



Life Lines

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Raising Confident Kids

It takes confidence to be a kid. Whether going to a new school or stepping up to bat for the first time, kids face a lot of uncharted territory.

Naturally, parents want to instill a can-do attitude in their kids so that they'll bravely take on new challenges and over time, believe in themselves. While each child is different, parents can follow some general guidelines to build kids' confidence.

Self-confidence rises out of a sense of competence. In other words, kids develop confidence not because parents tell them they're great, but because of their achievements, big and small. Sure, it's good to hear encouraging words from mom and dad. But words of praise mean more when they refer to a child's specific efforts or new abilities.

When kids achieve something, whether it's brushing their own teeth or riding a bike, they get a sense of themselves as able and capable, and tap into that high-octane fuel of confidence.

Building self-confidence can begin very early. When babies learn to turn the pages of a book or toddlers learn to walk, they are getting the idea "I can do it!" With each new skill and milestone, kids can develop increasing confidence.

Parents can help by giving kids lots of opportunities to practice and master their skills, letting kids make mistakes and being there to boost their spirits so they keep trying. Respond with

interest and excitement when kids show off a new skill, and reward them with praise when they achieve a goal or make a good effort.

With plentiful opportunities, good instruction, and lots of patience from parents, kids can master basic skills – like tying their shoes and making the bed. Then, when other important challenges present themselves, kids can approach them knowing that they have already been successful in other areas.

Stay on the Sidelines

Of course, supervision is important to ensure that kids stay safe. But to help them really learn a new skill, it's also important not to hover. Give kids the opportunity to try something new, make mistakes and learn from them.

For instance, if your son wants to learn to make a peanut butter sandwich, demonstrate, set up the ingredients and let him give it a try. Will he make a bit of a mess? Almost certainly. But don't swoop in the second some jelly hits the countertop. In fact, avoid any criticism that could discourage him from trying again. If you step in to finish the sandwich, your son will think, "Oh well, I guess I can't make sandwiches."

But if you have patience for the mess and the time it takes to learn, the payoff will be real. Someday soon he'll be able to say, "I'm hungry for lunch, so I'm going to make my own sandwich." You might even reply, "Great, can you make me one, too?"

What a clear sign of your faith in his abilities!

Offer Encouragement and Praise

Sometimes, it won't be you swooping in when your child falters, but your child giving up. Help by encouraging persistence in the midst of frustration. By trying again, kids learn that obstacles can be overcome.

Once kids reach a goal, you'll want to praise not only the end result but also their willingness to stick with it. For instance, after your son has mastered making that peanut butter sandwich you might show your confidence by saying, "Next time, want to learn how to crack an egg?" Sandwich-fixing and egg-cracking might seem like huge achievements, but they're important steps in the right direction – toward your child's independence.

Throughout childhood, parents have chances to prepare kids to take care of themselves. Sure, it's great to feel needed, but as kids steadily gain confidence and independence, their relationship with you can be even richer. You can be bonded, not just by dependence, but by love and shared pride in all they've achieved. Eventually, your grown-up kids just might say thanks for how prepared they feel for the road ahead – a road they can take with confidence.

*From Kids Health
River Valley Magazine
(Spring 2009)*

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

The Perfect Church

I think that I shall never see

A church that's all it ought to be.

A church whose members never stray

Beyond the straight and narrow way.

A church that has no empty pews,

Whose preacher never has the blues.

A church whose elders always "elder"

And one is proud, and all are meek.

Where gossips never peddled lies,

Or make complaints or criticize;

Where all are always sweet and kind.

And all to other's faults are blind.

Such perfect churches there may be,

But none of them are known to me.

But still, we'll work, and pray, and plan,

To make this one the best we can.

Author Unknown

Most churches have three types of members; Pickers, Kickers and Stickers. Under which of these do you fall? Many of us have been one or all of them at one time or another.

We do not want to be a "picker." This is someone who picks at everything someone else is doing. They don't actually do any work, they just criticize.

We do not want to be a "kicker." This would be someone who kicks others when they are down. They don't encourage or help at all.

We want to be a "sticker." This is someone who attends church and helps do all they can. They "stick" to their own business and help with the Lord's work.

None of us know a perfect church, or a perfect Christian. But we try to do the best we can. We can work at understanding and forgiving others. We strive to be Christ-like.

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permanently impounded. For free emergency service, call on **Jesus**.

DANGER: The human being units not responding to this recall action will have to be scrapped in the furnace. The S.I.N. defect will not be permitted to

Remember Our Sick

Eugene Cox – Rose Lee's son-in-law surgery March 20, doing well.

Hoyt Ensey – home from hospital stay.

