



Life Lines

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Worship God with Reverence and Awe

God has ordained that we worship Him. (Revelation 22:9) The church exists to praise and honor His name. (Acts 2:47) Our challenge is to worship God in an acceptable manner. Acceptable worship is conditioned on worshiping according to His revealed will (Matthew 7:21), doing what God expects of us in the way He said do it.

It is just as important that we worship with reverence and awe. (Hebrews 12:28) It is always expected that God's creatures show appropriate reverence toward the Creator. (Ecclesiastics 12:13) ***"I will be sanctified in them that come nigh to me, and before all the people I will be glorified."*** (Leviticus 10:3) This is especially true when His church assembles to worship Him and study His Word.

When we worship, we stand on holy ground, in the presence of the great I AM. Remember the story of Moses before the burning bush, when he stood in the presence of God. Jehovah spoke to His servant and reminded him that, in His presence, he stood on holy ground. Moses was filled with awe. He hid his face and was afraid to look upon God. (Exodus 3:3-5) So it behooves all of us to keep this foremost in our hearts when the time arrives to approach God in worship.

We should:

Show respect by our silence. ***"Be still and know that I am God."***

(Psalm 46:10) ***"The Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him."*** (Hebrews 2:20)

Show respect by clearing our minds of all thoughts save those of adoration and praise for God. (James 4:8)

Show respect by listening to and accepting the instruction from God's Word. (Joshua 3:9; Psalm 119:117)

Show respect by appropriate solemnity and gravity. (Hebrews 12:28; Isaiah 17:7)

Worship is no time for cuteness, for flippancy, casualness, or comedy. This is important for both those who lead and those who follow in worship and service. This sacred reverence should be reflected in our sermons, our singing, our prayers and communion. It should be evident in our classes as well as our worship. We who are adults must teach this truth to our children by instruction and by our example. The reason we must worship God with reverence and awe is because He "is a consuming fire." (Hebrews 12:28) He is our Creator and Lord. He has power to kill and make alive, to wound and to heal. (Deuteronomy 32:39) He alone has the power to destroy both body and soul in hell. (Matthew 10:28) Because Jesus is with us when we assemble, we must show deference to His Majesty. (Matthew 18:20) May reverence and awe be conspicuous in our assemblies for worship and study.

Worship that Edifies: The primary reason for our church

assemblies is to worship God. To be acceptable to God is the most important factor of our worship.

For this to be, our worship must be according to His revealed will. Jesus said, ***"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father . . . in heaven."*** (Matthew 7:21) Those who seek to serve Him in some other way will hear Him say, ***"I never knew you."*** (Matthew 7:23) As the writer of Hebrews says, ***"we are all to do all things according to the pattern revealed to us."*** (Hebrews 8:5)

In worship we must offer to God our very best efforts. He has never accepted less than the best from those who approach Him. Under the old law, no sacrifice that was blemished was acceptable. (Leviticus 22:21)

Our worship should be worthy of being offered to Christ. Those who preach, teach or lead in songs and prayers should be prepared for their task so they will do a good job in leading God's people in worship. Never should worship be treated in a careless or flippant way. The God of creation is worthy of our best efforts.

Our worship should be a teaching experience so that all who come will have something spiritually valuable to take home with them. (I Corinthians 14:9, 24-25)

By John Waddey
Christianity Then & Now

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about the things that matter."

We hear a lot about the separation of church and state. But we also know that our country was founded upon Christian principles. This we do not want to forget.

"For lack of guidance a nation falls, but many advisers make victory sure." (Proverbs 11:14)

Our nation needs guidance from God. As Christians we must be involved and make good decisions. We cannot hope to keep this great nation by being silent about things that matter.

"The First Amendment has erected a wall of separation between church and state, but that wall is a one directional wall; it keeps the government from running the church, but it makes sure that Christian principles will stay in government."

Thomas Jefferson
President of the United State

In the past, we, as Christians, have been negligent in defending our Christianity. We have remained silent in the masses and let one person remove prayer from our schools. We didn't fight for what we believed in. We can see from what happened that **one** person can make a difference. *"Most of us will never do great things, but we can do small things in a great way."* We can make a difference.

Jesus told the crowd, *"He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad."* (Matthew 12:30) We cannot stand idle on the side lines and be with God. We must be for Him or we are against Him. We must work and pray for our nation to fear God. We must pray for our leaders to use Christian principles in the decisions they make. God has been very good to our nation in the past.

I keep this close at hand so I can be reminded how important it is to fight for what I believe in. *"The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing."*

Edmund Burke

Remember Our Sick

Yvonne Adkisson – another surgery scheduled for December 7th.

A. G. Barton – broke an elbow, hip, ribs in a fall. Surgery scheduled for Friday, Nov. 30, UAMS, LR.

Bob Bennett – serious health problems.

William Boley – home recovering from heart valve surgery Wednesday, Nov. 21st.

Tom Cloud – pacemaker adjustment, appointment scheduled November 30.

