



Life Lines

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Written In Blood

On January 26, 2005, a California train derailed killing 11 people and injuring over 200.

About 6:00 A.M. a Metrolink commuter train struck a sport-utility vehicle parked on the tracks in an aborted suicide attempt in Glendale. The train derailed and struck another Metrolink train.

One of the 200 injured was a 44-year-old named John Phipps. Phipps normally would not have taken the train, but he was called to work early at an aerospace plant in Burbank.

He sat down upstairs in the double-decked car and went to sleep. The next thing he remembered was waking up, feeling mist falling on his face, and seeing smashed bits of the train. He touched the back of his head and looked at his hands, which were covered in blood. He called for help but got no immediate answer.

Trapped under debris, he waited for rescuers.

At one point, Phipps reached out and touched an up ended train seat that sat right above him. Believing he was dying, he found himself leaving a message to his wife and children with his own blood.

He wrote: "I Love my Kids.
"I Love Leslie."

Rescuers came on the scene later and saw the message.

Fire Captain Robert Rosario said, "I've seen some gruesome things on this job, but that moved me. My only thought was, I have to get that seat to his wife and kids."

His wife said about the message, "Hallmark is never going to top that. It's moving, it's thoughtful, and it's chilling all at the same time."

The story of John Phipps and his message written in his own blood is a moving one, but there is another more moving love story written in blood. The love of JESUS CHRIST for a lost world.

Due to our sin, you and I were "pinned" under the condemnation of sin with no hope. But Jesus came to our rescue. To save us from our sins, Jesus had to shed His blood as payment for them. "***In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.***" (Ephesians 1:7)

The blood of Jesus redeems those who accept His offer of salvation by believing in Him (Acts 16:30-31), turning from sin in repentance

(Acts 17:30-31), confessing Him before men (Romans 10:9-10), and being baptized (immersed) in His name for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38).

The blood of Jesus will continue to cleanse those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7) With His own blood, Jesus demonstrated His great love for you and for me.

The message is moving, thoughtful and chilling at the same time, and it is the means of our salvation *if* we will accept His gift on His terms.

*David A. Sargent
Mobile, Alabama*

Earth's Most Sacred Spot

Some time ago I bought a little devotional book on the death of Christ. One of the chapters was on "Earth's Most Sacred Spot." The author was referring to Golgotha, "the place which is called Calvary." Because our Savior suffered and died there, the author considered it the most sacred of all places. But I want to assure you that earth's most sacred spot is not some hill on the other side of the world. The most sacred place on this earth is right here at His table, when we commune with Jesus and with one another in breaking bread and drinking the cup of the Lord.

*David Pharr
House to House/Heart to Heart*

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

Lord when we are wrong, make us willing to change; where we are right; make us easy to live with.

Peter Marshall

It is very hard to admit we are wrong because we all want to be right. This starts at a very young age, wanting to be right. If you don't believe this, try to convince a six or seven year old they are wrong about something. It gets worse in their teens.

We can be wrong, be embarrassed about it, but it is not a sin. However, there are many wrongs that are sinful. These, we must change, if we want to be pleasing with God.

Some wrongs are unlawful and some go against the will of our Lord. With these there must be a change.

"But he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done, and there is no partiality." (Colossians 3:25)

If we don't change the wrong we do, and ask for forgiveness, we will pay. The reward is not good. We will be separated from God eternally.

Our life may seem right, but if our heart is not right, we are failing. People around us may not realize this. God will, because He knows our heart and mind.

We may not think we are doing any thing wrong. But when we omit things we should be doing, we sin. *"Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin."* (James 4:17) Leaving important things undone can be our downfall. We have too many directives for good works to leave them undone.

Jesus' life on this earth was about doing good. He taught; He healed; and ultimately He gave his life as a sacrifice for us. He gave His life for all, friends and enemies. His offer is there for us to accept if we want to do right.

Remember Our Sick

Carl Adkisson – home, recovering from heart surgery.

