



Life Lines

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Aphorism: A short, pointed sentence expressing a wise or clever observation or a general truth; adage.

1. The nicest thing about the future is that it always starts tomorrow.
2. Money will buy a fine dog, but only kindness will make him wag his tail.
3. If you don't have a sense of humor, you probably don't have any sense at all.
4. Seat belts are not as confining as wheelchairs.
5. A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you're in deep water.
6. How come it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?
7. Business conventions are important because they demonstrate how many people a company can operate without.
8. Why is it that at class reunions you feel younger than everyone else looks?
9. Scratch a cat and you have a permanent job.
10. No one has more driving ambition than the boy who wants to buy a car.

11. There are no new sins; the old ones just get more publicity . . .
12. There are worse things than getting a call for a wrong number at 4 AM – like this; it could be a right number.
13. No one ever says, "It's only a game," when winning.
14. I've reached the age where the happy hour is a nap.
15. Be careful reading the fine print. There's no way you're going to like it.
16. The trouble with bucket seats is that not everybody has the same size bucket.
17. Do you realize that in about 40 years, we'll have thousands of old ladies running around with tattoos? (And rap music will be the Golden Oldies!)
18. Money can't buy happiness – but somehow it's more comfortable to cry in a Corvette than in a Yugo.
19. After 60, if you don't wake up aching in every joint, you are probably dead!

*Sent In By: Janie McQueen
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Too Blessed to be Stressed

Every day for the past year or so, we've been bombarded with media messages that constantly inform us that life is "bad." The daily news is filled with stories of increases in crime, failing schools, high unemployment, drug wars, an increase in the number of babies born to teenage parents, war, stock market lows, poverty, divorce, global warming and just about anything else you can name.

Is there any good news anywhere? The answer is "yes," of course there is.

Paul conveys in his letter to the Ephesians that all is not lost or hopeless. As children of God, we have been "adopted" into God's family and have an abundance of spiritual blessings in Christ. The good news in Ephesians opens us up to God's plans for believers and reminds us that the world may seem to crumble at times, but all is not lost.

Does this mean we become Pollyannas? Or ostriches with our heads stuck in the sand? No, not at all. But because we are a part of the family of God, we can take comfort in knowing that God will love, provide and care for us no matter the circumstances.

We are too blessed to be stressed.

Prayer by Sharon Fields: *Lord, when I am depressed and see no way out of my despair, help me to remember that through Jesus Christ you have blessed me with your love and riches beyond measure. Help me to remember that when the world seems out of kilter, You are always there to turn things around.*

Amen.

From Home Touch

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

The body of every organization has four kinds of BONES. There are “wish-bones,” “jaw-bones,” knuckle-bones,” and finally, there are “back-bones.” What kind of “bone” are you?

Are you the “wish-bone” who hopes someone else will volunteer for the work? If they don’t, do you think it was something that wasn’t necessary to be done anyway? If it was important or needed, surely someone with more time and qualifications would be doing it!

Are you one of the “jaw-bones” who does all the talking but very little else? Do you have all these good ideas to pass on to someone else to do all the work? Or do you volunteer for the job with no intention of ever following through? You want to tell someone else how it’s done. (Read the parable of the two sons in Matthew 21:28-32)

Are you the “knuckle-bones” who knocks everything that anybody else tries to do? Any idea that anyone has is a bad idea. You can’t agree with anything to be done because they aren’t doing it your way! Of course, you aren’t planning to do the work, but you can certainly be the critic. Someone has to keep things in order. You’ve seen too many projects fail in the past. Why start anything else?

Or, are you one of the “back bones” who get under the load and do all the work? If you are one of these you would be the last to admit it. People who do all the work do it without realizing it. They do more than anyone else because busy people get the most done. The “back-bones” are the 20% who do all the work. This is the same, in church, as well as in any other organization. It is sad, but true.

What kind of “bone” are you?

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“I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do something that I can do.”

Edmond Everette Hale

Remember Our Sick

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

Jim Lackey – cancer, hospice.

Rose Lee – first eye surgery went well. Second eye surgery, December 9th.

Janette Litch – battling cancer.

Carla Mitchell – surgery went well. Good report.

Jeff Myers – severe nerve damage left leg. Seeing a spine surgeon Dec. 9th.

Joyce Poynter – cancer, hospice.

Zackary Shelton – ear drum surgery Wed, Nov. 25th, Clarksville.

Kelsey Sims – suffering from Myasthenia Gravis, an autoimmune disease.

Reedie Smith – Marilyn Veasman’s mother, serious health problems, home

Janice Waldo – sister to Rachel Curtis, going home Tues., November 24th.

Earl Whitted – home Mon., Nov. 23rd.

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, 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, 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.

About That Haircut

A teen had just gotten his driving permit. He asked his father if they could discuss his use of the family car.

His father took him into his study and said, “I’ll make a deal with you. You bring your grades up, study the Bible daily, get your hair cut, and then we’ll talk about it.”

After about a month, the boy came back and asked if they could discuss his use of the car. They again went into the father’s study, where the father said, “Son, I’ve been very proud of you. You have brought your grades up, you’ve studied the Bible diligently, but you didn’t get your hair cut.”

The young man replied, “You know, Dad, I’ve been thinking about that, Samson had long hair, Moses and Noah may have had long hair, and even Jesus is pictured with long hair.”

“Yes,” his father said, “and everywhere they went, they walked.”

“A merry heart doeth good.”

(Proverbs 12:22)

Aspirations

By Elva Knight

From “Reflections of a Mom”

**Little winged fowl
Swimming on the surf,
Dipping down to taste of life
In the deeps below.
How long you stay beneath the surf
As though you will not rise.
Then up you bob
And in your bill
You hold your favorite prize.
Would that I had your courage
And prove my diving worth.
Perhaps a favored prize to me
Waits beneath the surf.
But monsters could be waiting there
Or other forms of strife,
And so I sit and loath myself
For never tasting life.**

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

GIFTS (Only)

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

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

Dover Men's December
Devo Night cancelled!

Children's Christmas Party
Plans to be announced.

*Please note: the last
Printing of the 2009
Life Lines Bulletin will
be December 20th.
The Life Lines Staff
wishes everyone and
their families a safe
and happy holiday.*

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!

Joan Vance appreciates
those that have continued
to help with the Life Lines!
Thanks Again!

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.

Young Adults
Get Together!
December 12th,
Saturday. 5:00 PM
CAROLING
Meet at the church for
caroling and snacks.
Host: Tommy and
Carla Oakes

Visitation
Christmas Baskets
December 19th
See Amanda Besterfeldt
for details

THOSE TO SERVE

December 06, 2009

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters

Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Sid Womack
Steve Pennington

Communion

Podium: William Boley

Serve: Michael Robbins
Rex McDaniel
Rick Hollis
Alan Boatright

Scripture Reading

Brett Walters

Sunday P.M.

Prayers

Rex McDaniel
Randall Walters

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

“Singing Night”

Prepare Table for Communion

Billy and Diane Walters

Communion to Shut-Ins

Donny Forehand

Greeters

The Elders

Wednesday Night

Devotional

December 09, 2009

Allen Veasman

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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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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