



# Life Lines

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## Tomorrow's Treasured Memories Karen Womack's April 25, 2009 Ladies' Day Speech

What do you know about your great-grandmother? You may remember your grandmother but most of us would not remember much or anything about our "greats." You might be able to find out a few facts by talking to the oldest family members but, at least at my age, those oldest members are getting forgetful or are already gone. I am getting forgetful! I have a curiosity about my ancestors. But even at that, why would this matter?

How many of us would like to influence our children to be faithful Christians? What about our grandchildren? There is a saying that the "future of the church can be lost in one generation." Think about your friends and family. How many of you know someone whose son or daughter is not faithful? At least in many families, the future of the church is lost with those family ties.

If you could tell your grandchildren or great-grandchildren about you, what would you tell them? For one thing that you are not is whatever your career is. I am not a teacher, for instance. I am a Christian who teaches or, in my case, runs a library. We should not be defined by what we do, but who we are. What I do with my days may change, but who I am remains the same. In Ephesians 4:1-2 Paul wrote that we should be worthy of our **vocation**, our calling as Christians. Now, your vocation is your main purpose in life. By choosing to become Christians, we are called to live the Christian life fully, applying these principles to everything we do. You are what your set of core values have made you. Most of us would rather be defined by our core values than by our career label.

It has been said that the church is "graying." It is probably true that it has always been made up of many older people. So many people actually discover the importance of God as they age. Proverbs 22:6 says, "**Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it.**"

So how do you go about discovering what your core values are? What are the things that are really important to you? Do you long to

see God? What are your favorite Bible verses, songs, your prayers to the Father? How is your faith being challenged? What do you really believe about God? And what do you want future generations to know that you have discovered about the Father?

Everyone believes in something. Everyone has something in them that will inspire others. Every one of us has a whole list of blessings worth noting. Everyone has a story. Well, how do I get my story out to my future generations? Just write it down. Easy? For some, maybe, not so easy for others. I like to make scrapbooks so that is the form my book will take. If you don't like to scrapbook, then start a journal. Some would rather write on the computer. That is good but make a hard copy and put it into a notebook with page protectors. With the ever-changing technology industry, who knows what form future computers will take. Files are lost in computer crashes and upgrades and so will be your story. Another option is to use the scrapbook that you got today. All you need to add is adhesive. Scrapbooks are made to last for many generations. Just do something!

About four years ago, I taught a class where we scrapbooked the fruit of the Spirit. Each week, we brought pictures that we thought depicted a different fruit of the Spirit and how we carried them out in our lives and the lives of our families. We had a devotional study and then I shared a different scrapbooking technique with the group. These books are certainly treasures for the future, but today I would like to challenge you to go a little deeper and be more personal, make a book about your core beliefs and who you are so that you can reach out and share your faith with future generations.

Well, where do I start? Start with what you believe. What we believe makes us unique. Our beliefs set us apart and link us to others. Tell about your faith in a sentence or two. Remember, though, if you are just journaling, your story will be told through words and will necessarily be longer. Tell about your baptism. Tell how you felt at the time. Tell why you take the Lord's Supper every Sunday.

Tell how you feel about prayer. Tell about your struggles with prayer, if you do or have in the past. How did the problem get solved?

Tell what your favorite scriptures are and why. Tell about things we do in the church of Christ and why it is important to continue these things in this way. Quote your favorite song or songs. List your favorite sayings. If they have been passed down from your parents or grandparents, tell about them.

This process has really caused me to think and do some soul searching. Well, where do you get inspiration? It comes from many places. Thinking about what you believe and why, will give you many ideas. Thinking about your blessings will give you still more. Hearing the sayings you use again and again will give you still more ideas. Are there prayers that you find yourself repeating again and again? Who are the people who have influenced you to be who you are today? These are places to start. Books provide more thought provoking ideas. In her book, Maria Shriver said that her mother always said, "And one more thing before you go . . ." In our family, Momma always said, "Goodbye and be careful" before her mother could say it to her when she was young. Then I said it to my momma, as well.

