



Life Lines

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A LESSON FROM MY SON

I was one of those lucky children for whom learning came easy. So, when I became a parent, I naturally assumed that if I read to both of my children faithfully and offered them fun, educational playtimes, they would follow in my footsteps. They, too, would learn, retain materials and receive all as I had done.

Amanda, my first child, was right on target. She learned quickly and earned good grades. However, even though I practiced the same methods with my second child, Eric, I sensed that life would be a challenge, not only for his teachers, but for Eric and myself personally.

I did my part for this sweet, loving youngster who was never a discipline problem for anyone. I made sure his homework was completed each night, kept in touch with his teachers and enrolled him in every assistance program the school had to offer. But, no matter how hard he struggled, report cards with C's were met with frustration and tears. I could see his discouragement and feared he would lose all interest in learning. Soon, I doubted myself.

Where had I failed my son? I wondered. Why couldn't I motivate him to help him succeed? I felt if he didn't excel in school, he would be unable to create a life of his own or support himself - and perhaps a family someday.

Eric was a sixteen-year-old blonde when my eyes were opened. We were sitting in the living room when the phone rang; a message that my father had suffered a massive heart attack and died at age seventy-nine.

"Papa," as Eric had called him, had been a part of my little boy's life during his first five years. Since my husband worked nights and slept days, it was Papa who took him for haircuts, ice cream and played baseball with him during those earlier times. Papa was his number-one pal.

When my father left and moved back to town where he grew up, Eric was lost without him. But time healed those wounds. Gradually, he came to understand his grandfather's need for old friends and roots of the past. For Eric, phone calls and visits from the grandfather he loved became a way of life. And his Papa never forgot him.

When we entered the funeral parlor, I stood in the doorway and looked at my father, so still, so unlike the man I knew. My children were on either side of me, and I felt Eric take my hand as we walked up to his grandfather. We shared our moments together then took our places on the side of the room as hundreds of friends filed by. Each person shared sympathies and memories of my father's life. Others just touched my hand and walked away.

Suddenly, I realized Eric wasn't beside me. I turned to look around the room and noticed him near the entranceway helping the elderly in need of assistance with the stairs or the

door. Strangers all, some with walkers, others with canes, many simply leaning on his arm as he led them to his grandfather to pay their last respects.

Later that evening the funeral director mentioned to me that one more pallbearer was needed. Eric immediately said, "Please sir, may I help?"

The director suggested he might prefer to stay with his sister and myself. Eric shook his head. "My papa carried me when I was little," he said. "Now it's my turn to carry him." When I heard those words I started to cry. I felt as though I could never stop.

From that moment on, I knew I would never berate my son for imperfect grades. Never again would I expect him to be someone I had created in my own mind, because that individual I envisioned was nowhere near the fine person my son had become. His compassion, caring and love were the gifts God had blessed him with. No book could have taught him these things. No degree framed behind glass would ever convey to the world the qualities Eric possessed.

He is now twenty years old and continues to spread his kindness, his sense of humor and compassion for his fellow man wherever he goes. Today I asked myself, "What difference does science and math grades make? When a young man does the best he can, he deserves an "A" from the heart.

*Kathleen Beaulieu
Home Touch*

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

“Giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Ephesians 5:20)

“In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” (I Thessalonians 5:18)

Do Give Thanks

For every hill I've had to climb,
For every stone that bruised my feet,
For all the blood and sweat and grime,
For blinding storms and burning heat
My heart sings but a grateful song –
These were the things that made me strong!

For all the heartaches and the tears,
For all the anguish and the pain,
For gloomy days and fruitless years,
And for the hopes that lived in vain,
I do give thanks, for now I know
These were the things that helped me grow!

'Tis not the softer things of life
What stimulate our will to strive;
But bleak adversity and strife
Do most to keep our will alive,
O'er rose-strewn paths the weaklings creep,
But brave hearts dare to climb the steep.

Author Unknown

“It's better to sleep on what you plan to do than to be kept awake by what you've done.”

