



Life Lines

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A Special Grocery List

Louise Redden, a poorly dressed lady with a look of defeat on her face, walked into a grocery store.

She approached the owner of the store in a most humble manner and asked if he would let her charge a few groceries.

She softly explained that her husband was very ill and unable to work, they had seven children and they needed food.

John Longhouse, the grocer, scoffed at her and requested that she leave his store at once.

Visualizing the family's needs, she said, "Please, sir! I will bring you the money just as soon as I can."

John told her he could not give her credit, since she did not have a charge account at his store.

Standing beside the counter was a customer who overheard the conversation between the two. The customer walked forward and told the grocer that he would stand good for whatever she needed for her family.

The grocer said, in a very reluctant voice, "Do you have a grocery list?"

Louise replied, "Yes sir."

"O. K," he said, "Put your grocery list on the scales and what ever your grocery list weighs, I will give you that amount in groceries."

Louise hesitated a moment with a bowed head, then she reached into her purse and took out a piece of paper and scribbled something on it. She

then laid the piece of paper on the scale carefully with her head bowed.

The eyes of the grocer and the customer showed amazement when the scales went down and stayed down.

The grocer, staring at the scales, turned slowly to the customer and said, begrudgingly, "I can't believe it."

The customer smiled and the grocer started putting the groceries on the other side of the scales. The scale did not balance so he continued to put more and more groceries on them until the scales would hold no more.

The grocer stood there in utter disgust. Finally, he grabbed the piece of paper from the scales and looked at it with greater amazement.

It was not a grocery list, it was a prayer, which said, "Dear Lord, you know my needs and I am leaving this in Your hands."

The grocer gave her the groceries that he had gathered and stood in stunned silence.

Louise thanked him and left the store. The other customer handed a fifty-dollar bill to the grocer and said; "It was worth every penny of it. Only God knows how much a prayer weighs."

Believe in the power of prayer and say a prayer of thanks for your own good fortune. Use prayer as a testimony of faith and you will receive what you need God to do in your life and also in your families' life.

So, trust God to heal the sick, pro-

vide food for the hungry, clothes and shelter for those that don't have as we do.

Prayer is one of the best free gifts we receive.

*Sent in by: B. J. Sheeran
St. Louis, Missouri*

Two Little Boys

After a hardy rainstorm filled all the potholes in the streets and alleys, a young mother watched her two little boys playing in the puddles through her kitchen window

The older of the two, a five year old lad, grabbed his sibling by the back of his head and shoved his face into a water hole.

As the younger boy recovered and stood laughing and dripping, the mother ran into the yard in a panic.

"Why on earth did you do that to your little brother?" she shouted at the older boy in anger.

"We were just playing 'church' Mommy," he answered.

"I was just baptizing him . . . in the name of the Father, the Son and in . . . the hole-he-goes."

This was sent in by Christopher King, a third grader at Crawford Elementary, Russellville School District.

You never know who reads our Bulletin.

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

When was the last time you were at a shopping mall?

Perhaps you went with some friends. Or maybe one of your children stopped by to pick you up, and you had an excursion for the afternoon. Or perhaps a van from the retirement facility where you live drove up, any you piled into the "bus" and got away for some fun at the mall.

Have you ever been to the mall and stopped at a kiosk where there's a map of the mall? It shows a layout of the buildings and a diagram of where all the stores are.

Often, it will have a big star on it, or an arrow, and the accompanying words read: "YOU ARE HERE!"

This is what I think of when I read the story of Job. Here's a man who certainly wasn't at a mall. He wasn't having too much fun. He had suffered a lot recently, including the loss of his family, wealth and reputation.

When something like that happens, it's easy to feel sorry for yourself. Job did.

But then God gave Job a YOU ARE HERE! moment.

God says to Job, in effect: "Look, were you present when I formed the earth, when I brought the ocean and the mountains and the sky into being? Listen, this is where you are. But this is where I am! I am in control. You are here, and I am with you!"

When we are suffering, it's always comforting to remember that although we are here – in our suffering – the God who brought the majestic mountains into being is the same God who is with you right now.

From Home Touch

Remember Our Sick

Amie Barkley – latest test inconclusive, more tests to follow.

Iris Bates – in extended-care, receiving therapy. Improving. Marion Helton/Joan Vance's sister.

Tommy Causey - critically ill.

Troy Curtis– therapy going well

Hoyt Ensey – home, showing improvement.

