



Life Lines

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A 57 Cent Church

A little girl stood near a small church from which she had been turned away because it was "too crowded."

"I can't go to Sunday School," she sobbed to the preacher as he walked by.

Seeing her shabby, unkempt appearance, the preacher guessed the reason and, taking her by the hand, took her inside and found a place for her in the Sunday school class. The child was so happy that they found room for her. She went to bed that night thinking of the children who have no place to worship Jesus.

Some two years later, this child lay dead in one of the poor tenement buildings. Her parents called for the kindhearted preacher who had befriended their daughter to handle the final arrangements.

As her poor little body was being moved, a worn and crumpled red purse was found which seemed to have been rummaged from some trash dump.

Inside was found 57 cents and a note, scribbled in childish handwriting, which read: "This is to help build the little church bigger so more children can go to Sunday school."

For two years she had saved for this offering of love.

When the preacher tearfully read that note, he knew instantly what he must do.

The next Sunday, carrying this note and the cracked, red pocket-

book to the pulpit, he told the story of her unselfish love and devotion.

He challenged his members to get busy and raise enough money for a larger building.

But the story does not end here.

A newspaper learned of the story and published it. It was read by a wealthy realtor who offered them a parcel of land worth thousands.

When told that the church could not pay so much, he offered to sell it to the little church for 57 cents.

Church members made large donations, checks came from far and wide. Within five years the little girl's gift increased to \$250,000.00 – a huge sum for that time (near the turn of the century). Her unselfish love had paid large dividends.

When you are in the city of Philadelphia, look up Temple Baptist Church, with a seating capacity of 3,300. And be sure to visit Temple University, where thousands of students are educated.

Have a look, too, at the Good Samaritan Hospital and at a Sunday school building which houses hundreds of beautiful children, built so that no child in the area will ever need to be left outside during Sunday school time.

In one of the rooms of this building may be seen the picture of the sweet face of the little girl whose 57 cents, so sacrificially

saved, made such remarkable history. Alongside of this picture is a portrait of her kind preacher, Dr. Russell H. Conwell, author of the book, "Acres of Diamonds."

This is a true story which goes to show WHAT GOD CAN DO WITH 57 CENTS!

May today there be peace within.
May you trust your highest power
that you are exactly where
you are meant to be.

May you not forget the infinite
possibilities that are born of faith.

May you use those gifts that you
have received, and pass on the
love that has been given to you.

May you be content knowing you
are a child of God.
Let this presence settle into your
bones, and allow your soul the
freedom to sing and dance.

It is there for each and
every one of you.

Sent in by: Clara Hefley
Dover, Arkansas

Trust in Him

Trust Him when dark doubts assail thee,
Trust Him when thy strength is small,
Trust Him when to simply trust Him
Seems the hardest thing of all.

Trust Him, He is ever faithful,
Trust Him, for His will is best,
Trust Him, for the heart of Jesus
Is the only place of rest.

Author Unknown

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

Some discoveries or decisions disappoint us. I'm disappointed in the decision made last August 2006 by the International Astronomical Union (IAU), about the demotion of the planet, Pluto. Not all astronomers were pleased either. Since the discovery of Pluto in 1938, it had been considered a planet. We had to learn and memorize the nine planets. Now students will have to learn only eight. Astronomers are seeing more and more with their new and powerful telescopes, and from the spacecrafts orbiting in our skies. New technology happens every day. But, the more we learn the less we really know.

What does God think about all this? Does He sit back and say, "They don't know the half of the universe!" Did He have a laugh about this Pluto decision?

Thinking back we have certainly come a long way. Weren't there some who thought the earth was square? We might fall off the edge if we went too far.

So much has developed and changed in the last century. Our great-grand-parents would be overwhelmed! We would probably be overwhelmed if we could see what happens in the next century. Regardless of what scientists or astronomers discover, there will always be things in the heavenly bodies that we can't see or understand. God created a magnificent universe, the half we haven't beheld!

So, now Pluto is considered a dwarf planet. It won't be on the list with the true planets. It will no longer be on the end of the mobiles hanging on our ceiling.

"This is the history of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day the Lord God made the earth and heavens." (Genesis 2:4) "He has made the earth by His power, He has established the world by His wisdom, and has stretched out the heavens at His discretion. When He utters His voice, there is a multitude of waters in the heavens: And He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth. He makes lightening for the rain. He brings the wind out of His treasures." (Jeremiah 10:12-13)

Remember Our Sick

Amie Barkley – Colonoscopy results good. More tests to determine weight loss.

Bill Barkley – back to work on light duty after back surgery.

Carolyn Bennett – knee spars surgery, Wednesday, August 29th.

Lawrence Boley – home, respiratory problems.

