



# Life Lines

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For

It is in giving that we receive,  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
It is in dying that we are born to eternal  
life.

Soon we will be asked to give a contribution to Camp Caudle and to Truth for Today. Both of these are very worthy causes that promote the cause of Christ to the lost and dying world. We will be asked to dig deeper into our pocketbooks for these missions.

As John the Baptist preached to the crowds about baptism and repentance, the people asked, "What should we do?" His answer to them was to share. If they had two coats, give one to someone who did not have one.

The season is nearing where Americans are more generous. We always give more during the holidays. We should do this no matter what the season is, but many of us fail. People who have more are expected to give more. He does not ask for what we do not have.

Are you satisfied with your giving? Could we ever be satisfied with our giving? If we measure our giving with God's gift to us we can't come close! But, He hasn't asked us to measure our giving by His. However, He has asked us to give as we purpose in our heart. Now, I ask again. Are you satisfied with your giving?

What we give to the church is necessary for the work that is done. Think about this; would the work get done if everyone gave as you do?

Paul has quite a lot to say about giving. He had been asking churches, who had plenty, to give generously to the poor in Jerusalem. He was happy with their generosity. When writing to the brethren in Rome, he said since they had different gifts, according to the grace that was

given to them, that they should use them. **"He who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality . . ." (Romans 12:8a NKJV)**

**"But this I say: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work." (II Corinthians 9:6-8 NKJV)**

God freely gives us all things. We must freely give back to Him the things of which we are so blessed. God is merciful to us; we must be merciful to others. As Jesus said, **"It is more blessed to give than to receive."** (Acts 20:35)

As Christians we must examine our giving. It must be a thoughtful process, not a last minute action. If we sow sparingly, we will reap sparingly. The measure we use will be used back for us. Jesus said, **"Give, and it will be given to you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."** (Luke 6:38 NKJV)

"The manner in which it is given is worth more than the gift."

Pierre Corneille

**"For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have. Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality." (II Corinthians 8:12-13 NIV)** Paul wanted to be fair. Don't give if it makes you hard pressed. I doubt that any of us give until

we are hard pressed. If we are hard pressed it is because of extravagances, not for giving too much at church!

Our giving does not have to please man, but it does need to please God. In Jesus' own words, He said, **"Give and it will be given to you."** This is not an option, it is a commandment. And, if we give little, we will be given little in return.

We have many ways in which to help the needy. Our food bank is kept supplied by two of our Bible classes. The adult class and the young adult class keep a good variety of non-perishable food items to be given to those who need it in our area.

Our economy has suffered. That means many of our neighbors have suffered. Many grandparents are raising their grandchildren in this area, for one reason or another. And, usually this is without assistance. Near the end of the month they need extra food. Perhaps you would like to help with this endeavor.

Our ladies' class keeps a fund in which to buy a meat and cheese tray, or whatever is needed, for a bereaved family. Many of our ladies help with our Food Brigade. This is really helpful during surgeries, sicknesses or any other need.

Some of these programs are the more fortunate helping the less fortunate. Others are people just helping their church family or their neighbors, during a time of need.

Are you satisfied with your giving? Do you purpose in your heart what you plan to give?

Does your giving please God?

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**Pray for the cure of cancer!**

## Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

*You are beautiful beyond description,  
too marvelous for words,  
Too wonderful for comprehension, like  
nothing ever seen or heard.*

*Who can grasp Your infinite wisdom,  
who can fathom the depth of your love?*

*Your are beautiful beyond description,  
majesty enthroned above.*

*And I stand; I stand in awe of You,  
I stand; I stand in awe of You;  
Holy God, to whom all praise is due,  
I stand in awe of You.*

By Mark Atroge

When Merrell leads this song of praise, we all stand when we begin the chorus. This puts tears in your eyes and a chill down your back. It is absolutely beautiful, beyond description. There are no words, not any I know, to explain the greatness of our God! It is hard to comprehend the blessings we see before our eyes. Especially now, we see beauty of the leaves during the fall season. Every season has its own beauty.

***“He made the earth by His power; He founded the world by His wisdom and stretched out the heavens by His understanding. When He thunders, the waters in the heavens roar; He makes clouds rise from His storehouses.”*** (Jeremiah 51:15-16 NIV) These verses, from the book of Jeremiah, give some idea of His mighty power, wisdom and understanding.

His creation is an awesome thing, but He intends to destroy it. He is slow in keeping His promise because He wants everyone to repent. He wants no one to perish, but if we do not repent and do His will, we will.

