



# Life Lines

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## MY LINES

Micah William

### MEMORIES

A little house with three bedrooms and one car on the street,

A mower that you had to push to make the grass look neat.

In the kitchen on the wall only one phone,

And no need for recording things, someone was always home.

We only had a living room where we would congregate,

Unless it was mealtime in the kitchen where we ate.

We had no need for family rooms or extra rooms to dine,

When meeting as a family those two rooms would work out fine.

We only had one TV set, and channels maybe two,

But always there was one of them with something worth the view.

For snacks we had potato chips that tasted like a chip,

And if you wanted flavor there was Lipton's onion dip.

Store-bought snacks were rare because my mother liked to cook,

And nothing can compare to snacks in Betty Crocker's book.

Weekends were for family trips or staying home to play,

We all did things together – even go to church to pray.

When we did our weekend trips depending on the weather,

No one stayed at home because we liked to be together.

Sometimes we would separate to do things on our own,

But we knew where the others were without our own cell phone.

Then there were the movies with your favorite star,

And nothing can compare to watching movies in your car.

Then there were the picnics at the peak of summer season,

Pack a lunch and find some trees and never need a reason.

Get a baseball game together with all the friends you know,

Have a real action playing ball – and no game video.

Remember when the doctor used to be the family friend,

And didn't need insurance or a lawyer to defend?

The way he took care of you or what he had to do,

Because he took an oath and strived to do the best for you.

Remember going to the store and shopping casually,

And when you went to pay for it you used your own money?

Nothing that you had to swipe or punch in some amount,

Remember when the cashier person had to really count?

The milkman used to go from door to door,

And it was just a few cents more than going to the store.

There was a time when mailed letters came right to your door,

Without a lot of junk mail ads sent out by every store.

The mailman knew each house by name and knew where it was sent;

There were not loads of mail addressed to "present occupant."

There was a time when just one glance was all that it would take,

And you would know the kind of car, the model and the make.

They didn't look like turtles trying to squeeze out every mile;

They were streamlined, white walls, fins, and really had some style.

One time the music that you played whenever you would jive,

Was from a vinyl, big holed record called a forty-five.

The record player had a post to keep them all in line,

And then the records would drop down and play one at a time.

Oh sure, we had our problems then, just like we do today, And always we were striving, trying for a better way.

Oh, the simple life we lived still seems like so much fun,

How can you explain a game, just kick the can and run?

And why would boys put baseball cards between bicycle spokes,

And for a nickel red machines had little bottled Cokes?

This life seemed so much easier and slower in some ways,

I love the new technology but I sure miss those days.

So time moves on and so do we, and nothing stays the same,

But I sure love to reminisce and walk down memory lane.

*Author Unknown  
Sent in by: Iris Bates  
Springdale, AR*

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**Donations from the Dover Church of Christ Ladies' Class have been made to Camp Caudle in memory of:**

**Esther Sparks  
Dora Dean Cloud  
Grady Gregory  
Carl Rackley**

## Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

*“When we cannot bear to be alone, it means we do not properly value the only companion we will have from birth to death.”*

*Eda LeShan, Newsday*

No one likes being alone all the time. We like to socialize, be around our family and friends. Well, most of us do. However, it is nice to have some solitude once in a while. If you don't like yourself, it may be hard to be alone. You may not like the company.

Jesus liked the crowds, those who followed Him to hear His teachings. He also liked solitude. He wanted to be alone to pray to His Father. He wasn't allowed much privacy during His three years of ministry. The crowds wanted to hear everything He taught. Many wanted to be healed. For so long, many had been waiting for His coming. He was their Messiah, their Savior. (How wonderful it must have been for the people who walked the earth during this time with Him!)

Each one of us has been lonely at one time or another. Being lonely and being alone are two different things. We can be happy with both. For a happy well-balanced life, we need some of both. Not all of one or the other.

We need our alone time to pray, to study our Bible and to think. We need time with others for the same. We can pray together, study together and discuss our thoughts with each other.

God did not intend for us to be alone. He created families. He encourages us to be friends and to have friends. The church is a family. The people all make up the church family. We are to care for and befriend the other members. We are the family of God.

We were not made to be alone. Loneliness can breed depression and other illnesses. We need some of both, solitude and togetherness. Enjoy our friends and family. Enjoy our alone time with God.

“The same fence that shuts others out shuts you in.” *Bill Copeland*

## Remember Our Sick

**Bobbye Meline** – serious health problems and an infected leg.

**Barbara Mitchell** – Tim Mitchell's mother in St. Mary's, mini-stroke, running tests.

**Stone Family** – St. Louis, family problems.

**Lela Beth Wallace** – diagnosed with cancer, had surgery, home doing fine.

**Ahishi Web** – Clay Whitting's sister, cancer at age 35.

**Shut-ins:** Need prayers and visits.

Dover Area: **Bernice Brown**

**Evelyn Burton**

**Mae Vanzandt**

Russellville Nursing and Rehab Center:

**Thelma Hatcher**

Stella Manor: **Louise Killer**

**Pauline Whorton**

**Others Who Need Our Prayers:**

Walter and Thelma Arcynski, Twila Bench, Susie Boley, Gail Brewer, Jamie Churchill, Tom Cloud, Jeff Davis, Hoyt Ensey, Barbara Fore-hand, Sue Griffin, Hiroko Hatcher, Brian Holloway, Hadden Jones, Robert and Rose Lee, Theresa McKinley, John and Jannie Myers, Reddie Smith, Tanya Smith and Elsie Youngerman.

