



# Life Lines

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## Who Is The Lord?

A great many people think as Pharaoh did when he said, "**Who is the Lord, that I should obey His voice, to let Israel go?**" (Exodus 5:2)

A large class of people limit God to what they think He ought to be. Sometimes they assert dogmatically what God can do and what He cannot do. They measure God by themselves and attribute to Him ignorance and stupidity.

The class of men must test divine commandments by human expediency, and confirm the integrity of God's Word by human wisdom. As to His personality they are in great doubt. They do a lot of searching for a Supreme Being – mostly in quest of evidence that there is no such being. They go into the laboratory to look for God. They search the skies to see if they can find Him there.

Having little reverence, they do not credit the language of David, that, ". . . **the heavens declare the glory of God; the firmament showeth His handiwork.**" (Psalm 19:1) If they cannot see God under the microscope, or through the telescope, they play the fool by saying in their hearts, ". . . **there is no God.**" (Psalm 53:1) They conclude their one-sided investigation and say: "**Who is the Lord that we should obey His voice.**"

Pharaoh regarded himself as big and smart. Skeptical wits magnify themselves and belittle God. They glory in men. They mark human

strength and measure human progress. They are extremely inflated, more so with wind than with wisdom.

In the twelfth chapter of Luke we read about a man who got rich, but God called him a fool. Nothing is written against his honesty and integrity as a man of the world. His land brought bountiful crops. He had more than he needed, but he wanted to keep it all to himself. Unmindful of divine providence, he credited himself with being a successful farmer. Without rain and sunshine, which God only can provide, his farm would have been as barren as a desert. He tore down all his barns and built bigger ones, and there stored his crops.

It frequently happens that men are so satisfied with the stream that they forget the fountain. The only thing we know against this man is that he forgot God. This is what he said, "**Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years. Take thine ease; eat, drink and be merry.**" His vain dream of life was thwarted when a strange voice came to him. It was God who spoke. How terrible were the words: "**Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee; then whose shall those things be which thou has provided?**"

This man was rich for the present life, but a pauper for the world to come. Material wealth may be so held and used as to blind the mind, harden the heart, inflame the passions, pervert the understanding and destroy the soul. The wealth of the world has never been and cannot be, a security

against death. Under the most favorable circumstances, death is a solemn event. Then what must it be to one who has never put his trust in God?

## The Way to Start

The journey of life is a race to run, and much depends upon the start one makes. "**Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth easily beset us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.**" (Hebrews 12:1-2)

But instead of laying aside every weight, sometimes some of these impediments are retained for the pleasure of life or economical advantage. This holds men back and retards progress.

If the Christian life is like running a race, then a great number of people are making a failure – they try to run the race standing still or sitting down.

Repentance is not accomplished by laying aside some sins, but by laying aside every sin.

Partial repentance does not please God.

W. M. Davis  
Via Heartland Herald

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**Cell Phone Safety: If you talk on the cell phone in your car, play it safe! Duct Tape the phone to your head and keep both hands firmly on the wheel!**

(Another use for Duct Tape?)

## Lines for Ladies

*By Pat McAlister*

“Can you search out the deep things of God? Can you find out the limits of the Almighty? They are higher than heaven – what can you do? Deeper than Sheol – what can you know? Their measure is longer than the earth and broader than the sea.” (Job 11:7-9 NKJV) The NIV has, “Can you fathom the mysteries of God?”

“God is in control, and nothing really matters. God’s ways can’t be fully known to mortals. True faith receives all that God does in full trust and confidence.”

Burton Coffman

At one time or another, most of us have questioned God. And I think this is okay. There is no way our faith is so good that we will accept everything that happens without a question. We are human. God’s reasons for allowing things to happen cannot be known to us because His ways are above our understanding. He has the big picture before Him, and we do not.

We have lost several of our beloved members this year. We don’t know why God allowed this to happen. The families and friends have been left void. There has been much sadness, but also a good feeling. These people were Christians. Their reward is in heaven. We will see them again if we remain faithful.

Although God is in control, He can’t be blamed for everything that happens. Circumstances and lifestyles can cause things to happen, whether pleasant or not. God can change circumstances if He so desires. Or, He just allows things to happen. We can ask why, but never know.

“Can you fathom the mysteries of God?” We can’t because they are immeasurable. Their measure is longer than the earth and broader than the sea.

We must trust in God, knowing that He controls what happens and it will be best for us. We do this because we know He loves us. He does not allow more than we can bear.

## Remember Our Sick

Bob Bennett – in St. Mary’s, pneumonia  
Nancy Cummings – health issues.  
Frank Colvin- came home Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>. Thanks for your prayers and sending cards. Please continue doing both.  
Roger Lay – diagnosed with cancer.  
Jim Lackey – cancer, chose not to have any more treatments.  
Janette Litch – radiation treatments  
Jeff Myers – In St. Mary’s, extreme back pain.  
Carolyn Statler – Jamie Statler’s mother, in rehab.  
Earl Whitted – surgery scheduled for October 7<sup>th</sup>, no treatments needed.

