



Life Lines

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I Believe . . .

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. . . a Birth Certificate shows that we were born.
. . . a Death Certificate shows that we died.
. . . pictures show we lived.
. . . that just because two people argue, doesn't mean they don't love each other. And just because they don't argue, it doesn't mean they do.
. . . that we don't have to change friends if we understand that friends change.
. . . that no matter how good a friend is, they're going to hurt you every once in a while and you must forgive them for that.
. . . that true friendship continues to grow, even over the longest distance.
. . . same goes for love.
. . . that you can do something in an instant that will give you heartache for life.
. . . that it's taking me a long time to become the person I want to be.
. . . that you should always leave loved ones with loving words. It may be the last time you see them.
. . . that you can keep going long after you think you can't.
. . . that either you control your attitude or it controls you.
. . . that we are responsible for what we do, no matter how we feel.
. . . that heroes are the people who do what has to be done when it needs to be done, regardless of the consequences.
. . . that money is a lousy way of keeping score.

. . . that my best friend and I can do anything or nothing and have the best time.
. . . that sometimes the people you expect to kick you when you're down, will be the ones to help you get back up.
. . . that sometimes when I'm angry I have a right to be angry, but that doesn't give me the right to be cruel.
. . . that maturity has more to do with what types of experiences you've had and what you've learned from them and less to do with how many birthdays you've celebrated.
. . . that it isn't always enough to be forgiven by others. Sometimes you have to forgive yourself.
. . . that no matter how bad your heart is broken the world doesn't stop for your grief.
. . . that our background and circumstances may have influenced who we are, but we are responsible for what we become.
. . . that you shouldn't be so eager to find out a secret. It could change your life forever.
. . . two people can look at the exact same thing and see something totally different.
. . . that your life can be changed in a matter of hours by people who don't even know you.
. . . that even when you think you have no more to give, when a friend cries out to you – you will find the strength to help.
. . . that credentials on the wall do not make you a decent human being.
. . . that people you care about most in life are taken from you too soon.

Jesus said, *“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whomever believed in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”* (John 3:16 NKJV)

We believe what we see, most of the time. We believe in our family, we believe in our friends. Often, we are disappointed. However, there is One who never disappoints us. *“Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”* (Hebrews 13:8 NKJV)

Truly believing in Jesus brings about all these other beliefs in life, in our family, in our friends and in our attitude toward life.

This does not mean that we will not have struggles in this world. It really means that we can cope with these struggles.

We have a peace that no other has.

If we believe that Jesus died and rose again, we can have this peace and know that we have a better place waiting for us.

Believe in God, do His will and reap the reward!

“How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him whom they have not heard?” (Romans 10:14a NKJV)

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Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

Alfred had dedicated himself to the science of war. A talented scientist and creative inventor, he studied ways to create new and better weapons. Specializing in explosives, he created dynamite. While you may think that he was a man who enjoyed war, quite the opposite was true. He felt that if he could perfect the instruments of war, it would be impossible for man to wage war. He once said, "My dynamite will sooner lead to peace than a thousand world conventions. As soon as men will find that in one instant whole armies can be utterly destroyed, they surely will abide by golden peace."

That dream of peace through improved weapons was shattered by World War I. Alfred's dynamite and other inventions were used to kill more and to kill faster.

One morning, Alfred picked up the paper and was shocked to read his own obituary. Through an error, a French paper had printed Alfred's obituary instead of his brother's. It was a terrible shock to this peace-loving man to see himself described as "*the Merchant of Death*," portrayed as the man responsible for thousands of deaths. This was not how Alfred wanted to be remembered. So in his remaining years, he worked with lawyers to set up a foundation that would give yearly prizes for chemistry, physics, medicine and literature. Today, if you ask someone about Alfred Nobel, few will call him "*the Merchant of Death*" nor connect his name with dynamite. You remember, instead the Nobel Peace prize.

