



Life Lines

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Puppy Size

“Danielle keeps repeating it over and over again. We’ve been back to this animal shelter at least five times. It has been weeks now since we started all of this,” the mother told the volunteer.

“What is she asking for?” the volunteer asked.

“Puppy size,” replied the mother.

“Well, we have plenty of puppies, if that’s what she’s looking for.”

“I know, we have seen most of them,” the mom said in frustration.

Just then Danielle came walking into the office. “Well, did you find one?” asked her mom.

“No, not this time,” Danielle said with sadness in her voice. “Can we come back next week end?”

The women looked at each other and shook their heads.

“You never know when we will get more dogs. Unfortunately, there’s always a supply,” the volunteer said.

Danielle took her mother by the hand and headed for the door. “Don’t worry, I’ll find one next weekend,” she said.

Over the next few days both mom and dad had long con-

versations with her. They both felt she was being too particular.

It’s this weekend or we’re not looking any more,” the dad finally said in frustration.

“We don’t want to hear anymore about puppy size either,” the mother added.

Sure enough they were the first one in the shelter on Saturday morning. By now Danielle knew her way around, so she ran right for the section that housed the smaller dogs. Tired of the routine, mom sat in the small waiting room at the end of the first row of cages. There was an observation window so you could see the animals during times when visitors weren’t permitted.

Danielle walked slowly from cage to cage, kneeling periodically to take a closer look. One by one the dogs were brought out and she held each one. One by one she said, “Sorry you’re not the one.”

It was the last cage on this last day in search for the perfect pup. The volunteer opened the cage door and the child carefully picked up the dog and held it closely. This time she took a little longer.

“Mom, that’s it! I found the right puppy! He’s the one! I know it!” she exclaimed with joy. “It’s the puppy with sighs!

But it’s the same size as all the other puppies you have held the last few weeks,” Mom said.

“No, not size, the sighs. When I held him in my arms, he sighed. Don’t you remember? When I asked one day what love is, you told me love depends on the sighs of your heart, the more you love, the bigger the sigh!”

The two women looked at each other for a moment. Mom didn’t know whether to laugh or cry. As she stooped down to hug the child, she did a little of both.

“Mom, ever time you hold me, I sigh. When you and Daddy come home from work and hug each other, you both sigh. I knew I would find the right puppy if it sighed when I held it in my arms. Mom he loves me. I heard the sighs of his heart!”

Close your eyes for a moment and think about the love that makes you sigh.

I not only find it in the arms of my loved ones, but in the caress of a sunset, the kiss of a moonlight night and the gentle brush of cool air on a hot day. They are sighs of God. Take the time to stop and listen, you will be surprised at what you hear.

“Life is not measured by the breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.” *Author Unknown*

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

Every few years I run this article. Hopefully, we have some new readers who haven't read this yet. It is one of my favorites. And there is some truth in it, although it is meant to be a joke. It gives some insight of how something relatively minor can escalate into something big – and dangerous.

The Seat

A lady took “my” seat in church a while back. It's not important really. She is a very nice lady, kind and considerate. A good friend, in fact. There were several other seats available. I can sit any place. The people in our congregation are as friendly and caring as you will find any place in the world. A person should be comfortable sitting any place. It's no big deal.

My seat is on the end of the pew, on the north side by the windows, on your left as you come into the auditorium. I can rest my left arm on the end of the pew. It's a great seat. I would never hold a grudge . . .

Actually, it was about three months ago when she took my seat. I really don't know why she took it. I've never done anything to her! I've never taken her seat! I suppose I'll have to come an hour early to get what is rightfully mine from the beginning.

This is the way great social injustices begin, abusive people taking other people's seats in church. This is the way the seeds of revolution are sown. A person can only stand so much. Where is it going to end? If somebody doesn't stand up and be counted, nobody's seat will be safe. People will just sit any place they please. And the next thing they'll do is take my parking place!!!

By: Zean Carney via Crosties,

Rifle, CO

(Hopefully it will never happen to you, someone actually getting your seat in church. Be sure to be there, and early, to avoid this.)

