



# Life Lines

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## GRACE

**One of the most wonderful words in the Bible is Grace.**

It first appears in the Scriptures in the Book of Genesis when **“Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.”** (Genesis 6:8)

Grace is one of the attributes of God.

According to Thayer’s lexicon it is the “kindness by which God bestows favors even upon the ill-deserving, and grants to sinners the pardon of their offenses and bids them acceptance of eternal salvation through Christ.” Grace is God’s kindness bestowed on the unworthy.

Man is saved by the grace of God. **“For the grace of God that bringth salvation hath appeared to all men.”** (Titus 2:11) But, this does not suspend man’s obligation to be obedient to God’s commands, if one is saved by grace alone then all men would be saved.

Yet, the Scriptures teach that all men will not be saved. **“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.”** (Matthew 7:21)

The Lord demands obedience to His Words. It is written, **“He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not My words, hath one that judgeth him;**

**the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.”** (John 12:48)

Christianity is a taught religion. Note what the Scriptures teach about it. **“For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in the present world.”** (Titus 2:11-12)

God’s grace is not given apart from teaching that requires one’s apprehension and obedience. It can be illustrated very easily. As stated above, **“Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.”** (Genesis 6:8)

Noah was saved by God’s grace, but he still had to build an ark to be saved. Note what the writer of Hebrews said: **“By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.”** (Hebrews 11:7)

God gave the grace by instructing Noah in the way of salvation. Noah saved himself and his family by preparing the ark in obedience to God’s instruction. This is the way it is done today. The Lord supplies the instruction and man must adhere to it if he is to be saved. This does not take away from

God’s grace, but it is through grace that He provides the way of salvation.

*Paul Vaughn  
From the Beacon*

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**MACK LYON  
IS COMING!!**

**May 2nd thru 4th**

**Higden Church of Christ  
7373 Edgemont Rd.  
Higdon, Arkansas  
(501) 825-7495**

Mack Lyon is a long-time Gospel preacher, made famous for his long running television program: *In Search of the Lord’s Way*.

His love for the truth and his ability to preach it are both exemplary!

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## BAPTISM

**Congratulations to Ana-Marie Braslasu (daughter of Iris Lawley). Baptized April 4, 2010.**

## Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

Many of us strive for success, don't we? Certainly, we don't strive for failure! Which brings us closer to God, success or failure?

Once we are successful and things seem to be going good for us, we tend to forget our Maker. But, let things turn for the worse, and we start begging for help. We pray more, we pray harder.

Now what is wrong in this picture? Do we let success carry us away from our faithfulness? Does failure make us faithful? Or, are we using the things that happen in our lives, good or bad, to determine our spirituality?

Let's hope our spiritual life is grounded more firmly and more deeply. We can't be fair-weathered friends and be pleasing to God. He wants us to be faithful during the good time and the bad times. As He said, *"I am a jealous God."*

God knows we are not perfect. We are humans with sinful tendencies. A job loss with a family to feed, losing a home or a marriage failure; all of these can be devastating to our faith. We may question God. Why do bad things like this happen to good people? Why do they happen to a child of God?

We may never get the answer we want. But, falling away from God is not the answer. We must remain steadfast, knowing that eventually things will get better.

God wants our thanks and praise when we have success. He wants us to ask Him for help when we have failure. He is a compassionate God. He understands the problems we encounter in this life. He has promised that temptation will not be too great to overcome. (I Corinthians 10:13)

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## Remember Our Sick

**Carl Adkisson** – home, recovering.

**Alec Barkley** – diagnosed with exercised induced asthma.

**Danny Brown** – cancer

**Shirlie Chadwick** - knee surgery May 4th

**Roger Hammer** – Michelle Annette's brother, stem-cell transplant.

**Ted Jennen** – Cancer, Dardanelle.

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

**Janette Litch** – battling cancer.

**Walter McQueen** – arteriogram was successful

**Beverly Myers** –injection April 21st.

**Billie Nichols** – no surgery scheduled at this time.

**Margaret (Marty) Robbins** – cancer

**Mary Stamps** – cancer, appointment April 22nd, to determine 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.

## Fruits Without The Roots

By Charles Cash, From The Voice

In his book, "Serendipity," J. Wallace Hamilton observed, ". . . it is part of the shallowness of our time to look for the fruits without the roots, to take the benefits of religion without religion, to get the gifts of God without the need for God."

The society we live in today is far from being ideal, it is permeated with Christian principles. Through history people have witnessed the same beneficial effects upon society wherever Christianity has gone. Few would prefer to live where none of these principles exist. Many enjoy these benefits without really being religious themselves, without even acknowledging or caring where they come from.

Every "good gift," according to James, comes from God. Air! Sunshine! Rain! Life itself. God created the beautiful world around us for us to enjoy. The world is no "closed shop." These gifts come to the "just and unjust" alike. One can enjoy them without ever stopping to see God behind them or ever realizing the need for God. Jesus saw beyond the "lilies of the field" to the lilies' of God.

Moving into the deeper dimension of the spirit, God, realizing our basic and essential needs, again provides fully and adequately all things. We are painfully aware of the yearning within for such things as peace, serenity, happiness, real meaning and purpose.

Paul wrote, *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."* (Galatians 5:22-23) These fruits do not come indiscriminately. They do not come into our lives by direct pursuit, but rather as a serendipity, or indirectly from the pursuit of something else. Paul continues in verse 24. *"Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires."*

These fruits flourish and ripen only when our lives are rooted in the soil of individual surrender and whole-hearted commitment to the Lord. Man constantly searches! Purely world pursuits never suffice. These fruits are spiritual commodities that come to the dedicated Christian whose life is "rooted and grounded" in the Lord!

# 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 Devo  
Sunday, May 2nd  
Cara & Micah Williams  
following evening services

Dover Men's Business  
Meeting  
2nd Mon., May 10th, 7 PM

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

# Mark Your Calendars

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 Shirlee Chadwick know.

Young Adult Get-Together  
Saturday, May 22nd  
For more info see:  
Justin & Carin Vaughn

Dover Youth Hiking Trip  
Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>  
For more info see:  
Lee Henson

# MAY Birthdays

02 Amelia Besterfeldt  
05 Brett Cains  
06 Randall Walters  
07 Victoria Thomas  
Carlee Williams  
08 Trinity Loper  
09 Walter McQueen  
Sid Womack  
13 Kelli Hottinger  
15 Alan Boatright  
16 Connie Myers  
20 Shelley Culwell  
21 Nathan Miller  
24 Jaylinn Williams  
25 Diane W. Walters  
31 Paul Helton  
Don Johnson

If we missed your birth-  
day, *Please* let us know  
so it won't happen again.

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"In Search of the  
Lord's Way"

The Search Program  
can now be accessed  
any time on website  
[www.searchtv.org](http://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

**May 02, 2010**

## Sunday A.M.

**Announcer:** Randall Walters  
**Song Leader:** Merrell Shoptaw

### Prayers

Steve Pennington  
Tommy Oakes

### Communion

**Podium:** Sid Womack  
**Serve:** Kevin Nordin  
Lane Smith  
Larry Mahan  
Lee Henson

### Scripture Reading

Rick Hollis

## Sunday P.M.

### Prayers

Sid Womack  
Rex McDaniel

# SPEAKER

## Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

## Sunday P.M.

“Singing Night”

### Prepare Table for Communion

Chris Loper

### Communion to Shut-Ins

Donny Forehand

### Greeters

Jim and JoAnn Killer

### Wednesday Night

### Devotional

**May 05, 2010**

Merrell Shoptaw

### 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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