



Life Lines

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ARE YOU COVERED?

Allen Webster, *House to House-Heart to Heart*

In some ways, we live in a scary world.

A war is going on half a world away, but it affects all of us. With unsettling regularity, natural and unnatural calamities strike our countries and communities. Terrorists have destroyed buildings and lives; planes occasionally fall from the sky; evil people have given "hate mail" a new meaning.

It seems that every fall, hurricanes devastate another southern coastal city, and every other year, an earthquake, "shakes, rattles and rolls" our West Coast structures. Fires and floods often destroy neighborhood houses, winter storms leave us in the dark, auto accidents injure those we know, and pathology reports don't always come back as we had hoped.

Usually, upon finding out that one was injured or sick, or that they suffered property damage, we immediately ask, "Were they covered?" We are interested in whether victims had insurance, and sympathize all the more with those who did not. It multiplies the sorrow of misfortune if there is no "starting over" check.

Insurance companies provide a valuable service, and most of us have been wisely counseled by informed agents. They always advise us: "Take plenty of coverage; you never know when you might need it." Although we do not like to pay the premiums, most of us realize that the potential benefits are worth the price to be covered. As our children begin their adult lives, we advise them to be sure to get a job that offers insurance as a benefit.

There is a spiritual angle to the "insurance business."

God is in the insurance business: There is a sense in which God is in the insurance business. He promised Moses that He would cover him as He passed by. (Exodus 33:22) And the tribe of Benjamin, Moses promised, "**The Lord shall cover him all the day long, and he shall dwell between his shoulders.**" (Deuteronomy 33:12)

In a beautiful word picture, a psalmist describes God's protection: "**Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust; His truth shall be thy shield and buckler.**" (Psalm 91:3-4)

From His vantage point, God can see an impending disaster worse than any hurricane or earthquake. It will destroy not just a single home or town, but the whole earth. (II Peter 3:10) It will not involve only a few thousand people, but all people of the whole world. (II Corinthians 5:10)

God is providing coverage for those willing to "pay the premiums." Jesus put it this way: We can rebuild in a better place, if we are covered. (Luke 14:28-33); Hebrews 11:10)

Christians are the insurance agents: If God is in the insurance business, then His people must be His agents. We seek to "cover" our friends, relatives, neighbors, co-workers and fellow citizens.

Love motivates us. Gratitude sends us.

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered." (Psalm 32:1)

Love does not sweep sin under the rug. In our younger days, our older

brothers or buddies from school occasionally pressed us to "cover for them," "to keep them from the wrath of parents or teachers.

It never worked. The truth came out and then we looked as bad as they did. Sin is like a rubber tire – it won't stay buried. (Numbers 32:23; I Timothy 5:24-25)

So, then, what does it mean that "**love covereth all sins?**" We cover sins by assisting sinners in getting rid of them. James wrote: "**Let him know, that he which covereth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.**" (James 5:20)

Are you covered? It does no good to cover one's sins so that others do not know of them. Children may hide things from their parents; husbands and wives may hide things from each other; and workers may hide things from their employers, but no one hides anything from God. (Hebrews 4:13) "**He that covereth his sins shall not prosper; but whose confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.**" (Proverbs 28:13)

The only way to cover one's sins is to have them erased from the mind of God. (Hebrews 8:12) For sinners who have never come to Christ, this is done through faith in His Son (John 3:16), repentance (turning from sinful behavior) (Luke 13:3), confession of faith (Romans 10:9-10), and immersion in water to have sins blotted out. (Acts 2:38) For erring Christians, sins are covered by repentance, confession and prayer. (Acts 8:22)

Are you covered?

Take out some post-life "fire insurance," or at least some eternal "life insurance" now.

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

Someone once wrote, "Columbus, who, they say, didn't know where he was going when he left, didn't know where he was when he got there, and didn't know where he had been when he got back."

Was Columbus lost or did he just not know where he was? Is there a difference? There could be.

Do you ever feel lost? Not in the sense that you can't find your direction, but are you lost in your spiritual life? Sometimes we casually drift away from God. Not intentionally, but away from where we know we should be. We drift away from what we know to be good and right. We don't want to let our lives become so involved in the world that we find it impossible to turn back.

In giving God's law to the Israelites, Moses told them that they would scatter from the Lord, worshipping man-made gods of wood and stone, which could not see or hear or eat or smell. Then he told them, "*But if from there you seek the Lord your God, you will find him if you look for Him with all your heart and with all your soul.*" (Deuteronomy 4:29)

Moses told the people their God would not abandon them, nor forget them. Many times they became lost, drifted away from God, eventually forgetting His promises. However, God was always faithful to them.

This is the way we become lost. We miss one worship service, then another. One day we forget to pray, then another. The more we slip away, the easier it becomes to get lost. We may not worship the gods of wood or stone that the Israelites worshipped, but we have our own idols. Whatever keeps us away from God is our form of worship; our time, our jobs or our hobbies.

