



Life Lines

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A Christian Will . . .

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The word "Christian" is used like many other words are used today – loosely. One may claim to be a Christian when in reality he is far from being a faithful child of God. A Christian is a follower of Christ. One does not **follow** the Lord who will not worship according to His will. One does not **follow** the Lord who will not "*. . . walk in the light, as He is in the light.*" (I John 1:7)

A Christian will love God! Jesus said, "*Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.*" (Matthew 22:37) A proper love for God will not leave room for a love of things that are contrary to His Will. John warns, "*Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the vain glory of life, is not of the Father, but of the world.*" (I John 2:15-16)

We live **in** the world but are not to be **of** the world. This means Christians must make proper choices if they are to be pleasing unto God. One may convince himself that he can serve both God and worldly riches, but Christ says such is not possible. (Matthew 6:24) It is either one or the other.

A Christian will respect the Word of God! So many today who claim to love God have utter contempt and disdain for His Word. Jesus said, "*If ye love Me, ye will keep My commandments.*" (John 14:15) John taught the brethren, "*Hereby we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and do His*

commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments: and His commandments are not grievous." (I John 5:2-3)

The Word of God commands the Christian to "*. . . have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather even reprove them.*" (Ephesians 5:11) A faithful child of God will not support or encourage false teaching. This is a serious matter within the Lord's church today. Some **claim** to disagree with the liberal path the preacher and elders are following, but they assemble each week to listen to unsound teaching, and they support such by their weekly contribution.

If the Word of God is respected, one will not contribute in any way toward false teaching. A Christian will have the attitude of the Psalmist who said, "*. . . I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way.*" (Psalms 119:128) Many brethren today need to carefully study the meaning of the word "fellowship!"

A Christian will cherish the church of Christ! The cost of the Lord's church is a constant reminder of the precious nature of this spiritual institution. Paul charged the Ephesian elders saying, "*Take heed unto yourselves, and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit hath made you bishops, to feed the church of the Lord which he purchased with His own blood.*" (Acts 20:28) The Lord's church is to be held in high esteem. Paul again teaches, "*Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself up for it; that He might sanctify it, having cleansed it by the washing of water with the word, that He might present the church to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any*

such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." (Ephesians 5:25-27)

The "give me Christ, but not the church" mentality that was espoused years ago, is still alive and well. Many profess their love for the Lord while admitting their disgust for the one true church. One who does not love Christ's church **cannot** love the Christ.

A Christian will be steadfast and unmovable! The apostle Paul warns Christians to no longer be like children, "*. . . tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, in craftiness, after the wiles of error.*" (Ephesians 4:14) To the Corinthian brethren he said, "*. . . be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not vain in the Lord.*" (I Corinthians 15:58)

A Christian has made the decision to follow Christ and do His will. One is neither steadfast nor unmovable who compromises Christian principles with the world or manmade denominations. Jesus, knowing man, warns, "*No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.*" (Luke 9:62)

Jesus warns, "*Every plant which my heavenly Father planted not, shall be rooted up.*" (Matthew 15:13)

A faithful child of God will not fellowship with those following man-made creeds. This means one will not "share in company with, co-participates in" (Strong's) that which denominations may be doing. Christians must do nothing to aid, encourage, or assist denominationalism.

A Christian will be loyal to Christ and His church!

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

Remember Our Sick

Little Things

Jesus was speaking to large crowds in parables. He knew most of them would not understand. Not because the parables were difficult but because the people were not hearing. Their eyes and ears were closed to His message.

His disciples asked Him why He spoke to them in parables. He used the prophecy in Isaiah to explain to them. ***“In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah: ‘You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving. For this people’s heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I will heal them.’”*** (Isaiah 6:9-10) Jesus explained the parable of the sower to the disciples. He wanted them to understand just what the lesson meant:

The seed that was scattered along the path was eaten by the birds: Someone hears the message of the kingdom but does not understand it. Then the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart.

The seed that fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil, sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root: Someone hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since he has no root, he lasts only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away.

The seed that fell among thorns grew up and was choked by the thorns: The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful.

The seed that fell on good soil produced a hundred fold: The one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop that is a hundred fold. (Matthew 13:1-12)

Which are you? Are you in the category of the good soil that produces a bumper crop?

Carl Adkisson – breathing problems after heart surgery.

Shirlie Chadwick - knee surgery postponed,

Dr. Appointment May 13th

Kelley Chance – knee injury

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

Ted Jennen – Cancer, Dardanelle.

Janette Litch – battling cancer.

Mel Lowe – surgery went well.

Beverly Myers – MRI results Tues., May 11

Mary Stamps – PET Scan Tuesday, April 27th. Dr. Appointment May 13th

Michael Tindall – serious health issues

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, June Wagoner, 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.

Did I forget to thank Thee, Lord,
For things that may seem small:
A flower by the wayside,
A wild bird’s lonely call;

For all the daily happenings
That we call commonplace;
For autumn and for sunsets,
And a neighbor’s smiling face?

For Life is made of little things,
So let me not forget
To count my smallest blessing,
And before the sun is set,
To thank Thee, Lord, for every one
That adds a note of cheer,
And our blessings will be multiplied
Before another year.

*Written by Pauline Drew Stone
Home Touch*

An old man was lying on his deathbed. He had only hours to live when he suddenly smelled chocolate chip cookies.

He loved chocolate chip cookies more than anything in the world.

With his last bit of energy he pulled himself out of bed, struggled across the room to the stairs, and headed down the stairs into the kitchen.

There his wife was baking those aromatic cookies.

As he reached for one – SMACK!

He felt a slap across the back of his hand.

His wife scolded, “Leave those alone; they’re for the funeral!”

*Tamara Norden
Shorewood, Wisconsin
Prairie Home Companion
Web site*

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' Night

4th Thursday, May 27th
6:30 PM
Hostess: Kristen Simmons

Crochet Class

Sunday, May 16th,
(First & Third Sundays)
4:00 to 5:30PM
Fellowship Hall
Learn to Crochet
Prayer Shawls
Please bring:
1 16 oz. or larger skin of
Red Heart yarn – solid
1 Hook size I or J
Dorene Shinn for more info.

Church Lawn Duty

Saturday, May 15th
Chris Moss
Gary Williams

Mark Your Calendars

Dover Church of Christ
will recognize our 2010
Graduates
Sunday, May 23, 6 PM
Fellowship Hall

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 Shirly Chadwick know.

Dover Youth Hiking Trip

Saturday, May 22nd
For more info see:
Lee Henson

Spring Gospel Meeting

May 16 thru May 19
Each Evening 7:00 PM
Harding Church of Christ
906 Harding Street
Morrilton, Arkansas

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 Jaylin 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.

BAPTISMS!!

Congratulations to:

Tanya Baker, baptized
Sunday, May 2, 2010.

and

Carl Adkisson, baptized
Monday, May 3, 2010.

THOSE TO SERVE

May 16, 2010

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters

Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Larry Mahan
Jim Killer

Communion

Podium: Sid Womack

Serve: Alan Boatright
Allen Veasman
Blake Walters
Brent Hottinger

Scripture Reading

Gary Williams

Sunday P.M.

Prayers

Joe Miller
James Chadwick

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Chris Loper

Communion to Shut-Ins

Jim Killer

Greeters

Jim and JoAnn Killer

Wednesday Night Devotional May 19, 2010

Sid Womack

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: Karen Smith
Sunday Church: Pat McAlister
Kaeli Miller

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