



Life Lines

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Obsolescence

Art Linkletter is national chairman for United Seniors Association, the 1.5 million-plus member organization that is committed to expanding “economic freedom and health freedom for Senior Americans, their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.” He is one of the most respected and beloved media personalities in America. His best-known production; “People are Funny,” ran on NBC-TV and radio for 19 years and was rated in the top 10 productions for more than 11 years.

Linkletter’s books, *Kids Say the [est] Things*, was one of the top 14 best sellers in American publishing history and was one of 23 books he has written. His most famous recent national best seller is *Old Age Is Not for Sissies*. Here is one of Linkletter’s quotes about old age; **The four stages of life are infancy, childhood, adolescence and obsolescence.**

I believe it is safe to say that the first three stages are chronological. The fourth stage can come at any age, but most likely after puberty. However, society tends to reserve the term obsolescence for older adults. Society is wrong, of course. Obsolescence is an attitude. It exists in the minds of those who allow it to exist. It exists only because we allow it to exist.

The dictionary defines obsolescence as “passing out of use or usefulness, or becoming obsolete.” Among my close friends are dozens of people who are retired or who are no longer “gainfully employed.” Those two categories are not necessarily the same. But no matter. Not one of these friends is obsolete. They are vibrant, positive, forward-looking, and some of them are enthusiastic about who they are and where they are going in this life and beyond. They laugh, and they cry – occasionally at the same time. Their smile may catch you off guard; you cannot remain sober-looking when they smile at you.

Most of these friends are not rich. They live modest lives. Some of them live in very nice homes, but they have discovered that home is a place where children are born and raised, where friends and family gather and enjoy one another. The house they live in does not define them. It is a place where memories are made and celebrated. What defines them are their values, their faith, their trust in God, their belief in each other and their hope for the future.

If you have just heard some story right off the rumor hotline, don’t waste your time sharing it with these friends. They are quick to agree with Solomon, “There is nothing new under the sun.” If you want to complain about old songs we never sing in church anymore, go somewhere else to complain. These

friends have learned how to adjust, and they do it rather well.

They may have some free advice to offer, but you will not like it. Their favorite line is, “Get over it.”

These folks

- are never late to meetings. They would rather be an hour early than a minute late.
- love to tell jokes – often on themselves.
- know how to pray – they do this many times every day.
- prefer to sit than to stand (who in their right mind prefers standing over sitting?)
- have learned how to love deeply. Ask their grandchildren.
- mean what they say, and say what they mean. They can be blunt. Good for them!
- have learned how to forgive. They know that not forgiving is a painful existence.
- remember what it feels like to win and how to lose. They prefer to win.

Are they obsolete? Nope. They have the most fantastic future available to anyone.

Tom Barnard

*From: House to House
Jacksonville Church of Christ
Jacksonville, AL*

“They shall bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing” (Psalm 94:14)

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

Do you look for bargains? Almost everyone these days is looking for a bargain, whether it is clothing, food, shelter or a new car. Anything we want we look for a bargain. We want a good deal; want to get our money's worth.

Have you ever thought about what a bargain heaven will be? Is the cost too much? Does He ask more than we can pay? Can we even comprehend how long it will last? Our thoughts are not His thoughts. We can't even imagine.

The widow only gave two small coins. Jesus said she gave more than the wealthy. God does not ask more than we have, only a fair share. He does not ask us to use ten talents. If we have one, we are to use one. If we have more, we are to use all of them.

What is our cost for this eternal dwelling place? God commands us to love Him and love our neighbor. He requires that we obey His word and remain faithful. He knows we will slip, but He offers forgiveness if we repent. He gives us another chance. What a bargain!

Earthly bargains don't last long. They mold and they rust. They are insignificant when compared to the promises of heaven. Heaven is forever. We see all the beauty of the seasons on this earth, but this is no comparison to the beauty of heaven. The streets are paved with gold. There is no death, no hurting, no mourning and no tears.

Now I ask you again, have you ever thought of what a bargain heaven will be?

Let's not miss the opportunity.

The alternative is condemnation.

Remember Our Sick

Dana Bates – Successful surgery, home recovering.

Bob Bennett – serious health issues.

James Chadwick – Home, seriously injured his foot and leg from a fall. Facing re-hab and a long recovery.

Tom Cloud – in Heart Hospital, LR, new procedures being tried in surgery Thursday, March 29th.

Hoyt Ensey – aneurism surgery rescheduled, no date set yet.

Carol Graham – little Keith Martin's grandmother, had cancer surgery.

Summer Russell – head and spinal injuries from a December auto accident. Out of coma, speaking some. Moved from AMS to Children's Hosp.

