



Life Lines

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Don't Give Up . . .

One day I decided to quit . . .
I quit my job, my relationship,
my spirituality . . .
I wanted to quit life.

I went to the woods to have
one last talk with God.
"God," I asked, "Can you give me
one good reason not to quit?"

His answer surprised me . . .
"Look around," He said. "Do you
see the fern and the bamboo?"

"Yes," I replied.

"When I planted the fern
and the bamboo seeds,
I took very good care of them.
I gave them light.
I gave them water.

The fern quickly grew
from the earth.
Its brilliant green covered the floor.

Yet nothing came from
the bamboo seed.
But I did not quit on the bamboo,"
He said.

"In the second year
the fern grew more
vibrant and plentiful.

And again, nothing came
from the bamboo seed.

But I did not quit
on the bamboo," He said.

"In year three there was still
nothing from the bamboo seed.
But I would not quit."

"In year four, again, there was
nothing from the bamboo seed.
I would not quit," He said.

"Then in the fifth year a tiny sprout
emerged from the earth.
Compared to the fern it was
seemingly small and insignificant . .
But just six months later
The bamboo rose
to over 100 feet tall."

"It had spent the five years
growing roots.
Those roots made it strong
and gave it what
it needed to survive."

"I would not give any
of My creations a challenge
it could not handle."

He asked me,
"Did you know my child,
that all this time
you have been struggling,
you have actually
been growing roots?"

"I would not quit on the bamboo.
I will never quit on you!"

"Don't compare yourself to others,"
He said.

"The bamboo had a different
purpose than the fern.
Yet they both make
the forest beautiful."

"Your time will come,"
God said to me.
"You will rise high."

"How high should I rise?"
I asked.

"How high will the bamboo rise?"
He asked in return.

"As high as it can?" I questioned.

"Yes." He said, "Give me the glory
by rising as high as you can."

I left the forest and
brought back this story.
I hope these words can
help you see that God
will never give up on you.

Never, Never, Never Give Up!
For the Christian, prayer is not an
option but an opportunity.

Don't tell the Lord
how big the problem is,
tell the problem how Great the
Lord is!

*Sent In By: B. J. Sheeran
St. Louis, MO*

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

We are beginning what we call the season of Thanksgiving, mostly because our forefathers set a day aside just for this. However, as children of God, we cannot, or should not, limit our thanksgiving to one day. Every day is a blessing, given to us by God that we should not forget.

Some days may not seem that good to us. We may hurt, we may see gloom. Our economy is at its worst, we are at war and our nation seems to have forgotten there is a God. How can I be thankful when there is so much negative?

We have been so blessed for more than fifty years. We may see doom and gloom but this country has been so blessed above other third world countries. God has been with us in the past. Will He continue to be with us in the future? We have not suffered perse-cution here in America. We have so much for which to be thankful, yet we hesitate to do so.

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your request be made known to God." (Philippians 4:6) Paul did not tell us to give thanks only when something good happens to us. He said, in everything, with thanksgiving, didn't he? These words written by Paul were inspired by the Holy Spirit. It is a direct command of God to mankind.

"It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High!" (Psalm 92:1)

We teach our children to say "thank you." We even call it one of the magic words! So, who deserves our thanks more than anyone in this world? Even through the worst of times, we can expect God to make some good of it. He has done so in the past, and He will do so in the future. Looking back, we can see it all through our life, time and time again, even during the darkest hours. Maybe we didn't see it at the time but we can certainly look back and see it. He works miracles in our lives.

Thank You God!

"Oh, give thanks to the Lord!

Call upon His name;

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Remember Our Sick

Amie Barkley – allergic reaction to an antibiotic, affected her eyesight.

Karen Beck – cancer surgery success-ful, colonoscopy scheduled soon.

Troy Curtis – possible hip surgery again.

Mel Davis – had surgery, recovering.

Hoyt Ensey – home, seeing a surgeon Dec. 5th

Joyce Helton – check-up November 14th

Iris Lawley – having some tests run.

Helen Moore – Kevin Nordin's grandmother, home recovering, starting chemo soon.

