



Life Lines

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Burned Biscuits

When I was a little boy, my mom liked to make breakfast food for dinner every now and then. And I remember one night in particular when she had made breakfast after a long hard day at work. On that evening so long ago, my mom placed a plate of eggs, sausage and extremely burned biscuits in front of my dad. I remember waiting to see if anyone noticed! Yet all my dad did was reach for his biscuit, smile at my mom and ask me how my day was at school. I don't remember what I told him that night, but I do remember watching him smear butter and jelly on that biscuit and eat every bite!

When I got up from the table that evening, I remember hearing my mom apologize to my dad for burning the biscuits. And I'll never forget what he said: "Baby, I love burned biscuits."

Later that night, I went to kiss Daddy good night and I asked him if he really liked his biscuits burned. He wrapped me in his arms and said, "Your Momma put in a hard day at work today and she's real tired. And besides – a little burnt biscuit never hurt anyone!"

You know, life is full of imperfect things . . . and imperfect people. I'm not the best housekeeper or cook. What I've learned over the years is that learning to accept each other's faults – and choosing to celebrate each other's differences – is one of the most important keys to creating a

healthy, growing and lasting relationship.

And that's my prayer for you today. That you will learn to take the good, the bad and the ugly parts of your life and lay them at the feet of God. Because in the end, He's the only One who will be able to give you a relationship where a burnt biscuit isn't a deal-breaker!

We could extend this concept to any relationship, in fact - as understanding is the base of any relationship, be it a husband-wife or parent-child or friendship!

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.

*Leo Buscaglia
Home Touch*

This simple story of the burned biscuits touched my heart. How much more simple life would be if we handled situations like the husband did in this story. How many arguments, accusations or hurt feelings could this remedy? The wife was tired from a hard day at work. She didn't intentionally burn those biscuits. The husband's kindness didn't finish off her day, but made it much better!

Hopefully, some young couples will read this story and use this in their marriage. This would apply to many situations, not just burned biscuits.

All of us make mistakes, so it helps

when we have someone who understands. It helps to have some one who cares that we have had a bad day, and doesn't want to add fuel to the fire.

The way this husband handled the burned biscuits is what makes a long, happy marriage. People are always asking couples, who have been married for fifty or sixty years, what their secret is to this longevity. This husband could tell his story about the burned biscuits. That's what makes long lasting marriages.

Most of us know what would have happened if the husband had been mad and upset about the biscuits. There would be some name calling, perhaps unkind words, and the fight would begin. This would upset the wife because she was already tired. There would be words they would later regret. But, this didn't happen. This outcome was very good, because the husband put someone's need above his.

Also, and probably most important in this story, is the effect this example had on the child. The father impressed the child because, besides being very kind to his mother, the dad ate the burned biscuits! The child learned that life is not perfect, people are not perfect, and there are excellent ways to handle these imperfections.

In life, we need to accept the fault of others because we want them to accept ours. "*And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise.*" (Luke 6:31 NKJV)

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Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

**Tiny hands and tousled heads
That kneels in prayer by little beds
Are closer to the dear Lord's heart
And of His kingdom more a part
Than we who search and never find
The answers to our questioning mind.**

Helen Steiner Rice

There is nothing sweeter than hearing the prayer of a little child. Their words are so sincere, right from their little heart. Many times their prayers are very long because they include everyone they know.

I've had students in my Bible classes ask if it is okay to pray about a ballgame, or about an upcoming test. I think we can pray about anything that concerns us. When we do this, we are including God in everything that happens in our daily lives. This is a good thing.

Jesus loves children. He told His disciples, when they asked who was the greatest in the kingdom, that unless you become as little children, you cannot enter the kingdom of heaven. ***"Therefore, whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."*** (Matthew 18:4 NKJV)

Then Jesus warns them when He said, ***"But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the sea."*** (18:6) We must humble ourselves as little children and never cause them to sin. The alternative is destruction for us.