**Special Children:** Kaitlyn Ford, Emmy May, Gabriel Ross Finlayson, Keith Martin, Zachary Shelton and Noah Williams.

**Military:** Darus Brown, Greg Davis, Johnny Ragsdale, Cole Wetzel and Rudy Will.

### Baptism

**Victoria Mitchell** baptized,  
Sunday, August 27, 2006

**Hoyt Ensey** baptized,  
Wednesday, August 30, 2006.

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### MILE PICK-UP

**Saturday, September 16,  
Please meet in the church  
parking lot, 8:00 AM.**

## “Don't Grumble And Complain!”

*“Do all things without complaining and disputing . . .”* (Philippians 2:14)

Do you suppose there have always been complainers and grumblers? I do! Paul wrote to a church that was doing many things right but probably had a problem with complaining. He told them to stop it!

Paul said about the same thing to the Corinthians. (I Corinthians 10:7-10) *“Do not be idolaters . . . (vs. 7) Nor grumble, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.”* (vs. 10)

Paul also used the example of the Israelites as the foundation for his admonition. The Israelites were complainers also! But God wasn't pleased. He wiped them out!

There is a lesson in this for us today, also. One of the greatest hindrances to good works is the complainer. Every good work has those who detract from the potential success. And most of us will admit that we sometimes become grouchy and disgruntled. All of us are tempted to be negative at times. But we don't have to make a habit of it!

Most of us prefer to keep company with people who are up-beat, positive and encouraging. When we are around complainers too often or for too long, it negatively impacts our own attitude. The church needs more of that positive, encouraging attitude and less complainers. This way we can be recognized as “. . . *children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world . . .*” (Philippians 2:15)

*Richard Kirkland*

## 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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Dover Church of Christ  
Lawn Schedule  
September 16th  
John Myers  
Troy Curtis

Men's Business  
Meeting  
September 11<sup>th</sup>,  
Monday, 7:00 PM  
Dover Church of Christ

Men's Devo  
September 14<sup>th</sup>,  
Thursday, 7:00 PM  
At The Veasman's

Ladies Night  
September 21<sup>st</sup>,  
Thursday, 7:00 PM  
Hostess: Cara Williams

## Mark Your Calendars

Elders Meeting  
September 26<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, 7:00 PM  
Dover Church of Christ

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LADIES DAY  
October 14, 8:30 AM till Noon  
(Breakfast & Lunch Provided)  
Clarksville Church of Christ  
2211 West Main (Hwy 64 W)  
Clarksville, AR  
Theme: Thoughts for Today  
Speaker: Sandra Foster  
Please RSVP - (479) 754-3360

Friends Day  
"Youth Get Together"  
Clarksville Church of Christ  
October 22, 6:00PM  
(Dinner Provided)  
Food, Fun and Fellowship!  
Speaker: Jon Binkley,  
From Paragould, AR  
RSVP: (479) 754-3360

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Prayers and Sympathy  
For the family and friends of  
**Scott Church** who passed away  
suddenly, Sunday, August 27,  
2006. He was the son-in-law of  
Robert and Juanita Bird.  
Memorial services Morrilton,  
AR, Thursday, August 31,  
2006.

## September Birthdays

02 Rhonda Creel  
05 Leota Hickey  
06 Deidre Luker  
07 Ian Roberts  
09 Joyce Helton  
Thelma Hatcher  
16 Susan Straight  
17 Danielle Williams  
Melissa Weinberg  
20 Jannie Myers  
21 Dimitrios Tsigourlas  
Michaela Walker  
22 Nathan Killer  
24 Wayne Strickland  
Alan Walker  
Gary Williams  
26 Justin Vaughn  
28 Donna Walters

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

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AREA WIDE  
CONGREGATIONAL  
SINGING  
Saturday Evening, September 23<sup>rd</sup>  
5th & Greenwich  
Church of Christ  
620 E. Fifth Street  
Russellville, AR  
You are invited to attend and  
participate!  
(Refreshments)  
Call (479) 967-4627 if you have a  
group that would like to sing for us.

"In Search of the  
Lord's Way"

Mack Lyon's weekly lesson can be  
heard and viewed in this area on  
KARK, Channel 4, Sunday, 8:00 AM.

# ***THOSE TO SERVE***

***September 10, 2006***

## **Sunday A.M.**

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

### **Prayers**

Brett Walters  
Chris Loper

### **Communion**

**Podium:** Earl Whitted  
**Serve:** Blake Walters  
Brent Hottinger  
Dennis Whiteside  
Earl Kennedy

### **Scripture Reading**

Gary Williams

## **Sunday P.M. Prayers**

Dennis Whiteside  
Donny Forehand

# **SPEAKER**

**Sunday A.M.**  
Micah Williams

**Sunday P.M.**  
Micah Williams

## **Prepare Table for Communion**

Donny and Leigh Anne Forehand

## **Communion to Shut-Ins**

Blake Forehand  
Donny Forehand

## **Greeters**

James and Shirlie Chadwick

## **Wednesday Night Devotional**

**September 13, 2006**

Brett Walters

**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  
Chris Moss  
Joe Miller

### **Nursery Attendants:**

**Sunday Class:** Patsy Wisbrock  
Kaeli Miller  
**Sunday Church:** Pat McAlister  
Kaeli Miller

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