Shut-ins – need prayers and visits.

Dover Area: **Bernice Brown**

Evelyn Burton

Mae Vanzandt

Russellville Nursing and Rehab Center: **Evelyn Driver**

Thelma Hatcher

Stella Manor: **Louise Killer,**

Mary Lee

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Daisy Hogins Anderson, Lawrence Boley, Lloyd Boley, Susie Boley, Gail Brewer, Jeff Davis, Mel Davis, Anna Deimund, Charles Ensey, Sue Griffin, David Guthrie, Charles Hickey, Jim Lackey, Robert and Rose Lee, Bill McAlister, Ray Motley, Teresa Phillips, Charles Proctor, Annie Robinson, Reddie Smith, Tanya Smith, Stone Family, Jewel Waldrip and Donna Walters.

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

Military: Darus Brown, Greg Davis, Steve Ferguson, Johnny Ragsdale, Cole Wetzal and Rudy Will.

A Poll of Church Attendance

Poll: Church of Christ tops in weekly worship attendance:

We are number one.

Americans who give their religious affiliation as "Church of Christ" are more likely than any other group to attend worship services, a new Gallup Poll reports.

Sixty-eight percent of members of the church of Christ interviewed by Gallup said they attend worship services at least once a week or almost every week.

The analysis is based on an aggregate of more than 11,000 Gallup Poll interviews between 2002 and 2005, including 123 identified with the church of Christ.

Denominations on the list included:

Mormons – 67 percent

Pentecostal – 65 percent

Southern Baptist – 60 per-cent

Catholic – 45 percent

Methodist – 44 percent

Presbyterian – 44 percent

Lutheran – 43 percent

Episcopal – 32 percent

For more information, see poll.gallop.com

Bobby Ross
Heart to Heart

WELCOME

Aidan Bryce Pointer
who arrived March 3,
2007.

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

Dover Men's Devo

April 12th, 7:00 PM

Dover Church
of Christ
Fellowship Hall

AREA WIDE YOUTH DEVO

April 15th, 6:00 PM
Clarksville Church
of Christ

2211 West Main St.
RSVP (479) 754-3360

Food, Fun and Fellowship!

Conway County Ladies Day

April 14th, Saturday
9:00 AM – 1:00PM

Harding Street
Church of Christ
906 Harding St.
Morrilton, AR

For more info:
(501) 354-4337
(501) 354-0183

Mark Your Calendars

GOSPEL MEETING

Downtown Church of
Christ

Morrilton, Arkansas

April 15-18, 2007

Speaker:

Dr. E. Claude Gardner

Bellefonte Church of Christ

4464 Highway 65 South
Harrison, AR

You are invited to:

*"Walk A Mile In My
Shoes"*

During our

First Annual Women's
Day Event

Saturday, April 28, 2007

Please RSVP by April 8th

Anne Crawford: (870) 743-1212

Sharon Taylor: (870) 741-6206

The CARE CENTER Of Little Rock, AR

Is sponsoring professional
counseling in a Christian
environment one day per
week, every Friday, at the
Dover Church of Christ.

Please spread the word, tell
your friends and neighbors.

Call for an appointment:

(479) 331-3428

April Birthdays

- 09 Skylar Creel
- Suzy Pennington
- 14 Danielle Smith
- 15 Loredana Qualls
- 16 Zach Pennington
- 17 Shannon Walters
- 18 Gicala Lee
- 19 Earlene Davis
- 22 Curtis Rackley
- Brett Walters
- 23 Rusty Parker
- 24 Chrissie Robison
- 27 Sharon Rackley
- Mae Vanzandt
- (Celebrates 101 years!)
- 28 Kati Pennington
- 29 Lindsay Hollis

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

LADIES' DAY!!

Dover Church of Christ

Mark Your Calendars
Saturday, April 28th,

Don't need any more towels,
quota reached.

Thanks:

Shirlie Chadwick.

"In Search of the Lord's Way"

Now 24/7

The Search Program can now be
accessed at any time on its 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

April 08, 2007

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Brent Hottinger
Steve Pennington

Communion

Podium: Alan Boatright
Serve: Alan Veasman
Blake Walters
Brett Walters
Dennis Whiteside

Scripture Reading

Chris Loper

**Sunday P.M.
Prayers**

Gary Williams
Jim Killer

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.
Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.
Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Diane Walters

Communion to Shut-Ins

Allen Veasman
Blake Forehand

Greeters

Alan and Sandra Boatright

Wednesday Night Devotional

April 11, 2007

Alan Boatright

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
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
Joe Miller

Nursery Attendants:

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

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