I have four pages of notes about ideas I want to add to my book. A few are: The importance of the Lord's Supper, God is my refuge (about my struggles), imperfect me, why I am a daily Bible reader and my blessings.

If you died tomorrow, what words of wisdom would you want attributed to you?

Courtney Walsh in [Scraping Your Faith](#) says, "Through our faith, we learn a lot about right and wrong. We learn about forgiveness and unconditional love. We learn about happiness. Then there are those tiny nuggets of truth we learn that may not change our every day, but definitely change the person we are. Someone, somewhere, someday will learn that lesson because of you . . . but how can they if you never pass it on?"

Bibliography: Debra Mitchell, *First Sisters*, p. 42-43. J. C. Choate Publications, 2008. Courtney Walsh, *Scrapbooking Your Faith*. Memory Makers Books, 2007. Jennifer White, "Scrapbook Your Family's story of faith," *Christian Woman Magazine*, March/April, 2008, p. 64.

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## Lines for Ladies

*By Pat McAlister*

As we grow older and more mature our wants diminish. We see that "things" are unimportant. When we were younger we wanted a new home, a new car, or truck, and more clothes than we could ever wear. Maturity and age put a perspective on what is really important in this life.

Jesus tells us that we cannot serve God and money. He also tells us that it is very hard for a rich man to enter heaven. We know it is not the money, but the love of money. We can be very poor and still worship money. It's what we prioritize.

James does not have much good to say about the rich. He says they oppress the poor and drag them into courts. He condemns those who favor the rich in fine clothes over the poor in filthy rags. God does not show favoritism either. He has chosen the poor to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom. (James 2:1-6)

Bad health can certainly change our thinking about material things in this world. Talk to someone who has a terminal illness. Their thoughts about "things" have changed considerably. Things that seemed so important, before, now have no meaning at all. We come into this world with nothing and we will leave with nothing.

None of us know when we will die. It could be today, it could be tomorrow. The things we find important as we mature should be important right now. But, this life is not the end. We must be ready for the next life. And, yes, there is a hell because God told us so in the Scriptures.

God gave us this life. He created us. He put us here for a purpose. If our life seems meaningless, we aren't living as we should.

Maybe we have been too frivolous about material things.

It is never too late to change.

Live as God would have you live, so you can have the other home with Him.

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## Remember Our Sick

**Lois Boley** – home from hospital, recovering.

**Shirley Chisum** – Athel Hill's daughter, diagnosed with cancer, treatments started.

**Jim Dempsey** – friend of Leota Hickey, diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

**Arlis Dotson** – Kim M. \Joan V. friend, extremely serious accident to his arm, much pain, facing a long recovery.

**Pat Holloway** – high risk lung surgery July 9th, Baptist Hospital, LR.

**Cindy Martin** – Joplin, Mo. Colon cancer. Daughter-in-law of Barbara Dawson, cousin of Marion H & Joan V.

**Linda McDaniel** – Rex McDaniel's mother, knee replacement June 24th, doing well.

**Ray Nichols** – successful pace-maker surgery June 23rd, home recovering.

**Gary Nicholson** – many health issues.

### 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, James & Shirlee Chadwick, Troy & Rachel Curtis, Jeff Davis, Pauline Dale, Barbara Dawson, Charles Ensey, Sarah Ensey, Larry & Rhonda Freeman, Carol Graham, Sue Griffin, Joe Kline, Rose Lee, Janette Litch, Daniel Loper, Linda Melton, Helen Moore, Julie Moss, Kristen Nordin, Mary Ann Rutherford, BJ/Don Sheeran, Christine Sheeran, Reecie Smith, Tanya Smith, Sherry Strick, Juanita Townsend and Judy Will.

**Special Children:** Zeke Church, Garrett Hogan, Tiffany Knight, Elysia Lee, Keith Martin, Zackary Shelton, Cody Tackett and Noah Williams.

**Our Military:** D. J. Bandy, Jr., Travis Coe, Byron Lee, April Morgan, Billy Joe Ralston and others serving our country.

## Warning!

*Heads Up Everyone!*

### **Warning from the police!**

**Beware of this new scheme that is now being used.**

New way to do carjacking!

