



Life Lines

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This Is Me Checking In today!

A minister passing through his church in the middle of the day,
Decided to pause by the altar and see who had come to pray.

Just then the back door opened,
A man came down the aisle,
The minister frowned as he saw the man hadn't shaved in a while.

His shirt was kind a shabby and his coat was worn and frayed,
The man knelt, he bowed his head,
Then rose and walked away.

In the days that followed,
Each noon time came this chap,
Each time he knelt just for a moment,
A lunch pail in his lap.

Well, the minister's suspicions grew,
With robbery a main fear,
He decided to stop the man and ask him,
"What are you doing here?"

The old man said, he worked down the road,
Lunch was half an hour.
Lunchtime was his prayer time,
For finding strength and power.

"I stay only moments, see,
Because the factory is so far away;
As I kneel here talking to the Lord
This is kind a what I say:

"I just came again to tell You, Lord,
How happy I've been,
Since we found each other's friendship and You took away my sin . . .
Don't know much of how to pray,
But I think about You everyday.

So, Jesus, this is Jim checking in today."

The minister feeling foolish,
Told Jim, that was fine.
He told the man he was welcome to come and pray just anytime.

Time to go, Jim smiled, said "Thanks."
He hurried to the door.
The minister knelt at the altar,
He'd never done it before.

His cold heart melted, warmed with love,
And met with Jesus there.
As the tears flowed,
In his heart, he repeated old Jim's prayer:

"I just came again to tell you, Lord,
How happy I've been,
Since we found each other's friendship and You took away my sin . . .
I don't know much of how to pray,
But I think about You everyday.
So, Jesus, this is me checking in today."

Past noon, one day, the minister noticed that old Jim hadn't come.
As more days passed without Jim,
He began to worry some.

At the factory, he asked about him,
Learning he was ill.
The hospital staff was worried,
But he'd given them a thrill.

The week that Jim was with them,
Brought changes in the ward.
His smiles, a joy contagious.
Changed people, were his reward.

The head nurse couldn't understand why Jim was so glad,
When no flowers, calls or cards came

Not a visitor he had.

The minister stayed by his bed,
He voiced the nurse's concern:
No friends came to show they cared.
He had nowhere to turn.

Looking surprised, old Jim spoke up
With a winsome smile;
"The nurse is wrong,
She couldn't know,
That He's in here all the while.

"Everyday at noon he's here,
A dear friend of mine, you see,
He sits right down takes my hand,
He leans over and says to me:"

"I just came again to tell you, Jim,
How happy I have been,
Since we found this friendship,
And I took away your sin.
Always love to hear you pray,
I think about you each day,
And so Jim, this is Jesus checking in today."

Author Unknown
Sent in by: **B. J. Sheeran**
St. Louis, MO

FOUR THINGS YOU CANNOT RECOVER

The stone after the throw!

The word after it's said!

The occasion after the loss!

The time after it's gone!

Sent in by: **Janie McQueen**
Dover, Arkansas

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

“If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; if he is thirsty, give him water to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head, and the Lord will reward you.” Proverbs 25:21-22)

It is easy to give a drink of water to a friend. It is easy to give food to a friend. It is hard to feed or give a drink of water to an enemy. But that is what we are directed to do. Jesus said it was easy to help a friend. We will have no reward for helping a friend. We are expected to do that. Helping an enemy goes beyond our comfort zone. That is why we should help them.

“It pays to know the enemy – not least because at some time you may have the opportunity to turn him into a friend.”

Margaret Thatcher

No one enjoys having an enemy. Having one can cause concern and grief. So it would be great to turn him into a friend. We need and want all the friends we can get. Our friends have our best interest at heart. Our friends help us when we need them. Our friends pray for us. I can't see an enemy praying for us; not in a good way. Perhaps they pray for our defeat.

Paul told the church at Thessalonica, ***“For we hear there are some who walk among you in a disorderly manner, not working at all, but are busybodies.”*** (3:11) Then in verses 14 and 15 he tells them if anyone does not obey the word in this letter, do not keep company with him, so that he may be ashamed. Then he tells them not to count this person as an enemy, but to admonish him as a brother. Paul does not want this person to be lost. He does not want him treated as an enemy.

We may think our enemy is someone at which we are at war. But an enemy can be our next door neighbor. It can be someone we have offended. Maybe we don't even realize he is our enemy. Our goal should be; make this enemy our friend! Whether he becomes a friend or not, we must give him food if he is hungry!

Remember Our Sick

Terry Adkins – of Mississippi fell, corrective surgery Tue., Dec. 9th, quadriceps muscles, clots are risky.

Amie Barkley – more tests to be scheduled.

