



Life Lines

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I Believe

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Relax and read this slowly, **I believe** -

- ... a birth certificate shows we are born.
- ... a death certificate shows we died.
- ... pictures show that we lived.
- ... just because two people argue, it doesn't mean they don't love each other. And just because they don't argue, it doesn't mean they do.
- ... we don't have to change friends if we understand that friends change.
- ... no matter how good a friend is, they're going to hurt you every once in awhile and you must forgive them for that.
- ... true friendship continues to grow, even over the longest distance. Same goes for true love.
- ... you can do something in an instant that will give you a heartache for life.
- ... it's taking me a long time to become the person I want to be.
- ... you should always leave loved ones with loving words. It may be the last time you see them.
- ... you can keep going long after you think you can't.
- ... we are responsible for what we do, no matter how we feel.
- ... either you control your attitude or it controls you.
- ... heroes are the people who do what has to be done when it needs to be done, regardless of the consequences.
- ... money is a lousy way of keeping score.

- ... my best friend and I can do anything or nothing and have the best time.
- ... sometimes the people you expect to kick you when you're down, will be the ones to help you get back up.
- ... sometimes when I'm angry I have the right to be angry, but that doesn't give me the right to be cruel.
- ... maturity has more to do with what types of experiences you've had and what you've learned from them and less to do with how many birthdays you've celebrated.
- ... it isn't always enough to be forgiven by others. Sometimes you have to forgive yourself.
- ... no matter how bad your heart is broken the world doesn't stop for your grief.
- ... our background and circumstances may have influenced who we are, but we are responsible for who we become.
- ... you shouldn't be so eager to find out a secret. It could change your life forever.
- ... two people can look at the exact same thing and see something totally different.
- ... your life can be changed in a matter of hours by people who don't even know you.
- ... even when you think you have no more to give when a friend cries out to you - you will find the strength to help.
- ... credentials on the wall do not make you a decent human being.
- ... the people you care about the most in life are taken from you too soon.

A Thief With A Conscience

Dennis Lee Curtis was arrested in 1992 in Rapid City, South Dakota, for armed robbery. Curtis apparently had scruples about his thievery. In his wallet the police found a sheet of paper on which was written the following code, a sort of a robber's rules:

1. I will not kill anyone unless I have to.
2. I will take cash and food-stamps - no checks.
3. I will rob only at night.
4. I will not wear a mask.
5. I will not rob mini-marts or 7 - Elevens.
6. If I get chased by cops on foot, I will get away. If chased by a vehicle, I will not put the lives of innocent civilians on the line.
7. I will rob only seven months out of the year.
8. I will enjoy robbing from the rich to give to the poor.

This thief had a sense of morality, but it was flawed. When he stood before the court, he was not judged by the standards he had set for himself, but by the higher law of the state.

Likewise, when we stand before God we will not be judged by the code or morality we have written for ourselves, but by God's perfect law.

By: Brian Burrell

From: *House to House/Heart to Heart*

"He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, have one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day."
(John 12:48)

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

A Religious Hunter

A man was out hunting bears, and as he trudged through the forest looking for the beasts, he came to a large and steep hill. Thinking that perhaps there would be a bear on the other side of the hill, he climbed up the steep incline and, just as he was pulling himself up over the last out-cropping of rocks, a huge bear met him nose to nose.

The bear roared fiercely. The man was so scared that he lost his balance and fell down the hill with the bear not far behind. As he tumbled down the hill, the man lost his gun. When he finally stopped at the bottom, he found he had a broken leg. Escape was impossible and so the man, who had never been particularly religious (in fact this just happened to be a Sunday morning), prayed, "God, if you will make this bear a Christian I will be happy with whatever lot you give me the rest of my life."

The bear was no more than three feet away from the man when he stopped dead in his tracks . . . looked up to the heavens quizzically – and then fell to its knees and prayed in a loud voice, "Oh Lord, bless this food of which I am about to partake."

Source: Home Touch,
November 2007

You've heard, "be careful what you pray for, you just might get it!" Of course this is not a true story, but he did get what he specifically asked for.

Do we need to be specific in our prayers? Many say, "Yes, definitely!" We are specific when we pray for those on our sick list. We want God to cure them or help them cope with their health problems. We ask for specific things in our daily prayers.

We know that God understands our hearts, and our needs, much better than we do.

" . . . Yet you do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures." (James 4:2b-3)

Remember Our Sick

Yvonne Adkisson – on dialysis after surgery, pray she will get better and be back to church soon.

A. G. Barton – hospitalized with serious health problems.

Bob Bennett – had pace-maker surgery, home recovering.

Lois Boley – back in Heart Hospital, another heart attack and more tests.

Bill Brunner – Bonnie Vinson's friend, surgery pending.

Troy Curtis – hip replacement surgery went well, now doing rehab.

Amanda Dodson – Freida Arnold's niece, much improved with medication.

Sue Griffin - ICU at St. Mary's.

Marion Helton – eye surgery March 3.

Leota Hickey – cataract surgery February 27th.

Eddie and Mark – sons of Pat Holloway, serious health problems.

Annette Hull – had body-scan test results not conclusive, more tests.

