



# Life Lines

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## A Good New Year Resolution!

### “LIVE LIKE YOU WERE DYING”

This song, sung by Tim McGraw will be the catalyst for looking into the Bible to emphasize several elements in the song.

The words are:

He said, “I was in my early forties, with  
a lot of life before me,  
When a moment came that stopped me  
on a dime.

And I spent most of the next days  
looking at the X-rays  
And talking ‘bout the options,  
talking ‘bout sweet time.”

And I asked him when it sank in  
That this might really be the real end.  
“How’s it hit you when you get that kind  
of news?  
Man, what’d you do?”

He said,  
“I went sky diving;  
I went rocky mountain climbing;  
I went two point seven seconds on a bull  
named Fumanchu.  
And I loved deeper,  
And I spoke sweeter,  
And I gave forgiveness I’d been  
denying.”  
And he said,  
“Someday I hope you get the chance  
To live like you were dying.”

He said,  
“I was finally the husband  
that most the time I wasn’t.  
And I became a friend  
a friend would like to have.  
And all ‘a sudden going fishin’  
wasn’t such an imposition  
And I went three times  
that year I lost my dad.

“And I finally read the good Book  
and I took a long hard look  
At what I’d do  
if I could do it all again . . . and then

“I went sky diving,  
I went rocky mountain climbing;  
I went two point seven seconds  
on a bull named Fumanchu.  
And I loved deeper,  
And I spoke sweeter,  
And I gave forgiveness  
I’d been denying.”

And he said,  
“Someday I hope you get the chance  
To live like you were dying.”

Like tomorrow was a gift  
And you’ve got eternity to think of what  
you did with it . . .  
What you did with it . . .  
What did I do with it?

From: *Vision*  
West Side Church of Christ  
Russellville, Arkansas

(Philippians 3:8-14) “I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. “Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead. I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”

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The most common terms of endearment are as follows:

Honey – 48 percent  
Baby – 44 percent  
Sweetheart – 41 percent  
Dear – 39 percent  
Lover – 32 percent  
Darling – 31 percent  
Sugar – 24 percent  
Angel – 20 percent  
Pumpkin – 13 percent  
Beautiful – 6 percent

House to house/heart to heart

## Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

We often hear someone say that they don't know enough about the Bible to become a Christian. They were not raised in a Christian home and had attended little worship service, if any. Just how much do we need to know to become a Christian?

Read Acts 16:25-34. The Philippian jailer had listened to Paul and Silas sing and pray to God, while they were locked in chains in the cold, dark prison. The jailer had even fallen asleep. The great earthquake had opened the doors and loosened their chains. This scared the jailer. He was about to kill himself, thinking his prisoners had escaped. Paul stopped him.

The jailer asked what he must do to be saved. Paul told him that he must believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. Then Paul and Silas told the word of the Lord to them, and the jailer and his entire household were baptized immediately.

The jailer did not have to know everything initially. He needed to believe that Jesus was the Christ. He needed to be baptized. The knowledge of obeying God's word would follow. God takes care of the rest.

***"It is the same with My word, I send it, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it."*** (Isaiah 55:11, The Book)

We must plant the seed as Paul and Silas did there in prison. They were singing and praising God, not thinking they were about to touch someone's heart.

That is exactly how our lives are. Others look at what we are doing, whether we realize it or not. Therefore, our lives must be good examples for others to follow. Someone will follow our example, whether it is good or bad.

We must be doing good works for the Lord.

We plant the seeds, He makes them grow.

***"It will prosper everywhere I send it!"***

## Remember Our Sick

**Bob Bennett** – Leukemia, treatments twice a week.

**Janette Litch** – battling cancer.

**Jeff Myers** – appointment Jan. 13th, should be released to return to work.

**Diane Walters** – had tests, benign, procedures to follow.

### Shut-ins – need prayers and visits:

**Dover Area:** Evelyn Burton  
Robert Lee

### Russellville Nursing & Rehab Center:

Joyce Austin  
Helen Brown  
Lorene McNutt

**Stella Manor:** Louise Killer  
Janice Brashear

### Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Yvonne Adkisson, Amie Barkley, Iris Bates, Carolyn Bennett, William/Susie Boley, Troy/Rachel Curtis, Jeff Davis, Melvin Davis, Pauline Dale, Barbara Dawson, David/Mary Franke, Larry/Rhonda Freeman, Carol Graham, Sue Griffin, Joe Kline, Rose Lee, Mario Litch, Daniel Loper, Cindy Martin, Linda Melton, Carla Mitchell, Julie Moss, BJ/Don Sheeran, Christine Sheeran, Gary/ Dorene Shinn, Reddie Smith, Tanya Smith, Juanita Townsend, Earl/Juanita Whitted and Judy Will.

