



Life Lines

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TO WALK WITH GOD

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“And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years; And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.” (Genesis 5:22-24)

“These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.” (Gen. 6:9)

The Sacred text reveals something very unique about these two men. It is stated specifically that they “walked with God.” This should not be misconstrued to indicate that they were without sin, but rather that their prime goal in life was to be obedient to the Master, and to serve Him faithfully. The prophet Amos once asked Israel a very penetrating question concerning such truths: ***“Can two walk together except they be agreed?”*** (Amos 3:3) This valiant man stood between Israel and God, and pointed out that the two were in covenant relationship at the time. The contrast which he drew at this moment was that God changes not, and that Israel was not walking with God.

Amos was standing in the gap, so to speak, and while Israel was enjoying great prosperity and good fortune, they were thinking nothing about their duty or obligations to God. The reason they were not walking with God was simple – they

had left God out of their daily lives and walked in their own lusts and pleasure. It certainly was not that God had not given them adequate instruction and direction, it was solely that they chose to disregard what He had said. They had disagreed with God!

Our country today stands on the brink of spiritual disaster just as Israel did at the time of Amos’ denunciation of their high handed disobedience. We desperately need men today who will take the sword of the Spirit and wage a never ending war until permissive and ungodly multitudes are turned in penitence unto Jehovah God. We need elders, preachers, leaders and faithful Christians who will, ***“Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.”*** II Timothy 4:2) Only by doing what God says, can it be said that we “walk with God.” It certainly is not that God has left us to flounder and choose among hundreds of “ways” to be pleasing to Him. His Word is clear, precise and easily understood so that we have no excuse for not walking with God – except that we choose not to do so.

Observe the following: ***“Furthermore, then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more. For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus.”*** (I Thessalonians 4:1-2)

We have the same commandments which Paul gave to the Thessalonian brethren.

Consider also Paul’s words to the Galatian brethren: ***“And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.”*** (Galatians 6:16)

Paul entreated the Colossian brethren with these words: ***“... that ye might be filled with the knowledge of His Will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God.”*** (Colossians 1:9-10) Let us be careful that we don’t play the fool as some did in the time of Jeremiah’s prophecy. ***“The priests said not, where is the Lord? And they that handle the law knew Me not: the pastors also transgressed against Me, and the prophets prophesied by Ba’al, and walked after things that do not profit.”*** (Jeremiah 2:8)

The Palmist said, ***“So I gave them up unto their own hearts’ lusts: and they walked in their own counsels.”*** (Psalm 81:12) If you wish to “walk with God” don’t try to figure things out! Just **do what God says!** You’ll then be “walking with God.”

Congratulations!

Augustus Matthew Clark, born March 7, 2008. Dad, Mom and Gus are doing well.

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

Are you living on the edge? Are you considered a lukewarm Christian? Or, have you never been a Christian? You have heard about Jesus, you believe in Him, but you are waiting for a more convenient time. You are young. You have plenty of time. And even if you are not so young, you still have some time left. Your intentions are fairly good.

What if your time is cut short?

Last February 2007, three tornadoes cut through Florida killing 21 people. Was their time cut short.

In March, storms and tornadoes cut paths through Alabama, Georgia and Missouri, killing 20 people. Was their time cut short?

In April, a senior at Virginia Tech shot and killed 32 people. Was their time cut short?

In May, a massive tornado leveled most of Greensburg, Kansas killing 11 people. Was their time cut short?

In August, an Interstate bridge in Minneapolis collapsed during rush hour killing 13 people. Was their time cut short?

In October, numerous wildfires, driven by strong Santa Ana winds, raged across southern California killing at least 14 people.

These are just a few of the many tragedies that happened in the United States alone. Some were a result of nature and some were the result of mankind. The point is that these people were unsuspecting victims. Whatever plans they had were cut short.

No matter how careful we are, we can never be assured of a future. We live day by day. Our plans should be as if today was the last day of our life. Because, it very well could be the last day.

Sometimes we get ill and have some last days in which to get our life in order. God grants us this time to repent and change. Then again, we can be cut short, have no time to plan at all. The people mentioned above had no luxury of making a change in their lives if they needed to. We pray that they were ready to meet God. If not, their time was cut short, just as ours might be.

