

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

It's hard to be thankful in *all* things, as the Bible exhorts us. But Corrie Ten Boom in her classic book, *The hiding place*, tells a story about an incident that taught her the principle of giving thanks in all things.

It was during World War II. Corrie and her sister Betsie had been harboring Jewish people in their home, so they were arrested and finally imprisoned at the Ravensbruck Camp.

Their barracks were extremely crowded. And it was also infested with fleas.

One morning they read in their tattered Bible from I Thessalonians 5 the reminder to give thanks in all things. "*Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*" (v.18)

Betsie said to Corrie, "Corrie, we've got to give thanks for these barracks and even the fleas."

Corrie replied, "I'm not going to thank God for fleas."

But Betsie was persuasive, and they did thank God, even for the fleas.

During the months that followed, they found that their barrack was left relatively free, and they could do Bible study, talk openly, and even pray there. It was their only place of refuge.

Several months later they learned that the guards never entered their barrack because of the fleas.

Let our prayers today be filled with thanksgiving – even for fleas!

Thought: Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.

Prayer: Loving God, I have a thankful heart. I have so much to be thankful for. I'm not sure there are any "fleas" in my life for which to offer thanks. But when I see them, I will surely give thank! Amen.

Remember Our Sick

Amie Barkley – awaiting results from Cat-scan to determine weight loss.

Kelli Cohoon – daughter of Richard Cohoon of ATU, diagnoses, cancer of the tongue, surgery, Thurs., Nov. 13th.

Troy Curtis – possible hip surgery again.

Mel Davis – home recovering.

Hoyt Ensey – in St. Mary's, seeing a surgeon Dec. 5.

Iris Lawley – having some tests run.

Rodney Pfeifer – some improvement, voice is better.

David Walters – hospitalized with pneumonia

Shut-ins - need prayers and visits:

Dover Area: **Evelyn Burton**

Robert Lee

Russellville Nursing & Rehab Center:

Evelyn Driver

Stella Manor: **Louise Killer**

Mae Vanzandt

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Yvonne Adkisson, Amie Barkley, Bob/Carolyn Bennett, Bill Boley, Lloyd Boley, Lois Boley, Susie Boley, Troy/Rachel Curtis, Jeff Davis, Pauline Dale, Barbara Dawson, Charles Ensey, Sarah Ensey, Carol Graham, Sue Griffin, Pat Holloway, Dorothy King, Robert Paul Leavell, Rose Lee, Linda Melton, Helen Moore, Julie Moss, BJ/Don Sheeran, Reedie Smith, Tanya Smith, Juanita Townsend and Judy Will.

Special Children: Zeke Church, Garrett Hogan, Tiffany Knight, Elysia Lee, Keith Martin and Noah Williams.

Our Military: Cole Wetzel, D. J. Bandy and Travis Coe.

WE WELCOME - Mark and Paula Farber and family who placed membership to the Dover Church of Christ, Sunday, November 9, 2008.

Children: Ashley (14), Taylor (10), Cali (8), Tristyn (9), Joshua (4), Rosie (3) and Garry (7 months).

Prayers & Sympathy for the family and many friends of **Angie Howard** of Conway, AR who passed away Fri., Nov. 14th, the mother of Bryson and the only child of Anna and Nolon Passmore. Services Wed., Nov. 19th, 2008.

"The Rope"

Sent in by Janie McQueen
Dover, Arkansas

The story tells about a mountain climber, who wanted to climb the highest mountain. He begun his adventure after many years of preparation, but since he wanted the glory for himself, he decided to climb the mountain alone.

The night felt heavy in the heights of the mountain, and the man could not see anything. All was black. Zero visibility, and the moon and stars were covered by clouds.

As he was climbing, just a few feet away from the top of the mountain, he slipped and fell into the air, falling at a great speed. The climber could only see black spots as he went down, and the terrible sensation of being sucked by gravity. He kept falling . . . and in those moments of great fear, it came to his mind all the good and bad episodes of his life.

He was thinking now about how close death was getting, when all of a sudden he felt the rope tied to his waist pull him up short. His body was hanging in the air . . . Only the rope was holding him, and in that moment of stillness he had no other choice but to scream: "HELP ME GOD!"

All of a sudden a deep voice coming from the sky answered: "What do you want me to do?"

"Save me God!"

"Do you really think I can save you?"

"Of course I believe You can."

"Then cut the rope from your waist."

There was a moment of silence; then the man decided to hold on to the rope with all his strength.

The rescue team tells, that the next day a climber was found dead and frozen . . . his body hanging from a rope. His hands holding tight to it - **only 10 feet from the ground.** And you? How attached are you to your rope? Will you let it go?

Don't ever doubt the things from God. You never should say that He has forgotten or abandoned you. Don't ever think that He does not take care of you. Remember that He is always holding you in His right hand. (Isaiah 41:13)

Micah Williams also used this as an illustration in one of his sermons.

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

2008 – 2009

Lads to Leaders
Leaderettes

Overall Theme:

“... All that You command
us we will do,
and wherever You send
us we will go.”
(Joshua 1:16)

Lad to Leaders
and Leaderettes

Will meet/: First & Third
Sundays, 4PM

Boys: GUARD (Guys

Understanding Authority and Real
Discipleship

Girls: GIFTS (Girls In Fellowship
and Team Study

Mark Your Calendars

Dover Men's Business
Meeting

December 1st,
Monday, 7:00 PM
2009 Budget Planning

Dover Men's Devo, Dover Youth
Devo & Area Wide Youth Devo

these
Meetings Cancelled
for December

Annual 2008

CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 6th, 6:00PM
Host/Hostess:

Allen & Marilyn Veasman
Adults Only

Will Play the Santa Game . . .
More details to follow!

Dover Ladies Night

December 18, 6:00 PM
Home of Leota Hickey
Bring an exchange gift
(No gag gifts)

Also, bring items for
the Women's Shelter.
It's a Potluck!

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

The Search Program can now be
accessed any time on website:
www.searchtv.org

Mack Lyon's weekly lesson
can be heard and seen on
KARK, Channel 4
Sunday, 7:30 AM

December Birthdays

01 LeighAnne Forehand
Rhonda Horton
06 Presley Williams
08 Suzanne Helton
14 Presten Nordin
16 Athel Hill
22 Alaynna Williams
23 Jamie Statler
Cara Williams
25 Amanda Besterfeldt
26 Addie Beck

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

OOPS!!

*It seems we received the wrong
information about the new \$1
coin. “In God We Trust” is on
the new coin, on the very edge.
However, it is so small you must
have a magnifying glass to see
it!*

Sorry, we slipped!

Children's
Christmas
Party

Scheduled for Wednesday
evening, December 17th.

**THOSE TO
SERVE**

November 30, 2008

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

William Boley
Tommy Oakes

Communion

Podium: Sid Womack
Serve: Rick Hollis
Steve Pennington
Alan Boatright
Allen Veasman

Scripture Reading

Rex McDaniel

**Sunday P.M.
Prayers**

Steve Pennington
Sid Womack

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.
Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.
Micah Williams

**Prepare Table for
Communion**

Steve and Suzy Pennington

Communion to Shut-Ins

Brent Hottinger

Greeters

The Elders

**Wednesday Night
Devotional
December 3, 2008**

Merrell Shoptaw

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
6:30 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

Nursery Attendants:

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

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