Alec Barkley – diagnosed with exercised induced asthma.

Danny Brown – cancer

Shirley Chadwick - knee surgery May 4th

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

Janette Litch – battling cancer.

Walter McQueen – Fri, April 16th heart surgery.

Beverly Myers – back problems, injection scheduled soon.

Billie Nichols – MRI scheduled for April 14th for her back.

Margaret (Marty) Robbins – cancer

Mary Stamps – cancer, will need treatments.

June Wagoner – broken foot (St. Louis).

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, Robert/Vickie Cox, 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.

The Map

A father wanted to read a magazine but was being bothered by his little girl, Shelby . . .

She wanted to know what the United States looked like.

Finally, her father tore a sheet out of his new magazine on which was printed the map of the country. Tearing it into small pieces, he gave it to Shelby and said, "Go into the other room and see if you can put this together. This will show you our whole country today."

After a few minutes, Shelby returned and handed him the map, correctly fitted and taped together.

Her father was surprised and asked how she had finished so quickly.

"Oh," she said, "on the other side of the paper is a picture of Jesus. When I got all of Jesus back where he belonged, then our country just came together."

Sooo . . . when we get Jesus back where He belongs – our country will come together.

*Sent in by B. J. Sheeran
St. Louis, Missouri*

The Finish Line . . .

A friend of mine is one of those crazy runners. You know the type – fifteen miles a day, marathons, pilgrimages to his favorite running routes all over the country, an obsession with breaking personal records, or in fanatical running lingo, his "PRs" . . .

"But don't you want to know why anyone would want to do this to his body? I asked my friend recently what he likes about running. 'The finish line,' he said. And there you have it. He runs because he has the finish line in sight. It motivates him to keep putting one blistered foot in front of the other. I guess we can all understand that to some degree. If we can remember our purpose, we can be motivated to improve our practice."

*Kindred Spirit, Spring 2007
Glad Tidings/Good Things
Jacksonville Church of Christ*

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 LADIES' DAY!!!

Saturday, April 24th
9:00 AM – Noon

Continental Breakfast
& Potluck Luncheon
Theme: "Ahhh...Spring!
A time to Grow."
Speaker: Kim Reynolds
Wilson

For more info:
phone 479-331-3428 or
E-mail staff@dovercoc.org

Please join us for
fellowship, skit, food and
to enjoy the speaker.

Dover's Youth Devo
Sunday, May 2nd
Cara & Micah Williams
following evening services

Dover Men's Business
Meeting
Monday, May 10th, 7 PM

Mark Your Calendars

Southern Christian Home
Homecoming 2020
Saturday May 1st, 9AM

Dover Men's Devo
Thursday, May 13th, 7
PM
Host: Jim Killer

Dover Ladies' Night
4th Thursday, May 27th
6:30 PM
Hostess: Kristen Simmons

Dover Church of Christ
will recognize our 2010
Graduates
Sunday, May 23, 6 PM
Fellowship Hall

This is our list so far:
Dover High School
Blake C. Forehand
Josh S. Pennington
Shoshana Spitler
Jamie D. Stone
Drew Walters

Atkins
Shelby Statler

Hector
Lane Smith

College
Chris Ramirez
Bobbi 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.

"In Search of the
Lord's Way"

The Search Program
can now be accessed
any time on website
www.searchtv.org

Or

Mack Lyon
Phil Sanders
Weekly Lesson can
be heard and seen on
KARK, Channel 4
Sunday, 7:30 AM

THOSE TO SERVE

April 25, 2010

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Brent Hottinger
Blake Walters

Communion

Podium: Allen Veasman
Serve: Earl Stamps
Earl Whitted
Gary Williams
Jim Killer

Scripture Reading

William Boley

Sunday P.M. Prayers

Alan Boatright
William Boley

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.
Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.
Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Leota Hickey

Communion to Shut-Ins

Allen Veasman

Greeters

The Elders

Wednesday Night Devotional April 28, 2010

Lee Henson

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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