



# Life Lines

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## THE NUMBER ONE

By Martin Kilpatrick

Most people understand that one does not mean two or more. However, in the field of religion many often become confused. When we consider the many ways man has devised to try to worship and serve his Creator, it is apparent that very little consideration has been given to the significant role the number one plays in God's scheme of redemption.

In Genesis 3, we have the introduction of sin into the world. In Genesis 4, we have the introduction of worship in the form of animal sacrifice. There was only one way to please God, but Cain did not, but what made the difference? Abel obeyed by faith, while Cain worshiped as he pleased (Hebrews 11:4). In essence, Cain thought his sacrifice would be pleasing to God as Abel's, but he was terribly mistaken.

As wickedness among the people increased, God chose one man whose name was Noah (Genesis 6:8). According to the apostle Peter, Noah was a preacher of righteousness (II Peter 2:5). While preaching to the people, Noah obeyed God by building an ark. There was only one ark – one place of safety. All outside of the ark perished in the universal flood (Genesis 7:21-23).

In Exodus 20, we read of the 10 Commandments. God said, "**Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.**" (Exodus 20:3) There is only one true and living God, and He will be second to none other. In the Old Testament we see how God used the concept of one – one God, One Deliverer, one way of worshiping Him, one ark for safety from destruction, one law which was His, and only one way for His people to express their love for Him, by obeying His law.

The concept of one and its significance is also seen in the New Testament. In the New Testament we read of the greatest expression of God's love. He sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to die for the sin of the whole world (John 3:16; I John 2:1-2). There is only one Savior. He promised to build His church (Matthew 16:18-19). Christ built only one church (Acts 2) and this church is His body. The apostle Paul wrote, "**And He is the head of the body, the church . . .**" (Colossians 1:18) Christ is also the Savior of His body, the church (Ephesians 5:23). Some will say, "Well the church doesn't save us." This is true, but the real question is "Where are the saved?" There are only three possibilities: 1) they are in the church, 2) they are not in the church, or 3) some are in and some are not in the church. The Bible says they are in the one body which is His church (Ephesians 1:22-23). Christ has promised to save only His church (5:23).

Since the Lord adds the saved to His church (Acts 2:47) one might ask, "How then, do I get into the church of Christ? There is only one way, and that is through obedience to the gospel (Romans 1:16). On Pentecost (Acts 2), the people heard but one message. Those who gladly received the word, as preached by the apostles, were baptized for the remission of their sins (Acts 2:38,41). Friend, it is still the same today. You must hear the gospel, believe in Christ as God's Son, repent of your sins and be baptized in the name of Christ for the remission (forgiveness) of your sins. This is the one way that is right, and cannot be wrong.

Dear Reader, there is only one way we can worship God and please Him. Jesus said, "**God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.**" (John 4:24) The New Testament furnishes us a pattern for to-

day's worship. The Lord's church worshipped on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7). The worship consisted of singing without the use of mechanical instruments of music (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16); praying (Acts 2:42); observing the Lord's death by eating the Lord's Supper (I Corinthians 11:23-29); giving of one's means (I Corinthians 16:1-2; II Corinthians 9:7); and hearing the preaching of God's word (Acts 20:7). When we follow this pattern for our worship, we are pleasing to God. This is the one and only way the Lord has authorized us to worship Him. Friend, when and how do you worship God? Do you worship on Sunday, the first day of the week? Do you follow the divinely given pattern for worship, revealed in the New Testament?

Precious people, there is only one way we can be saved and that is by our obedience to the gospel (Mark 16:15-16). Are you a member of the Lord's church?

Jesus said, "**I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.**" (John 14:6) Friend we enter into Christ by being baptized into Him (Romans 6:3-4; Galatians 3:26-27).

