



Life Lines

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A tribute to Lawrence Boley . . .

Lawrence was an avid hunter. He loved the outdoors, whether, riding horses or just working. It didn't matter much to him. When his health allowed, he always had a large garden. He shared his produce with others. He was a kind, generous man.

At his funeral, this was said of Lawrence, over and over, "he loved life and lived it to the fullest." People enjoyed being with him. He enjoyed and appreciated the pleasures of life. He had come from a large family that worked hard. Being a self-employed farmer here and in Missouri had not been an easy life. But, as hard as it was, he found satisfaction, making the most of it.

Even in his earlier years, Lawrence was an accident waiting to happen. The family told Micah that they were always nervous about leaving their kids alone with grandpa. They were not exempt from accidents when they were with him. A visit often meant a trip to the ER!

Lawrence was a good bass singer, who loved to sing in church. He always had a smile of approval when Merrell or Rick sang one of his favorite songs. He was an encouragement to both of them. He had requested congregational singing at his funeral. The singing was beautiful! You could almost hear Lawrence singing in the songs he had chosen. He had asked Rick to sing, *A Beautiful Life*, by Wm. Golden: *Each day I'll do a golden deed, by helping those who*

are in need, My life on earth is but a span, and so I'll do the best I can.

Lawrence would never suspect that this song was him. It says exactly how he lived his life. He did golden deeds to those in need. He knew life was short, so he did the best he could. It is a beautiful song of praise to God, just like Lawrence knew it would be.

At his funeral, Micah explained to us that, just as many of us, Lawrence had made mistakes in his early life. So he understood the grace of God as no other would. ***"For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."*** (Hebrews 8:12) Lawrence was not shy about telling others about the grace of God. He packed his pew with friends and family. He shared Christ with them.

Lawrence was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He loved the Lord. He loved his church family. He was a servant. He tried to follow the example of Jesus Christ. It didn't matter what needed to be done, Lawrence was there to help. It might be mowing lawns, moving furniture, hauling wood, or anything else considered hard work. Whether he felt like it or not, he was there to help. He might mow down your flowers or shrubs, as he did for Jannie Myers when John was sick. Lawrence probably spent as much time as anyone else working at Camp Caudle (Children's Christian Camp). He spent many hours there.

Micah talked of how Lawrence was such a special person to him,

personally. In fact, he reminded Micah of his grandfather. Lawrence invited Micah to hunt with him. They had some special times together in the woods. Lawrence didn't mind someone tagging along. He welcomed them. He even wanted them to get a deer. He had gotten many in the past so now he was interested in helping Micah or whoever was with him. This was another sign of his unselfishness.

Micah also mentioned his driving would scare anyone riding with him, not to mention the bumps they would hit. Hunting in the woods with Lawrence probably wasn't the safest place to be.

Lawrence was an encouragement to Micah. After his health worsened he moved from the pew in the middle of the church to the second row, right in front of Micah in the pulpit. He encouraged Micah with his "amen's." Micah knew he was listening and agreeing with him. This was comforting to a young preacher.

Lawrence will be missed by many friends and relatives. We will miss his positive attitude. We will miss his pleasant smile. When he could hardly get his breath, he would say, "I'm fine, doing better. I think I'm improving." He never complained. Life was a joy to him. He lived life to the fullest. ***"And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."*** (Revelation 21:4) pmc

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

The next prophet was Daniel. Daniel interpreted King Nebuchadnezzar's dreams. (Daniel chapters 2 and 4) This assignment is by Karen Womack.

King Nebuchadnezzar wanted the magicians to interpret his dream. Then he demanded that they also tell him what his dream was. He threatened to tear them limb from limb unless they told him. They tell him that only a god could do that.

King Nebuchadnezzar gets angry and declares that all the wise men should be slain. Daniel and his friends were hunted to be killed also.

Daniel requested some time from the King to come up with the dream and interpretation. Daniel would request compassion from his God. God revealed to Daniel in a night vision. Daniel praised God for wisdom and power. Then Daniel requested an audience with the King. He told the King about God and gave God the credit for the interpretation.

Daniel told him of the statue made of different metals and interpreted it for the King. Daniel told him that his kingdom would be overthrown. For this interpretation the King worshipped God and gave Daniel gifts and a promotion to the King's court. He also had Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego appointed over the province of Babylon. These were Daniel's friends who worshipped God.

The King praised God. He had more visions. He asked Daniel again to interpret his dreams. This dream was about an angelic watcher who descends to chop down a beautiful tree with foliage, but to leave a stump. Bind it with iron and bronze. Let the mind of the man be changed from man to beast for seven periods of time.

Daniel interprets this for the King. The tree is the King. He will become the beast of the field, eating grass like the oxen. But, the stump, he will return to his kingdom.

