



# Life Lines

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## The Doctor who never Lost a Case

By Allen Webster (*House to House/Heart to Heart*)

Many parents want their children to grow up to be doctors. It is an honored profession; it is rewarding to help others; it pays well. It is a popular enough field that there are 800,000 licensed physicians in America alone.

Jesus could have been a doctor. One of His followers, Luke was (Colossians 4:14). But Jesus never carried a medical bag or opened an office on Main Street, Nazareth.

Still, Jesus was a healer. Various forms of the word *heal* are used fifty-five times in His four biographies. The New Testament contains more than seventy-five references in the healing work and ministry of Christ. He was known to say, **"I will come and heal him."** (Matthew 8:7) In fact, He **"... healed them that had need of healing."** (Luke 9:11) Jesus thought of Himself as a physician, and he seems to have been seen in this light by others. He said to those in His hometown, **"Ye will surely say unto Me this proverb, Physician heal thyself."** (Luke 4:23)

**Jesus healed bodies:** Lots of bodies. All parts of bodies. You could say that He had a general family practice (Matthew 8:16; 12:15), but also specialized in: Pediatrics, healed Jairus' little daughter. (Mark 5:23) Hematology, woman's issue of blood. (Luke 8:43) Ophthalmology, caused the blind to see. (Luke 18:35-43) Orthopedics, made "bowed" to be straight. (Luke 13:11-13) Otolaryngology/ear-nose-throat, made the deaf to hear. (Mark 7:32-35) Neurology, cured "palsy," a condition Jesus seems to have faced often – at least three references are found in the New Testament. (Matthew 4:24; 8:6; Mark 2:1-12; Luke

5:18-25) Rheumatology, caused the lame/maimed to walk and be whole. (Matthew 15:30) Internal Medicine, dropsy. (Luke 14:2-4) Infectious diseases, cured those with plagues (Mark 3:10) and leprosy. (Luke 5:12-13)

Jesus never made a referral **"... healing every sickness and every disease among the people."** (Matthew 9:35) Jesus never found a case too hard. In fact, He seems to have specialized in impossible cases.

### Consider these:

The woman who had an issue of blood, **"... had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse."** (Mark 5:25-26) She had been sick for twelve years.

There was a woman who had, **"... a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself."** (Luke 13:11) Jesus healed her.

**"A certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years."** (John 5:5-8) Jesus brought him back to health.

The man who had been blind from his birth. (John 9:1, 20, 32) Jesus gave him sight.

Jesus met, **"... a certain man, which had devils a long time, and wore no clothes, neither abode in any house, but in the tombs."** (Luke 8:27) Jesus returned him to a normal life.

**Jesus healed minds (Psychiatry).** **"They brought unto Him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had palsy; and He healed them."** (Matthew 4:24; cf. 17:15)

Isaiah prophesied of the coming Messiah: **"He hath sent Me to bind up**

**the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and opening of the prison to them that are bound."** (Isaiah 61:1) Luke recorded the fulfillment when Jesus started His work in His hometown of Nazareth. (Luke 4:18) The image is of a doctor tenderly rolling a bruised or diseased arm in a bandage or placing a broken one carefully in a sling. (cf. Luke 10:34) Broken bones and bleeding wounds are bound up, that they may knit and close again.

Jesus binds up hearts with the bandage of His love. Inner lives crushed by sin and feelings rubbed raw with conflict find lasting peace in His presence. (Matthew 11:28-30; Philippians 4:6-7) God alone can put broken hearts back together. (Psalm 147:3; Isaiah 57:15) Matthew Henry makes an interesting point:

*"In a sense, we are all broken earthenware – cracked, mutilated jars that have been picked up from the waste heap and been mended and made serviceable for the King. No other religion ever even entertains the idea of making a broken vessel new."*

**Jesus healed spirits:** The Pharisees asked, **"Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners?"** When Jesus replied, **"They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick."** (Matthew 9:11-12). He was not talking about physical symptoms. He often used a medical metaphor for sin. For instance: **"For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them."** (Matthew 13:15) Sin is pictured as a disease (Isaiah 1:6); thus salvation is the cure (Malachi 4:2). *Make your appointment with the Great Physician. His office is taking new patients.*

## Lines for Ladies

*By Pat McAlister*

### THE LAW

Law of Mechanical Repair: After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch.

Law of Injury: If any part of your body hurts you're bound to bump it.

Law of Probability: The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

Law of Random Numbers: If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal and someone always answers.

Law of the Alibi: If you tell the boss you were late for work because you had a flat tire, the very next morning you will have a flat tire.

Variation Law: If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now (works every time).

Law of the Bath: When the body is fully immersed in water, the phone rings.

Law of Close Encounters: The probability of meeting someone you know increases dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

Law of the Result: When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will.

Law of the Theater: At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle arrive last.

The Starbucks Law: As soon as you sit down to a cup of coffee, your boss will ask you to do some thing which will last until your coffee is cold.

Murphy's Law of Lockers: If there are only two people in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers.

Law of Physical Surfaces: The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich landing face down on a floor covering are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet/rug.

Law of Commercial Marketing Strategy: As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it.

Doctors' Law: If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor, by the time you get there you'll feel better. Don't make an appointment and you'll stay sick.