You walk across the parking lot, unlock your car and get inside. You start the engine and shift into reverse. When you look into the rearview mirror to back out of your parking space, you will notice a piece of paper stuck to the middle of the rear WINDOW. So you shift into park, unlock you're your doors and jump out of your car to remove that paper (or whatever it is) that is obstructing your view . . . When you reach the back of your car, the carjackers appear out of nowhere jump into your car and take off. They practically mow you down as they speed off in your car.

And guess what? I bet your purse is still in the car!

So now the carjacker has your car, your home address, your money and your keys. Your home and your identity are now compromised!

If you see a piece of paper stuck to your back window, just drive away. Remove the paper later. And be thankful that you read this e-mail.

A purse contains all kinds of personal information and identification documents, and you certainly do not want to be inconvenienced and have this information to fall into the wrong hands.

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**Prayers & Sympathy** for the family and friends of **Carl Keathley** who passed away Friday, June 19, 2009, St. Louis, MO. He was Rose Lee's brother. Memorial Services were Monday, June 22, 2009.

**Prayers & Sympathy** for the family and many friends of **Silas Powers** who passed away Friday, June 26th, at Baptist Hospital, Little Rock.

Memorial services were Tuesday, June 30th, Dover Church of Christ, Micah Williams officiating.

He will be missed greatly by all of his friends and his Dover church family.

## 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

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### Camp Caudle

Camp Sessions are as  
follows;

Living Stones Week: July  
12<sup>th</sup> thru 18<sup>th</sup>, ages 14 and  
up.

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

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

Items needed: ice-pops,  
pre-sweetened fruit  
punch & lemonade in  
canisters, canned soda,  
cookies, etc., bring to  
church office.

Dover Church of Christ  
Vacation Bible School  
July 27th thru 31st

## Mark Your Calendars

Ladies Tuesday Morning  
Bible Class Cancelled for  
July 7th and July 14th

Dover Ladies' Night  
Thursday, 16th, 7 PM  
Hostess: Cara Williams

Dover Lawn Care  
Friday, July 18th  
Mike Creel  
Chris Besterfeldt

### PARKING LOT "GIVEAWAY"

Saturday, July 18th  
From 7:00AM thru  
2:00PM

at the Dover Church of  
Christ's parking lot.

Need Clothes, all sizes,  
Household items, linens,  
Decorative items, Small  
appliances, microwaves,  
mixers, vacuums, Tools,  
Baby items and children's  
items. (Do not bring anything  
you would not use yourself,  
broken or too large for the  
women to move around).

Collecting will begin  
Wednesday, July 15 thru  
Friday, July 17, in the  
basement of the church  
building.

## July Birthdays

- 15 Chris Ramirez  
Diane Walters  
16 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 birthday,  
*please* let us know so it won't  
happen again.

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Back to School Party  
Saturday, August 1st  
At the Veasman's, 6 PM  
Younger Children Only  
For more info see:  
Keri Letson & Leigh Ann  
Forehand

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

Now 24/7

The Search Program can now  
be accessed any time on  
website: [www.searchtv.org](http://www.searchtv.org)  
Mack Lyon's weekly lesson can  
be heard and seen on KARK,  
Channel 4 Sunday, 7:30 AM

# THOSE TO SERVE

*July 12, 2009*

**Sunday A.M.**

**Announcer:** Randall Walters  
**Song Leader:** Merrell Shoptaw

## Prayers

Jim Killer  
Gary Williams

## Communion

**Podium:** Allen Veasman  
**Serve:** Rex McDaniel  
Rick Hollis  
Sid Womack  
Steve Pennington

## Scripture Reading

Marion Helton

**Sunday P.M.**

## Prayers

Earl Whitted  
Earl Stamps

# SPEAKER

**Sunday A.M.**

Micah Williams

**Sunday P.M.**

Micah Williams

## Prepare Table for Communion

Earl & Mary Stamps

## Communion to Shut-Ins

Donny Forehand

## Greeters

Jim & JoAnn Killer

## Wednesday Night Devotional

**July 15, 2009**

Rex McDaniel

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

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