



Life Lines

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A Living Resurrection . . . And Living the Resurrection

The salvation of mankind was the heart and soul of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. From the beginning God had promised a coming redemption. (Genesis 3:15) And He promised through Isaiah (a name that means "Salvation is God") that the coming king would crush Satan (Isaiah 9:1-7) and that He would be the "suffering servant" who would be undeservedly punished to take away the sins of mankind. (Isaiah 53:1-12)

The cosmic significance of the crucifixion is seen in the events of that day. When man first sinned, the world brought forth thorns. The thorns were woven into a crown to pierce the skin of Jesus, and the fall and redemption came full circle. The earthquakes, the darkness and the raising of the dead the day Jesus died all speak of the whole of creation bearing witness to this act of redemption.

Four reasons stand out as to why the resurrection deserves attention:

It was prophesied. Isaiah seems to assume a resurrection, and Jesus states it plainly; *"Behold we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn Him to death, and will hand Him over to the Gentiles to mock and scourge and crucify Him, and on the third day He will be raised up."* (Matthew 20:18-19)

He almost always spoke of His death and resurrection together.

The Resurrection defeated death and Satan. That was His purpose. His death covered the sins of humanity, but the resurrection cast aside death and dealt the crushing blow to Satan's power. Read I Corinthians 15. It is clear that Jesus'

return to life was the key both to eternal life and to the demise of death. (Verses 20-21 . . . *"But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep. For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead."*)

It brought greater glory to God. Perhaps the only thing that could show God's holiness, power and love more than casting His only son away from Himself by making Him into sin to atone for our sins (II Corinthians 5:21) was for Him to be restored to fellowship with Jesus by raising Him from the dead.

Christ the "first fruits" opened the door for all those who follow Him to be adopted into the Kingdom. His resurrection brought supreme honor and glory from the greatest dishonor man could subject Him to.

The Resurrection empowered Christ's followers. Jesus' death scattered His disciples, but His resurrection drew them back to Himself and He commissioned them after He was raised.

The early church clearly did not fear death as the culture around them did. They braved persecution and martyrdom to take the Gospel to the corners of the known world within a few generations of Christ. The resurrection reinvigorated the disciples' commitment to Christ's message and paved the way for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Clearly, the resurrection ("Easter") should motivate us to a deeper understanding and appreciation of the truths that form the backbone of our faith. It is time for us to reflect on the cost of our redemption, the meaning of forgiveness, and the glory to God. More than that, it should stir us to give flesh to the reality of Christ's life. We are to *"work out your salvation with fear and*

trembling." (Philippians 2:12)

The magnitude of Christ's work on the first "Easter" demands a response of obedience to His holiness and mercy. The obligation is one of gratitude; the God who gave His Son for us is not interested in forced obedience.

Living the resurrection should encompass both submission to God's will, and dedication to Christ's call to make disciples. When we do justice, love and mercy, and walk humbly with our God (Micah 6:8), our actions fly in the face of human nature because they are flowing from the life within us. In that way, we give evidence to Christ's resurrection. Only if He was raised and is alive could He continue to work among men.

In His "High Priestly Prayer" of John 17, Jesus pleads: *"Sanctify them in truth; Your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. For their sakes I sanctify Myself that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth."* (vs. 17-19)

There is a definite sense in which you are telling a unique part of the story of Jesus by the way you live. The glory of the resurrection is seen each day in the fullness of Christ's living Body, the Church.

*From The Vision
West Side Church of Christ
Russellville, Arkansas*

Prayers and Sympathy for the family and friends of **Marion Hoyt Ensey** who passed away Friday, April 10, 2009. The memorial service was Tuesday, Danville, Arkansas. He was a member of the Dover Church of Christ.

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

WHY, WHY, WHY?

Why do we press harder on the remote control when we know the batteries are almost dead?

Why do banks charge a fee on "insufficient funds" when they already know there is not enough money?

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but have to check when you say the paint is still wet?

Why do Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?

Whose idea was it to put an "S" in the word lisp?

If people evolved from apes, why are there still apes?

Why is it that no matter what color bubble bath you use, the bubbles are always white?

Is there ever a day that mattresses are not on sale?

Why do people constantly return to the refrigerator with hopes that something new to eat will have materialized?

Why do people keep running over a string a dozen times with their vacuum cleaner, then reach down, pick it up, examine it, then put it back down to give the vacuum one more chance?

Why is it that no plastic bag will open from the end on your first try?

How do those dead bugs get into those enclosed light fixtures?