Charles Hickey – experiencing more pain, on morphine patch, back home.

Jessilyn Davis – St. Mary's, cancer.

Liliya McDaniel – experiencing some serious health problems.

Heath Forehand – St. Mary's, dehydration.

Jim Lackey – diagnosed with cancer, seriously ill.

Annie Robinson – Mike Creel's sister, cancer no longer in remission, home. Chemo treatment, doctors hopeful.

Don Sheeran – serious health problems, heart/gall-bladder, no date on possible surgery as yet.

Patsy Wisbrock – knee replacement August 22.

Shut-ins – need prayers and visits.

Dover Area:

Bernice Brown

Evelyn Burton

Mae Vanzandt

Russellville Nursing and Rehab Center:

Evelyn Driver

Melba Hodges

Stella Manor:

Louise Killer

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Daisy Hogins Anderson, Bob and Carolyn Bennett, Lloyd Boley, Susie Boley, Jeff Davis, Anna Deimund, Don Eichenberger, Charles Ensey, Hoyt Ensey, Carol Graham, Sue Griffin, David Guthrie, Ray King, Thula La Rue, Robert and Rose Lee, Linda Melton, Bill and Mary McAlister, Ray Motley, Charles Proctor, Summer Russell, Reddie Smith, Tanya Smith, Billy Walters, and David Walters.

Special Children: Elysia Lee, Emmy May, Keith Martin and Noah Williams.

Military: Greg Davis, Johnny Ragsdale, Cole Wetzell and Rudy Will.

Darius Brown, home and discharged.

A Chance To Change

Admiral Byrd – explorer of the Antarctic – is supposed to have said, "Wait, give wind and tide a chance to change."

Long years of dealing with that frozen region had taught him that you cannot always do everything instantly.

When things are going bad, and they do go bad for all of us at times, you cannot always change them instantly. We want things to happen instantly. We have instant tea, coffee, etc. We want instant life changes.

The first step is to recognize and admit that this cannot always be done. In other words, attitude will not change the undesirable happenings, but one can change his attitude toward them. They will change. Give wind and tide a chance to change.

In the meantime, we do not have to be stewing. We can decide to make the waiting time constructive and creative. Don't you know that it would have been difficult for Paul, the man of action, to sit for years in Roman prisons had he not decided to do something else worthwhile while he waited? Many of his great epistles came out of the prison years.

By: E. Winston Burton

Bulletin Digest

Ten Mistakes to Avoid

Remorse over yesterday's failure.

Anxiety over today's problems.

Worry over tomorrow's uncertainty.

Waste of the moment's opportunity.

Procrastination with your present duty.

Resentment of another's success.

Criticism of a neighbor's imperfection.

Impatience with youth's immaturity.

Skepticism of our nation's future.

Unbelief in God's providence.

Hickory Ridge Bulletin

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 Church of Christ Men's Business Meeting

Monday, Sept. 10th, 7 PM
Deacon's meeting 6 PM
(prior to business meeting)

Dover Church of Christ Men's Devo

Thursday, Sept. 13, 7 PM

Host: Marion Helton

Area Wide Youth Devo

September 19th

Dover Church of Christ

Mark Your Calendars

Dover Ladies Night

Thursday, Sept. 20, 7 PM
Hostess: JoAnn Killer

Lawn Schedule

Saturday, September 8
Steve Pennington
Josh Pennington

Baby Shower

Sunday, Sept. 9, 2 PM
Dover Church of Christ
For:
Shelley Culwell

CROSSWALK 2007

13th Annual
September 29 – 30th

Sponsor: Southside Church of
Christ, Rogers, Arkansas
919 South Dixieland
\$15.00 Per Person
(T-Shirt included)

Prayers and Sympathy for the
family and friends of *Thelma*
Hatcher who passed away
Monday, August 20 at
Russellville, Arkansas. She had
lived in Dover and was a
member of the Dover Church of
Christ.

September Birthdays

02 Rhonda Creel
05 Leota Hickey
06 Deidre Luker
07 Ian Roberts
09 Joyce Helton
10 Karen Womack
16 Susan Straight
17 Danielle Williams
Melissa Williams
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 Donna 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 at 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

September 02, 2007

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Rick Hollis
William Boley

Communion

Podium: Jim Killer
Serve: Allen Veasman
Blake Walters
Brent Hottinger
Chris Loper

Scripture Reading

Alan Boatright

Sunday P.M. Prayers

Sid Womack
Robert Bird

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.
Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.
Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Chris and Amanda Besterfeldt

Communion to Shut-Ins

Dennis Whiteside
Chris Loper

Greeters

Robert and Juanita Bird

Wednesday Night Devotional

September 5, 2007

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
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: Kaeli Miller
Sunday Church: Pat McAlister
Kaeli Miller

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