"Don't worry that children never listen to you; worry that they are always watching you!" *Robert Fulghum*

How true! Children don't always listen to us, but you can be assured that they are watching. Later, we find they are doing exactly what we did. Our lives are an example to them whether we want it to be or not. Jesus said, ***"Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."*** (Matthew 5:16 NKJV)

Our good works that glorify our Father will also be a living example to the little children with whom we come into contact each day. Remember, they are watching more than we realize!

Remember Our Sick

Bob Bennett – on oxygen – at home.

James Chadwick – enlarged pulmonary artery, getting only 30% oxygen.

Frank Colvin – Coming home Sept. 2nd

Melvin Davis – chemo again.

Roger Lay – diagnosed with cancer.

Gwen Milligan – Leukemia with pneumonia.

Gary Shinn – home recovering

Earl Whitted – diagnosed with cancer, appointment Sept. 3rd, to discuss treatment.

Pray for the cure of cancer!

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, Carolyn Bennett, Susie Boley, Troy & Rachel Curtis, Jeff Davis, Pauline Dale, Barbara Dawson, Jim Dempsey 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 and sympathy for the family of Onie Friedrich, of Tyler, Texas who passed away this month. She was a very close friend of Joan Vance.

God Wants Me to Be Happy

Death brings heartaches that only God can heal.

He also brings love and memories that no one can steal.

Indeed He does! He wants you to be happier than just happy. God wants you to live the "blessed" life!

Jesus spoke of true happiness (blessedness) as a reality for those who follow Him faithfully. (Matthew 5:3-12; Revelation 1:3; 22:7, 14)

However, some use this sentiment to justify continuing to practice sins that we enjoy. They fail to see that while God wants us to be happy, He does not condone sin as a means to happiness.

God wants you to be happy, but He does not want you to divorce your spouse for someone else whom you think will make you happy. (Matthew 19:3-9)

God wants you to be happy, but He does not want you to abandon the purity of His New Testament truth or forsake His church to experience the pleasures of worldliness. (II Timothy 4:2-4; Luke 11:28; James 4:4)

God wants you to be happy, but He does not want you to destroy your body and your influence for Him through addictions and abusive habits. (I Corinthians 6:19-20)

The pleasure of sin (Hebrews 11:25) must never be confused with the happiness of God, even when it is wrapped in religious and social approval.

Find true happiness – God's way!

By: John Gardner
Glad Tidings/ Good Things
Jacksonville Church of Christ
Jacksonville, Alabama

George Bailey said: Without Christ, we have a hopeless end; with Christ we have an endless hope.

A pearl is that which came out of a peril.

It's just as important to have an object in preaching as it is a subject.

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 19th
Allen Veasman/Mario Litch

Dover Church of Christ
Hiway Trash Pick-up
Saturday, September 19th
Church Parking Lot 8 AM

Dover Men's Devo
Thursday, 7 PM
September 10th,
Host: Allen Veasman

Dover Ladies Night
Thursday, 7 PM
September 17th
Hostess: Marilyn
Veasman

Men's Business Meeting
(Second Monday)
September 14, 7 PM
Dover Church of Christ

Mark Your Calendars

Gospel Meeting
Higden Church of Christ
September 13-16
Mon-Wed, 7 PM
Speaker: Ed Wharton

DOVER GUARDS/GIFTS
Will meet September 20th
Sunday, 4:00 PM

W I N G S
(Women in God's Service)
Every Thursday,
From September 10th
Through October 29th
9AM – 11:30 AM
West Side Church of Christ
Russellville, AR

Dover's Young Adults
Get-together!
September 12th,
5 PM, Saturday
Russellville Bowling
Host: The Forehands
Each family is responsible for
their own expenses.

"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
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

SPEAKER

September 13, 2009

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Allen Veasman
Alan Boatright

Communion

Podium: Earl Whitted
Serve: Marion Helton
Kevin Nordin
Larry Mahan
Lee Henson

Scripture Reading

William Boley

Sunday P.M. Prayers

William Boley
Tommy Oakes

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Chris & Amanda Besterfeldt

Communion to Shut-Ins

Chris Loper

Greeters

Gary & Sonia Williams

Wednesday Night Devotional

September 16, 2009

Earl Stamps

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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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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