



Life Lines

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Continued from last week – Pat McAlister’s speech on Ladies’ April 25, 2009:

Now let’s talk about fear. Fear can be good or bad. In the Scriptures we find both. The good fear, **“Fear God and obey His commands, for this is everyone’s duty. God will judge us for everything we do, including every secret, whether good or bad.”** (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14) Or, **“Fear God, and give glory to Him.”** (Revelation 14:7) We can call this fear an awesome fear.

This “good fear” can be different. It can cause good things to happen to us if it affects us in the right way. Joshua took over leading the people after Moses died. He told them to fear the Lord, and serve Him in sincerity and truth. (Josh 24:14a) Then again in Psalm 111:10a, it says, **“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.”** I wouldn’t call this an awesome fear. It is a fear that makes us want to do the will of God, because we love and respect His word. This fear brings about the wisdom of knowing what God wants of us.

Paul tells all of us to work out our salvation with fear and trembling. (Philippians 2:12) Then

John talks about fear. **“There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.”** (I John 4:18).

In Psalm 103:13b, the writer says, **“The Lord has compassion on those who fear Him.”** That tells us that if we are God’s children He has compassion on us. Isn’t that great? He sympathizes with our needs. He is a loving, compassionate God!

Bad fear makes us hesitate to do the things we should be doing. We are afraid we can’t do it right. We are afraid someone else could do better. We fear rejection. We fear the unknown. What will happen to the economy? What if I get sick and can’t care for myself? The list could go on and on. This thing I call “bad fear” can eat away at us until we are unable to function. Don’t let this fear rule your life.

Jesus tells us whom to fear. **“And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both body and soul in hell.”** (Matthew 10:28) This fear we can do something about. If we are doing the Father’s will, we have no need to fear. However, if we aren’t doing His will, we have

good reason to fear.

Feed your faith and your doubts will starve to death.

In the book, *Into the Abundant Life*, I like what the writer said about fear. He says, “We should develop both a love and a fear of God. Our love for God should draw us near Him to serve Him, and our fear of God should move us to respect Him enough to do His will.”

In closing, I want to admonish you not to spend your life in fear and regret. Thinking, if only this, or if only that – can absolutely ruin your life.

If you’ve done something wrong, or said something you shouldn’t have, make it good.

If you have offended God, ask for forgiveness.

Life is too short. Make the rest of your life a good one. Make fear, the bad one, and regret a thing of the past.

Just remember, “Today’s moments become tomorrow’s treasured memories.” We want those memories to be good!

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

The apostles continued to preach about Jesus after they had escaped from prison. Peter and the apostles had answered the high priest when he instructed them not to teach in His name. They said, "We ought to obey God rather than men." (Acts 5:29)

They became furious when Peter told them they had murdered Jesus. They plotted to kill them all. Gamaliel, a teacher of the law and respected by them, gave this advice. "Therefore, in the present case I advise you; Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God." (Acts 5:38-40, NIV)

We don't know if Gamaliel believed in Jesus or not, it doesn't say. However, he did believe in God and he knew God would win the battle. God did protect these faithful apostles that were spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ.

A fight between God and man would be unfair. Not that God would be unfair, but He has all the strength. He is the Creator. He made us. He gives our strength, but it does not compare with His. God works in our lives as He wants to.

If I feel the need to fight, I want God to be on my side. He has assured us that He will never leave us or forsake us. "Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, 'Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,' says the Lord." (Romans 12:19)

God will repay the unrighteous for the wrong they do to His followers. "Since it is a righteous thing with God; to repay with tribulation those who trouble you." (II Thessalonians 2:6)

"It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God." (Hebrews 10:31) In verse 30, the writer repeats from the Old Testament in Deuteronomy, "For we know Him who said, 'Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,' says the Lord. And again, 'The Lord will judge His people.'"

Don't you want to be on Gods side?

Remember Our Sick

Clara Hefley – chemo/radiation treatments. Very weak from her treatments.

Sarah Ensey – knee surgery postponed.

Larry Freeman – very serious health problems.

Janette Litch – found cancer cells, starting new treatment

Christine Sheeran – test run, benign. Another test showed serious problems.

Sherry Strick – Brain tumors.

Cody Tackett – infant, serious health problems.

David Walters – in Baptist Hospital, complicated health problems.

Alaynna Williams – surgery successful, home recovering. Was at church Sunday.

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
Janice Brashear

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, Carol Graham, Sue Griffin, Pat Holloway, Carl Keathley, Joe Kline, Rose Lee, Daniel Loper, Linda Melton, Helen Moore, Julie Moss, Kristen Nordin, Mary Ann Rutherford, BJ/Don Sheeran, Reddie Smith, Tanya Smith, Juanita Townsend and Judy Will.

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, Billy Joe Ralston and others serving our country.

Things I've Learned

I've learned that no matter what happens, how bad it seems today, life goes on, and it will be better tomorrow.

I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he or she handles four things: a rainy day, the elderly, lost luggage and tangled Christmas lights.

I've learned that, regardless of your relationship with your parents, you'll miss them when they're gone from your life.

I've learned that making a "living" is not the same thing as making a "life."

I've learned that you should go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back.

I've learned that if you pursue happiness, it will elude you, but if you focus on God, your family, your friends, the needs of others, your work and doing the very best you can, happiness will find you.

I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one.

I've learned that I still have a lot to learn.

Author Unknown

*From: Jacksonville Church of
Christ
Jacksonville, Alabama*

CAMP CAUDLE DINNER

Friday, June 5th, 6:00 PM,
at Camp Caudle, top floor
of the new dining hall.

Cost: \$50.00 per person.

Evening of great food,

Entertainment featuring:

Zac George of Acappella ministries.

Please call Lee or Andrea Henson to
purchase tickets, 479-331-4924.

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 Forms are in our
foyer.

You can also register online:
www.campcaudle.org

Camp Sessions are as follows

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Day Camp: June 8th thru 12th
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

Petit Jean Campout

Has been re-scheduled!

Possibly in the fall,
October 2nd thru 4th.

See Sid or Karen Womack
for details.

Dover Men's Devo

Thursday,
June 11th, 7:00 PM

Host: Micah Williams

Dover Ladies Night

Please note the date change

4th Thursday,
June 25th, 7PM

Hostess: Sandra Boatright

Vacation Bible School

June 22 thru June 24

Dover Church of Christ

See Kim Miller For Details!

June Birthdays

- 01 Sandra Boatright
- 02 Chase Chance
Liliya McDaniel
- 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
- 19 Dmitri McDaniel
- 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 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

June 07, 2009

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Earl Stamps
Drew Walters

Communion

Podium: Alan Boatright
Serve: Marion Helton
Rex McDaniel
Rick Hollis
Sid Womack

Scripture Reading

Donny Forehand

Sunday P.M.
Prayers

Donny Forehand
Chris Moss

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.
Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.
“Singing Night”

Prepare Table for Communion

Chris and Matthew Moss

Communion to Shut-Ins

William Boley

Greeters

The Heltons

Wednesday Night Devotional

June 10, 2009

Jim Killer

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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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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