You many not be able to change your legacy that dramatically, but you can do something even better. You can take your past mistakes, the guilt and regrets built up through the years, and have them erased for ever. God has promised to separate us from them, ". . . as far as the east is from the west." (Psalm 103:12) A new start is there for the taking. Jesus can make it possible. "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old is gone, the new has come!" (II Corinthians 5:17)

*The Vision, Bruce Grice, Family Focus
West Side Church of Christ, Russellville, AR*

Remember Our Sick

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

Frank Colvin – critical, serious swimming-pool accident.

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

Arlis Dotson – Kim M. and Joan V. friend, had a very serious accident to his arm, in much pain, and facing a long recovery.

Gary Nicholson, many health issues

Earl Stamps – pace-maker replacement surgery, July 20th, doing great.

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, Cindy Martin, Linda Melton, Helen Moore, Julie Moss, Kristen Nordin, Mary Ann Rutherford, BJ/Don Sheeran, Christine Sheeran, Reddie 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 nation.

Is Anger Always Wrong?

Anger is a destructive emotion that has led to every kind of sin, including murder, as when Cain killed Abel. (Genesis 4:4-8) The elder brother of the prodigal son, ". . . was angry, and would not go in." (Luke 15:28) Paul wrote, "*Be ye angry, and sin not; let not the sun go down upon wrath.*" (Ephesians 4:26) It is possible to be angry without sinning, but very difficult.

When Jesus saw the money-changers cheating the people in the temple, He made a scourge and drove them out of the temple saying, "*Make not My Father's house a house of merchandise.*" (John 2:16) Jesus acted out righteous indignation. Undoubtedly He was angry, but He did not sin because He was zealous for God's glory. The child of God ought to be angry when the glory of God is challenged, and it is a tragedy for Christians to be so tolerant that nothing makes them angry.

James gives a simple prescription for dealing with anger; "*Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.*" (James 1:19-20)

To be "swift to hear" means to be a ready listener. Often we are angered because we do not have enough information. When we listen carefully, sometimes even, "reading between the lines," we may find that concern replaces anger. Anger is often simply an emotional reaction.

To be "slow to speak" means to control the tongue, which is a difficult task. James said, "*The tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.*" (James 3:8) Solomon said, "*seest thou a man that is hasty in his words? There is more hope of a fool than of him.*" (Proverbs 29:20)

Hasty words spoken in anger will almost always be regretted.

To be "slow to wrath" is also difficult. We can slow the anger process by counting to ten. Prayer is also helpful, as is the realization that we can control our reaction to a problem.

The "new man" in Christ lays aside worldly anger. "*Put of all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; and have put on the new man.*" (Colossians 3:8-11)

*By Bob Pritchard
From The Voice
Fifth & Greenwich Church of Christ
Russellville, Arkansas*

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

Dover Lawn Care

Saturday, August 15th
Gary Williams
Jamie Churchill

Dover Men's Devo

Thursday, 7 PM
August 13th,
Host: Merrell Shoptaw

Mark Your Calendars

Dover Ladies Night

Thursday, 7 PM
August 20th
Hostess: Roxanna
Shoptaw

"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

August Birthdays

01	Jacob Boley Connor Chance
02	Ana Marie Lawley
03	Frances Kennedy Wes Walker
04	Carl Adkisson
05	Pauline Dale
06	Josh Pennington
10	Karen Womack
13	Blake Forehand
14	Russell Boley Carolyn Clark
16	Noah Henson
19	Drew Walters Creek Jackson Tristan Stamps
21	Lois Boley Donny Forehand Merrell Shoptaw
25	Corey Hottinger Jana Parker
27	Shirlie Chadwick Lee Henson
28	Steve Pennington
29	Troy Curtis
31	Dennis Whiteside

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

THOSE TO SERVE

August 09, 2009

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Rick Hollis
Michael Robbins

Communion

Podium: Sid Womack
Serve: Jim Killer
Kevin Nordin
Larry Mahan
Lee Henson

Scripture Reading

Chris Loper

Sunday P.M. Prayers

Merrell Shoptaw
Marion Helton

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.
Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.
Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Cara Williams

Communion to Shut-Ins

Merrell Shoptaw

Greeters

Allen & Marilyn Veasman

Wednesday Night Devotional

August 12, 2009

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
6:30 P.M.

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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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