Rodney Pfeifer – Home from St. Mary's, had pneumonia.

Shut-ins - need prayers and visits:

Dover Area: **Evelyn Burton**

Robert Lee

Russellville Nursing & Rehab Center:

Evelyn Driver

Stella Manor: **Louise Killer**

Mae Vanzandt

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Yvonne Adkisson, Amie Barkley, Bob/Carolyn Bennett, Bill Boley, Lloyd Boley, Lois Boley, Susie Boley, Tommy Causey, Eugene Cox, Troy/Rachel Curtis, Jeff Davis, Pauline Dale, Barbara Dawson, Charles Ensey, Sarah Ensey, Mark Franke, Carol Graham, Sue Griffin, Joanna & Jim Gerst, Pat Holloway, Ruby Gene Johnson, Dorothy King, Robert Paul Leavell, Rose Lee, Linda Melton, Julie Moss, Gary Nicholson, BJ/Don Sheeran, Reedie Smith, Tanya Smith, Juanita Townsend, Judy Will and Patsy Wisbrock

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

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

Lines for Ladies – continued . . .

*Make known His deeds
among the peoples!*

Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him;

Talk of all His wondrous works!

Glory in His holy name;

Let the hearts of those rejoice

Who see the Lord!

Seek the Lord and His strength;

Remember His marvelous works

Which He has done . . ."

(I Chronicles 16:8-12a)

Talking Turkey

Turkey is the main course at Thanksgiving meals in 90 percent of U.S. households. The average weight of the bird when purchased is 15 pounds; the largest turkey raised thus far was 86 pounds.

But the biggest turkey feather-bearing fowl is *Sesame Street's* Big Bird, clocked in about 4,000 large feathers all originating from 45-pound turkeys.

A myth about Thanksgiving . . . What did the pilgrims eat at the first Thanksgiving? They didn't have corn on the cob, apples, pears, potatoes or even cranberries. No one knows if they had turkey, although they were used to eating turkey. The only food we know they had for sure was deer.

So how did we get the idea that you have to have turkey and cranberry and such on Thanksgiving? It was because the Victorians prepared Thanksgiving that way. And they are the ones who made Thanksgiving a national holiday, beginning in 1863, when Abraham Lincoln issued his presidential Thanksgiving procla-mations . . . two of them: one to celebrate Thanksgiving in August, and a second one to celebrate in November.

Before Lincoln, Americans outside New England did not usually celebrate the holiday. The pilgrims, incident-ally, didn't become part of the holiday until late in the nineteenth century. Until then, Thanksgiving was simply a day of thanks, not a day to remember the Pilgrims.

From: (www.hnn.us)

Take time to count your many blessings, you'll be glad you did.

*Have a great Holiday;
from the Life Lines staff!*

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

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)

Lad 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

Mark Your Calendars

Annual 2008

CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 6th, 6:00PM

Host/Hostess:
Allen & Marilyn
Veasman

Adults Only

Will Play the Santa Game

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More details to follow!

Please Note:
Dover Church of Christ's
Wednesday Evening
Services has been changed to
start at 6:30 PM

The Dover Church of Christ
office
Will be closed:
November 27th & 28th.
For the Thanksgiving
Holiday!

November Birthdays

06 Roxanna Shoptaw
07 Charlene Clark
09 Kim Walters
10 Andy Jackson
Diane Shinn
14 Daniel Loper
15 Adam Pointer
Brent Hottinger
Chris Loper
Michael Williams
18 Clara Hefley
Kevin Miller
19 Marion Helton
20 Carla Oakes
29 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 any time on
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

November 23, 2008

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters

Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Brett Walters
Brent Hottinger

Communion

Podium: Sid Womack

Serve: Jeff Myers
Jim Killer
Marion Helton
Rex McDaniel

Scripture Reading

Blake Walters

Sunday P.M. Prayers

Allen Veasman
Larry Mahan

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.
Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.
Ron Clark

Prepare Table for Communion

Steve and Suzy Pennington

Communion to Shut-Ins

Allen Veasman

Greeters

The Elders

Wednesday Night Devotional November 26, 2008

Marion Helton

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

6:30 P.M.

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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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