



Life Lines

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Continued – part two – By Charlene Clark,
Ladies' Day, April 25, 2009 . . .

He says, “. . . choose to honor Me with every word you say.” In Colossians 3:17 He says, **“Whatever you do in word or deed do all in the name of the Lord.”**

He says, **“Choose to honor Me with every deed you perform.”** A couple of verses down in Colossians 3:23 He says, **“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.”**

He says, **“Choose to honor Me with your most private thoughts.”** And in Philippians 4:8 He tells us what to think about. **“Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.”**

Each day we are blessed with is almost a life in itself. Because today is really all we have. One of our brothers here prays in every prayer, “Lord we thank you for right here and right now.” Psalm 118:24 says, **“This is the day that the Lord has made, I will rejoice and be glad in it.”**

Our job in this world is to get up every day and choose to live on purpose, not just getting up and waiting to see what will happen. Our preacher, Micah, likes to call it “living intentionally.” Let's go back to that passage in Ephesians 5:15-16. **“Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the**

most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.” The foolish person has no plan for life and therefore misses most of the opportunities he has for doing good. So how are you living, as wise or as unwise? And how do we find out what is wise and unwise? Jesus told us how to live wisely. If you want to find out what He says, read Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. In just one passage He gives His best advice. In Matthew 22:36-40 a lawyer comes to Jesus and asks Him, “. . . which is the greatest commandment?” And Jesus says, **“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul and all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it. Love your neighbor as your self.”** Jesus gives us the same choice that God gave Adam and Eve, the same choice Moses and Joshua gave the Israelites. Choose God and choose to do good to all you meet.

The choice is ours – just like it was with Adam and Eve. God did not force them to choose Him and He will not force you and me. There is a favorite passage of almost everyone in John 10:10. The last of that verse says, **“I have come that you might have life and that you might have it more abundantly.”** But sometimes we ignore the first half of the verse. **“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.”** This is a reference to the devil. Not only can he steal our money and our time, and not only can

he kill our bodies by some of the bad choices that are out there; but he will destroy our eternal souls. If we fail to choose God, we are choosing the devil – even when we think we are making no choice of all. So, choose God today and choose to do good to all you meet today because God has great plans for those of us who do. Go home and look up the word reward in your concordances and read every passage that contains that word. You will be amazed at what you find. I will give you the last one, Revelation 22:12 says, **“And behold I am coming quickly and my reward is with Me to give to everyone according to his work.”** What we do matters, make it count!

I want to leave you with a quote I found while looking up the word “today.” It is by Grenville Kleiser.

“There are fine things which you mean to do someday, under what you think will be more favorable circumstances. But the only time that is surely yours is the present, hence this is the time to speak the word of appreciation and sympathy, to do the generous deed, to forgive the fault of a thoughtless friend. To sacrifice self a little more for others. Today is the day in which to express your noblest qualities of mind and heart, to do at least one worthy thing which you have long postponed, and to use your God-given abilities for the enrichment of someone less fortunate. Today you can make your life – significant and worthwhile. The present is yours to do with as you will.”

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

Growing Good Corn

A farmer grew award-winning corn. Each year he entered his corn in the state fair where it won a blue ribbon. One year a newspaper reporter interviewed him and learned something interesting about how he grew it. The reporter discovered that the farmer shared his seed corn with his neighbors.

"How can you afford to share your best seed corn with your neighbors when they are entering corn in competition with yours each year?" the reporter asked.

"Why sir," said the farmer, "didn't you know? The wind picks up pollen from the ripening corn and swirls it from field to field. If my neighbors grow inferior corn, cross-pollination will steadily degrade the quality of my corn. If I am to grow good corn, I must help my neighbors grow good corn."

He is very much aware of the connectedness of life. His corn cannot improve unless his neighbor's corn also improves.

So it is with our lives. Those who choose to live in peace must help their neighbors to live in peace. Those who choose to live well must help others to live well, for the value of a life is measured by the lives it touches. And those who choose to be happy must help others to find happiness, for the welfare of each is bound up with the welfare of all.

From Home Touch

"Give, and it will be given to you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you." (Luke 6:38)

"If you are all wrapped up in yourself – you are overdressed!"

