:00 PM
Hostess: Tanya Smith

Mark Your Calendars

Attention Ladies of the
Dover Church of Christ
CCSC Potluck Luncheon
Scheduled for Wednesday,
October 17th. Expect 150!
See Pat McAlister for details.

Dover Church of Christ FALL FESTIVAL

October 27th, 5:30 PM
Camp Caudle

A teacher . . .

Is a path, **to help avoid falls;**
An ear, **to listen when others**
call;

A voice, **with which to talk and**
sing;

A hinge, **on which the future**
swings

A shield, **for stopping Satan's**
darts;

A hand, **to touch a lonely heart;**
An arm, **to lift hearts from**
defeat;

A light, **to awaken those who**
sleep;

A rock, **to be solid for each day;**
An example, **showing Christ,**
the Way;

A hope, **while traveling earth's**
sod;

A life, **dedicated to God.**

Author Unknown

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.

Clarksville Church of Christ
2211 W. Main
"Struggle to Believe"
With Joe Jones
October 14th Thru 17th

"In Search of the Lord's Way" Now 24/7

The Search Program can
now be accessed any time
website: www.searchtv.org
Mack Lyon's weekly lesson can
be heard and seen on KARK,
Channel 4, Sunday,
7:30 AM.

THOSE TO SERVE

October 14, 2007

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Jim Killer
Sid Womack

Communion

Podium: Allen Veasman
Serve: Marion Helton
Rex McDaniel
Earl Whitted
Gary Williams

Scripture Reading

Rick Hollis

Sunday P.M. Prayers

Marion Helton
Joe Miller

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.
Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.
Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Robert and Juanita Bird

Communion to Shut-Ins

Earl Whitted
Jim Killer

Greeters

Gary and Sonia Williams

Wednesday Night Devotional

October 17, 2007

Rex McDaniel

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
Joe Miller
Chris Moss

Nursery Attendants:

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

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