



# Life Lines

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## A Brief Introduction to The Church of Christ

The church of Christ dates back to the days of the New Testament (Romans 16:16). It was founded by Christ on the Day of Pentecost, A.D. 33 (Acts 2), not long after His ascension back to heaven. In the years that followed, it rapidly grew to fill Jerusalem, then Judea, Samaria and finally the whole Roman Empire (Acts 1:8; Colossians 1:23).

In America, the first churches of Christ were planted in the late 1700s as the result of a movement to go back to the Bible and do Bible things in Bible ways and call Bible things by Bible names (cf. I Peter 4:11).

We believe that Jesus is the Son of God (John 20:30-31), that the Bible is inspired of God (II Timothy 3:16-17), and that Christ will return to take His kingdom home to God (I Corinthians 15:24).

We emphasize sincere worship (John 4:24), every-member evangelism (Acts 8:4), godly living (Titus 2:11-12), love for each other (John 13:34-35), and helping those in need (James 1:27).

We believe the Bible teaches that sinners are saved by learning of Jesus, faith in Jesus, repentance of sin because of Jesus, confession of

Jesus and baptism into Jesus (John 6:44-45; 3:16; Mark 16:15-16; Romans 10:9-10; Acts 2:38).

The church of Christ is organized with elders, deacons, preachers and other members, as in New Testament times (Philippians 1:1). It has no governing body on earth higher than the local congregation.

The church of Christ is noted for its emphasis upon returning to New Testament Christianity and for its desire to unite all Christians into one body (I Corinthians 1:10).

We believe that the New Testament is the only rule for faith and practice in religious matters (II Timothy 3:17; II Peter 1:3), and that God's Word must authorize all that is done in Christian worship (Colossians 3:17, Revelation 22:18-19). Thus, we try to strictly follow the New Testament.

We believe that it is possible to have religious unity in a day of division by simply following the New Testament pattern and putting aside human traditions.

To put it simply, the church of Christ is seeking to be the same church one reads about in the New Testament.

We aim to restore its doctrine, its practice, its lifestyle and zeal.

By Allen Webster  
*House to House – Heart to Heart*

## The Greatest Man

He had no earthly servants, yet they called Him Master.

He had no degree, yet they called Him Teacher.

He had no medicines, yet they called Him Healer.

He had no army, yet kings feared Him.

He won no military battles, yet He conquered the world.

He committed no crime, yet they crucified Him.

He was buried in a tomb, yet He lives.

***“His name shall be called wonderful.”***  
(Isaiah 9:6)

## How Do I know the Bible Is the Word of God?

*Its wonderful unity* convinced me. The Bible is not really one book, it is 66 books. There are 39 books in the Old Testament and 27 books in the New Testament. If you were to print them on average 20-pound paper, with average margins, use an average size font, put them in an average binding, they would fill an average shelf.

They were written over a period of about 1500 years by at least 40 different authors, and in at least three different languages. They were written by people of all walks of life. Some were poets, shepherds, kings, herdsmen, farmers, prophets, preachers, priests. In many instances the one had not read what the other had written. Yet when you gather these materials together, they don't read like 66 books. They read like one book.

How is that possible? God planned His Book from the beginning. ***“Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.”*** (II Peter 1:21)

*Howell Ferguson, Bells, Tennessee*

## Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

Once, early in the twentieth century, the *London Times* asked several authors to submit essays on the topic, What's Wrong with the World? The response of writer G. K. Chesterton was directly to the point:

Dear Sirs:

I am.

Yours truly,  
G. K. Chesterton

Source – How Do I Deal with Sin? Pg 91 by Ravi Zacharias; *Game Plan for Life*, by Joe Gibbs.

Accountability, responsibility or taking blame; these we don't see too often in our century. Everyone wants to blame someone else, or, it was caused by my environment. I didn't have a chance.

Environment, the way we were raised, does play an enormous role in what we do. But, when we get to an age of accountability, we can no longer use this excuse. There comes a time when we must answer for ourselves. God won't accept our excuses. Society won't accept them, either. If we sin or break the law, we pay the price. The way we were raised can be a reason, but not an excuse.

Have you ever heard anyone say, "I'm what's wrong with this world." I haven't, not until I read Joe Gibbs' book about Mr. Chesterton. What a different place this world would be, if more people took responsibility for the problems of the world! When we admit our faults and correct our actions, we make a better place for others.

To blame others is childlike. How many times have you heard a child say, "He did it first?" The blame goes to the one who seemingly started the problem. Doing it the second time seems to be justified. Do we tend to do things because "everybody else is doing it?"

Too often, we follow by example. This can be good if we are following someone who is doing right.

Following the crowd can be a problem. We want to do what's right, not what's popular.

Do the right thing, be accountable.

