



# Life Lines

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## **Thanksgiving** **Help Us Lord To Be Thankful** **Before It Is Too Late!**

Flowers, kind words and compliments that are never seen until the funeral is too late.

May we be thankful for Christian parents who cared enough to bring us up in the truth. Only a few have been blessed in this way, and if you are one of them, never forget to be thankful.

May we be thankful for a Christian mate who loves us and who is doing all he or she can to help us on the road to heaven. If you have been so richly blessed in this way, never take it for granted. Going to heaven is a difficult task by itself, and it can be made so much harder by an unbelieving mate.

May we be thankful for the gift of children that God has given us. "***Blessed is the man who hath his quiver full,***" the Old Testament writer has said. Sometimes we can lose sight of the blessing that children are, as we go through the normal ups and downs of parenthood. Anyone who has ever lost a child can tell us how it can be too late to express thankfulness about our children.

May we be thankful for the local congregation of God's people. There is a family that is ready to have us as a part of it, if we will make our effort and allow ourselves to be a part of it. All too often we can get caught up in the little disagreements and problems

that are a normal part of life, and forget how thankful we should be for the local congregation of God's people. Thanks be to God for godly elders who care about the members and are dedicated to the pure unadulterated word of God.

May we be thankful for the country in which we live. It is true that we have plenty of problems in our country, but I still believe that this country is the greatest on the face of the earth. We can thank God for it and we can help keep this country a land to be thankful for by dedicating ourselves to the principles of New Testament Christianity and dedication to the God of heaven, for this is the only way for our nation to be preserved.

May we be thankful for the ultimate gift from God, Jesus Christ who died on the cross of Calvary for our sins. May we never "tread under the Son of God." Our thanksgiving for the great gift is not manifested in just a verbal recognition of the fact, but rather is shown by how we react in relationship to His gift. In other words, do we do what He asks of us? This is the true measurement of our thankfulness.

May we simply be thankful to the Lord and Father of us all, who has given us every Good Gift. Every day of our lives is a gift from the God of heaven. Every breath we take is because of Him. Every joy, every true pleasure, every hope is only because of Him. Are we truly thankful? Let us not wait until it is too late to express thankfulness.

And, of course, while there is nothing wrong with taking a special day set aside nationally to thank God for all His blessings, as Christians everyday should be a day of thanksgiving to their father. And to those around us, let us, as we have already mentioned, let us send our flowers to them while they can still enjoy them, and say our kind words while they mean something to them. What a blessing thankfulness us !

*By: E. Dean Kelly*  
*Bulletin Digest*

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## **THANKSGIVING**

*Give thanks to the Lord,  
Call on His name.  
Make known among nations  
What He has done.  
Sing to Him,  
Sing praise to Him.  
Tell of His wonderful deeds.  
Glory in His holy name;  
Let the hearts of those  
Who seek the Lord rejoice.  
Look to the Lord  
And His strength;  
Seek His face forever.*

*(See I Chronicles 16:8-11)*

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**A Special Meeting, November 19,**  
**(Sunday) 4:30 PM, Dover Church**  
**of Christ for those that signed-up**  
**to help with Lads to Leaders.**

## Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

---What if . . . ?

God took away the Bible tomorrow,  
because we would not read it today

---What if . . . ?

God took away His message because we failed to listen to His messenger . . .

---What if . . . ?

God answered our prayers the way we answer His call to service . . .

---What if . . . ?

God met our needs the way we give Him our lives. ---

What if . . . ?

The door to the church was closed

because we did not open the door of our hearts . . .

--- What if . . . ?

God would not hear us today Because we would not listen . . . ?

---What if . . . ?

God didn't send His only begotten Son

Because He wanted us to be prepared to pay the price of sin . . .

---What if . . . ?

God would not hear us today Because we would not Listen to Him yesterday . . .

---What if . . . ?

Author Unknown

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A Special Thank You – George and Eunice Lovelady called to say they appreciated the delicious cake and casseroles that Patsy Wisbrock brought to them. They were surprised and pleased.

## Remember Our Sick

**Daisy Hogins Anderson** – Cancer no longer in remission.

**Jonathon Elmore** – complications, gall bladder-appendectomy surgery.

**Sam Jones** – serious lung problems.

**John Myers** – home, Hospice.

**David Walters** – health problems.

**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, Lloyd Boley, Susie Boley, Gail Brewer, Jamie Churchill, Tom Cloud, Jeff Davis, Charles Ensey, Charles and Leota Hickey, Hoyt Ensey, Barbara Forehand, Rebecca Gray, Sue Griffin, Robert and Rose Lee, True McCabe, Jannie Myers, Charles Proctor, Jonathon Roberts, Annie Robinson, Reedie Smith, Tanya Smith, Stone Family, Lela Beth Wallace, Ahishi Web and Elsie Youngerman.

