



Life Lines

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The Fascination With Celebrities

By John Waddey

We see it every day. The mindless fascination of Americans with celebrities, be they movie stars, athletes, entertainers, successful politicians or the fabulously wealthy. This obsession is not just a teen thing. It affects millions of adults as well.

Gloria Flora sees this as the fruit of society's admiration of affluence, attractiveness and achievement. People are fascinated with tales of the rich and famous. They are willing to forgive or overlook or even excuse the fragrant misconduct of their idols.

This phenomena is evident in many modern Christians. They crave a preacher that has youth, attractiveness and worldly success. They want a church that is bigger and more wealthy than others. To them, that means they themselves are more successful. Being a part of such a church is more meaningful to them than a smaller congregation with an ordinary preacher. They want a meeting place that reflects wealth, success and bigness. They can overlook failures to abide by God's Word. They can tolerate

worldliness and close their eyes to apostasy, if they can just be part of the celebrity team.

Every celebrity and their adorers should be reminded of their mortality. By the grace of God they are privileged to occupy His earth along with seven billion others who are children of the same Creator. Like every other living person and thing, their days are numbered and soon they will be consumed in the dust of death. Their fame and fortune are ephemeral. For most, they will last a few months or years and then be gone. The once famous celebrity will be forgotten.

“Thus saith Jehovah, ‘Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches, but let him that glorieth in this, that he hath understanding and knoweth me, that I am Jehovah. . .’” (Jeremiah 9:23-24)

Sounder advice one will never find, if he searches the entire world.

From Christianity:

*Now and Then
Church of Christ,
Surprise, AZ*

The Quiet Sermon

A member of a certain church, who previously had been attending services regularly, stopped going. After a few weeks, the preacher decided to visit him.

It was a chilly evening. The preacher found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for his preacher's visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited.

The preacher made himself at home, but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the logs. After some minutes, the preacher took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent. The host watched all this in quiet contemplation. As one lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead.

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The preacher glanced at his watch and realized it was time to leave. He stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow, once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the preacher reached for the door to leave, his host said, with a tear running down his cheek, “Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery sermon. I shall be back in church next Sunday.”

We live in a world today which tries to say too much with too little. Consequently, few listen. Sometimes the best sermons are the ones unspoken.

From Home Touch

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

God is finally fed up with the idolatrous sins of His people in Judah. He has already allowed the destruction and capture of the Northern tribes by Assyria. The prophets sent by Him to plead with them to repent have been ignored. He wants them to change their ways. He is always loving and forgiving but He has reached His limit!

Jeremiah and Habakkuk are two such prophets. The people are about to go into captivity at Babylonia. They begged the people to believe them. Some probably did, but the majority went about sinning, just as they were.

In *The Daily Bible, a Chronological Order*, F. Lagard Smith writes the commentaries. About this event, he writes, "It may be a question which the various prophets themselves have considered. Certainly Habakkuk is concerned about it. The question is this: how can a righteous and holy God use a wicked nation like Babylonia to bring punishment against God's own people, rebellious and sinful though they may be? Are not the ruthless Babylonians and other oppressors of Judah merely acting on their own in great arrogance and with no thought whatever of achieving any divine purpose? How then can God permit their unrighteous nations to succeed in their oppressions? And the question stretches beyond even the present conflicts to other related issues. How can God permit the wicked to prosper, often at the expense of the righteous? How can a righteous God permit evil to exist at all?"

Although God does not provide all the answers in His dialogue with Habakkuk, He does address the central question. His answer is that evil, wherever it is found, always bears within the seeds of its own destruction. Judah's sins have con-demned it to inevitable destruction. The particular agency by which that destruction comes is of no consequence. The enemy may be a

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Remember Our Sick

John Myers – home, Hospice.

Jonathon Roberts – son-in-law of Lois Boley, fell, broke his arm in two places along with a couple of ribs, will be off work for eight weeks.

Annie Robinson –diagnosed with cervical cancer.

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, Tom Cloud, Jeff Davis, Charles Ensey, Hoyt Ensey, Barbara Forehand, Rebecca Gray, Sue Griffin, Robert and Rose Lee, Jannie Myers, Charles Proctor, 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.

Line for Ladies – continued from column one –

righteous or a wicked nation – it matters not. But likewise, if the oppressors themselves are evil – as the Babylonians are – then they too will face their own destruction. **Only in righteousness is there life, sin always brings death.**" (pgs. 994,995)

God keeps His word. Babylon falls also. The wicked is always punished. Good things happen to bad people and bad things happen to good people. His rain comes on the just as well as the unjust. The ultimate outcome is that the good people, righteous by God's standards, will have life eternal. What a wonderful promise from Him!

Cell Phone VS Bible

Do you have a cell phone? Most do now-a-days. Even kids. This little item has been making the rounds on the internet and in bulletins lately . . . and it makes a lot of sense.

What would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phones?

What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?

What if we flipped through it several times a day?

What if we used it to receive messages from the text?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

What if we gave it to kids as a gift?

What if we used it as we traveled?

What if we used it in case of an emergency?

Soooo . . . what do you think? Maybe we all should give some thought as to just what really is the most important – our cell phone or the Bible. I know what the Bible teaches . . . **"It is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God."** (Matthew 4:4) **"Your Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."** (Psalms 119:105) **The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.**" (Psalms 19:7) **"Your Word I have hid in my heart, that I might not sin against You."** (Psalms 119:11)

Cell phone or Bible?

I'll take the Bible every time, won't you?

Carroll Sites
The Lakeside Messenger
Higden, AR

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
Lawn Schedule

October 28
Chris Moss
Chris Besterfeldt

5th Sunday

October 29th
Sunday morning service
offering will be for Camp
Caudle.

Daylight Saving Time

October 29th
Set the clock back one
hour!

Mark Your Calendars

Friends Day

"Youth Get Together"

Clarksville Church of Christ
October 22, 6:00PM

Food, Fun and Fellowship!
(Dinner Provided)

Speaker: Jon Binkley,
From: Paragould, AR

RSVP: (479) 754-3360

FALL FESTIVAL

Dover Church of Christ
Saturday, October 28th
Camp Caudle 5:00 PM

Hot Dogs, Buns and Chips
furnished, bring chairs and
drinks for your family.

Hay Ride, Costumes
(optional).

GOSPEL MEETING

Dover Church of Christ
November 10 thru 11,
7:00 PM
Sunday, Nov. 12, 6:00 PM
David Riley (Mars Hill)

Potluck following Sunday
Evening Services.

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, 7:30 AM.

"Why is it that you have to wait for
night to call it a day?"

"The time you enjoy wasting is not
wasted time."

THOSE TO SERVE

October 22, 2006

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Gary Williams
James Chadwick

Communion

Podium: Chris Loper
Serve: Jim Killer
Lawrence Boley
Marion Helton
Rex McDaniel

Scripture Reading

Rick Hollis

Sunday P.M. Prayers

Jim Killer
Joe Miller

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.
Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.
Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Gwen Hale and Bobbye Meline

Communion to Shut-Ins

Merrell Shoptaw
Troy Curtis

Greeters

Troy and Rachel Curtis

Wednesday Night Devotional

October 26, 2006

Marion Helton

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
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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