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

**Expectant Mothers:** Andrea Henson

**Our Military:** prayers for D. J. Bandy, Jr., Travis Coe, Byron Lee, April Morgan, Billy Joe Ralston and others serving our nation.

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## Seven Ways to Make Yourself Miserable

Count your troubles, name them one by one at the breakfast table, if anybody will listen, or as soon as possible thereafter.

Worry every day about something. Don't let yourself get out of practice.

Pity yourself. If you do enough of this, nobody else will have to do it for you.

Make it your business to find out what the Joneses are buying this year and where they're going. Try to do them at least one better even if you have to take out a loan.

Stay away from absolutes. It's what right for you that matters. Be your own person and don't allow yourself to get hung up on what others expect of you.

Make sure you get the rights. Never mind other people's. You have your life to live, they have theirs.

Don't fall into any compassion traps – the sort of situation where people can walk all over you. If you get too involved in other people's troubles you may neglect your own.

*Elisabeth Elliot*

*Condensed from: "Keep a Quiet Heart"*

## HOW TO LIGHTEN UP

**Don't take yourself so seriously.**

**Thank God for the little things.**

**Look for an opportunity to help other people.**

**Choose joy.**

**Look for the silver lining in every cloud.**

**Add humor to conflicts and difficulties.**

**Don't base happiness on outward circumstances.**

**Don't try to be perfect.**

**Don't be easily offended.**

**Laugh every chance you get.**

*Ken Davis, Comedian*

*Adapted from: "Lighten Up"*

## 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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### Leaders & Leaderettes

Will Meet Every Sunday,  
4PM,

Dover Church of Christ  
Song Leading, Bible Bowl  
Practice & Bible Reading.

### Area Wide Youth Devo

January 24th, 5 to 7 PM  
CCSC – West Side Hosting  
Dover Church Van Leaves  
4:30 PM

### Dover Ladies Night

Thursday, 7:00 PM

January 21st

Hostess: Joyce Helton  
Plans will be made for our  
Ladies' Day in April 2010.

### 5th Sunday Celebration

Young Men Doing the PM  
Service - Potluck

## Mark Your Calendars

### 2010 Lads to Leaders

& Leaderettes

Convention

April 2nd Thru 4th

Theme:

“FAITH is the VICTORY”

BIBLE BOWL: Hebrews

PEARLS: Standing on the

Promises

### Leader Pledges:

*I am answerable to God and to  
society. (Matthew 22:21)*

*I will overcome pessimism and  
live a life of faith in God.*

**(Philippians 4:13)**

*I am fully responsible for my  
behavior. (Romans 14:12)*

*I am responsible for my  
agreements and obligations.*

**(Matthew 7:12)**

*I pursue honest work to meet my  
responsibilities. (I Timothy*

**5:8)**

*I honor and obey my parents  
and respect persons in authority.*

**(Ephesians 6:2)**

*I respect my body as the  
creation of God and use it for  
His glory. (I Corinthians 6:20)*

*I choose for my friends those  
who enjoy doing good. (I*

**Corinthians 15:33)**

*I lead in building character and  
in demonstrating integrity.*

**(Philippians 2:22)**

*I lead in second-mile service to  
others. (Matthew 5:41)*

*Dr. Jack Zorn*

### CHRISTEENS

February 26th – 28<sup>th</sup>

West Side Church of Christ

## 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
- 30 Melissa Jackson

If we missed your birth-  
day, Please let us know  
so it won't happen again.

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### Men's Business Meeting

Monday, February 1st,  
7 PM

Dover Church of Christ

### “In Search of the Lord's Way”

The Search Program  
can now be accessed  
any time on website  
[www.searchtv.org](http://www.searchtv.org)

Mack Lyon or  
Phil Sanders  
Weekly Lesson can  
be heard and seen on  
KARK, Channel 4  
Sunday, 7:30 AM

# THOSE TO SERVE

**January 24, 2010**

## Sunday A.M.

**Announcer:** Randall Walters

**Song Leader:** Merrell Shoptaw

### Prayers

Jim Killer

Gary Williams

### Communion

**Podium:** Marion Helton

**Serve:** Allen Veasman

Blake Walters

Brett Walters

Chris Besterfeldt

### Scripture Reading

Earl Stamps

### Sunday P.M.

#### Prayers

Earl Whitted

Earl Stamps

# SPEAKER

## Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

## Sunday P.M.

Micah Williams

### Prepare Table for Communion

Andrea Henson

### Communion to Shut-Ins

Allen Veasman

### Greeters

Jim & JoAnn Killers

### Wednesday Night Devotional January 27, 2009

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:** Charlene Clark

**Sunday Church:** Pat McAlister  
Kaeli Miller

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