



Life Lines

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No Substitutes

There are some things for which there are no substitutes. Isaiah once wrote, *“Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.”* (Isaiah 5:20) We live in a generation of substitutes. Wood is being replaced with plastic and other materials in construction. In the textile industry synthetic fibers are sometimes better than natural ones. There are many food substitutes. However, there are some things for which there are no substitutes. This is also true in the work of the Lord’s church. There are some ingredients which cannot be replaced. Brethren have tried to make elaborate church buildings to do their work for them. Such efforts have failed. Some churches have tried to substitute a full-time staff or workers for the effort that every member should give. This too has failed. Others have thought that money can solve all problems. This has also proved to be wrong. Consider the following elements for which there are no replacements in the work of the church.

Dedication

Nothing can take the place of complete dedication on the part of every member. Jesus said, *“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness.”* (Matthew 6:33) Some brethren will not undergo inconvenience for the Cause of Christ. Some will hide their convictions before they will suffer embarrassment. Some will be faithful until it begins to cost them money. Some must be petted and pampered. If their feelings are hurt their dedication vanishes. Some are afraid they will be over-worked. How far does your dedication go? There is no substitute for it.

Love for the Lost

Jesus came to save us because He loved us. Those who win souls for Christ today must be motivated by love. A congregation of people who do not love the precious souls of lost men/women will not carry the gospel to them. Such a group will be negligent to pray for the lost and to support every worthy effort to rescue the perishing. Do

you love the lost enough to leave the comforts of home, to invite them to the services of the church, to teach them and to encourage them to obey the Gospel? There is no substitute for that vital element.

Moral Purity

If Christians will not keep themselves “unspotted from the world” there is nothing they can do to make up for it. The church will suffer embarrassment and shame. Its work will be crippled. God’s people must take an unyielding stand against gambling, social drinking, dancing, immodest apparel and other evils that are similar in character. To fail in this is to invite disaster. It will not matter that we have wealthy, prominent members or a beautiful building.

Those who will be real Christians will not look for substitutes and short cuts.

*James Segars
From: The Vigil*

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

“The reason we admire the people who think before they speak is that they give us a chance to say something.”

Everyone likes to talk, some much more than others. Something exciting happens to us and we want to tell our friends. Some people are good listeners. We get to tell our story first. With some, we find it difficult to get our story told. Which are you?

In the education field, much is taught about being a good speaker. There are speech classes, seminars, books and many more avenues of learning the basics of public speaking. But I'm not familiar with any on good listening skills. There should be at least some on listening skills.

When something troubles us, the best relief is to get it off our chest. For this, we need a good listener. A truly good listener will not interrupt. They will not be thinking of what they are going to say, either. If this person asks our opinion, then it is our time to talk. If they don't, then we should just listen.

How much it adds to human grief
That witty speech is often brief.
How true it is – and what a pity,
Than lengthy talks are seldom witty.

We think we should say something to help someone, especially if they have suffered a tragedy or the death of a loved one. It is difficult to know exactly what to say. Most of the time it is not necessary to say anything. Just a hug will do. Talking can be good for them. Here again, this is a nice time to be a good listener.

Too much talking can get us into hot water! Not being a good listener can get us into hot water!

We have probably been in more hot water than we care to admit.

Too often, we have an answer before we hear the question!

“He who answers before listening – that is his folly and his shame.”
(Proverbs 18:13)

Remember Our Sick

Michael Beasley – 18 yrs. old, acute depression.

Lois Boley – home from hospital, serious complications-stomach & heart.

Carol Graham – Grandmother of Keith Martin, cancer back.

Eugene Cox – hospitalized again, internal bleeding, ICU, very serious.

Troy Curtis – in St. Mary's, seeing Dr. Monday in LR to schedule a re-do.

Joyce Helton – had surgery April 16, LR, waiting for results.

Marion Helton – eye surgery rescheduled for April 21.

Annette Hull – surgery scheduled May 13, to remove tumor, Fort Smith.

Mary McAlister- Heart Hospital, LR, by-pass surgery was Monday, April 14.

Jerry Martin, Jr. – in ICU, still unconscious, Joplin Hospital, Lupus.

Mary Sue Martin – secretary of Dardanelle Church of Christ – cancer.

Beverly Myers – knee surgery April 15, doing good, will be in rehab soon.

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, Wm & Susie Boley, Jeff Davis, Pauline Dale, Barbara Dawson, Charles Ensey, Hoyt & Sarah Ensey, Paul & Sue Griffin, Leota Hickey, Eddie and Mark Holloway, Cleon Johnson, Ray & Dorothy King, Jim Lackey, Rose Lee, Liliya McDaniel, Linda Melton, Julie Moss, Charles Proctor, Margie Ratchford, Reedie Smith, Tanya Smith and Judy Will.

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

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

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

From A Fire Safety Seminar

Letting both ends of a 9-Volt battery come into contact with metal or another battery can cause it to ignite.

Carpets and carpet padding is very toxic, also some drapery materials or upholstery fabrics – even if it is just smoke.

When trying to exit a fire area keep low to the floor. NOT ON THE FLOOR, approx-imately 19 inches above and crawl from room to room or from the building.

When a fire occurs in a house or building do not open doors, this can cause a “back flash of fire.”

All families should have an escape plan and practice fire drills.

Check smoke detectors, change batteries every six months.

Install carbon monoxide detectors.

These are the things that the speaker talked most about. They are good reminders for all of us.

JV

PRAYER

Prayer is one of the best of the free gifts we receive. There is no cost but a lot of reward. Make sure you pray, and pray believing that God will answer.

May today be all that you need it to be. May the peace of God and the freshness of the Holy Spirit rest in your thoughts, rule your in dreams tonight and conquer all your fears. May God manifest Himself today in ways that you have never experienced. May your joys be fulfilled, your dreams be closer and your prayers be answered. May you have peace, health and happiness and an undying love for God.

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

Dover's Youth Devotional

May 4th, Following
Evening Services

Host: Jim & JoAnn Killer

Dover Church of Christ Men's Business Meeting

Monday, May 5, 7 PM

Graduates of 2008

If you are graduating in 2008
Please let Shirlie Chadwick
know.

Shirlie 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 Men's Devo

May 8, 7 PM

Host: Sid Womack

Dover Ladies' Night

May 17, 7 PM

Hostess: Leota Hickey

No Area Wide Devo

For the Months of
May, June & July

April Birthdays

03	Aidan Pointer
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
22	Curtis Rackley
	Brett Walters
23	Rusty Parker
25	Hoyt Ensey
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.

**Amelia Besterfeldt's birth-
day is Friday, May 2nd!**

"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 27, 2008

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Sid Womack
Steve Pennington

Communion

Podium: Chris Loper
Serve: Donny Forehand
Drew Walters
Earl Whitted
Gary Williams

Scripture Reading

Rick Hollis

Sunday P.M.

Prayers

Robert Bird
Rex McDaniel

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Joan Vance

Communion to Shut-Ins

Dennis Whiteside
Donny Forehand

Greeters

Robert and Juanita Bird

Wednesday Night Devotional

April 30, 2008

Marion Helton

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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