From Home Touch

## Remember Our Sick

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

**Clara Hefley** – chemo/radiation treatments

**Mary Franke** – unsuccessful eye surgery

**Chris Ford** – Back surgery in May.

**Larry Freeman** – very serious health problems.

**Polly Hopper** – serious legal problems.

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

**Joe Kline** – cancer, St. Louis, MO

**Janette Litch** – good report, cancer gone. Treatments were successful.

**Zackary Nordin** – tubes in his ears, April 27th

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

**Sherry Strick** – Brain tumors.

**Susie Wetzel** – St. Vincent's, LR, serious, 3 stints, home recovering.

**Alayna Williams** – Micah/Cara's daughter. Back surgery scheduled May 12th.

### 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, Rhonda Freeman, Sarah Ensey, Carol Graham, Tim Green, Sue Griffin, Pat Holloway, Dorothy King, Rose Lee, Daniel Loper, Linda Melton, Helen Moore, Julie Moss, Kristen Nordin, Cortney Patterson, Eugene Qualls, BJ/Don Sheeran, Reddie Smith, Tanya Smith, Juanita Townsend, and Judy Will.

Expected Mothers: Christine Williams

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.

## Wasting Life

There was something different about Morris Siegel, a street person in Los Angeles, California.

On the surface he seemed like your average Los Angeles street person – roaming about in dark alleys, sleeping out-of doors, carrying everything he owned in an old shopping cart.

And he died the way one expects a street person to die; he was found in an alley, dead of natural causes, heart trouble perhaps.

Something about him was different, though. Maybe it was his three bank accounts containing a total of \$207,421.00.

In 1979, Morris' father died and left him the money. When Morris did not claim it, the Division of Unclaimed Property tracked him down, and his family forced him to accept it. He did not show up at the ceremony when the cash was awarded.

He took enough money to buy an old car, where he slept in bad weather. Relatives rented him an apartment; he never went there.

He died December 14, 1989, with three dollars in his pocket and an untouched fortune in the bank.

Sound crazy? Well figure this one out: A couple of thousand years ago, our heavenly Father ratified His will and left all of His children eternal wealth – life, peace, victory.

To this day, many have not claimed the windfall, and some have refused to spend any of it. Lost people shuffle down blind alleys of an empty existence, facing hell for eternity, and ignore the salvation promised in Christ.

Many Christians are content to live isolated, unproductive lives on earth, when they have the riches of heaven at their disposal. (II Corinthians 8:9)

Trading eternal life for a perishing earth sounds as crazy as Morris, don't you think? (Matthew 16:26)

Leland Reed

Thoughts from the Heart  
House to House/Heart to Heart

## 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

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### Camp Caudle

Registration has started!  
Forms are in our foyer. You  
can also register online:

[www.campcaudle.org](http://www.campcaudle.org)

Camp Sessions are as  
follows . . .

Servant Week: May 31 thru  
June 6, ages 13 and up.

Day Camp: June 8th thru 12th,  
First Grade thru 6th.

Mars Hill : June 14th thru-20th,  
ages 10-18.

Junior Week: June 21<sup>st</sup> thru 27th.  
Third Grade thru 6th.

Music Week: July 5th thru  
11th, ages 14 and up.

Living Stones Week: July 12<sup>th</sup>  
thru 18th, ages 14 and up.

Teen Week: July 19<sup>th</sup> thru 25th,  
13 years by October 1st to High  
School graduates.

Registrations: mail to Camp  
Caudle, POB 1311, Dover, AR  
72837

## 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 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

## May Birthdays

02 Amelia Besterfeldt  
04 J R Hale  
05 Brett Cains  
06 Randall Walters  
07 Jessica Straight  
Victoria Thomas  
Carlee Williams  
08 Trinity Loper  
09 Walter McQueen  
Sid Womack  
13 Kelli Hottinger  
Misty Pointer  
15 Alan Boatright  
Alicia Brown  
20 Shelley Culwell  
Aleck Pointer  
24 Jaylinn Williams  
25 Diane W. Walters  
31 Paul Helton  
Don Johnson

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

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### "In Search of the Lord's Way"

Now 24/7

The Search Program  
can now be accessed  
any time on website:

[www.searchtv.org](http://www.searchtv.org)

Mack Lyon's weekly  
lesson can be heard  
and seen on

KARK, Channel 4  
Sunday, 7:30 AM

# THOSE TO SERVE

*May 03, 2009*

**Sunday A.M.**

**Announcer:** Randall Walters

**Song Leader:** Merrell Shoptaw

## Prayers

Chris Loper  
Brent Hottinger

## Communion

**Podium:** Donny Forehand

**Serve:** Marion Helton  
Rex McDaniel  
Rick Hollis  
Sid Womack

## Scripture Reading

Allen Veasman

**Sunday P.M.**  
**Prayers**

Allen Veasman  
Alan Boatright

# SPEAKER

**Sunday A.M.**

Micah Williams

**Sunday P.M.**

“Singing Night”

## Prepare Table for Communion

Tristan Stamps/Janie Beck

## Communion to Shut-Ins

Donny Forehand

## Greeters

The Elders

## Wednesday Night

**Devotional**  
**May 06, 2009**

Allen Veasman

## 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:** JoAnn Killer

**Sunday Church:** Pat McAlister  
Kaeli Miller

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