



Life Lines

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MY LINES

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Experiencing Christ Daily

“This is the day which the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”
(Psalm 118:24)

Our spiritual life may have a gap between Monday and Sunday.

We need a spirituality of work, recreation, sleep, eating, housing, marriage, etc.

How aware are you of your spiritual life and Satan’s attempts to ensnare you?

If you are thriving spiritually, how do you know it? How prominent is the living Christ in your daily experience as a person of faith?

We have a spiritual fuel tank . . . What drains our spiritual fuel tank? Disappointment, intellectual challenges, trials, hurry and Satan’s schemes?

Most people’s lives are unbalanced, hurried, focused more on work, play or other things, no balance, no order.

We need an ordered spirituality in following Jesus (work, recreation, etc.)

How do we experience Christ daily?

By seeing what Jesus saw. He saw crowds and had compassion on them. People see doubt, Sinicism, prejudice in other people, but not Jesus. He saw Zaccheus. He saw sinners, but didn’t see their sins as a final answer.

By hearing what Jesus heard. He heard the voice of the Father. He didn’t hear people murmuring about Him.

Value what Jesus valued. *“As Jesus went on from there, He saw a man called Matthew, sitting in the tax*

collector’s booth; and He said to him, ‘Follow Me!’ And he got up and followed Him. Then it happened that as Jesus was reclining at the table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were dining with Jesus and His disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to His disciples, ‘Why is your Teacher eating with the tax collectors and sinners?’ But when Jesus heard this, He said, ‘It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick. But go and learn what this means: I DESIRE MERCY, AND NOT SACRIFICE, for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.’ (Matthew 9:9-13 He desires mercy, not sacrifice.

Greater matters and lesser matters. *“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others.”* (Matthew 23:23)

Love God and your neighbor. *“But when the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they gathered themselves together. One of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, ‘Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?’ And He said to him, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.’ This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.’ On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets.”* (Matthew 22:34-40) You love God by loving your neighbor.

“For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints.” (Hebrews 6:10 *“We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoever has the world’s goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.”* (I John 3:16-18)

You are in church because Jesus sent you there!

Church is a Celebration of our Savior, our new life with Him! *“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say rejoice! Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near.* (Philippians 4:4-5)

By walking how Jesus walked. Example: *“For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you.”* (John 13:15) Jesus forgave, listened, loved and served.

Jesus loved and loves. *“Looking at him, Jesus felt a love for him and said to him, ‘One thing you lack; go and sell all you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.”* (Mark 10:21)

Jesus will never love you more than He already has!

- Continued next week -

Prison Ministry

Fourteen people restored
Monday, October 24th,
Russellville, AR.

Sid Womack

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

The Bible again and again shows the differences between God's thoughts and ways and man's (Isaiah 55:8-9). One of those differences is in view of suffering. Whereas man tends to view pain and suffering as inherently negative, God sees a positive function. Paul said suffering is cause for joy because it produces perseverance, character and hope (Romans 5:3-4). James echoes that sentiment also: *"My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing."* (1:2-4)

Every congregation of the Lord's people and every individual Christian will face setbacks. Some are beyond our control, some we bring on ourselves and others are results of persecution. Regardless of the source, we need to learn to lean upon the Lord and allow Him to strengthen us through the suffering.

As we face certain trials in the future, the perseverance we have gained from our early trials will lead us through.

Things are likely to get more difficult for the church. I heard the comment, "The only group one can bash without fear of condemnation from the media and society are Christians." Our society is increasingly anti-Christian. Conservatism no longer reigns in the nation. The Christian values upon which our nation was founded have eroded. We are becoming more and more the outcasts of society.

What shall we do? Well, besides remembering the positive results of suffering, we need to remember that Jesus still reigns in His world and has won the victory. The Lamb and His followers will overcome. And, as always, *"This world is not my home; we're just a passin' through."*

Gregg Worthey
Weekly News Ramer, TN
Via The Booneville Informer

Remember Our Sick

Lois Boley – had knee surgery October 25th, home recovering.

James Ray Damouth – brother of Pat Holloway, had gall bladder surgery Monday, October 10th. Made it through the surgery, home recovering. Still facing heart surgery, heart valve is leaking. James lives in Niles, MI.

Sue Griffin – health problems.

Randy Holland – fighting cancer.

Baby Emmy May – open heart surgery November 17th.

Bobbye Moline – Gwen Hale's sister and Lois Boley's friend – having a stint put in leg Thursday, October 27th, to drain off fluids.

Gene Smith – Cara Williams' father, is home doing better after a heart attack.

Lisa Stone – B. J. Sheeran's daughter-in-law, St. Louis, MO, surgery November 1st, tumor on an ovary.

Valentina – Liliya McDaniel's mother, having hip problems.