Mike Cushman – of Evening Shade, diagnosed with cancer.

Jessalyn Davis – cancer, home undergoing treatment, hospice.

Hoyt Ensey – having aneurism surgery Friday, November 30.

Charles Hickey – home, Hospice.

Gary Hickey – son of David and Margaret had stint surgery at St. Vincent, LR. Still having difficulties.

Ray King – serious health problems.

Kim Miller – serious health problems.

Sharon, John, Amber Standridge – of Pleasant Grove Church of Christ, requested prayer.

Jamie West – of Center Valley, home, still in a body cast.

Mae Vanzandt – fell, in St Mary's, had hip replacement, thereby to follow.

Judy Will – hospitalized with a stroke. Cousin to Marion and Joan.

Shut-ins – need prayers and visits:

Dover Area: **Evelyn Burton**
Bernice Brown

Russellville Nursing and Rehab Center:
Evelyn Driver

Melba Hodges

Stella Manor: **Louise Killer**

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Amie Barkley, Carolyn Bennett, Lloyd Boley, Lois Boley, Susie Boley, Jeff Davis, Leota Hickey, Charles Ensey, Sarah Ensey, Sue Griffin, Dorothy King, Jim Lackey, Robert and Rose Lee, Liliya McDaniel, Linda Melton, Charles Proctor, Summer Russell, Don Sheeran, Reddie Smith, Tanya Smith and Lloyd Whitted.

Special Children: Elysia Lee, Keith Martin and Noah Williams.

Expectant Mothers: Becky Clark, Kristen Nordin.

Military: Greg Davis, Johnny Ragsdale, Cole Wetzel and Rudy Will.

I Walked the Path

I walked the path of suffering –

I thought I was alone;
But soon I learned that others
Had heartaches like my own.

A legion come to join me –
An understanding throug;
To share and bear our burdens –
Heal suffering with song.

I found courage in their hand clasp –
I found patience in their calm;
I found hope in faith's assurance –
I found healing in their balm.

I'm not alone in suffering –
I'm not alone in tears;
For those who weep with those who
weep

Can wipe away my tears.

C. Williams
The Seeker

What Is Brotherly Love?

It's silence when your
words would hurt,
It's patience when your brother is
curt,
It's deafness when gossip
flows,
It's compassion for a brother's
woes,
It's courage when mis-
fortune falls,
It's firmness when one's
duty calls,
It's willingness to help another,
It's trusting and especially a
brother,
It's restitution made when due,
It's forgiveness when asked of you.

Plumerville Church of Christ Bulletin

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

Adult Christmas Party

Saturday,
December 8, 6:00 PM
Host/Hostess: Allen and
Marilyn Veasman

Bring a Santa Gift!
(for the Santa Game)

Potluck
Meat dish furnished.

Indicate on the Sign-Up
sheet the dish you plan to
bring.

Come!
Join in the fun and
fellowship!

Mark Your Calendars

Men's Devo

Thursday,
December 13, 7 PM
Host: Donny Forehand

Ladies Night Christmas Party

Thursday,
December 20, 6 PM
at the
Dover Church of Christ
Fellowship Hall

White Elephant and/or
Gift Exchange Present.

Potluck

(Optional: personal items for
the Abused Women Shelter)

Senior Community Luncheon

Saturday, December 8th
Dover Methodist Church
(Meals are delivered to the
home-bound)

Every day say something to God.
Share the good news. Tell a friend.
Speak a kind word.

December Birthdays

- 01 Leigh Anne Forehand
- 04 Steve Bates
- 06 Presley Williams
- 08 Suzanne Helton
- 14 Presten Nordin
- 16 Athel Hill
- 22 Alayna Williams
- 23 Jamie Statler
Cara Williams
- 25 Amanda Besterfeldt
- 28 Betty Walters

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 any time
website:**

www.searchtv.org

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

Every day do something for God.
Look for opportunities to serve.
**Opportunities are abundant; only a
blind man could not see them. Give
a helping hand. Encourage the
downtrodden. Exhort the wayward.**
**Comfort the sorrowful. Support the
weak.**

From House to House, Heart to Heart
By Clarence DeLoach

THOSE TO SERVE

December 09, 2007

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Rick Hollis

Prayers

Earl Whitted
Drew Walters

Communion

Podium: Donny Forehand
Serve: Chris Moss
Dennis Whiteside
Gary Williams
Jim Killer

Scripture Reading

Rick Hollis

Sunday P.M. Prayers

Donny Forehand
Dennis Whiteside

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.
Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.
Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Clara Hefley

Communion to Shut-Ins

Merrell Shoptaw
William Boley

Greeters

Alan and Sandra Boatright

Wednesday Night Devotional

December 12, 2007

Dennis Whiteside

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:

Chris Besterfeldt
Donny Forehand
Brent Hottinger
Chris Loper
Rex McDaniel
Joe Miller
Chris Moss

Nursery Attendants:

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

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