



# Life Lines

Dover Church of Christ  
Dover, Arkansas 72837-0299  
Web site: [www.dovercoc.org](http://www.dovercoc.org)

Volume 22

Number 27

Email: [staff@dovercoc.org](mailto:staff@dovercoc.org)

July 04, 2010

## Why Do We Celebrate the 4th of July?

Most people in the United States celebrate the 4th of July, but do you know exactly why the holiday is so important to our country? Imagine how you would feel if someone older than you (maybe an older sister or brother) kept telling you what to do all of the time and kept taking more and more of your allowance. That is how the colonists felt in the years leading up to 1776. Great Britain kept trying to make the colonists follow more rules and pay higher taxes. People started getting mad and began making plans to be able to make their own rules. They no longer wanted Great Britain to be able to tell them what to do, so they decided to tell Great Britain that they were becoming an independent country. (To be independent means to take care of yourself, making your own rules and providing for your own needs.)

The Congress met in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and they appointed a committee to write a formal document that would tell Great Britain that the Americans had decided to govern themselves. The committee asked Thomas Jefferson to write a draft (first try) of the document, so he worked on it for days, in absolute secret, until he had

written a document that he thought said everything important that the committee had discussed. On June 28, 1776, the committee met to read Jefferson's "fair" copy (he put his best ideas together and wrote them neatly.) They revised the document and declared their independence on July 2, 1776. They officially adopted it (made it theirs) on July 4, 1776. That is why we call it "Independence Day." Congress ordered that all members must sign the Declaration of Independence and they began signing the "official" copy on August 2, 1776. In January of the next year, Congress sent signed copies to all the states.

The Declaration of Independence is more than just a piece of paper. It is the symbol of our country's independence and commitment to certain ideals. A symbol is something that stands for something else. Most people can look at a certain little "swoosh" and know that it stands for "Nike." Well, the signers of the Declaration of Independence wanted the citizens of the United States to have a document that spelled out what was important to our leaders and citizens. They wanted to be able to look at the Declaration of Independence and immediately think of the goals we should always be working for, and about the people who have fought so hard to make these ideas possible.

The people who signed the Declaration risked being hanged for treason by the leaders in Great Britain. They had to be very brave to sign something that would be considered a crime! So every time we look at the Declaration of Independence, we should think about all of the effort and ideas that went into this document, and about the courage it took for these people to stand up for what they knew was right – Independence!

So get out your flags, celebrate your freedom and your country's birthday! But do not forget the ones that have given so much to keep this country's independence.

Freedom is not free!

**So Fly Your Flag  
with Pride and give  
thanks to those that  
Defend it!**

\*\*\*\*\*

## Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

"The greatest need in America or anyplace is not prosperity, not better health care, and not even world peace. Our greatest need is the gospel of Christ; nothing else is so urgent. You can go to heaven without a penny; you can go to heaven with poor health; you can go to heaven even in the midst of strife; but you cannot go to heaven without the gospel of Christ!"

Phil Sanders  
*The Search Light*,  
March 2010

Do I have my priorities right? After reading what Brother Phil Sanders writes, I really wonder. So much of our time is spent in getting "things." In our busy days, often we get side-tracked. We forget what is really important. There are many things that don't matter at all.

"You can get to heaven without a penny." I had never thought of this statement. We certainly can't take our pennies with us. He is not saying we don't have to work and care for our families. The Scriptures teach against this. ***"But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever."*** (I Timothy 5:8 NKJV)

The problem we have is not putting God first in our money, our planning and in our decisions. His commandments must come first. We must get the gospel of Christ to others; then the lesser things can come later. We are commanded to help the needy. Often an act of kindness will open the door for spreading the gospel. God uses us in many ways.

Good health helps in doing the Lord's work, but it isn't an absolute. Homebound Christians can make calls or send cards. They can be an encourager.

Even in the midst of strife, we can reach out to others. We can forget some of our problems by listening to others who need our help. In fact, it will give us a much needed reprieve from our own troubles.

As a Christian we know the peace we have from having the gospel of Christ. Others need this too, now, more than ever. Our nation needs our prayers, also.

## Remember Our Sick

**Judy Cox** – Bob/Rose Lee's daughter, diagnosed with breast cancer. Home recovering from surgery

**Earl Kennedy** – Sinus surgery July 6th.

**Iva Lay** – home from Baptist, after one week of chemo treatments

**Becky Miller** – eye surgery June 14th, home, doing well.

**Pat Melton** – diagnosed with cancer

**Beverly Myers** – back problems, more injections later.

**Mary Stamps** – Dr's. appointment, June 15th, good report.

**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:

Carl/Yvonne Adkisson, Amie Barkley, Carolyn Bennett, Susie Boley, Shirlie Chadwick, Robert/Vickie Cox, Troy/Rachel Curtis, Jeff Davis, Melvin Davis, Pauline Dale, Barbara Dawson, David/Mary Franke, Carol Graham, Sue Griffin, Rose Lee, Mario Litch, Daniel Loper, Cindy Martin, Linda Melton, Julie Moss, Don/BJ Sheeran, Christine Sheeran, Gary/Dorene Shinn, Tanya Smith, Juanita Townsend, and Judy Will,

**Special Children:** Zeke Church, Garrett Hogan, Tiffany Knight, Cooper J. Lee, Elysia Lee, Keith Martin, Zachary Shelton and Noah Williams.

