



# Life Lines

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## A Summary of The Life of Jesus

*It is impossible for us to know conclusively whether God exists and what He is like unless He takes the initiative and reveals Himself.*

We must scan the horizon of history to see if there is any clue to God's revelation. There is one clear clue. In an obscure village in Palestine, 2,000 years ago, a Child was born in a stable. Today the entire world is still celebrating the birth of Jesus.

He lived in obscurity until He was thirty, and then began a public ministry that lasted three years. It was destined to change the course of history. He was a kindly person and we're told that, ". . . *common people heard Him gladly.*" And, "*He taught as One who had authority, and not as their teachers of the Law.*"

It soon became apparent, however, that He was making shocking and startling statements about Himself. He began to identify Himself as far more than a remarkable teacher or prophet. He began to say clearly that He was God. He made His identity the focal point of His teaching. The all important question He put to those who followed Him was, "*Who do you say I am?*" When Peter answered and said, "*You are the Christ, the Son of the living God,*" Jesus was not shocked, nor did He rebuke Peter. On the contrary, He commended him!

He made the claim explicitly, and His hearers got the full impact of His words. We are told, "*The Jews tried*

*all the harder to kill Him; not only was He breaking the Sabbath, but He was even calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God.*"

On another occasion, He said, "*I and My Father are One.*" Immediately the Jews wanted to stone Him. He asked them for which good work they wanted to kill Him. They replied, "*We are not stoning You for any of these but for blasphemy, because You, a mere man, claim to be God.*"

**His Identity Revealed:** When a paralyzed man was let down through the roof wanting to be healed by Him, He said, "*Son, your sins are forgiven you.*" This caused a great to-do among the religious leaders, who said in their hearts, "*Why does this fellow talk like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?*"

At the critical moment when His life was at stake, the high priest put the question to Him directly: "*Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?*"

"*I am,*" said Jesus, "*And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.*"

The high priest tore his clothes. "*Why do we need any more witnesses?*" he asked. "*You have heard the blasphemy.*"

So close was His connection with God that He equaled a person's attitude to Himself with the person's attitude toward God. Thus, to know Him was to know God. To see Him was to see God. To believe in Him was to believe in God. To receive

Him was to receive God. And to honor Him was to honor God.

Jesus' death was by public execution on a cross. The government said it was blasphemy. Jesus said it was to pay for our sin. After being severely tortured, Jesus' wrists and feet were nailed to a cross where He hung, eventually dying of slow suffocation. A sword was thrust into His side to confirm his death.

The body of Jesus was then wrapped in linens, placed in a solid rock tomb, a 1 ½ - 2 ton boulder was rolled by levers to secure the entrance. Because Jesus had publicly said He would rise from the dead in three days, a guard of trained Roman soldiers was stationed at the tomb. And an official Roman seal was affixed to the tomb entrance declaring it government property.

In spite of all this, three days later the body was gone. Only the grave linens remained, in the form of the body, but caved in. The boulder formerly sealing the tomb was found up a slope, some distance away from the tomb.

**The life of Jesus Christ means life for us.** Jesus Christ rose from the dead, proving He is God and is alive today.

He went to the cross for us, all of us. Because He fully paid for your sin, He offers you complete forgiveness and a relationship with Him.

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## Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

*What we usually pray to God is not that His will be done, but that He approves ours.* Helga Bergold Gross

Often our prayers are asking for things we think we need, or what we want. We may not even stop to think things through before asking for them. Hastily, we pray for something that concerns us at the time. This may not be God's will for us. What is His will?

Often we have already solved the problem in our mind. We suppose we have the best answer for the situation. But we will touch base with God to ask for His help, just in case. We aren't considering what will be the best, one week from now, or one month from now. We aren't patient. How many times have our prayers been answered in another way, other than our way? I'd say, many times; more often than not.

The Book of James has some good advice about praying. *"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting . . ."* (1:5-6a) This wisdom we ask for does not have to be only book knowledge. We can ask for wisdom to use in our everyday situations. If we just look, so much of how we are to live is covered in the Bible. It includes advice for any and all situations that occur.

James also tells us that our prayers may not be answered because we do not ask. Or, he says we ask and do not receive because we ask amiss. How many of our prayers fall into this category? Many, probably.

All of our prayers should not be about us. We pray for our family, our church family, our friends and our nation. We pray for the physically sick and the spiritually sick. *"The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."* (5:16b)

Prayer is when you talk to God; meditation is when you listen to God.

