



Life Lines

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A Tribute to Yuri McDaniel

Yuri was only 6 years old; such a short time in how we measure life. What is God's plan for him? Only God can answer this question.

As I write this, tears splash on my paper. All of us who knew Yuri have shed so many tears. Our hearts are broken. How much more is the hurt for Rex and Liliya. Only those who have had such a loss can understand their pain and suffering. Our prayers go up for them and their family. Although we are suffering, we know that he is in God's care.

At the memorial service Rex read a letter that he and Liliya had written to God.

"Dear God: Thank You for choosing us to keep your priceless treasure. Yuri was such a wonderful boy. He truly was Your gift to us. You changed our lives with his loving and giving heart. We are deeply grateful for this blessing. Now that Yuri's journey with us is complete, he can begin his walk with you through eternity. You trusted us with him, now we trust him with You.

We miss asking him to move the turtle out of the bathtub so we can shower! We wish we could stumble, once again, over his tools and wood left in the yard. We miss cleaning up all of his little messes. But most of all, we miss his hugs, kisses, smiles and hearing him say, 'I love you' every day! We are not mad, but sad. Please forgive us of our selfishness. Our hearts are broken, but we feel your healing hand. Yuri loved us and everyone so very much, but he loved You most of all.

"Thank You for six amazing years, our journey together was short, but it

was filled with an abundance of joy and laughter. Love always, Rex and Liliya."

Our church family had known Yuri all of his life. We have watched him grow from a little baby to a young boy. I can remember when he was 2 and 3 and would not stay in his Bible class without mom or dad. They tried to get him interested and then slip out of class. That didn't work. You could hear him cry from several rooms away. Eventually he out-grew this. He was a "big" boy. He went into class without mom or dad.

Yuri had just graduated from kindergarten class at the Community Christian School in Russellville. He started there when he was only 3. The school let him start early because he wanted to go to school with his brother, Dmitri. Yuri loved his school. He preferred Mondays to Saturdays because there was no school on Saturday. Liliya told us that Yuri loved his teachers. The first one he had when he was only 3, he wanted to live with her. Then, again this year, he loved his kindergarten teacher. He wanted to live with her. He loved school and he loved his teachers.

Yuri loved as he was loved. He told his mommy that he loved her every day. He loved the sky, the clouds, and the trees, all of God's creation. He loved church, the classes and the "little" songs they sang. His favorite was "My God is so big, so strong, and so mighty."

Yuri was learning the Russian language so he could talk to his beloved "nana," Valentina. He loved his brother, Dmitri, very much; and his "pappa," too.

I asked my daughter, Cyndie, about Yuri in Children's church. Did he like it? I knew he did but I wanted to hear her say how much. She told me, "Yuri

was a joiner. He joined in everything. Of course, he liked the songs and games most of all. But, he also enjoyed the crafts. He listened attentively to the lesson. He participated in all they did. He is the type of little boy that you want all of them to be."

"The righteous perish, and no one ponders it in his heart; devout men are taken away, and no one understands that the righteous are taken away to be spared from evil. Those who walk up-rightly enter into peace; they find rest as they lie in death." (Isaiah 57:1-2) Our hearts are heavy. We don't understand why he was taken so soon. God knows we are sad. He expects it. Only He knows why Yuri had to leave this world at such a young age. God has the full picture, one that we aren't allowed to see. *"The Lord's loved ones are precious to Him; it grieves Him when they die."* (Psalms 116:15 The Book)

Like Rex and Liliya, we thank God that we were allowed to know Yuri. He has touched our lives in so many ways. We will never forget him. We will never forget his smile. Later, when the pain subsides, a memory will flash across our mind, and we will smile. Yuri, you did this for us!

Jesus said, *"Let the children alone, and do not hinder them coming to Me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."* (Matthew 19:14 NASB) pmc

Remind Me Dear Lord

By: *Dottie Rambo (1966)*

The things that I love and hold dear to
my heart, are just borrowed,
They're not mine at all,
Jesus only let me use
Them to brighten my life,
So remind me,
Remind me, dear Lord.

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

Most of the articles written for this bulletin are about our relationship with our heavenly Father which is as it should be. Today I would like to share something with you about our relationship with our earthly father and mother.

I had the good fortune to be born into a large family. However, I did arrive at the tail end of it. Because of this, my parents were older than most. My mother was 47 when I was born and my father was 50. My good fortune turned into misfortune later on. Before my 36th birthday, both of my parents were gone.

My relationship with my parents was a good one, not perfect by any description, but good. My parents were Christians, who taught me to believe in God and to study the Bible. They loved me as a child (spoiled me, my sisters say) and respected me as an adult. I fully realize that my experiences are not the experiences of the majority of people today. Many people feel justified in neglecting their parents or even hating them because of the way they were treated as children or young adults. But hear a word of warning, these same people will suffer horrible feelings of guilt when their parents die and they realize it is too late to change what took place between them.