***“But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare. Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming.”*** (II Peter 3:10-12 NIV)

## Remember Our Sick

**Bob Bennett** –home, needs our prayers.

**Melvin Davis** – chemo treatments again.

**Catherine Gaines** – Center Valley P.E. teacher, having aorta surgery Nov. 9th.

**Robin King** –brother of Karen Womack, rare disease, Bartanella, improving.

**Rose Lee** – thyroid surgery, good report, eye surgery postponed.

**Janette Litch** – battling cancer.

**Carla Mitchell** – sister of Diane M. Walters, diagnosed with cervical cancer. Surgery scheduled November 11th.

**Janice Waldo** – sister to Rachel Curtis, had a light stroke, in rehab.

**Earl Whitted** – surgery Oct. 13th.

### Shut-ins – need prayers and visits:

**Dover Area:** Evelyn Burton

Robert Lee

**Russellville Nursing & Rehab Center:**

Joyce Austin

Helen Brown

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, Frankie Colvin, Troy/Rachel Curtis, Jeff Davis, Pauline Dale, Barbara Dawson, Charles Ensey, David/Mary Franke, Larry/Rhonda Freeman, Carol Graham, Sue Griffin, Joe Kline, Jim Lackey, Mario Litch, Daniel Loper, Cindy Martin, Linda Melton, Julie Moss, Jeff Myers, BJ/Don Sheeran, Christine Sheeran, Gary/ Doreen Shinn, Gerald Simoneaux, 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.

## Drinking From My Saucer

By John Paul Moore

*I've never made a fortune  
And it's probably too late now,  
But I don't worry about that much,  
I'm happy anyhow.  
And as I go along life's way, I'm reaping  
better than I sowed.  
I'm drinking from my saucer,  
'Cause my cup has overflowed.*

*I don't have a lot of riches,  
And sometimes the going's tough.  
But I've got loved ones around me,  
And that makes me rich enough.  
I thank God for His blessings,  
And the mercies He's bestowed.  
I'm drinking from my saucer,  
'Cause my cup has overflowed.*

*I remember times when things  
went wrong,  
My faith wore somewhat thin.  
But all at once the dark clouds broke,  
And the sun peeped through again.  
So God, help me not to gripe about  
the tough rows that I've hoed.  
I'm drinking from my saucer,  
'Cause my cup has overflowed.*

*If God gives me strength and courage  
When the way grows steep and rough,  
I'll not ask for other blessings,  
I'm already blessed enough.  
And may I never be too busy  
To help others bear their loads.  
Then I'll keep drinking from my saucer,  
'Cause my cup has overflowed.*

From "The Bulletin"  
Hickory Ridge, Arkansas

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**Let old friends know you haven't  
forgotten them, and tell new friends  
you never will.**

**A friend is someone who fills our lives  
with beauty, joy and grace.  
And makes the world we live in a  
better, happier place.**

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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 Lawn Care  
Saturday,  
November 28th  
Alan Boatright  
Marion Helton

GIFTS  
Dover Church of Christ  
Will Meet Every first  
And Third Sunday  
Sunday, 4PM

Dover Ladies Night,  
Thursday, Nov. 19th, 7 PM  
Hostess: Diane M. Walters

## Mark Your Calendars

Angel Tree Shopping  
(Children)  
Friday, November 20th  
See Leigh Anne Forehand  
for more information.

5th Sunday  
November 29th

Evening Service  
by our Young Men  
(No Potluck)

### Annual 2009 Christmas Party

Saturday  
December 5th, 6:00 PM

At the Veasman's

Adults Only

Will Play The Santa  
Game . . . .  
More details to follow!

Wishes for a safe Thanksgiving  
Holiday  
with family and friends  
from the Life Lines' staff!

## November Birthdays

06 Roxanna Shoptaw  
07 Charlene Clark  
09 Kim Walters  
10 Andy Jackson  
14 Daniel Loper  
15 Adam Pointer  
Brent Hottinger  
Chris Loper  
Michael Williams  
18 Kevin Miller  
20 Marion Helton  
21 Carla Oakes  
29 Taylor Thomas  
30 Amanda McCain

If we missed your birth-  
day, *Please* let us know  
so it won't happen again.

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"In Search of the  
Lord's Way"

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

# THOSE TO SERVE

*November 22, 2009*

## Sunday A.M.

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

### Prayers

Chris Loper  
Brett Walters

### Communion

**Podium:** Jim Killer  
**Serve:** Drew Walters  
Earl Stamps  
Earl Whitted  
Gary Williams

### Scripture Reading

Donny Forehand

## Sunday P.M. Prayers

Brent Hottinger  
Blake Walters

# SPEAKER

**Sunday A.M.**  
Micah Williams

**Sunday P.M.**  
Micah Williams

### Prepare Table for Communion

Donny and Leigh Anne  
Forehand

### Communion to Shut-Ins

Brent Hottinger

### Greeters

Marion & Joyce Helton

### Wednesday Night Devotional

**November 25, 2009**

William Boley

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| <b>Meeting Times</b>                             |
| <b>Sunday Morning Bible Classes</b><br>9:45 A.M. |
| <b>Sunday Morning Worship</b><br>10:45 A.M.      |
| <b>Sunday Evening Worship</b><br>6:00 P.M.       |
| <b>Ladies Tuesday Bible Class</b><br>10:00 A.M.  |
| <b>Wednesday Bible Classes</b><br>6:30 P.M.      |
| <b>Minister: Micah Williams</b>                  |
| <b>Church Office: 479-331-3428</b>               |
| <b>Or Cell: 479-264-9244</b>                     |

### 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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