Cleon Johnson – home from UAMS.

Ray King – serious health problems.

Pat McAlister – lower back surgery scheduled March 12th.

Margie Ratchford – Larry Mahan's sister, diagnosed with cancer.

Tom Williams – home, recovering

Shut-ins – need prayers and visits:

Dover Area: **Bernice Brown**
Evelyn Burton
Robert Lee

Russellville Nursing & Rehab Center:

Evelyn Driver

Stella Manor: **Melba Hodges**
Pauline Dale
Louise Killer
Mae Vanzandt

Towbin Health Care, LR:

Charles Hickey

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Amie Barkley, Carolyn Bennett, Lloyd Boley, Lois Boley, Wm and Susie Boley, James Chadwick, Jeff Davis, Barbara Dawson, Charles Ensey, Hoyt and Sarah Ensey, Jeania Griffin, Paul Griffin, J. R. Hale, Dorothy King, Jim Lackey, Rose Lee, Liliya McDaniel, Linda Melton, Julie Moss, Jannie Myers, Charles Proctor, Don Sheeran, Reedie Smith, Tanya Smith, J. D. Whiteside and Judy Will.

Special Children: Elysia Lee, Emmy May, Keith Martin and Noah Williams.

Expectant Mothers: Kelly Chance, Beckie Clark, Amy Johnson, and Kristen Nordin

Our Military: Greg Davis, Cole Wetzel and Rudy Will.

God Give Us Grandpas/Grandmas

How shall we define old age? How old is "old"? However you look at it . . . old is old. All must either die or grow old. And if things have gone normal, we have GRANDpa and GRANDma! "GRAND"! I love it. And we should be "GRAND". We need "GRAND" Pas and Mas that . . .

Can grow old gracefully
Will not quit living
Will act their age
Will maintain spiritual glow
Will set the right example
Will share council and advice
Will display dignity and grace in any and every setting
Will seek to understand those younger years

We need "GRANDS" that exemplify the teaching and life of Christ in their own life – who serve as an inspiration to others – who willingly become a part of something greater than self. *Ethel R. Peyser* made this her prayer when she wrote:

When I grow old,
God grant that every child
Will feel the youthful texture of my soul
And will not turn from me
As from a shade or shrunken vine.

When I grow old,
God grant that I may have
Some task which must be done
Or someone fare the worse;
That in some corner of the earth
Someone will need my hand
When I grow old.

Yes, we need "GRANDS" – who can be counted on to set the lead for others. You see, they are "*wisdom in work clothes*".

"GRANDS" – will you stay with us in the fight for the right?

Never give up – never quit.

*From: The Lakeside
Messenger
Church of Christ
Higden, 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

Lads/Leaderettes Leaders

Dover Church of Christ
Meet every Sunday, 5PM

Song leading
Bible Reading
Advanced Bible Reading

Lads to Leaders' Leaderettes Convention

March 20 thru 23
Nashville, Tennessee

Dover Men's Devo Night

Thursday 7:00 PM,
March 13th
Host: Jim Killer

Mark Your Calendars

Dover Church of Christ
Ladies to Host:
CCSC Students' Lunch
Wednesday, March 12

Dover Ladies' Night
(4th) Thursday 7:00 PM
March 27th
Hostess: Diane Walters

AREA WIDE YOUTH DEVOTIONAL

3rd Sunday, 6:00 PM
March 16, 2008
Clarksville Church
of Christ

Baptism

Congratulations!!
Colton Williams
Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2008

Conway County

Ladies Day

Saturday

March 8, 2008

Hosted by the Downtown
Church of Christ
100 W. Church Street
Morrilton, Arkansas
Breakfast 8:30 AM
Lunch: 12:00 PM

March Birthdays

02 Kelly Williams
03 Bryan Bates
Keaton Creel
Rick Hollis
07 Harold Turner
Colton Williams
12 Carl Lawley
13 Matthew Moss
17 Jim Killer
18 Ryan Whiteside
21 William Boley
22 Alan Herron
25 Blake Brown
26 Mike Creel
Shelby Statler
27 Wilma Johnson
28 Kaeli Miller

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

Dover Church of Christ
Ladies Day
Saturday, April 26th
Theme: "He is the Potter,
We are the clay."
(Isaiah 64: 8)
Speaker: Barbara Kee
Wichita Falls, Texas

"In Search of the Lord's Way"
Now 24/7

The Search Program can now be
accessed any time 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

March 09, 2008

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Brent Hottinger
Blake Walters

Communion

Podium: Earl Whitted
Serve: William Boley
Alan Boatright
Allen Veasman
Brett Walters

Scripture Reading

Donny Forehand

**Sunday P.M.
Prayers**

Allen Veasman
Alan Boatright

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.
Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.
Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Chris and Amanda Besterfeldt

Communion to Shut-Ins

Brent Hottinger
Chris Loper

Greeters

Allen and Marilyn Veasman

Wednesday Night Devotional

March 12, 2008

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
7:00 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
Joe Miller
Chris Moss

Nursery Attendants:

Sunday Class: JoAnn Killer
Sunday Church: Pat McAlister
Kaeli Miller

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