Don't get too far away, as some of the Israelites did. "*Seek the Lord while He may be found; call on Him while He is near.*" (Isaiah 55:6)

Camp Caudle Schedule

Servant Week: June 1 thru 7
Ages 13 & up – Bring work clothes.

Remember Our Sick

Troy Curtis – In St. Vincent's, had surgery again.

Joyce Helton – radiation treatments.

Pat Holloway – home from hospital, had pneumonia.

Annette Hull – surgery successful tumor removed.

Joyce Walters – had laser eye surgery May 12th.

Gene Williams – stroke, close friends of Don and Wilma Johnson.

Shut-ins – need prayers and visits:

Dover Area: **Evelyn Burton**
Robert Lee

Russellville Nursing & Rehab Center:
Evelyn Driver
Melba Hodges

Stella Manor: **Bernice Brown**
Louise Killer
Mae Vanzandt

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Yvonne Adkisson, Amie Barkley, Michael Beasley, Bob/Carolyn Bennett, Lloyd Boley, Lois Boley, Wm/Susie Boley, Eugene Cox, Jeff Davis, Pauline Dale, Barbara Dawson, Charles Ensey, Hoyt/Sarah Ensey, Carol Graham, Paul/Sue Griffin, Leota Hickey, Cleon Johnson, Ray/Dorothy King, Rose Lee, Liliya McDaniel, Linda Melton, Julie Moss, Charles Proctor, Don Sheeran, Reedie Smith, Tanya Smith, & Judy Will.

Special Children: Elysia Lee, Emmy May, Keith Martin and Noah Williams.

Expectant Mothers: Kelly Chance and Kristen Nordin

Our Military: Greg Davis, (state-side) Cole Wetzel and Rudy Will (home soon).

GOSPEL MEETING

June 1st thru June 4th

Pleasant Grove

Church of Christ

7:00 PM Nightly

Speaker: David Riley

**From Mars Hill
Church of Christ**

ONLY IN AMERICA

. . . can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance.

. . . are there handicap parking places in front of the skating rink.

. . . do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.

. . . do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries and a diet coke.

. . . do banks leave both doors open and then chain the pens to the counters.

. . . do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put useless junk in the garage.

. . . do we use answering machines to screen calls and then have call waiting so we won't miss a call from someone we didn't want to talk to in the first place.

. . . do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight.

. . . do we use the word politics' to describe the process so well: "Poli" in Latin means "many" and "tics" mean "bloodsucking creatures."

. . . do they have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering.

From Home Touch

Prayers and Sympathy

for family and friends of **Charles Hickey** of Dover, Arkansas who passed away, Monday, May 19, 2008 in Little Rock. Services Saturday, 10:00 AM, Dover Church of Christ, Dover, Arkansas, interment Owens Cemetery.

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

No Area Wide Devo

For the Months of
May, June & July.

Dover's Lawn Mowing Schedule

Saturday, June 7th
Marion Helton
And
Alan Boatright

Dover Church Youth Devo
Sunday, June 8th
Following Evening Services
Sid/Karen Womack's Home

Mark Your Calendars

Dover Men's Monthly Business Meeting

Monday, June 2nd, 7PM

Dover Men's Devo

Thursday, June 12th, 7 PM
Host: Micah Williams

Dover Ladies Night

Thursday, June 19th, 7PM
Home of Sandra Boatright

Petit Jean Camp Out!

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

Speaker: Sunday PM, (evening service)

June 8, 2008
John Callahan
Elder from the
Mulberry Church of Christ
Theme: The work the
Mulberry church is doing
with Southern Christian Home.

JUNE Birthdays

- 01 Sandra Boatright
- 02 Chase Chance
- 03 Allen Veasman
- 04 Michelle Helton
Jeff Myers
- 05 Eugene Qualls
- 07 Bob Bennett
- 10 Leanna Mullins
- 11 Joe Miller
- 12 Ashlee Wilson
- 14 Kenna Rae Jackson
- 21 Caitlyn Straight
- 22 Nina June Qualls
- 25 Ashley Anderson
Pat Holloway
Iris Lawley
- 28 Tanya Smith
Joyce Walters

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 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

June 1, 2008

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Tommy Oakes
Steve Pennington

Communion

Podium: William Boley
Serve: Drew Walters
Earl Whitted
Gary Williams
Jeff Myers

Scripture Reading

Blake Walters

Sunday P.M. Prayers

Sid Womack
Robert Bird

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.
Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.
“Singing Night”

Prepare Table for Communion

Cara Williams

Communion to Shut-Ins

Brent Hottinger
Chris Loper

Greeters

Alan and Sandra Boatright

Wednesday Night Devotional

June 4, 2008
Tommy Oakes

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.

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Or Cell: 479-264-9244

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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
Joe Miller
Chris Moss

Nursery Attendants:

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

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