



# Life Lines

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## GOD'S CAKE

*From Home Touch*

Sometimes we wonder, "What did I do to deserve this?" or "Why did God have to do this to me?"

Here is a wonderful explanation!

A daughter is telling her mother how everything is going wrong, she's failing algebra, her boyfriend broke up with her and her best friend is moving away.

Meanwhile, her mother is baking a cake and asks her daughter if she would like a snack, and the daughter says, "Absolutely, Mom, I love your cakes."

"Here, have some cooking oil," her mother offers.

"Yuck!" says her daughter.

"How about a couple of raw eggs?"

"Gross, Mom!"

"Would you like some flour, then? Or maybe baking soda?"

"Mom, those are all yucky!"

To which the mother replies; "Yes, all these things seem bad all by themselves. But when they are put together in the right way, they make a wonderfully delicious cake!"

God works the same way. Many times we wonder why He would let us go through such bad and difficult times. But God knows that when He puts these things all in His order, they always work for good! We just have to trust Him and eventually, they will all make something wonderful!

God is crazy about you. He sends you flowers every spring and a sunrise

every morning. Whenever you want to talk, He'll listen. He can live anywhere in the universe, and He chose your heart.

***"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."*** (Romans 8:28) (NKJV)

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## THAT SPECIAL FEELING

We all have known that feeling  
From others set apart;  
To the eyes it adds a sparkle  
And sets aglow the heart.  
It's one of life's sweet blessings  
Sent from God above;  
That feeling, warm and precious  
That comes from being loved.

*By: Catherine Janssen Irvin  
Home Touch*

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The following thoughts came from Bill Butterfield, minister of the Williamsburg Church of Christ, Williamsburg, Virginia, October 18th, 2009.

Sent in by Sid Womack, Dover, Arkansas

I read some place a few years ago that 43% of the people in the United States do not claim membership in any kind of church and never attend any church

except on holidays, funerals and weddings. I find that strange and alarming, how about you? Since I grew up as a "PK" (preacher's kid) and have been preaching for forty-five years, I think I may qualify for the World Book of Records as the one who has attended church more than anyone else my age! I have never done so, but I would guess if I had some way to total up the hours of time that I have spent in church, it would add up to years, rather than months! Maybe I will try to do that someday!

My concern this morning is that some folk may think because they "go to church" they are automatically a Christian. It would not matter how long I sat in a beautiful field of flowers, I would never become a flower! I would never grow petals! Never bloom! And, never placed in a vase to be enjoyed by others! It just does not work that way, right? It is equally true that a person could associate with the finest Christians, but that does not mean he would be one, right?

Another thing that some seem to think that "going to church" guarantees them is that their children will grow up to be Christians. Not necessarily so! A parent has not done his job just because he made sure his children were in Sunday School and church as often as possible. There is more to do . . . much more! It is not just the job of the Sunday School teacher to educate children about the Bible, it is the job of parents, also!

Well, you get the idea, don't you? Even though "going to church" is a good thing to do, it should not be thought that this guarantees goodness or salvation in Heaven! There are other things equally as important!

Think about it!

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## Lines for Ladies

*By Pat McAlister*

What does your birthday mean to you? Most children, those fortunate enough, are excited because it usually means a party and presents. Shortly after they celebrate one, they begin thinking about the next one. At what age do we start dreading another birthday? Actually, I guess we don't dread birthdays, because we are glad to be alive, we just dread adding another year to our age. Of course, that is of little concern to children. The cake and presents is what they enjoy the most.

I looked up the meaning of birthday in *Webster's* and the word may well have the shortest definition of all words. It said, "The anniversary of a birth." That's it!

Birthdays can have different meanings to us. Those with special meaning are those of our children or grandchildren. Then there are those of our close relatives and good friends. Because God chose to create us we have that special day each year.

Our nation celebrates a birthday. We celebrate birthdays of famous people. Their birthdays become special because those men spent their lives doing something good for others. Of course there are many people in our country who did great things, who are not celebrated. We remember their good works even if we don't celebrate a holiday for them.

Birthdays are important in my family, probably because of me. When a birthday gets close, I start ordering the cake, and usually bake one, too. The young ones like the pretty decorated ones. The adults like the ones I bake. They aren't very pretty, but they're good. The hard part is trying to find a convenient time for all of us. I think we stopped the candles after the age of 25. We don't want to start a fire!

I hope you enjoy birthdays because it is one way to keep your family together.

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**Wash your hands and say your prayers . . . Because germs and Jesus are everywhere.**

## Remember Our Sick

**Catherine Gaines** – Center Valley P.E. teacher, complications, heart surgery.

**Tim Hardgraves** - in UAMS, serious condition, an accident Tue., Nov. 10th.

**Rose Lee** – did have eye surgery, some pain.

**Janette Litch** – battling cancer.

**Carla Mitchell** – sister of Diane M. Walters, diagnosed with cervical cancer. Surgery went well.

**Jeff Myers** – back pain, appointment Nov. 19th.

**Joyce Poynter** – cancer, hospice.

**Kelsey Sims** – suffering from Myasthenia Gravis, an autoimmune disease. She is nineteen years old and a cousin to the Walters' family.

