



Life Lines

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Before I Criticize

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Vain speculation, second-guessing and criticism are games played by idle and indifferent Christians. Such folks exalt themselves to the rank of "Lord" from where they piously pick and peck at others until they have hampered their zeal and hindered their influence. They seem not to know the seriousness of their sin or severity of their punishment. Before I engage in the practice of fault finding I ought to do the following:

1. *Pause and be sure that my heart is right! Do I really want to help or hinder? Which will I be doing? "Do not judge so that you will not be judged. For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you."* (Matt. 7:1-2)
2. *Examine my own life to see if everything is in order. Would I be honest to condemn another when correction is needed for my soul? "Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' and behold the log is in your own eye."* (Matt. 7:3-4)

3. *Try to put myself in his place! How would I be doing if I were bearing his burdens or laboring in his stead? "Now we who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of those without strength and not just please our selves. Each of us is to please his neighbor for his good, to his edification."* (Romans 15:1-2)
4. *Remember God's mercy toward me! How often have I bowed before Him to plead for grace when I have failed? Should I now be as merciful to a fellow sinner? (Read Matt. 18:21-35)*
5. *Consider the benevolence of others! My brethren have often borne with me in my failures; therefore can I not now suffer with another. "Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ."* (Galatians 6:1-2)
6. *Remember the hurt I felt the last time someone criticized me! Can I delight in inflicting the same hurt upon another? "But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you*

so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you. What reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?" (Matthew 5:44-46)

7. *Pray for my brother and myself! I need to petition the Father for him that he might overcome, and for myself, that I might be forgiven for even considering sinning against him. "Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray the Lord that if possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you.* (Acts 8:22)
8. *Go to my brother in humility and love! There I can confess my short comings before him, and help open his eyes to his own need for repentance.*

If I will do these things, I will not only help another to be saved, but I will avert the destruction of my own soul. What greater joy than this could be mine? *My brethren, if any among you strays from the truth, and one turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death, and will cover a multitude of sins.*" (Jas 5:19-20)

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

Most, if not all, young people are very impressionable. They tend to believe what they are taught and hear. They especially believe something told them by someone in authority. We have to be prepared to squash some of these teachings.

For many years the Board of Education has included the theory of evolution in our curriculum. This theory has been taught and believed. Even some, who have been taught differently at home, have believed when someone in authority teaches this in the class room. Again, the young are very impressionable.

There are advocates of intelligent design who hold that life is too complex not to have been created by a higher being. Some may not actually believe in God, but they do not believe the theory of evolution.

This universe is too magnificent and complex not to have been created by our God. *In the beginning God* created the heavens and the earth. God said it, and we believe it. And then God saw that it was good. Creation is good. The earth and heavens are beautiful. God's handiwork is magnificent! It is beyond our imagination, but He says that heaven will be much more.

"You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe – and tremble." (James 2:19)

We believe that God created the world and everything in it. We believe that He sent His Son. *"He who believes in Him is not condemned, but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."* (John 3:18)

Because of these theories, we must be stronger and bolder in our faith. We must be advocates of God's word, reaching out to others to share our beliefs.

Prayers and Sympathy for the family of J. D. Whiteside, of Missouri, who passed away. He was the father of Dennis Whiteside.

Remember Our Sick

Eugene Cox – Bob & Rose Lee's son-in-law, auto accident. Home recovering
Troy Curtis – in St. Mary's, another surgery scheduled for a re-do.

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

Marion Helton – eye surgery rescheduled for April 21.

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

Annette Hull – doctor's appointment scheduled April 15, Fort Smith.

Faye Jamison – Rhonda Reed's Aunt, home recovering, triple by-pass surgery.

Jerry Martin, Jr. – in ICU, still unconscious, Joplin Hospital, Lupus. Marion/Joan's cousin. Arm amputated to elbow.

Margie Ratchford – Larry Mahan's sister, chemo treatments.

Shut-ins – need prayers and visits:

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

Russellville Nursing & Rehab Center:
Evelyn Driver
Melba Hodges

Stella Manor: **Louise Killer**
Mae Vanzandt

Towbin Health Care, LR:
Charles Hickey

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Yvonne Adkisson, Amie Barkley, A. G. Barton, Bob & Carolyn Bennett, Lloyd Boley, Lois Boley, Wm & Susie Boley, Jeff Davis, Pauline Dale, Barbara Dawson, Charles Ensey, Hoyt & Sarah Ensey, Paul & Sue Griffin, Leota Hickey, Cleon Johnson, Ray & Dorothy King, Jim Lackey, Rose Lee, Liliya McDaniel, Julie Moss, Charles Proctor, Don Sheeran, Reedie Smith, Tanya Smith, Tom Williams and Judy Will.

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

Our Military: Greg Davis, Cole Wetzel. Rudy Will out of Iraq, home in 85 days.

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

Prayers & Sympathy for the family and friends of Annie Robinson of Dover passed away Saturday, April 29, 2008. Services Thursday, April 3, 2008.

Car Keys = Great Idea!

This tip came from a neighbor watch coordinator:

Put your car keys beside your bed at night. If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies.

Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this: it's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Test it.

It will go off from most anywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key fob chain.

It works if you park in your driveway or garage. If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break in your house, odds are the burglar or rapist won't stick around . . . after a few seconds all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that.

And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there.

You might suggest to your spouse that they carry the car keys with them in case they fall outside and you don't hear him/her. If you hear an activated car alarm than you both know there's a problem

Would also be useful for any emergency, such as a heart attack, where you can't reach a phone.

Sent In by: Iris Bates
Springdale, 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

31st Annual Ladies' Lectureship

Holden Avenue
Church of Christ
Newport, Arkansas

Saturday, April 12th
9:00 AM to 1:30 PM

Speaker: Elsie Huffard
Theme: "Walking
Where Jesus Walked"

Graduates of 2008

If you are graduating in 2008
Please let Shirlye Chadwick
know.
She is planning an
acknowledgement celebration

Mark Your Calendars

Dover Church of Christ 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
E-mail: staff@dovercoc.org

Dover Ladies Monthly Devo
Cancelled for the
Month of April

AREA WIDE YOUTH DEVO

Sunday, April 20th, 6 PM
3rd Sunday
At CCSC, Arkansas Tech
Sponsor:
Dardanelle Church of Christ

April Birthdays

03 Aidan Pointer
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
27 Sharon Rackley
Mae Vanzandt
29 Kati Pennington
30 Lindsay Hollis

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

**Mae Vanzandt will be 102
years young on April 27,
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

April 13, 2008

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Dennis Whiteside
Brett Walters

Communion

Podium: Chris Loper
Serve: Brent Hottinger
Alan Boatright
Allen Veasman
Blake Walters

Scripture Reading

William Boley

**Sunday P.M.
Prayers**

Brent Hottinger
Blake Walters

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.
Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.
Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Joan Vance

Communion to Shut-Ins

Alan Boatright
Chris Loper

Greeters

Robert and Juanita Bird

Wednesday Night Devotional

April 16, 2008

Jeff Myers

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.

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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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