When we are in the supermarket and someone rams our ankle with a shopping cart then apologizes for doing so, why do we say, "It's all right?" Well, it isn't all right, so why don't we say, "That really hurt, why don't you watch where you're going?"

Why is it that whenever you attempt to catch something that's falling off the table you always manage to knock something else over?

Why in winter do we try to keep the house as warm as it was in summer when we complained about the heat?

Why do we never hear any father-in-law jokes?

And my FAVORITE . . . The statistics on sanity is that one out of every four persons is suffering from some sort of mental illness. Think of your three best friends – if they're okay, then it's you.

Remember Our Sick

Betty Bailey – diagnosed with cancer, Christine Sheeran's friend.

Clara Hefley-starting chemo/radiation.

Mary Franke – eye surgery (can't see). Friend of Don Sheeran's, St. Louis.

Polly Hopper – serious legal problems.

Carl Keathley – Rose Lee's brother, in ICU, life support has been removed.

Joe Kline – age 78, complications, cancer. Don Sheeran's friend, St. Louis.

Janette Litch – started chemo.

Zackary Nordin – tubes in his ears, April 27th

Cortney Patterson – Friend of Patsy Wisbrock's, serious, age 17, Children's Hospital,

Mary Ann Rutherford – serious health problems, B.J. Sheeran's friend.

Sherry Strick – Brain tumors.

Alayna Williams – Micah/Cara's daughter. Back surgery to be scheduled soon.

Christine Williams – mother of Noah Williams (special child prayer list) expecting. Pray for a healthy child and a successful delivery.

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, 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, Zackary Shelton and Noah Williams.

Our Military: D. J. Bandy, Jr., Travis Coe, Byron Lee, April Morgan and Billy Joe Ralston.

The Buzzard, The Bat and The Bumblebee

The Buzzard: If you put a buzzard in a pen that is 6 ft. x 8 ft. and is entirely open at the top, the bird, in spite of its ability to fly, will be an absolute prisoner. The reason is a buzzard always begins a flight from the ground with a run of 10 – 12 ft. Without space to run, as is its habit, it will not even attempt to fly, but will remain a prisoner for life in a small jail with no top.

The Bat: The ordinary bat flies around at night, a remarkable nimble creature in the air, cannot take off from a level place. If it is placed on the floor or flat ground, all it can do is shuffle about helplessly and, no doubt, painfully, until it reaches some slight elevation from which it can throw itself into the air. Then, at once, it takes off like a flash.

The Bumblebee: A bumblebee, if dropped into an open tumbler, will be there until it dies, unless it is taken out. It never sees the means of escape at the top, but persists in trying to find some way out through the sides near the bottom. It will seek a way where none exists, until it completely destroys itself. People: In many ways, we are like the buzzard, the bat and the bumblebee. We struggle about with all our problems and frustrations, never realizing that all we have to do is look up!

Sorrow looks back, Worry looks around, But faith looks up! Live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly and trust our Creator who loves us.

From Home Touch

"Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."

(James 5:16)

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!

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 . . .
Tomorrows Treasured
Memories . . .

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Spring Sale
Southern Christian Home
April 24 thru April 25

Mark Your Calendars

Dover Youth Group Meets
Sunday, May 3rd after
Evening Services
Home of Tommy & Carla
Oakes'

Dover Men's Business Meeting

Monday, May 4th, 7 PM
Dover Church of Christ

Dover Men's Devo
Thursday, May 14th, 7 PM
Host: Steve Pennington

Sunday, PM, May 31st

5th Sunday Celebration,
and Fish Fry
Acknowledging
2009 Graduates

Dover's Young men will do
the Evening Services
For graduation info see:
Janie Beck
For Fish Fry Info see:
Brent Hottinger

If you are a 2009 Graduate
please let Janie Beck
know as soon as possible.

Dover Ladies Night
Thursday, May 21st, 7 PM
Hostess: Joyce Walters

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.

"In Search of the Lord's Way"

Now 24/7

The Search Program
can now be accessed
any time on 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 26, 2009

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Donny Forehand
Drew Walters

Communion

Podium: Marion Helton
Serve: Gary Williams
Jim Killer
Larry Mahan
Lee Henson

Scripture Reading

Blake Walters

Sunday P.M. Prayers

Chris Moss
Brett Walters

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Charlene Clark

Communion to Shut-Ins

Chris Loper

Greeters

Gary & Sonia Williams

Wednesday Night Devotional April 29, 2009

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

6:30 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
Chris Moss

Nursery Attendants:

Sunday Class: JoAnn Killer

Sunday Church: Pat McAlister
Kaeli Miller

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