## Remember Our Sick

**Alec Barkley** – appt. with Pulmonologist April 9th, in Denver.

**Bob Bennett** – home with hospice.

**William Boley** – appointment February 25th, at Arkansas Heart Hospital. All test results good.

**Danny Brown** – cancer

**Janette Litch** – battling cancer.

**Mick O'Donnell** – St. Vincent's Hospital, LR, infection.

**Margaret (Marty) Robbins** – cancer

**Mary Stamps** – biopsy scheduled for Wednesday, March 10th.

**W.T. Williams** - heart attack, home recovering. Needs a lot of prayers.

**Frank Wright and Daughter, Cynthia** – for their loss, **Bobbie Woods Wright**, recently.

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

**Dover Area:** Evelyn Burton  
Bob Lee

**Russellville Nursing & Rehab Center:**

Joyce Austin  
Helen Brown  
Alma Burris  
Lorene McNutt

**Stella Manor:** Louise Killer  
Janice Brashear

**Others Who Need Our Prayers:**

Yvonne Adkisson, Amie Barkley, Carolyn Bennett, 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, Julie Moss, Jeff Myers, Don/BJ Sheeran, Christine Sheeran, Gary/Dorene Shinn, Reedie Smith, Tanya Smith, Juanita Townsend, Judy Will and /Sue Williams.

**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.

## The Turtles

Home Touch

A turtle family decided to go on a picnic. The turtles, being naturally slow about things, took seven years to prepare for their outing. Finally the turtle family left home looking for a suitable place. During the second year of their journey they found a place ideal for them at last!

For about six months they cleared the area, unpacked the picnic basket, and completed the arrangements. Then they discovered they had forgotten the salt. A picnic without salt would be a disaster, they all agreed. After a lengthy discussion, the youngest turtle was chosen to retrieve the salt from home. Although he was the fastest of the slow moving turtles, the little turtle whined, cried and wobbled in his shell. He agreed to go on one condition: that no one would eat until he returned. The family consented and the little turtle left.

Three years passed and the little turtle had not returned. Five years . . . six years . . . then on the seventh year of his absence, the oldest turtle could no longer contain his hunger. He announced that he was going to eat and began to unwrap a sandwich.

At that point the little turtle suddenly popped out from behind a tree shouting, "See! I knew you wouldn't wait. Now I am not going to go get the salt!"

(Some of us waste our time waiting for people to live up to our expectations. We are so concerned about what others are doing that we do not do anything ourselves.)

Author Unknown

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**Daylight saving time for 2010 begins March 14th, move your clocks forward one hour.**

**Conway County Ladies Day 2010  
Saturday, March 20th, 9AM/1PM  
Harding Street Church of Christ  
906 Harding St.  
Morrilton, 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.

### 2010 Lads to Leaders & Leaderettes Convention

April 2nd Thru 4<sup>th</sup>  
Theme: "Faith is the Victory"  
Bible Bowl: Hebrews  
Pearls: Standing on the Promises

### Teacher Appreciation Banquet Saturday, March 13th, 6PM

### Dover's Young People's Get-together

Saturday, March 20th,  
Lee/Andrea Henson's

### Dover Ladies Devo 4th Thursday,

March 25th, 6:30 PM  
Hostess: Diane Walters (Billy)

### Lads to Leaderettes Planning Meeting, Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>

Following morning services.  
Bring your own lunch.

## Mark Your Calendars

### The Annual Easter Egg Hunt Of the Dover Church of Christ

will be held at Camp Caudle  
Saturday, April 3rd,  
From 2-4 PM  
We need lots of candy-filled  
plastic eggs, the goal is 1200. We  
need individually small wrapped  
candies to fill the plastic eggs –  
please start early so we can realize  
our goal.

For more info: See Kim Miller

### DOVER LADIES' DAY!!! Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

Theme: "Ahhh...Spring!  
A time to Grow."

Speaker: Kim Reynolds  
Wilson

Plumberville, Arkansas  
(More information to follow.)

In May The Dover Church of  
Christ will recognize our 2010  
Graduates; this is our list so far:

### Dover High School

Blake Forehand  
Josh Pennington  
Drew Walters

Atkins  
Shelby Statler

Hector  
Lane Smith

College  
Chris Ramirez  
Bobbie Robbins  
Tristan Stamps  
Michael Williams

If there are others *Please* let  
Shirlie Chadwick know.

## March Birthdays

- 02 Kelly McDonald  
03 Keaton Creel  
Rick Hollis  
05 Austin Myers  
07 Sarah Ensey  
Harold Turner  
Colton Williams  
09 Jim Clark  
10 Janette Litch  
12 Carl Lawley  
13 Matthew Moss  
17 Jim Killer  
21 William Boley  
22 Alan Herron  
25 Ethan Letson  
26 Mike Creel  
27 Wilma Johnson  
Gary Shinn  
Shelby Statler  
28 Kaeli Miller  
Elizabeth Robbins

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

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### Hector Church of Christ To Hold Grand Opening

March 7th thru April 11th  
366 Oak Street  
Hector, Arkansas  
Randy Gray, Minister

Several ministers from this  
area will be the speakers.  
Speakers on Sunday 2 PM  
and 7:30 PM Monday thru  
Wednesday evenings.

# THOSE TO SERVE

**March 14, 2010**

## Sunday A.M.

**Announcer:** Randall Walters  
**Song Leader:** Merrell Shoptaw

### Prayers

Chris Loper  
Brett Walters

### Communion

**Podium:** Alan Boatright  
**Serve:** Donny Forehand  
Drew Walters  
Earl Stamps  
Earl Whitted

### Scripture Reading

Sid Womack

## Sunday P.M. Prayers

Brent Hottinger  
Blake Walters

# SPEAKER

## Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

## Sunday P.M.

Micah Williams

### Prepare Table for Communion

Leota Hickey

### Communion to Shut-Ins

William Boley

### Greeters

The Elders

### Wednesday Night Devotional March 17, 2010

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.
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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