Tommy Causey - critically ill.

Mary Ann Churchill – serious health problems.

Kelli Cohoon – surgery successful, undergoing treatments; continue to pray.

Robert Cox – Vickie Cox's husband, serious health problems.

Troy Curtis– hip surgery Dec. 31st, successful. Now in rehab, St. Mary's, Russellville. Continue to pray.

Peggy Emerson – friend of Diane Walters, LR hospital, possible surgery.

Hoyt Ensey–home, doing better.

Rodney Pfeifer – at home, improves some each day.

Mona Standridge – tumors enlarging.

Shut-ins – need prayers and visits:

Dover Area: **Evelyn Burton**
Robert Lee

Russellville Nursing & Rehab Center:
Joyce Austin
Evelyn Driver
Lorene McNutt
Gertrude Burgess

Stella Manor: **Louise Killer**

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Yvonne Adkisson, Bob/Carolyn Bennett, Bill Boley, Lloyd Boley, Lois Boley, Susie Boley, Rachel Curtis, Jeff Davis, Pauline Dale, Mel Davis, 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, Reddie 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: D. J. Bandy, Travis Coe and Byron Lee.

Recipe for a Happy New Year

Take 12 fine, full-grown months; see that these are thoroughly cleansed from all old memories of bitterness, rancor, hate and jealousy.

Cut these months into 30 or 31 equal parts. (This batch will keep for one year. Do not attempt to make more than one batch at a time-many people spoil the entire lot in this way.)

Prepare one day at a time as follows: Into each day, put 12 parts of faith, 11 of patience, 10 of courage, 9 of work (some people omit this ingredient and spoil the flavor of the rest), 8 of hope, 7 of fidelity, 6 of open-mindedness, 5 of kindness, 4 of rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of the salad – don't do it), 3 of prayer, 2 of meditation and 1 of well-selected resolution.

If you have no conscientious scruples, add a teaspoonful of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sprinkling of play and a heaping capful of good humor.

Pour love liberally into the whole, and mix with vim. Cook thoroughly in a fervent heat. Garnish with a few smiles and a sprig of joy; then serve with quietness, unselfishness, and cheerfulness.

A Happy New Year is a certainty!

*From: “Leaves of Gold”
The Vision
West Side Church of Christ
Russellville, Arkansas*

“You can't change the past, but you can ruin the present by worrying over the future.”

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)

GIFTS and GUARD

Will stop meeting until next August
2009. (This is a two-part program
designed for part of the year.)

CHRISTeens 2009

February 20-22
West Side Church of Christ
Russellville, Arkansas

The song leading, songs
of praise and scripture
reading will resume on
Sunday, January 18, 2009,
2 PM in the afternoon for
Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes.

Mark Your Calendars

No Dover Church in
home Youth Devos
for January
or February, 2009.

Ladies Night
Thursday, 7 PM
January 15th.
Hostess: Joyce Helton

No Area Wide
Youth Devo
For the Months of
January/February 2009

Y O U

Youth Outreach University
January 23-25, 2009
University of Central Arkansas in
Conway

Theme: “You are my friends . .
.” (John 15:14)

Cost: \$25 early registration,
\$35 thereafter.

Speakers:

Mike Tanaro/Wiley Lowe
www.youthoutreachchuniversity.org

“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

January Birthdays

- 01 Billy Walters
- 02 Marilyn Veasman
- 07 Chris Moss
- 09 Micah Williams
- 15 Chris Besterfeldt
- 17 Holly Jennings
- 20 JoAnn Killer
Teresa Parker
Patsy Wisbrock
- 21 Bennie Lou Meadows
- 23 Mary Stamps
- 25 Reese Culwell
- 26 Klaus Mullins
- 30 Melissa Jackson

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

For Mexico Missions

Items needed by
January 18th, 2009

Bar Soap
Tooth paste
(also money accepted)

For more info:
See Karen Womack

Will accept ink cartridges
to recycle.

THOSE TO SERVE

January 18, 2009

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters

Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Rick Hollis

Marion Helton

Communion

Podium: Chris Loper

Serve: Jeff Myers

Jim Killer

Lee Henson

Rex McDaniel

Scripture Reading

Gary Williams

Sunday P.M.

Prayers

Merrell Shoptaw

Lee Henson

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

Ron Clark

Prepare Table for Communion

Tommy and Carla Oakes

Communion to Shut-Ins

William Boley

Greeters

The Heltons

Wednesday Night

Devotional

January 14, 2009

Allen Veasman

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.

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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

Chris Moss

Nursery Attendants:

Sunday Class: JoAnn Killer

Sunday Church: Pat McAlister

Kaeli Miller

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