Remember Our Sick

Yvonne Adkisson – home, on dialysis.

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

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

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

Troy Curtis – in St. Mary's Rehab for several weeks.

Tim Green – serious health problems, Bonnie Vinson's friend.

Sue Griffin – ICU at St. Mary's.

Marion Helton – eye surgery rescheduled for April 22.

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

Annette Hull – test results not conclusive, follow-up Mar. 13th.

Ray King – serious health problems.

Pat McAlister – lower back surgery scheduled March 12th.

Annie Robinson – undergoing cancer treatments again.

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

Shut-ins – need prayers and visits:

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

Russellville Nursing & Rehab Center:
Evelyn Driver
Melba Hodges

Stella Manor: **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, Jeff Davis, Barbara Dawson, Charles Ensey, Hoyt and Sarah Ensey, Paul Griffin, Leota Hickey, Cleon Johnson, Dorothy King, Jim Lackey, Rose Lee, Liliya McDaniel, Julie Moss, Charles Proctor, Don Sheeran, Reecie Smith, Tanya Smith, J. D. Whiteside, Tom Williams and Judy Will.

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

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

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

“The Benefits of a Small Church”

The definition of church sizes is rather arbitrary, but here is one . . . A **small** church is less than **200** members (80% of churches), a **medium** church has **201-400** members (10% of churches), and a **large** church as **401 plus** members (!0% of churches). For some even 200 members constitute a large church.

Each size has its advantages – and disadvantages. There are things a larger church can do with its increased resources but there are benefits of smaller churches that are often lost in larger churches.

One of the benefits of a smaller church is a stronger sense of family. A small church is one where almost everyone knows each other. Face-to-face interaction is much easier. Even when we don't remember their names, we remember their “face”. A small church is one where it is easier to develop familial relationships. A sense of “family,” which is proper. (cf. I Timothy 5:1-2). In small churches an opportunity to cross generational lines is more apparent. This allows children to learn to relate to others besides their peers. It allows young and old benefit from each other's strengths. **The family of God is a wonderful blessing (Mark 10:28-20); a blessing most often experienced in small churches.**

Smaller churches also provide **greater opportunities** for personal growth. First, and most obviously, in smaller churches everyone is needed. Second, it is more likely that we will be **used**. Sometimes out of necessity, but often by design, smaller churches become training grounds for church workers. Surveys have suggested that, proportionately, more teachers, elders, and average members have been developed by small churches than large churches.

We should view our size as an opportunity to serve and not as a liability to our service to God.

*From The Voice
Fifth & Greenwich 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

Lads to Leaders'
Leaderettes
Convention

March 20 thru 23
Nashville, Tennessee

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

Hostess: Diane Walters

Mark Your Calendars

5th Sunday Celebration

March 30th

Potluck

Fellowship Hall
Following morning Services
Dover Church of Christ

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Ladies Day

Saturday, April 26th

**Theme: "He is the Potter,
We are the clay."
(Isaiah 64: 8)**

Speaker: Barbara Kee
Wichita Falls, Texas

Continental Breakfast
and Registration: 9:00 AM

Program: 9:30 AM

Lunch: 12:00 Noon

For more information:
Phone (479) 331-3428
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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.

OOPS!! We missed Austin
Myers' birthday. So Sorry! It
was March 5, 2008.

"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 23, 2008

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Robert Bird
Rick Hollis

Communion

Podium: Earl Whitted
Serve: Donny Forehand
Drew Walters
Gary Williams
Hoyt Ensey

Scripture Reading

Chris Loper

**Sunday P.M.
Prayers**

Rex McDaniel
Merrell Shoptaw

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.
Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.
Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Chris and Amanda Besterfeldt

Communion to Shut-Ins

Donny Forehand
Earl Whitted

Greeters

Allen and Marilyn Veasman

Wednesday Night Devotional

March 26, 2008

Dennis Whiteside

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.

Minister: Micah Williams
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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
Joe Miller
Chris Moss

Nursery Attendants:

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

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