



# Life Lines

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## An Attitude That Helps the Work of the Church

Have you ever considered just how important attitude is when it comes to the work of the local congregation? It is most important. An attitude of helpfulness, cooperation, sincerity, love and dedication will go along way to helping an individual mature and a congregation "gel." An attitude devoid of these qualities usually affects the congregation in much the same way that a cancerous tumor affects the human body.

There is much work to be done in the local congregation each week. The sick need to be checked on, the weak or erring members need to be checked on, the lost need to be taught – and these are only a few examples of the many things that must be done all along. When people look at a situation and try to find ways to help out – things they can do to make the work progress more smoothly – more is accomplished. When people sit back and seek only things about which they can complain or people to criticize, not only does the legitimate work suffer, but also they create more work for the faithful to do!

Believe it or not, every member of the congregation – even the preacher – is human and from time to time will make mistakes. The song leaders are not perfect, the Bible Class teachers are not perfect, the leaders of the prayers are not perfect – no one is perfect! If you wish to

find something to criticize them about, look hard enough and you will find it. But remember, they are probably doing the very best they can. After all, are they not trying? Are not they the ones who actually do the work of the church? Is it really fair to pick and criticize. Keep in mind that everyone of us is charged equally by the Lord with the responsibility of the work of the church. Not one of us is "more responsible" than another. When we answer at the Last Day for things done in the body we will all answer to the same standard (the Word of God). (John 12:48) As I read the Scriptures, I notice that the workers of good works will be singled out then (cf., I Corinthians 15:58) the doers of the Father's Will will be singled out (Cf., Matthew 7:21-23) the doers of the teaching of Jesus will be singled out then (cf., Matthew 7:25-27); but I find no **good way** for the critic and the complainer to be singled out. Murmuring will come up in judgment, but not in a good way. If you are aware of something in the work that needs to be done, do it. If you need help doing it, ask for help. If you see something in someone's life that is not as it should be, address that defect in the spirit of Christ. As faulty humans, we make mistakes. As Christians, we repent, seek forgiveness, and try to do better.

*Tim Smith, The Beacon  
Bellview Church of Christ,  
Pensacola, Florida*

## I SAW JESUS

*Author Unknown, From the Vision*

**He was wearing blue jeans and  
an old shirt.**

**He was up at the church building;  
He was alone and working hard.  
For just a minute he looked a little  
like one of our members.**

**But it was Jesus . . .**

**I could tell by His smile.**

**I saw Jesus last Sunday.**

**He was teaching a Bible class.  
He didn't talk real loud or use long  
words, But you could tell He believed  
what He said.**

**For just a minute, he looked like  
my Sunday School teacher.**

**But it was Jesus . . .**

**I could tell by His loving voice.**

**I saw Jesus yesterday.**

**He was at the hospital visiting a  
friend who was sick.**

**They prayed together quietly.  
For just a minute he looked like**

**Brother Jones.**

**But it was Jesus . . .**

**I could tell by the tears in His eyes.**

**I saw Jesus this morning.**

**He was in my kitchen making my  
breakfast and fixing me a  
special lunch.**

**For just a minute He looked like  
my mom.**

**But it was Jesus . . .**

**I could feel the love from His heart.**

**I see Jesus everywhere,  
Taking food to the sick,  
Welcoming others to His home,  
Being friendly to a new comer,  
and for just a minute I think  
He's someone I know.**

**But it's always Jesus . . .**

**I can tell by the way He serves.  
May someone see Jesus in you today!**

## Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

As many mothers and grandmothers we have been fortunate to watch our little ones grow. Not just in inches, but seeing them grow in actions. As these little ones are fed and nurtured they continue to change and grow. They grow from babies to children to young adults. They mature. They have grown from milk to food.

Paul called the brothers at Corinth mere infants. It was not to belittle infants. They were supposed to be grown Christians, but they were quarreling, not acting like grown men. (I Corinthians 3:2)

Then the writer of Hebrews said about the same thing to those Christians. He told them they needed milk, not solid food. Those who live on milk are still infants. Solid food is for the mature, those who have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil. He told them they needed to be trained again. (Hebrews 5:12-14)

We think the things babies do are cute and sweet. I'm sure Paul did too. However, after becoming an adult, those actions are no longer cute.

When we first become Christians we are infants. We grow and mature as we study God's word and obey His will. We cannot continue to be infants and be pleasing to God. We must **grow in our knowledge of Him**, (Colossians 1:10; our **faith must grow and grow** (II Thessalonians 1:3); and we must **grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**. (II Peter 3:18)

We understand how Jesus felt about little children. **"I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."** He said, **of such is the kingdom of heaven.** (Luke 18:16-17) A little child is totally dependent, fully trusting and completely sincere.