Twelve months later, King Nebuchadnezzar was on the rooftop of the palace, bragging about how he had built the royal residence by his own power and majesty. While the words were still in

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Remember Our Sick

Yvonne Adkinson – St. Mary's, serious health problems, Mother of Tanya Smith.

Bill Besterfeldt – grandfather of Chris Besterfeldt, liver problems.

Lois Boley – home, will take time to get her strength back.

Jessalyn Davis – cancer, undergoing treatment, home.

Frances Davis – Eugene and Mel's mother, hospitalized with pneumonia.

Ray Motley – hospice

Charles Hickey – home, Hospice.

Ray King – serious health problems.

Don Sheeran – gall-bladder surgery scheduled for October 31.

Lloyd Whitted – in hospital, another heart attack.

Zack (Whitted) – Shunt repair

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, Charles Ensey, Hoyt Ensey, Sue Griffin, David Guthrie, Leota Hickey, Dorothy King, Jim Lackey, Robert and Rose Lee, Liliya McDaniel, Linda Melton, Charles Proctor, Summer Russell, Reddie Smith, and Tanya Smith.

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

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

“May we never let the things we can't have, or don't have, or shouldn't have, spoil our enjoyment of the things we do have and can have.”

Continued from last week, Lines for ladies . . .

Jeremiah, the Prophet

Again, King Zedekiah calls for Jeremiah. He says, “I will ask you something. Hide nothing from me.” Jeremiah tells the king that if he does tell him he will surely put him to death. Or if he gives advice the king will not listen!

Jeremiah tells him exactly what will happen, again. “Give yourself and your family over to Babylon and you will be safe and the city will not be burned. But if you try to escape to Egypt, then the city will be burned and you will be captured.”

To finish this story I included some of chapters 39 and 40. Zedekiah did not listen to Jeremiah. Some time later, as the Babylonians again advance, Zedekiah and his men of war flee from the city at night. They are apprehended. Zedekiah has to watch as his sons are killed. Then his eyes are put out. The city is burned, the walls broken. Many people are killed and many taken into captivity. Only the poor people remain. Blinded, Zedekiah is bound in fetters and carried away to Babylon, just as Jeremiah had prophesied.

The Lord directs the king of Babylon to spare Jeremiah. At last, something good will happen to Jeremiah. The Babylonian captain, Nebuzaradan, allows Jeremiah either to go to Babylon or remain in his land of Judah. Jeremiah chooses to live with his people who remain at Mizpah, a city about seven miles north of Jerusalem.

Just as Noah tried to warn the people, so did Jeremiah. They didn't listen to Noah and they didn't listen to Jeremiah!

Daniel – continued from Lines for Ladies

his mouth, a voice came from heaven and took the kingdom from King Nebuchadnezzar. It prophesied that he would be driven from the people and eat grass like the cattle for seven periods of time. This was immediately done. Just as Daniel had prophesied, after seven years the King's reasoning returned. The King blessed God and praised Him. His Kingdom was returned to him. (Karen added: “How is this an example to us today? Go ahead and stick your neck out with faith.)

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

Lawn Schedule

October 27th
Saturday
Chris Besterfeldt
Mike Creel

Dover Church of Christ

FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, 4:00 PM
October 27th
Camp Caudle
For more details see:
Chris Besterfeldt

Mark Your Calendars

Don't Forget!

Set Your Clocks Back One
Hour, Saturday Night,
October 27th.
Day Light saving time starts
Sunday, October 28th.

No Area Wide Youth Devo Scheduled for October

Smiling is Infectious

Smiling is infectious,
You catch it like the flu.
When someone smiled
at me today
I started smiling too

I passed around the corner,
And someone saw my grin.
When he smiled I realized,
I'd passed it on to him.

I thought about that smile,
Then I realized its worth.
A single smile, just like mine,
Could travel round the world.

So, if you feel a smile begin,
Don't leave it undetected.
Let's start an epidemic quick
And get the world infected!

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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.

"In Search of the Lord's Way" Now 24/7

**The Search Program can
now be accessed 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

October 21, 2007

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Marion Helton
Rex McDaniel

Communion

Podium: Allen Veasman

Serve: Rick Hollis
Robert Bird
Steve Pennington
William Boley

Scripture Reading

Gary Williams

**Sunday P.M.
Prayers**

Merrell Shoptaw
Randall Walters

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.
Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.
Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Robert and Juanita Bird

Communion to Shut-Ins

Marion Helton
Merrell Shoptaw

Greeters

Gary and Sonia Williams

Wednesday Night Devotional

October 24, 2007

Sid Womack

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.

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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: JoAnn Killer
Sunday Church: Pat McAlister
Kaeli Miller

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