



Life Lines

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MY LINES

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Experiencing Christ Daily

“This is the day which the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”
(Psalm 118:24)

Our spiritual life may have a gap between Monday and Sunday.

We need a spirituality of work, recreation, sleep, eating, housing, marriage, etc.

How aware are you of your spiritual life and Satan’s attempts to ensnare you?

If you are thriving spiritually, how do you know it? How prominent is the living Christ in your daily experience as a person of faith?

We have a spiritual fuel tank . . . What drains our spiritual fuel tank? Disappointment, intellectual challenges, trials, hurry and Satan’s schemes?

Most people’s lives are unbalanced, hurried, focused more on work, play or other things, no balance, no order.

We need an ordered spirituality in following Jesus (work, recreation, etc.)

How do we experience Christ daily?

By seeing what Jesus saw. He saw crowds and had compassion on them. People see doubt, Sinicism, prejudice in other people, but not Jesus. He saw Zaccheus. He saw sinners, but didn’t see their sins as a final answer.

By hearing what Jesus heard. He heard the voice of the Father. He didn’t hear people murmuring about Him.

Value what Jesus valued. *“As Jesus went on from there, He saw a man called Matthew, sitting in the tax*

collector’s booth; and He said to him, ‘Follow Me!’ And he got up and followed Him. Then it happened that as Jesus was reclining at the table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were dining with Jesus and His disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to His disciples, ‘Why is your Teacher eating with the tax collectors and sinners?’ But when Jesus heard this, He said, ‘It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick. But go and learn what this means: I DESIRE MERCY, AND NOT SACRIFICE, for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.” (Matthew 9:9-13 He desires mercy, not sacrifice.

Greater matters and lesser matters. *“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others.”* (Matthew 23:23)

Love God and your neighbor. *“But when the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they gathered themselves together. One of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, ‘Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?’ And He said to him, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.’ This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.’ On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets.”* (Matthew 22:34-40) You love God by loving your neighbor.

“For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints.” (Hebrews 6:10 *“We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoever has the world’s goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.”* (1 John 3:16-18)

You are in church because Jesus sent you there!

Church is a Celebration of our Savior, our new life with Him! *“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say rejoice! Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near.* (Philippians 4:4-5)

By walking how Jesus walked. Example: *“For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you.”* (John 13:15) Jesus forgave, listened, loved and served.

Jesus loved and loves. *“Looking at him, Jesus felt a love for him and said to him, ‘One thing you lack; go and sell all you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.”* (Mark 10:21)

Jesus will never love you more than He already has!

- Continued next week -

Prison Ministry

Fourteen people restored
Monday, October 24th,
Russellville, AR.

Sid Womack

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

The story of Hannah is very touching. She cries her heart out for a son. Then she makes a promise or vow that if she is granted a son she will give him over to the Lord. God does hear her cry and gives her a son. After giving him over for the Lord's work, through Eli, she visits her son at the temple each year.

I'm sure it had to be hard for Hannah to give up her son. It is hard for me to understand. As mothers we want to be with our children as much as possible, watching them grow up, walking for the first time, their first words, etc. We want to care for their needs and get all the sweet hugs.

At the time in history, a woman's role was to marry, have children, especially to have sons. Hannah wasn't fulfilling her role in life. She was barren, therefore very unhappy. Even the love of her husband could not console her. He thought she should be happy knowing he loved her the most. He said, "*Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?*" (I Samuel 1:8)

I wonder if Hannah ever had second thoughts about giving up her child. But, she had made a vow and this was her word. Vows were not to be broken regardless of what they were or what the consequences would be. It was your word to God.

Hannah seemed to be a devout woman. She prayed and fasted. She went with her family on their annual pilgrimage to the temple at Shiloh to worship the Lord. She was emotional. She cried a lot. Today, we would probably say she was depressed.

God remembered Hannah. She has a beautiful prayer to the Lord in I Samuel 1:1-10.

No more is said of Hannah except that she lives through Samuel, in all that he did for God's people. She later had three other sons and two daughters.

Remember Our Sick

Lois Boley - had knee surgery October 25th, is home recovering.

James Ray Damouth – brother of Pat Holloway, had gall bladder surgery Monday, October 10th. Made it through the surgery, home recovering. Still facing heart surgery, heart valve is leaking. James lives in Niles, MI.

Sue Griffin – health problems.

