



Life Lines

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MY LINES

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Four adults sat enthralled by an eleven month old boy called Jason. He was about to take his first steps (It was hoped). The mother held him upright and the father sat across from him, calling him to come to him. The baby's grandmother watched with bated breath. His grandfather couldn't take his eyes off him (in the early stages). Everyone in the room wanted the baby to succeed. Finally after numerous falls without progress, Jason took several steps unaided by anyone. The adults looked at each other with elation. They wanted to see more.

Without their knowledge, I took my eyes off Jason and watched them for awhile. My daughter, Linda, was delighted with her baby. My son-in-law, Stan, was bragging away. And my wife, Ethel, the baby's doting grandmother, couldn't get over it. What a boy! I was thrilled with the baby. I was grateful to God that Jason was so blessed. He had people who were really rooting for him. They rejoiced in his success. (They always will!) They knew how many steps he had taken on his own.

I sat there and wondered if they could tell me how many times he had fallen and needed to be lifted. I didn't ask. It seemed such a foolish thought. But I'm sure they couldn't have told me. They weren't counting how many times he fell; they were

interested in how often he was triumphant! I learned something that evening. I saw modeled before me the truth of Hebrews 12:1. *"Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race set before us . . ."* The Hebrew writer sees the ancient worthies, as it were, rooting us on, calling us to run the race well. And I saw the truth of I Corinthians 13:5 placarded before me. *"... does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered . . ."* The NIV renders the phrase we're interested in: "(Love) keeps no record of wrongs". When Peter asked Jesus if forgiving his brother seven times would be enough Jesus told him no. Seventy times seven, was the response of Jesus. He wasn't urging Peter to keep records; he was urging him to forget numbers.

The lady on the phone was really chewing on me. She said, "That's the second time you've don't that!"

I sadly confess that she was right. But it did enter my mind as she proceeded to take my flesh off strip by strip, that two wasn't the magic number. I didn't say anything, of course. The poor lady had been keeping a record of my wrongs. Love doesn't do that!

This is a hard saying. And I recognize it as such. But it is the blunt saying of our Lord. Those who

care for my soul will rebuke me when I need it but they will not keep an account of evil.

I watched the treatment Jason was receiving with pride and pleasure. I contrasted it with what is too often practiced – the ignoring of the successes and the recording of the failings. I'm happy for Jason. And I'm happy that throughout the world there are those who will with friendship's hand brush away the chaff in our lives and bring out for inspection, the accomplishments and victories that Christ has blessed us with. And they rejoice in our successes. They acknowledge our mistakes. They're saddened and often hurt by our foolishness. But they "keep no record of wrongs".

From: "The Irish Papers"
By: Jim McGuiggan
(pages 11, 12)

GOSPEL MEETING

October 16 – 18

7:00 PM with a Potluck
Sunday, Noon.

Liberty Church of Christ
Conway, AR

Speaker: Mike Ireland,
Westside Church of Christ,
Searcy, AR

Theme: Discipline

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

(Part 2) In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina many feel lost. They have lost their homes, their possessions and many have lost family members. Many will blame God for this, but there are others who are a testimonial to Him. They thank God that they are alive. They thank God that they have another chance.

The rest of us who have not suffered through this can learn a good lesson. Things are not so important, things can be replaced. Material things are not permanent. They can be destroyed in a flash. When we are given a second chance, we need to use it. Not everyone is given a second chance.

Do we know Jesus today as we should? Without a second chance, would we be lost today?

We need to continually pray for all the people who were affected by Katrina. We need to pray for their spiritual lives. We can help them with material things too. We need to do our part, and many are. The outreach is very far. Right now they need God. With Him all things are possible, even rebuilding our lives. Time and again good has come from the worst we could imagine. This has to be one of those times.

“For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?” (Matthew 16:26)

Without Him I could do nothing;
Without Him I'd surely fail,
Without Him I could be drifting,
Like a ship without a sail.

Without Him I would be dying;
Without Him I'd be enslaved,
Without Him life would be hopeless,
But with Jesus, thank God, I'm saved.

Jesus, oh Jesus,
Do you know Him today?
You can't turn Him away.
Oh, Jesus, Oh, Jesus!
Without Him how lost I would be!

By: Mylon R. LeFevre

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, out of hospital, condition improving.

Esther Sparks – still undergoing tests.

Valentina – Liliya McDaniel's mother, having hip problems.

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.

A Formula for Living

The apostle Paul had a formula for successful Christian living. A timeless formula, but within reach of anyone who accepts the authority of the Word of God.

“Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds, through Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:6-7)

The components that work together to provide God's peace are not unreasonable. If we do not take our needs to Him, to whom shall we take them? If we do not thank Him for blessings so freely given us each day, to whom shall we come with our gratitude?

These are not hard requirements. If God is all that He claims to be – and can a Christian doubt that? – then God is fully justified in His insistence that we turn a deaf ear to the voices of anxiety and listen instead to His promises. We are to ask, trust and received with gratitude.

That's the formula.

To the extent that we put our faith to work in this way, He promises a peace beyond our human ability to comprehend.

By: Tom Watson, Jr.
Popular Bluff, MO

Ladies!!!

The Dover Church of Christ potluck luncheon for the ATU Student Center is Wednesday, October 19th.

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

"Little Christian Soldiers"
bring your Bibles.
Memory Verse: "In the
beginning God created the
heavens and the earth."
(Genesis 1:1)

West Side Ladies'

"WINGS"

September 8th

Thru

November 17th

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Fragrance of Faith

Discover the Aroma of
Christ in the Beatitudes
Child Care Provided

Dover Church of Christ MEALS on WHEELS

October 31st
thru
November 4th
Monday thru Friday

Mark Your Calendars

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.

Dover Church of Christ LADIES' NIGHT

Thursday, October 20th
Hostess: Shirlie
Chadwick

Lawn Care

October 21st
Allen Veasman
William Boley

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.

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THOSE TO SERVE

October 16, 2005

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters

Song Leader: Jim Killer

Prayers

James Chadwick

Jim Killer

Communion

Podium: Marion Helton

Serve: Earl Whitted
Gary Williams
John Myers
Lawrence Boley

Scripture Reading

Merrell Shoptaw

Sunday P.M.

Prayers

Joe Miller
Lawrence Boley

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Allen and Marilyn Veasman

Communion to Shut-Ins

Troy Curtis
William Boley

Greeters

Merrell and Roxanna Shoptaw

Wednesday Night Devotional

October 19, 2005

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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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

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