



Life Lines

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MY LINES

Micah Williams

Christmas By: John Mark Hicks

The Birth of Jesus – The Incarnation of God

The annual season we know as Christmas is a time when most people remember the stories of Jesus' birth. The media is full of movies, articles and advertisements, which remind us of Jesus' birth. They are good stories – Joseph and Mary, Bethlehem, “no room at the inn,” the manger, the shepherds, Herod the Great, the wise men and the celebration by the angels. They are stories we need to tell our children and on which we can reflect with our neighbors and friends, especially at this time of year.

However, the real story of the birth of Jesus, the story, which both Matthew and Luke emphasize, is that the birth of Jesus is the incarnation of God. It is the

appearance of God Himself in the flesh. It is the event which we celebrate weekly and this Person whom we worship daily. The real story of the wise men, for example, is not that they visited Jesus, but that they worshipped Him and gave gifts to Him – an example we ought to imitate.

The incarnation, God coming as one of us in the flesh, is at the heart of Christianity and one of its central themes. This is the story we need to tell – that God humbled Himself to become one of us.

He became one of us in order to reveal God to us. The life of Jesus tells the story of how God would act if He were a human being. In Jesus we have a concrete example of who God is, how He behaves and how He relates to people. We see God when we see Jesus.

He became one of us in order to experience and sympathize with our suffering. God in Himself does not

know what it is like to be thirsty, hungry or to experience physical pain. God in Jesus, however, experienced all of these human frailties. Now God knows what it is like to be a human being. He is the empathic and sympathetic God through Jesus.

He became one of us in order to redeem us through the sacrifice of His own life. As the God-Man, Jesus is the mediator between God and Humanity. It is His human life that He offered as an atonement for our sins. He represents us before God since He is one of us.

At this Christmas season, remember the real story of Jesus' birth. It is not found in the moralistic (though profitable) stories of Rudolf, the Little Drummer Boy, or the movie “Miracle on 34th Street”. The real story is that God became one of us so that we might become one with God. It is the story we need to proclaim year-round and celebrate weekly.

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

Remember Our Sick

Lawrence Boley – blood count low, will have check-up again in two weeks. If still low, will have to have a blood transfusion.

Virginia Grant – Donna Walters' mother, mass removed from larynx. Test's results cancer, seeking treatment

Brian Holloway - Pat Holloway's grandson is in the Jonesboro Hospital, with a urinary tract infection.

Emma Sue Williams – Micah Williams' grandmother, tumor on kidney, test's results Thursday, Dec. 8th.

Shut-ins: Needs prayers and visits.

Dover Area: **Bernice Brown**
Evelyn Burton
Mae Vanzandt

Russellville Nursing and Rehab
Center: **Thelma Hatcher**
Esther Sparks

Stella Manor: **Louise Killer**

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Susie Boley, Tom Cloud, Jamie Churchill, Wanda Damouth, Jeff Davis, Sue Griffin, Ray King, Robert and Rose Lee, Debbie Link, Bill and Mary McAlister, Bobbye Moline, John and Jannie Myers, Joe Miller, Nolan Passmore, Teresa Phillips, Gene Smith, Tanya Smith, Pauline Whorton and Valentina.

Expectant Mothers: Shelley Parker Culwell.

Special Children: Emmy May, Kaitlyn Schwartz, Zachary Shelton, Gabriel Ross Finlayson, Keith Martin and Noah Williams.

Military: Jon Allen, Greg Davis, Johnny Ragsdale and Cole Wetzel. Darius Brown is stateside, temporarily.

Congratulations!!

Kevin & Kristen Loper Nordin are the proud parents of **Presten Wade** born December 14, 2005.

"I know Something Good About You"

Wouldn't this old world be better?
If the folks we meet would say,
"I know something good about you!"
And treat us just that way?

Wouldn't it be fine and dandy
If each handclasp, fond and true,
Carried with this assurance –
"I know something good about you."

Wouldn't life be lots more happy
If the good that's in us all
Was the only thing about us
That folks bothered to recall?

Would life be lots more happy
If we praised the good we see?
For there is such a lot of goodness
In the worst of you and me!

Wouldn't it be nice to practice
That fine way of thinking, too?
You know something good about me,
"I know something good about you?"

By: Louis C. Shimon

Submitted By: Barbara Dawson
Springfield, MO

A GIFT

Long ago a very poor woman lived in England near Windsor Castle. She lived so close that she could look over the palace gardens and see grapes growing there.

Her little child became very sick and she thought how good it would be to have a few of those fresh grapes for nourishment.

She took a single shilling and went to the Queen's gardener. "My little girl is sick, could I buy a shilling's worth of grapes?"

"Do you not know that those grapes belong to the Queen, madam, and that the Queen does not sell grapes?"

It so happened that one of the Queen's children overheard what was said.

"My good woman, my mother does not sell her grapes, but she will give you just as many as you need."

Author Unknown
From: Home Touch
Canton. OH

Events

Dover Church of Christ
Children's Church
Every Sunday

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

Story for December:
"Jesus was born in
Bethlehem."

Memory Verse:
*"For with God nothing will
be impossible."*
(Luke 1:37)

Services

Dover Church of Christ
December 25th,
Sunday Morning

Class in the Auditorium:
9:45

Sid Womack:
"By the Light of Day"
(no other classes)

10:45: Devotional
Micah Williams

No evening services.

The Church office will be closed
from December 26th, 2005 thru
January 2, 2006.

Mark Your Calendars

Men's Business Meeting
Monday, 7:00 PM
January 9th

Dover Church of
Christ

Men's Devo
January 12th
Thursday, 7:00 PM
Dover Church of Christ

Ladies Night
Thursday, 7:00 PM
January 19th
Hostess:
Joyce Helton

Crop 'Til You Drop
December 28th
Dover Church of Christ
Fellowship Hall
9:30 AM - 4:00 PM
What to bring: Pictures (X'Mas
or others), papers, scissors, paper
cutter, adhesives,
embellishments, snack food and
drink.
Optional: Journaling done ahead
(this is helpful), table lamp with
extension cord, sack lunch, door
prize (something to do with
scrapbooking) idea books or
magazines.

Questions: Karen Womack

January Birthdays

- 01 Alexis Boley
Billy Walters
- 02 Sandra Mooney
Marilyn Veasman
- 07 Chris Moss
- 08 Micah Williams
- 13 Doug Wilson
- 16 Carrie Clark
- 20 JoAnn Killer
Teresa Parker
Patsy Wisbrock
- 21 Bennie Lou Meadows
- 26 Klaus Mullins
- 28 Bill McAlister

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

A memorial contribution has
been made to Camp Caudle in
honor of
Velva Turner Bates
by Mary Sue Martin.

The next printing of
Life Lines will be
January 15th, 2006.

Wishing everyone a
Happy and Joyous
Holiday Season!

*From the staff at
Life Lines!*

THOSE TO SERVE

December 25, 2005

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

John Myers
Lawrence Boley

Communion

Podium: William Boley
Serve: Gary Williams
James Chadwick
Jim Killer
Troy Curtis

Scripture Reading

Dennis Whiteside

Sunday P.M. Prayers

Merrell Shoptaw
Randall Walters

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.
Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.
No Service

Prepare Table for Communion

Diane Walters

Communion to Shut-Ins

Marion Helton
Merrell Shoptaw

Greeters

Earl and Frances Kennedy

Wednesday Night Devotional

December 28, 2005

Randall Walters

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: Charlene Clark

Sunday Service: Tanya and
Danielle Smith

Wednesday Class: Carin Chance

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