Prayers and Sympathy for the family and friends of **Donald E. Barton**, husband of Jane Barton, who passed away Sunday, January 24th, 2010. Memorial Services were Wednesday, January 27th, Hector, AR.

Remember Our Sick

Bob Bennett - Leukemia, treatments twice a week.

Sandra Drittler – eye surgery to be scheduled soon.

Janette Litch – battling cancer.

Beverly Myers – eye problems, appointment Monday, February 1st.

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, Jeff Myers, Don/BJ Sheeran, Christine Sheeran, Gary/Dorene Shinn, Reddie Smith, Tanya Smith, Juanita Townsend, Diane Walters, 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: Kelley Chance, Andrea Henson.

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

Pray for our nation and its leaders.

Ten Rules for the Good Life

Never put off till tomorrow what you can do today.

Never trouble another for what you can do yourself.

Never spend your money before you have it.

Never buy what you do not want because it is cheap; it will never be dear to you.

Pride costs us more than hunger, thirst and cold.

Never repent of having eaten too little.

Nothing is troublesome that we do willingly.

Don't let the evils which have never happened cost you pain.

Always take things by their smooth handle.

When angry, count to ten before you speak; if very angry, count to one hundred.

Take Thought

Consider the following thoughts on friendship: And what is a friend? Many things . . .

A friend is someone you are comfortable with, someone whose company you prefer.

A friend is someone you can count on – not only for support, but for honesty.

A friend is one who believes in you . . . Someone with whom you can share your dreams. In fact, a real friend is a person you want to share all of life with – and the sharing doubles the fun.

When you are hurting and you can share your struggle with a friend, it eases the pain.

A friend offers you safety and trust . . .

Whatever you say will never be used against you.

A friend will laugh with you, but not at you . . . A friend will pray with you and for you.

From the Vision
West Side Church of Christ
Russellville, Arkansas

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

Leaders & Leaderettes
Will Meet Every Sunday,
4PM,

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

SWEET HEART BREAKFAST

Saturday,
February 13th,
Festivities start 9 AM
(the men cook)

CHRISTEENS

February 26th – 28th
West Side Church of
Christ

Mark Your Calendars

Dover Men's Devo
February, 11th,
7 PM, Thursday
Host: Donny Forehand

Dover Ladies Night
February 18th,
Thursday, 7 PM
Hostess:
Pat McAlister

2010 Lads to Leaders
& Leaderettes
Convention
April 2nd Thru 4th
Theme:
"FAITH is the VICTORY"
BIBLE BOWL: Hebrews
PEARLS: Standing on the
Promises

DOVER LADIES'
DAY!!!
Saturday, April 24th
(Now's the time to get this
on your calendar.)
More information to
follow.

The Special Collection on
Sunday, January 24th for
Haiti Relief netted,
\$2,800.17.

February Birthdays

- 03 Mildred Turner
Jon David Vance
- 08 Mary McAlister
- 09 Juanita Whitted
- 11 Kristen Nordin
- 12 Tommy Oakes
- 15 Zachary Shelton
- 16 Rachel Curtis
- 19 Carolyn Bennett
Tyler Mullins
- 20 Kaci Statler
- 22 Eugene Davis
Keri Letson
- 23 Pat McAlister
Linda Phillips
- 24 Earl Kennedy
- 25 Bobbie Robbins
- 27 Caleb Chance
- 28 Theresa Motley

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

"In Search of the
Lord's Way"
The Search Program
can now be accessed
any time on website
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

February 07, 2010

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters

Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Alan Boatright

Allen Veasman

Communion

Podium: Donny Forehand

Serve: Jim Killer

Kevin Nordin

Lane Smith

Larry Mahan

Scripture Reading

Blake Walters

Sunday P.M.

Prayers

William Boley

Tommy Oakes

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

“Singing Night”

Prepare Table for Communion

Alan and Sandra Boatright

Communion to Shut-Ins

Chris Loper

Greeters

Allen & Marilyn Veasman

Wednesday Night

Devotional

February 10, 2010

Rex McDaniel

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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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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