*Robert Burdine
Harrison, Arkansas*

Remember Our Sick

Clara Hefley - chemo/radiation treatments.

Chris Ford – back surgery in May.

Larry Freeman – very serious health problems.

Janette Litch – found cancer cells, starting new treatment

Becky Miller – biopsy, benign.

Helen Moore – cancer, complications.

Christine Sheeran – test run, benign.

Sherry Strick – Brain tumors.

David Walters – in Baptist Hospital, complicated health problems.

Alayna Williams – Micah/Cara's daughter. Back surgery May 12th, 4 hour surgery.

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, Betty Bailey, Iris Bates, Bob/Carolyn Bennett, Susie Boley, Troy & Rachel Curtis, Jeff Davis, Pauline Dale, Barbara Dawson, Charles Ensey, Rhonda Freeman, Sarah Ensey, Carol Graham, Sue Griffin, Pat Holloway, Carl Keathley, Joe Kline, Rose Lee, Daniel Loper, Linda Melton, Julie Moss, Kristen Nordin, Mary Ann Rutherford, BJ/Don Sheeran, Reddie Smith, Tanya Smith, Juanita Townsend and Judy Will.

Expected Mothers: Christine Williams delivered a beautiful, healthy, baby girl, Emmy Mabelle, May 5, 2009

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.

Prayers & Sympathy for the family and friends of Tommy Causey of Texas who passed away Friday, May 8, 2009. He was the brother of Shirlye Chadwick.

THE CLOCK

BY: Marcia Honok

Marcia Hornok struck a nerve when she took the Psalm that most expresses our need for quiet and rest and rewrote it in the style of our tired, stressed-out culture:

The clock is my dictator, I shall not rest. It makes me lie down only when exhausted.

It leads me to deep depression.

It hounds my soul.

It leads me in circles of frenzy for activity's sake.

Even though I run frantically from task to task, I will never get it all done.

For my "ideal" is with me.

Deadlines and my need for approval, they drive me.

They demand performance from me, beyond the limits of my schedule.

They anoint my head with migraines. My in-basket overflows.

Surely fatigue and time pressure shall follow me all the days of my life.

And I will dwell in the bonds of frustration forever.

*From: The Vision
Wes Side Church of Christ
Russellville, Arkansas*

Ten Ways Jesus
Changed the World

He split our calendar in two: B.C. & A.D.

He showed us God is love.

He refused a crown to bear a cross.

He occupies no grave.

His sermon on the Mount set forth the highest standard for how we should live.

He modeled forgiveness in a world of stone throwers.

He transformed fishermen and tax collectors into world changers.

He healed the sick and raised the dead . . . enough said.

He challenged religion devoid of compassion.

He willingly accepted a cruel death so that we might have life.

*By Bill Shuler, Pastor
Capital Life Church*

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

Camp Caudle

Registration has started!
Forms are in our foyer. You
can also register online:
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 21st thru 27th.
Third Grade thru 6th.

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

Living Stones Week: July 12th
thru 18th, ages 14 and up.

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

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

Mark Your Calendars

Sunday, PM, May 31st

5th Sunday Celebration,
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

A sign-up sheet will be
passed around to indicate
what condiments to bring
and to get an attendance
count.

If you are a 2009 Graduate
please let Janie Beck
know as soon as possible.

Petit Jean Campout

June 5th thru June 7th
Friday – Sunday

See Sid or Karen Womack
for more info.

Sign-up sheet to follow.
If you're interested in going,
please let Sid or Karen
know.

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
15 Alan Boatright
Alicia Brown
16 Connie Myers
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.

"In Search of the Lord's Way"

Now 24/7

The Search Program
can now be accessed
any time on 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

May 24, 2009

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Marion Helton
Lee Henson

Communion

Podium: Donny Forehand
Serve: Chris Moss
Drew Walters
Earl Stamps
Earl Whitted

Scripture Reading

Jim Killer

Sunday P.M. Prayers

Larry Mahan
Joe Miller

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Tristan Stamps/Janie Beck

Communion to Shut-Ins

Marion Helton

Greeters

The Elders

Wednesday Night Devotional May 27, 2009

Drew 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

6:30 P.M.

Minister: Micah Williams

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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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