My experience with my parents while they were living, made giving them up in death much easier. Although, I am sure there was more I could have done, even should have done, for them while they were here, I can look back with no regrets. And this is my prayer for all of you whose parents are still living. Start today to make your interactions with your parents' good ones. Do whatever it takes to make that happen. If it means forgiving them of some wrong done to you in the past, then do it. If it means asking their forgiveness for problems you may have caused them, then do it. Don't wait, right the wrong while there is still time.

*By Charlene Clark
Dover, Arkansas*

"Life is like a day at school. When school's out, you go home!"

By Robert Burdine, Harrison Arkansas

Remember Our Sick

Troy Curtis – still in St. Vincent's, L.R. Getting stronger, hopes to be home soon.

Lois Boley – hospitalized, running high fever. No diagnosis as yet.

Jillian Church – Swifton, AR, Charlene's niece, in Memphis hospital, needs our prayers for safe delivery of a new baby, not due until September.

J. R. Hale – recovering from the third surgery on his elbow.

Joyce Helton – radiation treatments for six weeks.

Rex & Liliya McDaniel – need our prayers.

Cleon Johnson – Paul Helton's mother, home from hospital after a very long stay.

Ruby Gene Johnson – had heart stint surgery Sat., May 31, home soon.

Carol Presley – Micah's grandmother, heart attack followed by stint surgery, home recovering.

William, Kim & Kelsi Sims – serious health problems.

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, Bill Boley, Lloyd Boley, Wm/Susie Boley, Rachel Curtis, Eugene Cox, Jeff Davis, Pauline Dale, Barbara Dawson, Charles Ensey, Hoyt/Sarah Ensey, Carol Graham, Paul/Sue Griffin, Leota Hickey, Pat Holloway, Dorothy King, Rose Lee, Linda Melton, Julie Moss, Charles Proctor, Don Sheeran, Reecie Smith, Tanya Smith, Judy Will & Gene Williams.

Special Children: Tiffany Knight (infant, heart problems) Elysia Lee, Emmy May, Keith Martin and Noah Williams.

Expectant Mothers: Kelly Chance and Kristen Nordin (complications).

Our Military: Cole Wetzel

For All Parents

By: Edgar Guest

I'll lend you for a little time a child of mine, He said.

For you to love there as he lives, and mourn when he is dead.

It may be six or seven years, or twenty-two or three.

But will you, 'til I call him back, take care of him for Me?

He'll bring his charms to gladden you, and shall his stay be brief.

You'll have his lovely memories, as a solace for your grief.

I cannot promise he will stay, since all from earth return.

But there are lessons taught down there, I want this child to learn.

I've searched the wide world over, in my search for teachers true.

And from the throngs that crowd life's lanes, I have selected you.

Now will you give him all your love, nor think the labor vain.

Nor hate Me when I come to call, to take him back again.

I fancied that I heard them say, Dear Lord, thy will be done.

For all the joy thy child shall bring, the risk of grief we'll run.

We'll shelter him with tenderness, we'll love him while we may.

And for the happiness we've known, will ever grateful stay.

But shall the angels call for him, much sooner than we planned.

We'll brave the bitter grief that comes, and try to understand.

Submitted by Charlene Clark; words to help console the family of Yuri McDaniel, who brought love and sunshine into this family for six years.

We pray that some day soon they will understand why the perfect gift of God was put into their care for only a short time.

"What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes."
(James 4:14b)

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
June & July.

Dover's Lawn Mowing
Schedule

Saturday, June 21st
Rick Hollis
and
Earl Whitted

Dover Ladies Night

Please Note: A Change in
Plans!!
Thursday, June 26th, 7PM
Home of Marilyn Veasman

Mark Your Calendars

Sunday, June 15th
Father's Day

"Anyone can be a father,
but it takes someone special
to be a DADDY!
Happy Father's Day to all
the DADDYS in the world!!

5th Sunday Celebration

Sunday, June 29
Following PM Services

Potluck!

Camp Caudle Schedule

June 15th thru 21st
Mars Hill Week
Session for ages 10 thru 18
8:30 – 4:30 Monday- Friday
Registration:
Sunday, 2-5 PM
Director: David Riley
Theme:
"On A Hill Far Away"
Early Registration: \$85
T-Shirt Included
Late Registration: \$105
Campers picked up
On Saturday
9:00 – 10:00 AM.

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 15, 2008

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Gary Williams
Jeff Myers

Communion

Podium: William Boley
Serve: Steve Pennington
Alan Boatright
Allen Veasman
Blake Walters

Scripture Reading

Tommy Oakes

**Sunday P.M.
Prayers**

”Young Men”
“Young Men”

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.
Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.
“Young Men”

Prepare Table for Communion

Cara Williams

Communion to Shut-Ins

Donny Forehand
Earl Whitted

Greeters

Alan and Sandra Boatright

Wednesday Night Devotional

June 18, 2008
Alan Boatright

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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