**Reedie Smith** – Mother of Marilyn Veasman hospitalized, serious.

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

**Earl Whitted** – surgery Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, developed a lung infection, improving but still in LR hospital.

### 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, Bob/Carolyn Bennett, Susie Boley, Troy/Rachel Curtis, Jeff Davis, Melvin Davis, Pauline Dale, Barbara Dawson, David/Mary Franke, Larry/Rhonda Freeman, Carol Graham, Sue Griffin, Joe Kline, Jim Lackey, Mario Litch, Daniel Loper, Cindy Martin, Linda Melton, Julie Moss, BJ/Don Sheeran, Christine Sheeran, Gary/Doreen Shinn, 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.

## "Home Touch"

A father and his nine-year-old daughter walked along a path that traced its way next to a mountain stream. The path was steep. The stream spilled over one spectacular waterfall after another.

Unsure of herself, the young girl walked closely with her father, holding tightly to his hand on the slippery stone steps, letting him go first over a rickety bridge. After a while her confidence grew and she took the lead, walking several feet ahead.

Then she stopped abruptly, "Daddy, we cannot go this way. The trail ends here. We have to go back."

Indeed, the trail did appear to end as it led directly to a cliff overlooking another waterfall. But the father, knowing the way, coaxed his fearful daughter to the cliff's edge. There, from the ledge, they could see steep, narrow steps carved out of the mountain. It was not the end. The way was only hidden.

And so it is that sometimes the path we walk turns sharply toward a cliff. A death, an illness, financial troubles, or other loss may seem like the end. Fear can then paralyze us, preventing us from moving forward.

But we have a heavenly Father who walks along with us. And with Him there is always a way.

Sometimes, though, we have to walk to the very edge of the cliff in faith before we can see the way out of our troubles. And that's a scary thing to do.

The trick is to hold fast to God, walk closely with God, and trust that God knows the way.

He does; and God won't leave us on a cliff. He will always help us stay on the path if we are willing to trust and follow.

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**Prayers and Sympathy** for the family and friends of **Gerald Simoneaux** who passed away last week. He was the father of Sonia Williams and grandfather to Melissa Jackson.

**Prayers and Sympathy** for the family and friends of **Zadie Ezell**, age 5, passed away Friday, November 13th in Russellville, Arkansas.

## 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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GIFTS (Only)  
Dover Church of Christ  
Will Meet Every first  
And Third Sunday  
Sunday, 4PM

5th Sunday  
November 29th  
Evening Service  
by our Young Men  
(No Potluck)

The December In Home  
Devotional for the Dover  
Youth Group is cancelled  
for December.

Dover Men's December  
Devo Night cancelled!

## Mark Your Calendars

Annual 2009  
Christmas Party  
Saturday, 6:00 PM  
December 5th  
(Please Note the Change)  
Randall & Diane Walters  
are having the party!  
Adults Only  
Will play the Santa  
Game . . . .  
More details to follow!

Dover Men's Business  
Monday, December 7th  
Dover Church of Christ  
BUDGET FOR 2010

Dover Ladies Night  
Thursday, 6:00 PM  
December 17th  
Hostesses: Leota Hickey  
Mary Stamps  
Please Note! The Change  
in plans: this will be at  
Leota Hickey's Home  
Bring an exchange gift for  
the Santa Game  
(No GAG Gifts)  
Also bring items for the  
Women's Shelter.  
It's a Potluck!

Children's Christmas  
Party  
Plans to be announced.

## December Birthdays

- 01 LeighAnne Forehand  
Rhonda Horton
- 06 Presley Williams
- 08 Suzanne Helton
- 14 Presten Nordin
- 16 Athel Hill  
Billie Nichols
- 21 Jamie Churchill  
Gary Shinn
- 22 Alayna Williams
- 23 Jamie Statler
- 24 Cara Williams
- 25 Amanda Besterfeldt
- 26 Addie Beck  
Rachel Myers

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 or  
Phil Sanders  
Weekly Lesson  
can be heard  
and seen on  
KARK, Channel 4  
Sunday, 7:30 AM

# THOSE TO SERVE

*November 29, 2009*

## Sunday A.M.

**Announcer:** Randall Walters

**Song Leader:** Merrell Shoptaw

### Prayers

Allen Veasman

Alan Boatright

### Communion

**Podium:** Jim Killer

**Serve:** Kevin Nordin

Larry Mahan

Lee Henson

Marion Helton

### Scripture Reading

Chris Loper

## Sunday P.M.

### Prayers

William Boley

Tommy Oakes

# SPEAKER

## Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

## Sunday P.M.

“Young Men”

### Prepare Table for Communion

Donny and Leigh Anne

Forehand

### Communion to Shut-Ins

Chris Loper

### Greeters

Marion & Joyce Helton

## Wednesday Night

### Devotional

**December 02, 2009**

Alan Boatright

### 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.

**Minister: Micah Williams**

**Church Office: 479-331-3428**

**Or Cell: 479-264-9244**

### 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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