Remember Our Sick

John Myers – home, Hospice.

Jonathon Roberts – son-in-law of Lois Boley, fell, broke his arm in two places along with a couple of ribs.

Annie Robinson – diagnosed with cervical cancer.

Shut-ins: Need prayers and visits.

Dover Area:

Bernice Brown

Evelyn Burton

Sandra Mooney

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, Lawrence Boley, Susie Boley, Gail Brewer, Jamie Churchill, Stan Clark, Tom Cloud, Jeff Davis, Charles Ensey, Hoyt Ensey, Barbara Forehand, Rebecca Gray, Sue Griffin, Robert and Rose Lee, Jannie Myers, Charles Proctor, Reddie Smith, Tanya Smith, Stone Family, Lela Beth Wallace, Ahishi Web 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.

Baptized!

Kevin Nordin was baptized
Sunday, October 15, 2006.

THE TONGUE

A quick whisper in the dark
A couple of turns around
the park,
“I'll tell you what Jane told me,
Sue said, Jim said . . . was
seen by Mary Lee.”

Throw a pebble into a pond,
Watch the ripples move
on and on.
Gossip repeated, be it false
or fact,
Can never, never be
brought back.

The tongue, a small fire –
oh! My yes,
But what destruction
and distress;
A careless word dropped
here and there
Sputters and flickers,
then quickly flares.

Small faults, like flames
whipped by a wind
Soon mount into a major sin.
Told and retold,
self-righteous pride,
Another victim crucified.

By: Grace R. Gross

Sentence Sermons

Don't gripe about your congregation; if
it were perfect, you couldn't belong.

To make a long story short, don't tell it.

God doesn't call the qualified; He
qualifies the called.

We are not to change the message, the
message is to change us.

God promises a safe landing – not a calm
passage.

If God is your co-pilot . . . swap seats.

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

FALL FESTIVAL

Dover Church of Christ
Saturday, October 28th
Camp Caudle 5:00 PM

Hot Dogs, Buns and Chips
furnished, bring chairs and
drinks for your family.

Hay Ride, Costumes
(optional).

5th Sunday

October 29th

Sunday morning service
offering will be for
Camp Caudle.

Mark Your Calendars

Youth Night

November 5th,
After evening services
Host and Hostess:
Marion and Joyce Helton
(Dover Church
of Christ Youth)

Men's Business Meeting

Dover Church of Christ
November 6th, 7:00 PM

Men's Devo

Dover Church of Christ
2nd Thursday,
November 9th, 7:00 PM
Dover Church of Christ

Dover's Ladies Night

Third Thursday,
November 16, 7:00 PM
Hostess to be
announced

GOSPEL MEETING

Dover Church of Christ
November 10th thru 11th,
7:00 PM
Sunday, Nov. 12, 6:00 PM
David Riley (Mars Hill)
Potluck following Sunday
Evening Services.

November Birthdays

06 Roxanna Shoptaw
07 Charlene Clark
08 Gwen Hale
09 Kim Walters
10 Diane Shinn
Andy Jackson
12 Dana Bates
14 Daniel Loper
15 Brent Hottinger
Chris Loper
Michael Williams
18 Clara Hefley
Kevin Miller
20 Marion Helton
24 Ted Shinn
29 Charles Hickey
Taylor Thomas

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 at any time
on its website:

www.searchtv.org

Mack Lyon's weekly lesson
can be heard and viewed in
this area on KATV, Channel
4, Sunday, 7:30 AM.

Daylight Saving Time

October 29th

Turn the clocks back
one hour!

THOSE TO SERVE

October 29, 2006

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Lawrence Boley
Marion Helton

Communion

Podium: Chris Loper
Serve: Rick Hollis
Troy Curtis
William Boley
Sid Womack

Scripture Reading

Alan Boatright

Sunday P.M. Prayers

Merrell Shoptaw
Randall Walters

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.
Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.
Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Gwen Hale and Bobby Meline

Communion to Shut-Ins

William Boley
Alan Boatright

Greeters

Troy and Rachel Curtis

Wednesday Night Devotional

November 1, 2006

Merrell Shoptaw

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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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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