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

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

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### Thanksgiving Jokes

Q: Where did the first corn come from?

A: The stalk brought it.

Q: What do you get when you cross a turkey with an octopus?

A: Enough drumsticks for everybody!

Q: If the Pilgrims were alive today, what would they be the most famous for?

A: Their old age!

## HUMOR

'Twas The Night of Thanksgiving  
but I just couldn't sleep . . .  
I tried counting backwards,  
I tried counting sheep.  
The leftovers beckoned . . .  
the dark meat and white,  
but I fought the temptation  
with all my might.  
Tossing and turning  
with anticipation,  
the thought of a snack  
became infatuation.  
So, I raced to the kitchen,  
flung open the door  
and gazed at the fridge  
full of goodies galore.  
I grabbed up turkey  
and buttered potatoes,  
stuffing with gravy,  
green beans and tomatoes,  
I felt myself swelling  
so plumb and so round,  
till all of a sudden,  
I rose off the ground.  
I crashed through the ceiling,  
floating into the sky  
with a mouthful of pudding  
and a handful of pie.  
But I managed to yell,  
As I soared past the trees . . .  
Happy eating to all –  
Pass the cranberries, please!

A man in Florida called his son in New York. The father told his son there was trouble in the home and that he and the son's mother could no longer stand each other and that they are getting a divorce. He just wanted to inform the son so he wouldn't be shocked when he moved out.

The son hangs up immediately and calls his sister. The sister calls her father and says, "Don't do ANYTHING until we get there!"

The father hangs up the phone, turns to his wife and says, "The kids are coming home for Thanksgiving, but what are we going to tell them for Christmas?"

## 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

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### AREA WIDE YOUTH DEVO (FOR ALL TEENS)

Sunday, November 19th  
6:00 PM – at CCSC  
(Church of Christ  
Student Center)  
Russellville, AR

Sponsored by: Dardanelle  
Church  
of Christ

Play for your Food!!

You could be dinning on  
the finest cuisine or  
scrounging for Cheetos.

Are you willing to risk  
having the most incredible  
meal of your life???

## Mark Your Calendars

### Adult Christmas Party

December 2, 6:00 PM  
Host/Hostess:  
Allen and Marilyn  
Veasman

Bring Santa a Gift!  
(for the Santa Game)

### POTLUCK

Meat Dish Furnished.  
Indicate on the Sign-up  
sheet the dish you would  
like to bring.

Come! Join in the Fun and  
Fellowship!!

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Please Remember we are  
still feeding families in our  
community.

Can foods, etc. needed for  
the Dover Church of Christ  
food pantry.

Also, for the Southern  
Christian Home Truck that  
will be here in December.

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### A HAPPY & SAFE THANKSGIVING!

From the staff of Life Lines

## November Birthdays

06 Roxanna Shoptaw  
07 Charlene Clark  
08 Gwen Hale  
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  
24 Ted Shinn  
29 Charles Hickey  
    Taylor Thomas

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

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### “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](http://www.searchtv.org)

Mack Lyon's weekly  
lesson can be heard and  
viewed in this area on  
KARK, Channel 4,  
Sunday, 7:30 AM.

# ***THOSE TO SERVE***

***November 19, 2006***

## **Sunday A.M.**

**Announcer:** Randall Walters  
**Song Leader:** Merrell Shoptaw

### **Prayers**

Blake Walters  
Brett Walters

### **Communion**

**Podium:** Jim Killer  
**Serve:** Dennis Whiteside  
Donny Forehand  
Earl Whitted  
James Chadwick

### **Scripture Reading**

Gary Williams

## **Sunday P.M. Prayers**

Earl Whitted  
Donny Forehand

# **SPEAKER**

**Sunday A.M.**  
Micah Williams

**Sunday P.M.**  
Micah Williams

## **Prepare Table for Communion**

Diane Walters

## **Communion to Shut-Ins**

Jim Killer  
Lawrence Boley

### **Greeters**

Alan and Sandra Boatright

## **Wednesday Night Devotional**

**November 22, 2006**

William Boley

### **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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