Shut-ins: Needs your prayers and visits.

Dover Area: **Evelyn Burton**
Mae Vanzandt

Russellville Nursing and Rehab Center:
Thelma Hatcher
Esther Sparks

Stella Manor: **Louise Killer**

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Kenneth Anderson, Ruby Boley, Susie Boley, Bernice Brown, Jamie Churchill, Jason Coulter, Jeff Davis, Bennie Drewry, Ronda Fields, Brian Holloway, Hayden Jones, Gigi Lane, Robert and Rose Lee, Bill and Mary McAlister, Jerry Martin, Janetta Mason, John and Jannie Myers, Joe Miller, Nolan Passmore, Teresa Phillips, Tanya Smith, Harold and Mildred Turner, and Betty and David Walters, and Pauline Whorton.

Expectant Mothers: Kristen Loper Nordin and Shelley Parker Culwell.

Special Children: (Birth Defects) – Zachary Shelton, Gabriel Ross Finlayson, Keith Martin, Kaitlyn Schwartz and Noah Williams.

Military: Jon Allen, Greg Davis and Cole Wetzel.

The Cross In My Pocket



I carry a cross in my pocket
A simple reminder to me
Of the fact that I am a Christian
No matter where I be.

This little cross is not magic
Nor is it a good luck charm
It isn't meant to protect me
From every physical harm.

It's not for identification
For all the world to see
It's simply an understanding
Between my Savior and me.

When I put my hand in my pocket
To bring out a coin or key
The cross is there to remind me
Of the price He paid for me.

It reminds me, too, to be thankful
For my blessings day by day
And to strive to serve Him better
In all that I do and say.

It's also a daily reminder
Of peace and comfort I share
With all who know my Master
And give themselves to His care.

So, I carry a cross in my pocket
Reminding no one but me
That Jesus Christ is Lord of my life
If only I'll let Him be.

Author Unknown
Submitted By: Judy Will
Joplin, MO

Events

Dover Church of Christ
Children's Church
Every Sunday

11:15 - 12:00 Noon
Ages 2 to 8

Story for November:
"God blesses me with food."
Genesis 2:8-17

Memory Verse:
"The Lord God made . . .
. . . food." (Genesis 2:9)

**Southern Christian
Home Fourth Annual
Benefit Auction**

Morrilton, AR
Saturday, November 5th
5:00 PM – Until

Something for
Everyone!!!

Pre-sale Tickets: \$20.00
At-the-door Tickets: \$25.00

Dover Church of Christ
Men's Regular
Business Meeting
November 7, 7:00 PM

Mark Your Calendars

Dover Church of Christ
Youth Devo
November 6th
Sunday PM after Services
Host: Robert and Juanita
Bird

Dover Church of Christ
Men's Devo
November 10, 7:00 PM

Ladies Night
November 17th, 7:00 PM
Hostess: Cara Williams

Meals on Wheels
Volunteer deliveries have
been discounted.
A special thanks goes out
to all those who have
helped deliver "Meals on
Wheels" – some more than
20 years.

Pray for our nation
and our troops.

November Birthdays

01 Esther Sparks
06 Roxana Shoptaw
07 Charlene Clark
09 Kim Walters
10 Diane Shinn
12 Dana Bates
14 Daniel Loper
15 Brent Hottinger
Chris Loper
Michael Williams
18 Clara Hefley
Kevin Miller
20 Marion Helton
Kimberlee Bushea
24 Ted Shinn
29 Charles Hickey
Taylor Thomas

If we missed your birthday,
please let us know so it won't
happen again.

BABY

SHOWER

Sunday, November 13th
2:00 PM

Dover Church of Christ
Fellowship Hall

It's A BOY!!

Kristen/Kevin Nordin
(Soon to be proud parents!)

Dover Church of Christ
Singles Breakfast
Every Saturday, 9:00 AM
Dewayne's, Dover, AR

THOSE TO SERVE

November 6, 2005

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Alan Boatright
Allen Veasman

Communion

Podium: Marion Helton
Serve: Andy Land
Bill McAlister
Blake Walters
Brent Hottinger

Scripture Reading

Brett Walters

Sunday P.M. Prayers

Blake Walters
Robert Lee

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.
Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.
Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Donny and Leigh Ann Forehand

Communion to Shut-Ins

Donny Forehand
Blake Forehand

Greeters

Gary and Sonia Williams

Wednesday Night Devotional

November 9, 2005

Blake Forehand

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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Allen Veasman 331-2156
Sid Womack 967-2367

Deacons:

Donny Forehand
Brent Hottinger
Chris Loper
Rex McDaniel
Joe Miller

Nursery Attendants:

Sunday Class: Carin Chance
Sonia Williams

Sunday Service: Tanya and
Danielle Smith

Wednesday Class: Marilyn Veasman

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