**"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all."** (Ephesians 4:4-6)

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## Coats For Kids

**Bring Coats/Jackets/Sweaters to the Church Office for the needy. No clothes.**

## Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

Recently, in the comics of the newspaper, "The Family Circus" by Bill Keane, little Billy and his siblings were hugging their mother. Billy says, "Mommy aren't you afraid you'll run out of love?" "No, Billy," says the mother, "It seems the more I love the more love I'm given to love with!"

Isn't this true? The more you love, the more you are given to love with.

I remember this with my daughters. I had one daughter and was about to have my second one. My mother was here to help me. One day I told her that I wasn't sure I could love another child as much as I did the first one. I had such a deep love for her. She just smiled, with wisdom, telling me not to worry. I would love each child as much as the other, no matter how many I had! She was right! I loved the second just as much.

I didn't have these doubts with the third daughter. I knew from experience that I would love her as well as the others. The more you have, the more love you are given. It has been proven to be true with the grandchildren and great grandchildren. The love just multiplies!

We find this to be true with our friends and church family. As the members grow, we grow in love. There is always plenty of love to go around. We never run out, like Billy was worried about. We have the love to give and to accept from others.

Aren't we pleased that God's love never runs out! He loves us, loved those before us, and will love those after us. *"Let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love."* (I John 4:7-8)

Love is everything. *"And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing."* (I Corinthians 13:2-3)

## Remember Our Sick

**Bob Bennett** – home, improving.

**Nina Cain** – Diane Walters' mother, had knee surgery.

**Terry Chitwood** – Rose Lee's son, ICU, Barnes Hosp., St. Louis, improving.

**Tommy Causey** – Shirlye Chadwick's brother, diagnosed with cancer.

**Hoyt Ensey** – serious health issues.

**Mary Franke** – suddenly lost her sight, close friend of Sheeran's, St. Louis.

**Paul Griffin** – Hospice

**Joyce Helton** – doctor appointment October 9th, to schedule colon surgery.

**Eddie Holloway** – home from hospital.

**Robert Paul Leavell** – home from hospital, surgery and therapy to follow.

**Mary Sue Martin/Betty Ann Johnson** both diagnosed with cancer.

**Jeff Myers** – had surgery, Thursday, Oct. 2, kidney stones, home, improving.

**Gary Nicholson** – Shirlye Chadwick's son, not improving.

**Rodney Pfeifer** – pray for success of treatments, several more scheduled.

**Dr. Robert Thurlby** – having surgery October 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Patsy Wisbrock** – lower back surgery, October 8th, AR Surgery Hosp, LR.

**Shut-ins - need prayers and visits:**

Dover Area: **Evelyn Burton**

**Robert Lee**

Russellville Nursing & Rehab Center:

**Evelyn Driver**

**Melba Hodges**

Stella Manor: **Louise Killer**

**Mae Vanzandt**

**Others Who Need Our Prayers:**

Yvonne Adkisson, Amie Barkley, Carolyn Bennett, Bill Boley, Lloyd Boley, Lois Boley, Susie Boley, Eugene Cox, Troy/Rachel Curtis, Jeff Davis, Pauline Dale, Barbara Dawson, Charles Ensey, Sarah Ensey, Carol Graham, Sue Griffin, Joanna & Jim Gurest, Brent Hottinger, Pat Holloway, Cleon Johnson, Ruby Gene Johnson, Dorothy King, Rose Lee, Linda Melton, Julie Moss, Cherry Nicholson, Don Sheeran, Reedie Smith, Tanya Smith, Juanita Townsend, Ethan Turner, and Judy Will.

**Special Children:** Zeke Church, Garrett Hogan, Tiffany Knight, Elysia Lee, Keith Martin and Noah Williams.

**Our Military:** Cole Wetzel, D. J. Bandy and Travis Coe.

## The Only One Pulling!

An out-of-towner drove his car into a ditch in a desolate area. Luckily, a local farmer came to help with his big strong horse named Buddy.