We must grow from infants in our faith and knowledge but keep a child-like belief in our attitude.

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## Remember Our Sick

**Michael Beasley** – 18 yrs. old, acute depression.

**Lois Boley** – home from hospital.

**Eugene Cox** – hospitalized, more complications, ICU. Pray.

**Troy Curtis** – hip replacement surgery, home recovering.

**Joyce Helton** – Lymph-node surgery April 29, LR Radiation treatments to follow..

**Marion Helton** – eye surgery, stitches removed April 29.

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

**Mary McAlister** - home recovering.

**Jerry Martin, Jr.** – in ICU, heart attack, Joplin Hospital, Lupus.

**Bette Poynter** – condition improved, home recovering.

### 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, Bob/Carolyn Bennett, Lloyd Boley, Wm/Susie Boley, Jeff Davis, Pauline Dale, Barbara Dawson, Eddie Holloway, Mark Holloway, Charles Ensey, Hoyt/Sarah Ensey, Carol Graham, Paul/Sue Griffin, Leota Hickey, Cleon Johnson, Ray/Dorothy King, Rose Lee, Liliya McDaniel, Mary Martin, Linda Melton, Julie Moss, Beverly Myers, Charles Proctor, Margie Ratchford, Don Sheeran, Reedie Smith, Tanya Smith, & 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, (state-side) Cole Wetzel. Rudy Will out of Iraq, home soon.

## The Post Office

**There was a man who worked for the Post Office, whose job it was to process all the mail that had illegible addresses. One day, a letter came to his desk, addressed in a shaky handwriting, to God. He thought he should open it to see what it was about. So he opened it and read:**

Dear God:

I am an 83 year old widow, living on a very small pension. Yesterday someone stole my purse. It had \$100.00 in it, which was all the money I had until my next pension check. Next Sunday is Christmas, and I had invited two of my friends over for dinner. Without that money, I have nothing to buy food with. I have no family to turn to, and you are my only hope. Can you please help me?

Sincerely,  
Edna

**The postal worker was touched. He showed the letter to all of the other workers. Each of them dug into his or her wallet and came up with a few dollars. By the time he made the rounds, he had collected \$96.00, which they put into an envelope and sent to the woman. The rest of that day, all of the workers felt a warm glow for the kind thing they had done. Christmas came and went. A few days later, another letter came from the elderly lady, again addressed to God. All of the workers gathered around while the letter was opened. It read:**

Dear God,

How can I ever thank you enough for what you did for me? Because of your gift of love, I was able to fix a glorious Christmas dinner for my friends. We had a very nice day and I told my friends of your wonderful gift. By the way, there was \$4.00 missing. I think it must have been those thieving idiots at the Post office.

Sincerely,  
Edna

From: Home Touch

## 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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### Graduates of 2008

If you are graduating in 2008  
Please let Shirlie Chadwick know.  
Shirlie is planning an  
acknowledgement celebration

### Graduation Celebration!!

For those graduating in 2008

Sunday, PM, May 25th  
Evening Services

Fellowship Hall

POTLUCK

## Mark Your Calendars

### Mother's Day Sunday, May 11th

May God's many blessings  
Be yours forever more  
May you know you're valued  
And loved by the Lord  
Especially on this day  
That we have set aside  
To show our appreciation  
To the Mother's in our lives.

*By M. S. Lowndes*

Baby BOY Shower  
For Kristen Nordin  
Sunday, May 18, 3PM  
Dover Fellowship Hall

Dover Ladies' Night  
May 15, 7 PM  
Hostess: Leota Hickey

No Area Wide Devo  
For the Months of  
May, June & July

Petit Jean Camp Out!  
Dover Church of Christ  
May 30th thru June 1st  
Make plans now.  
For more info see:  
Sid Womack

## 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
- 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  
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 11, 2008***

**Sunday A.M.**

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

## **Prayers**

Jeff Myers  
Hoyt Ensey

## **Communion**

**Podium:** Jim Killer  
**Serve:** Steve Pennington  
William Boley  
Alan Boatright  
Allen Veasman

## **Scripture Reading**

Earl Whitted

**Sunday P.M.**

## **Prayers**

Gary Williams  
Donny Forehand

# **SPEAKER**

**Sunday A.M.**

Micah Williams

**Sunday P.M.**

Micah Williams

## **Prepare Table for Communion**

Diane Walters

## **Communion to Shut-Ins**

Marion Helton  
Merrell Shoptaw

## **Greeters**

Gary and Sonia Williams

## **Wednesday Night Devotional**

**May 14, 2008**

Randall Walters

## **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.

**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  
Joe Miller  
Chris Moss

## **Nursery Attendants:**

**Sunday Class:** JoAnn Killer  
**Sunday Church:** Pat McAlister  
Kaeli Miller

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