



Life Lines

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Dear Dover Church of Christ:

If you missed our Vacation Bible School the week of July 27th, you missed a special blessing. We had a wonderful time sharing Jesus with our community and we want to express a special thanks to all who helped make it happen.

Thank you to Lee Henson for being our Master of Ceremonies and song leader. Lee was able to encourage 50 children to sing as loud as a 100. That's talent! (We think?)

Thank you to our puppeteers, who put in many hours of practice. We all know God answered Presley's prayer, because puppets, "you were very entertaining critters."

Thank you to our VBS workers, who were many. You blessed the children and our church with your time and energy. Many of our workers were teenagers who deserve special thanks for being a Christian example the young children can look up to.

Thank you to our speakers, song leaders and the many members who brought refreshments for our adult classes. We had as many adult attendees as children, which added to the success of our VBS

Thank you to all the wonderful people who helped set up and clean up each day.

Thank you to every church member who said a prayer for us, donated money, or brought drinks, cookies or craft supplies.

When we think of all who added to the success of our VBS, Isaiah 6:8 comes to mind where Isaiah the prophet says:

"I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send and who will go for us?' Then I said, 'Here am I, send me.'"

Thank you for your willingness to let the Lord send you to make our VBS such a success; and in keeping with our theme.

Thank you for being willing to share the **treasures of God's love.**

*Diane M. Walters
Diane C. Walters*

Yes, the VBS was a blessing! We do appreciate the "thank you" from the two Diane's. But, we owe them an enormous "thank you" for all the work and planning they both did to make this VBS a blessing and a success. Thank God for workers like these two. pmc

Satan's Garage Sale

Once upon a time, Satan was having a garage sale. There, standing in little groups were all of his bright, shiny trinkets. Here were tools that make it easy to tear others down for use as stepping stones. And over there were some lenses for magnifying ones own importance, which, if you looked through them the other way, you could also belittle others, or even one's self.

Against the wall was the usual assortment of gardening implements guaranteed to help your pride grow by leaps and bounds: the rake of scorn, the shovel of jealousy for digging a pit for your neighbor, the tools of gossip and backbiting, of selfishness and apathy. All of these were pleasing to the eye and came complete with fabulous promises and guarantees of prosperity. Prices, of course, were steep; but not to worry! Free credit was extended to one and all.

"Take it home, use it and you won't have to pay until later!" old Satan cried, as he hawked his wares.

The visitor, as he browsed, noticed two well worn, non-descript tools standing in one corner. Not being nearly as tempting as the other items, he found it curious that these two tools had price tags higher than any other.

When he asked why, Satan just laughed and said, "Well, that's because I use them so much. If they weren't so plain looking, people might see them for what they were." Satan pointed to the two tools, saying, "You see that one's Doubt and that one's Discouragement – and those work when nothing else will."

Thomas Merton

The Vision (West Side Church of Christ)
Russellville, Arkansas

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

“Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault . . .” (Philippians 2:14,15a)

What kind of attitude do you have? Do you complain all the time, about everything? We shouldn't, if we want to be pleasing to God. He got very tired of the grumbling of the Israelites, after He had just brought them out of bondage in Egypt. Do not grumble, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.” (I Corinthians 10:10) I'm sure He gets tired of our grumbling and complaining too! Who wants to hear it?

Every day is a blessing from God. All of them may not be rosy but whose fault is that? Don't we bring most of our problems on ourselves? We may need an attitude change.

A few years ago I was watching the news on TV. The news person was interviewing a farmer in southern Arkansas. The farmer said, “The Lord has been good to me,” as he looked at some of his fields of corn and rice that was under several feet of water! (There had been too much rain, too soon.) Now, he had a good attitude! He wasn't blaming this tragedy on God, rather, he had to have been thinking about times past when he had been blessed. He wasn't complaining like most of us would have been.

This man made me feel good. His attitude was good and he passed it on to me and probably many others who were watching at the time. This was so encouraging.

Grumbling and complaining helps no one, not yourself, and especially not others. It causes others to have bad attitudes. One rotten apple can ruin the whole barrel.

“Do not try the Lord, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the serpents.”

When we complain and grumble we are not putting our faith in God. We diminish the praise due Him.

Remember Our Sick

James Chadwick – enlarged pulmonary artery, sees a specialist Aug. 18th.

Frank Colvin- age 23, swimming-pool accident. In Baptist Rehab, can move his legs some.

Melvin Davis – chemo again.

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

Roger Lay – diagnosed with cancer.

Gwen Milligan – Leukemia with pneumonia.

Gary Shinn – in St. Mary's rehab, fractured tail-bone.