Helen Moore – still receiving chemo treatments for cancer.

Kristen Nordin – (age 25) severe pain, running test.

Marge Ratchford – still battling cancer.

Cara Waldo – grand-niece, age 4, of Rachel Curtis, appointment February 26 with doctors to check for an enlarging heart.

Shut-ins – need prayers and visits:

Dover Area: **Evelyn Burton**
Robert Lee

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

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, Melvin Davis, Pauline Dale, Barbara Dawson, Charles Ensey, Sarah Ensey, Carol Graham, Sue Griffin, Pat Holloway, Dorothy King, Rose Lee, Linda Melton, Julie Moss, Eugene Qualls, 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, Byron Lee and April Morgan.

**H 4 H (Hunger for Healing),
Dover Church of Christ every
Tuesday, 6PM thru March 31st.**

Isn't It Strange?

Lakeside Messenger

Leroy Brownlow, now deceased, once penned the following:

Great Preaching: A mechanic went to hear a visiting evangelist in a small town. The preacher preached that night on money and presented the sermon in three points.

First point: "Make all you can."

The mechanic nudged his wife and said, "That man is the best I've ever heard. He is no nitwit. He knows what it's all about. He's one smart man."

Second point: "Save all you can."

This excited the mechanic and he whispered again, "This beats anything I've ever heard. He's smart enough to be President. This town has never had a preacher that could hold a candle to him."

The preacher commended hard work and thrift denouncing laziness and waste.

The mechanic could not keep quiet. He whispered, "I've believed this all my life."

Third point: "Give all you can."

"Oh, my," exclaimed the mechanic, "now he's gone crazy. He has quit preaching and gone to meddling."

Thinking: is it not strange that some people's conception of great preaching is a sermon that compliments them and rebukes others? Remember - your preacher did not write the Bible. He is not responsible for any word in it, but he is definitely responsible for preaching every word in it. And when it is preached, people judge themselves by their reaction to it.

Yes, isn't it strange? Are we looking for preaching that will "tickle our ears" or "prick our hearts?" Are we yearning for "truth" or "fable?"

Paul warned of the time when some, ". . . will not endure sound doctrine, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions." (II Timothy 4:3) Let us open our hearts to all of God's Word. It will make a difference in your life.

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

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)

CHRISTeens 2009

February 20-22

West Side Church of Christ
Russellville, Arkansas
Hope you signed-up!

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

Mark Your Calendars

The song leading, songs
of praise and scripture
reading will continue
every Sunday, 5 PM, for
Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes.

Men's Regular Monthly
Business Meeting

Monday, March 2, 7 PM
Dover Church of Christ

Dover Men's Devo

Thursday, March 12, 7 PM
Host: Jim Killer

Dover Ladies Night (Devo)

Thursday, 7 PM Feb. 19th
Hostess: Pat McAlister

DOVER LADIES' DAY!

April 25, 2009

Dover Church of Christ
Dover, Arkansas
Continental Breakfast and
Registration 9:00 AM
Program 9:30 AM
Lunch: 12:00 Noon
Theme: "Today's Moments
become . . .
Tomorrow's Treasured
Memories . . .

February Birthdays

- 03 Mildred Turner
Jon David Vance
- 08 Mary McAlister
- 09 Juanita Whitted
- 11 Kristen Nordin
- 12 Mary Ann Churchill
Tommy Oakes
Emily Straight
- 15 Zackary Shelton
- 16 Rachel Curtis
- 19 Carolyn Bennett
Tyler Mullins
- 20 Kaci Statler
- 21 Julie Moss
- 22 Eugene Davis
Keri Letson
Troy Meadows
- 23 Pat McAlister
Linda Vance Phillips
- 24 Earl Kennedy
- 27 Caleb Chance
- 28 Theresa Motley

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 on website:

www.searchtv.org

Mack Lyon's weekly
lesson can be heard
and seen on

KARK, Channel 4
Sunday, 7:30 AM

THOSE TO SERVE

February 22, 2009

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Steve Pennington
Sid Womack

Communion

Podium: Jim Killer
Serve: Lee Henson
Marion Helton
Rex McDaniel
Rick Hollis

Scripture Reading

Tommy Oakes

Sunday P.M. Prayers

Rex McDaniel
Randall Walters

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Allen & Marilyn Veasman

Communion to Shut- Ins

Donny Forehand

Greeters

Jim & JoAnn Killer

Wednesday Night Devotional February 25, 2009

Jim Killer

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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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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