Randy Holland – fighting cancer.

Baby Emmy May – open heart surgery November 17th.

Bobbye Moline – Gwen Hale's sister and Lois Boley's friend – having a stint put in leg Thursday, October 27th, to drain off fluids.

Gene Smith – Cara Williams' father, is home doing better after a heart attack.

Lisa Stone – B. J. Sheeran's daughter-in-law, St. Louis, MO, surgery November 1st, tumor on an ovary.

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:

Kenneth Anderson, Ruby Boley, Susie Boley, Bernice Brown, Jamie Churchill, Jason Coulter, Jeff Davis, Bennie Drewry, Ronda Fields, Brian Holloway, Hayden Jones, Gigi Lane, 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 and Shelley Parker Culwell.

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

Military: Jon Allen, Greg Davis and Cole Wetzel.

**All I really need
to know,
I learned
from Noah's Ark.**

Don't miss the boat. When God shuts the door on this side for the last time, be sure you are on the right side.

Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
Build on high ground.

If you can't fight or flee – float.
Speed isn't always an advantage.

The cheetahs were on board, but so were the snails.

For safety's sake, travel in pairs.

Stay below deck during the storm.

Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone might ask you to do something really big.

Don't listen to critics – do what has to be done.

Remember that the ark was built by amateurs and the Titanic was built by professionals.

Don't forget that we're all in the same boat.

Take care of your animals as if they were the last ones on earth.

Remember that the woodpeckers inside are often a bigger threat than the storm outside.

No matter how bleak it looks, there's always a rainbow on the other side.

Author Unknown

Events

Dover Church of Christ
Children's Church
Every Sunday

11:15 - 12:00 Noon
Ages 2 to 8

Story for November:
"God blesses me with food."
Genesis 2:8-17

Memory Verse:
"The Lord God made . . .
. . . food." (Genesis 2:9)

Adult Christmas PARTY

December 3rd, 6:00 PM
Host/Hostess:
Allen & Marilyn
Veasman

Santa's Gift
(for the Santa Game)

Potluck

Meat Dish Furnished
See sign-up sheet to indicate
the dish you would like to
bring.

Join In The Fellowship!!

Mark Your Calendars

Ladies Night

November 17th, 7:00 PM
Hostess: Cara Williams

BABY SHOWER

Sunday, 2:00 PM
November 13th

Dover Church of Christ
Fellowship Hall

"IT'S A BOY"

Kristen/ Kevin Nordin
(Soon to be proud parents!)

AREA YOUTH DEVO

Sunday, November 20th
5:30 PM

Church of Christ
Student Center
Arkansas Tech University
Hosted by:
Dardanelle Church of
Christ

Pray for our troops and
our Country!

November Birthdays

01 Esther Sparks
06 Roxana Shoptaw
07 Charlene Clark
09 Kim Walters
10 Diane Shinn
 Andy Jackson
12 Dana Bates
14 Daniel Loper
15 Brent Hottinger
 Chris Loper
 Michael Williams
18 Clara Hefley
 Kevin Miller
20 Marion Helton
 Kimberlee Bushea
24 Ted Shinn
29 Charles Hickey
 Taylor Thomas

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

BABY SHOWER

Sunday, 2:00 PM
December 4th

Dover Church of Christ
Fellowship Hall

"It's A BOY"

Shelley/ Aron Culwell
(Soon to be proud parents!)

Dover Church of Christ
Singles Breakfast
Every Saturday, 9:00 AM
Dewayne's, Dover, AR

THOSE TO SERVE

November 13, 2005

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Brett Walters
Chris Loper

Communion

Podium: Marion Helton
Serve: Dennis Whiteside
Earl Whitted
Donny Forehand
Earl Kennedy

Scripture Reading

Chris Loper

Sunday P.M. Prayers

Dennis Whiteside
Donny Forehand

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Sid Womack
Theme: Evangelism

Sunday P.M.

Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Donny and Leigh Ann Forehand

Communion to Shut-Ins

Jim Killer
John Myers

Greeters

Gary and Sonia Williams

Wednesday Night Devotional

November 16, 2005

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:

Donny Forehand
Brent Hottinger
Chris Loper
Rex McDaniel
Joe Miller

Nursery Attendants:

Sunday Class: Carin Chance
Sonia Williams

Sunday Service: Tanya and
Danielle Smith

Wednesday Class: Marilyn Veasman

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