Shut-ins – need prayers and visits:

Dover Area: **Evelyn Burton**
Robert Lee

Russellville Nursing & Rehab Center:

Joyce Austin
Helen Brown
Evelyn Driver
Lorene McNutt

Stella Manor:

Louise Killer
Janice Brashear

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Yvonne Adkisson, Amie Barkley, Iris Bates, Bob/Carolyn Bennett, Susie Boley, Troy & Rachel Curtis, Jeff Davis, Pauline Dale, Barbara Dawson, Arlis Dotson, Charles Ensey, Larry & Rhonda Freeman, Carol Graham, Sue Griffin, Joe Kline, Rose Lee, Janette Litch, Daniel Loper, Cindy Martin, Linda Melton, Julie Moss, BJ/Don Sheeran, Christine Sheeran, Reddie Smith, Tanya Smith, 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.

Prayers & Sympathy for the family and friends of **Helen Moore** who passed away Friday, August 14, 2009. She was the grandmother of Kevin Nordin.

Worn-out Knees

Stephen Van Dulken
(from KneeMail)

On February 26, 1829, a Jewish boy named Loeb Strauss was born in a cottage in the Bavarian village of Bittenheim.

As a young man, Loeb changed his name to Levi and wound up in California, where he opened a textile company in San Francisco. One day a gold miner walked into Levi's shop and assailed the young merchant.

“Look at these,” said the miner, pointing to his pants. “I bought ‘em six months ago and now they're full of holes!”

When Levi asked why, the miner explained. “We work on our knees most of the time.”

“What you need is some really strong material,” replied Levi. “We have some canvas. It's used to make tents. If we make your trousers out of canvas, I'm sure they won't get holes.”

A tailor was called, and presently the miner had a set of trousers – and the rest is history.

Soon miners across the West were wearing Levi Strauss's jeans.

Thought: Christians should have the same problem that plagued that miner – pants with worn-out knees - - for we ought to do most of our kingdom's work on our knees.

“For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Ephesians 3:14)

Balance

“Imagine life as a game in which you are juggling five balls in the air. You must name them - work, family, health, friends and spirit – and you're keeping all of them in the air. You will soon understand that work is a rubber ball. If you drop it, it will bounce back. But the other four balls – family, health, friends and spirit – are made of glass. If you drop any of these, they will be irrevocably scuffed, marked, nicked, damaged or even shattered. They will never be the same. You must understand that and strive for balance in your life.

Brian G. Dyson CEO of Coca-Cola Co.

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,
September 5th
Chris Besterfeldt
Mike Creel

Dover Men's Devo

Thursday, 7 PM
September 10th,
Host: Allen Veasman

Dover Ladies Night

Thursday, 7 PM
September 17th
Hostess: Marilyn
Veasman

Wendy Powers Baptized

Wednesday, August 12th
Congratulations!!

Mark Your Calendars

5th Sunday Celebration!

August 30th, 6:00 PM
(Following evening services)
Potluck
Young Men Doing the
Services

GUARD & GIFTS

Sunday, August 30th, 4PM
(For Lads/Leaderettes)

Dover Youth Night

Sunday, September 6th
Following Sunday PM
Services
Brent/Kelli Hottinger

Men's Business Meeting

(Second Monday)
September 14, 7 PM
Dover Church of Christ

"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

September Birthdays

- 02 Rhonda Creel
Johnny Estes
Ray Nichols
05 Leota Hickey
06 Deidre Luker
09 Joyce Helton
Connie Myers
16 Susan Straight
17 Danielle Stepanovic
Melissa Pagan
19 Michael Robbins
20 Jannie Myers
21 Dimitrios Tsigourlas
Michaela Walker
22 Nathan Killer
23 Rylie Boley
24 Wayne Strickland
Alan Walker
Gary Williams
25 Joshua Besterfeldt
26 Justin Vaughn
28 Yvonne Adkisson
Janie Beck
Donna Walters

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

Ladies Day

Saturday, September 19th
Registration 8:45 AM
Clarksville Church of Christ
Hwy 64 West - P O B 117
Clarksville, Arkansas 72830
Phone: (479) 754-3360:
E-mail: clarkvillechurchofchrist@yahoo.com
Speaker: Bonita Graham
Please R.S.V.P. by e-mail, phone
or letter by Monday,
September 14, 2009.

THOSE TO SERVE

August 30, 2009

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Chris Loper
Brent Hottinger

Communion

Podium: Sid Womack
Serve: Blake Walters
Brett Walters
Chris Besterfeldt
Donny Forehand

Scripture Reading

Allen Veasman

Sunday P.M. Prayers

Chris Moss
Blake Walters

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.
Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.
Young men

Prepare Table for Communion

Cara Williams

Communion to Shut-Ins

Allen Veasman

Greeters

Allen & Marilyn Veasman

Wednesday Night Devotional

September 2, 2009

Donny Forehand

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
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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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