Clara Hefley – diagnosed with cancer.

Carl Keathley – Rose Lee's brother, in his eighties, in ICU, double pneumonia.

Janette Litch – started chemo treatments.

Billie Nichols – fell, broke both arms.

Marge Ratchford – still battling cancer.

Sherry Strick – Brain tumors, moved to Baptist Hosp., LR.

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, Amie Barkley, Iris Bates, Bob/Carolyn Bennett, Bill Boley, Lloyd Boley, Lois Boley, Susie Boley, Tommy Causey, Troy & Rachel Curtis, Jeff Davis, Melvin Davis, Pauline Dale, Barbara Dawson, Charles Ensey, Sarah Ensey, Carol Graham, Tim Green, Sue Griffin, Pat Holloway, Dorothy King, Rose Lee, Daniel Loper, Liliya McDaniel, Linda Melton, Helen Moore, Julie Moss, Kristen Nordin, 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, April Morgan and Billy Joe Ralston.

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enter heaven so as to prevent contamination of that facility.

Thank you for your attention!

GOD

P.S. Please assist where possible by notifying others of this important recall and you may contact the Father any time by knee mail.

Recall Notice

Sent In by Janie McQueen, Dover, AR

The Maker of all human beings (God) is recalling all units manufactured, regardless of make or year, due to a serious defect in the primary and central component of the heart.

This is due to a malfunction in the original prototype units code named Adam and Eve, resulting in the reproduction of the same defect in all subsequent units. This defect has been technically termed "Sub-Sequential Internal Non-Morality," or more commonly known as S. I. N., as it is primarily expressed.

Some of the symptoms include: loss of direction, foul vocal emissions, and amnesia of origin, lack of peace and joy, selfish or violent behavior, depression or confusion in the mental component, fearful ness, idolatry, rebellion.

The manufacturer, who is neither liable nor at fault for this defect, is providing factory-authorized repair and service, free of charge, to correct this defect. The Repair Technician, **JESUS**, has most generously offered to bear the entire burden of the staggering cost of these repairs. There is no additional fee required.

The number to call for repair in all areas is: **P-R-A-Y-E-R**. Once connected, please upload your burden of **SIN** through the **REPENTANCE** procedure. Next, download **ATONEMENT** from the Repair Technician, **Jesus**, into the heart component.

No matter how big or small the SIN defect is, **Jesus** will replace it with: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-control.

Please see the operating manual, the **B.I.B.L.E. (Believers' Instructions Before Leaving Earth)** for further details on the use of these fixes.

WARNING: Continuing to operate the human being unit without correction voids any manufacturer warranties, exposing the unit to dangers and problems too numerous to list and will result in the human unit being -

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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

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

They are getting ready
for the Lads

To Leaders/Leaderettes
Convention, Memphis TN,
April 9th thru April 12th!

Dover Youth In-Home Dev
Sunday PM (after Evening
Services) April 5th
Home of Marion/Joyce
Helton

Men's Business Meeting

Monday, April 6, 7PM
Dover Church of Christ

Dover Ladies
CCSC Noon Meal
Wednesday, April 8

Mark Your Calendars

Dover Men's Devo
Thursday, April 9th, 7PM
Host: Alan Boatright

No Dover Ladies Night
For the month of April

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 . . .

11th Annual
Evangelistically
Speaking Lectureship
April 17th thru 19th
Mars Hill Church of Christ
Vilonia, Arkansas
Speakers: Oran Burt, Dean
Fugett, Dennis Gullede,
Tom German, Bob Harris,
Ted Knight, David Riley and
Robert Swain.

Spring Sale
Southern Christian Home
April 24 thru April 25

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 Shannon Walters
18 Gicala Lee
19 Earlene Davis
20 Earl Stamps
21 Mario Litch
22 Curtis Rackley
Brett Walters
23 Rusty Parker
25 Hoyt Ensey
27 Sharon Rackley
29 Kati Pennington
30 Lindsey Hollis

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

COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 4th
Camp Caudle 2-4 PM

Anyone interested
in helping contact:
Kim Miller

THOSE TO SERVE

April 05, 2009

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Tommy Oakes
Sid Womack

Communion

Podium: Marion Helton
Serve: Steve Pennington
William Boley
Alan Boatright
Allen Veasman

Scripture Reading

Drew Walters

Sunday P.M.
Prayers

Rex McDaniel
Merrell Shoptaw

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

“Singing Night”

Prepare Table for Communion

Charlene Clark

Communion to Shut-Ins

Alan Boatright

Greeters

Gary & Sonia Williams

Wednesday Night

Devotional
April 8, 2009

Sid Womack

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

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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
Chris Moss

Nursery Attendants:

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

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