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, James/Shirlie Chadwick, Troy/Rachel Curtis, Jeff Davis, Melvin Davis, Pauline Dale, Barbara Dawson, Jim Dempsey, Charles Ensey, Larry/Rhonda Freeman, Carol Graham, Sue Griffin, Joe Kline, Rose Lee, Daniel Loper, Cindy Martin, Linda Melton, Julie Moss, BJ/Don Sheeran, Christine Sheeran, Gary & Doreen Shinn, 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: prayers for D. J. Bandy, Jr., Travis Coe, Byron Lee, April Morgan, Billy Joe Ralston and others serving our nation.

## How’s Your Hearing?

For oldsters, this can be a sensitive topic. No one likes to think that his or her hearing isn’t what it used to be.

Like this husband: An old man was wondering if his wife had a hearing problem. So one night, he stood behind her while she was sitting in her lounge chair.

He spoke softly to her, “Honey can you hear me?” There was no response.

He moved a little closer and said, “Honey can you hear me?” Still, no response.

Finally he moved right behind her and said again, “Honey can you hear me?”

She replied, “FOR THE THIRD TIME, YES, I CAN HEAR YOU!”

Speaking of hearing, no one can hear as well as a mother. It’s almost a supernatural gift that seems to come with the birth of one’s first child. Moms, for example, can sleep through the roar of a train passing one block away, but can instantly awake to the smallest whimper from her infant down the hall. Moms can discriminate between “quiet” and “too quiet.” They can tell from their child’s cry whether they are hurt or hungry. And they can differentiate their own child’s voice from all their classmates. How do they do it? It’s no mystery. Moms are super attuned to their children’s voices because they love them.

The same can probably be said of fathers, but perhaps the sense of hearing is more acute in a mother. I say this because we don’t often think of God as a mother; we’re used to calling God our heavenly Father. But God hears like a mother.

In the end, it doesn’t matter. The point is that God has great hearing!

God hears our every cry. That’s why God invites us to speak: “Call to me and I will answer you.” (Jeremiah 33:3)

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“If you are all wrapped up in yourself – you are overdressed!”

Author Unknown

## 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 Lawn Care  
Saturday,  
October 3rd  
Gary Williams  
Jamie Churchill

### OZARK MEMORIES DAY

September, 26th,  
Last Saturday in  
September

See Amanda Besterfeldt  
for Float Building!!

Dover Youth In Home  
Devotional  
Sunday, October 4th,  
Following Evening  
Services

Lee and Andrea Henson

## Mark Your Calendars

Dover Men's Devo  
October 8th  
Thursday, 7 PM  
Host: Donny Forehand

Dover Ladies Night  
3rd Thursday  
October 15, 7 PM  
Hostess: Tanya Smith

Dover Church of Christ  
Fall Festival  
October 24th  
Saturday, 5 PM  
Camp Caudle

See Amanda Besterfeldt  
for details

GIFTS & GUARDS  
Dover Church of Christ  
First & Third Sunday  
Afternoons in October,  
November and December.

October 4th  
and  
Again October 18th  
4 PM

## October Birthdays

- 01 Rose Lee  
Shannon Nicole
- 09 Jason Clark
- 12 Susie Boley
- 13 Kelley Chance  
Cyndie Loper
- 14 Janie McQueen
- 15 Heath Forehand
- 16 Bonnie Vinson
- 19 Robert Lee
- 22 Kelsi Hottinger  
Emma Letson
- 23 Blake Walters
- 27 Carin Vaughn

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  
any time on website:  
[www.searchtv.org](http://www.searchtv.org)

Mack Lyon's Weekly  
Lesson can be heard  
and seen on  
KARK, Channel 4  
Sunday, 7:30 AM

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# THOSE TO SERVE

September 27, 2009

## Sunday A.M.

**Announcer:** Randall Walters

**Song Leader:** Merrell Shoptaw

### Prayers

Marion Helton

Lee Henson

### Communion

**Podium:** Earl Whitted

**Serve:** Steve Pennington

Sid Womack

Josh Pennington

Allen Veasman

### Scripture Reading

Rick Hollis

## Sunday P.M.

### Prayers

Larry Mahan

Joe Miller

# SPEAKER

## Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

## Sunday P.M.

Micah Williams

### Prepare Table for Communion

Chris & Amanda Besterfeldt

### Communion to Shut-Ins

Earl Whitted

### Greeters

Gary & Sonia Williams

### Wednesday Night Devotional

September 30, 2009

Jim Killer

### 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**

**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

### Nursery Attendants:

**Sunday Class:** JoAnn Killer

**Sunday Church:** Pat McAlister

Kaeli Miller

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