**Expectant Mothers:** Andrea Henson.

**Our Military:** prayers for D. J. Bandy, Jr., Byron Lee, April Morgan, Billy Joe Ralston and others serving our nation.

\*\*\*\*\*

## Whispers of the Heart

Today I thank you, Lord  
For all the joys You bring,  
For rainbows in the sky,  
For flowers in the spring.

For warmth of gentle rain,  
That falls from up above,  
For wealth of little prayers  
That fills my need for love.

For friends who fail me not,  
When I am in some kind of need,  
When my despair is plain to see,  
And there my soul to feed.

You are so kind and gentle, Lord,  
Forgive the faults in me,  
And keep me ever close to You,  
Until I come to Thee.

*Bulletin  
Digest*

There is so much beauty around us, if we only take the time to notice it. You can make a conscious effort to look for the essence and therefore develop an appreciation for the beautiful things in life. Your days will seem a lot less harried. I promise you. Beauty has a way of totally capturing our senses, making us forget the fact that the kids spilled chocolate milk on the carpet, that the workload keeps piling up. For a few brief shining moments, nothing seems to matter. And the wonderful thing about beauty is that we can store it in our minds to be played over and over again.

*Via Joy For the Journey*

\*\*\*\*\*

**Prayers and Sympathy** for the family and friends of **Richard Young**, step-father to Michael Creel, passed away Wednesday, June 9, 2010. Memorial services, Monday, June 14, 2010.

## 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

\*\*\*\*\*

### Crochet Class

June 27th & July 18th  
4:00 to 5:30PM  
Fellowship Hall  
Learn to Crochet  
Prayer Shawls  
Dorene Shinn for more info.

Church Lawn Duty  
Saturday, July 3rd  
Chris Besterfeldt  
Allen Veasman

Wedding Shower For  
Kaci Statler  
Sunday, July 11th, 2PM  
Fellowship Hall

*No In-Home Youth Devo*  
*On July 4th, 2010.*

Dover Men's Devo  
July 8th, 7 PM  
Thursday  
Host: Micah Williams

## Mark Your Calendars

Men's Business Meeting  
Dover Church of Christ  
Second Monday,  
July 12th, 7 PM

Dover Ladies' Night  
Thursday, July 15, 6:30 PM  
Hostess: Diane M. Walters

Camp Caudle  
June 27th thru July 2nd  
Junior Week  
3rd Grade thru 6th Grade  
See Lee Henson for info

Summer Camp has started  
at Camp Caudle, all kinds of  
canned drinks are needed. They  
can be delivered to the Dover  
Church of Christ office; the  
director will pick them up. June  
6th thru July 31st.

### "In Search of the Lord's Way"

The Search Program  
can now be accessed  
any time on website  
[www.searchtv.org](http://www.searchtv.org)

Or

Mack Lyon  
Phil Sanders  
Weekly Lesson can  
be heard and seen on  
KARK, Channel 4  
Sunday, 7:30 AM

## July Birthdays

16 Chris Ramirez  
Diane C. Walters  
17 Kim Statler  
Rex McDaniel  
23 William Robbins  
Emily Walker  
Earl Whitted  
25 Becky Miller  
26 Valentina Penno  
30 James Chadwick  
31 Wyatt Henson  
Kim Miller

If we missed your birth-  
day, Please let us know  
so it won't happen again.

\*\*\*\*\*

Old Fashion July 4th  
Celebration, Sunday,  
4:30 PM to 7:30 PM

4:30 PM, Early Church  
5:00 PM, Dinner, Family  
Fun and Games.

Hamburgers, hot dogs  
and buns will be  
furnished.

See sign-up sheet for  
For potluck items.

**Watermelon eating and  
seed spitting contest.**

More info: Diane C.,  
Diane or Karen W.

# THOSE TO SERVE

July 04, 2010

## Sunday A.M.

**Announcer:** Randall Walters

**Song Leader:** Merrell Shoptaw

### Prayers

Chris Moss  
Brett Walters

### Communion

**Podium:** Chris Loper

**Serve:** Brent Hottinger  
Chris Besterfeldt  
Donny Forehand  
Drew Walters

### Scripture Reading

Rick Hollis

## Sunday P.M.

### Prayers

Brent Hottinger  
Blake Walters

# SPEAKER

## Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

## Sunday P.M.

“Early Service, 4:30 PM”

### Prepare Table for Communion

Billy and Diane Walters

### Communion to Shut-Ins

Brent Hottinger

### Greeters

Marion and Joyce Helton

### Wednesday Night Devotional July 07, 2010

Earl Stamps

### 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**

**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 Church:** Pat McAlister  
Kaeli Miller

*Life Lines is a Publication of the Dover Church of Christ*

Editor: Pat McAlister, Layout and Design: Joan Vance, Technical Assistance: M. Shoptaw

Dover Church of Christ  
P.O. Box 299  
Dover, AR 72837  
Return Service Requested

Nonprofit Organization  
U.S. Postage Paid  
Dover, AR  
Permit No. 18