The farmer hitched Buddy up to the car and yelled, "Pull Nellie, pull!: Buddy didn't move. Then the farmer hollered, "Pull, Buster, pull!" Buddy didn't respond. Once more the farmer commanded, "Pull, Coco. Pull!" Nothing.

Then the farmer nonchalantly said "Pull, Buddy, pull!" and the horse easily dragged the car out of the ditch.

The motorist was most appreciative, but very curious. He asked the farmer why he called his horse by the wrong name three times.

The farmer said, "Oh, Buddy is blind and if he thought he was the only one pulling, he wouldn't even try!"

We're a lot like Buddy. We don't like to do something if we're the only one pulling.

Need an example? Ever said, "Why should I pour my time and effort into the work of the church? No one else does, and it wouldn't be appreciated anyway!"

See what I mean? Like Elijah in the cave, we say to God, ". . . *I alone am left . . .*" (I Kings 19:10) Nobody else is faithful. Nobody else is trying.

But God told Elijah he had 7,000 on his side. Like Buddy and Elijah, we may be blind to what others are doing around us. But even if we are the only ones doing what is right, we need to continue.

*From Fifth & Greenwich Church of  
Christ  
Russellville, Arkansas*

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### Baptized

**Monday, September 29, 2008**

Paul and Rebecca Helton were baptized and Baylee Linker (daughter) was baptized.

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## 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's Lawn Mowing Schedule

Saturday, October 25th  
Rick Hollis  
Earl Whitted

### Area Wide Youth Devo

3rd Sunday,  
October 19th,  
5:30 PM

West Side Church of Christ  
At Arkansas Tech  
Russellville, Arkansas

2008 Teacher's  
Appreciation Banquet  
Sunday, November 2nd

Dover Church of Christ  
Fellowship Hall  
More details to follow!

## Mark Your Calendars

2008 – 2009

Lads to Leaders

Leaderettes

Overall Theme:

*“... All that You command  
us we will do,  
and wherever You send us  
we will go.”*  
**(Joshua 1:16)**

Lads to Leaders  
and Leaderettes

Will meet/: First & Third  
Sundays, 4PM

Boys: GUARD (Guys  
Understanding Authority  
and Real Discipleship)

Girls: GIFTS (Girls In  
Fellowship and Team Study)

Dover Ladies Night

Please note the change  
Friday, October 17, 7PM  
Home of: Tanya Smith

“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

## October Birthdays

01 Rose Lee  
Shannon Nicole  
09 Jason Clark  
Lisa Mullins  
12 Susie Boley  
13 Kelley Chance  
Cyndie Loper  
15 Heath Forehand  
16 Bonnie Vinson  
19 Robert Lee  
21 Brent Brown  
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.

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## Annual Harvest Fest

Saturday, October 25th

Camp Caudle

Games 4:30 PM

Food Served 6:00 PM

Sign-up Sheet to Follow.

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*“The Lord is good, a stronghold in  
the day of trouble; He knows those  
who take refuge in Him.”*  
**(Nahum 1:7)**

# ***THOSE TO SERVE***

***October 19, 2008***

**Sunday A.M.**

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

## **Prayers**

Larry Mahan  
William Boley

## **Communion**

**Podium:** Allen Veasman  
**Serve:** Donny Forehand  
Drew Walters  
Earl Whitted  
Gary Williams

## **Scripture Reading**

Marion Helton

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

“Young Men”  
“Young Men”

# **SPEAKER**

**Sunday A.M.**  
Micah Williams

**Sunday P.M.**  
“Young Men”

## **Prepare Table for Communion**

Chris & Amanda Besterfeldt

## **Communion to Shut-Ins**

Donny Forehand  
Blake Forehand

## **Greeters**

Gary & Sonia Williams

**Wednesday Night  
Devotional  
October 22, 2008**

Dennis Whiteside

## **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

## **Nursery Attendants:**

**Sunday Class:** JoAnn Killer  
**Sunday Church:** Pat McAlister  
Kaeli Miller

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