Diane Robinson

**Campaign for Christ**  
**5th & Greenwich Church of Christ**  
**April 7 thru 11, 2010**

## Remember Our Sick

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

**Bob Bennett** – home with hospice.

**Danny Brown** – cancer

**Robert/Vickie Cox** – serious health problems.

**Don Letterton** – Billie Nichols' nephew, cancer, hospice.

**Janette Litch** – battling cancer.

**Billie Nichols** – knee surgery April 9th.

**Margaret (Marty) Robbins** – cancer

**Mary Stamps** – cancer, surgery Thursday, April 1st, St. Mary's.

### 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, Carol Graham, Sue Griffin, Joe Kline, Rose Lee, Mario Litch, Daniel Loper, Cindy Martin, Linda Melton, Julie Moss, Don/BJ Sheeran, Christine Sheeran, Gary/Dorene Shinn, Reddie Smith, Tanya Smith, Juanita Townsend, Judy Will and W. T./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.

## True Story!

**Things aren't always as they appear.**  
A woman was flying from Seattle to San Francisco.

Unexpectedly, the plane was diverted to Sacramento along the way.

The flight attendant explained that there would be a delay, and if the passengers wanted to get off the aircraft the plane would re-board in 50 minutes.

Everybody got off the plane except one lady who was blind.

A man had noticed her as he walked by and could tell the lady was blind because her seeing-eye dog lay quietly underneath the seats in front of her throughout the entire flight. He could also tell she had flown this very flight before because the pilot approached her, calling her by name.

"Kathy," the pilot stated, "we are going to be in Sacramento for almost an hour. Would you like to get off and stretch your legs?"

The blind lady said, "No thanks, but maybe Buddy would like to stretch his legs."

Picture this:

All the people in the gate area came to a complete standstill when they looked up and saw the pilot walk off the plane with a seeing-eye dog! (The pilot was even wearing sun glasses.)

People scattered. They not only tried to change planes, they were trying to change airlines!

Have a great day and remember . . .

**A DAY WITHOUT LAUGHTER IS  
A DAY WASTED!!!**

*Home Touch*

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**Holden Church of Christ**  
**1201 Holden Ave.**  
**Newport, AR**  
**870-523-2192 (More info)**

**Annual Ladies Day!!**  
**Saturday, April 10th,**  
**(9 AM thru 12 Noon)**  
**Salad Luncheon Served**  
**Theme: There's No Place**  
**Like Home**

## 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

### 2010 Lads to Leaders & Leaderettes Convention

April 2nd Thru 4<sup>th</sup>  
Theme: "Faith is the Victory "

### Dover Men's Business Meeting

Monday, April 5th, 7 PM  
Dover Church of Christ

### Dover Ladies' CCSC Luncheon

Wednesday, April 7th  
Provide Lunch for  
150 students  
(more or less)

### No In Home Monthly Youth Devo for April

Dover Men's Devo  
Thursday, April 8th, 7 PM  
Host: Lee Henson

## 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

Plumerville, 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.

## APRIL Birthdays

- 02 Iva Lay
- 06 Andrea Henson
- 09 Skylar Creel  
Suzy Pennington
- 12 Beverly Myers
- 14 Danielle Smith
- 15 Loredana Qualls
- 16 Zach Pennington
- 17 Lane Smith
- 18 Gicala Lee
- 19 Earlene Davis
- 20 Earl Stamps
- 21 Mario Litch
- 22 Curtis Rackley  
Brett Walters
- 23 Rusty Parker
- 27 Sharon Rackley
- 29 Kati Pennington

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

You are invited to attend  
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.

### Lads/Leaderettes Recognition

Sunday, PM, April 11th  
Fellowship Hall  
Potluck

For more info: Sid Womack

# THOSE TO SERVE

*April 04, 2010*

## Sunday A.M.

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

### Prayers

Marion Helton  
Lee Henson

### Communion

**Podium:** Allen Veasman  
**Serve:** Rex McDaniel  
Rick Hollis  
Sid Womack  
Steve Pennington

### Scripture Reading

Gary Williams

## Sunday P.M.

### Prayers

Larry Mahan  
Joe Miller

# SPEAKER

## Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

## Sunday P.M.

“Singing Night”

### Prepare Table for Communion

Leota Hickey

### Communion to Shut-Ins

Blake Forehand

### Greeters

The Elders

## Wednesday Night

### Devotional

April 7, 2010

Earl Stamps

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:** Karen Smith  
**Sunday Church:** Pat McAlister  
Kaeli Miller

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