



Life Lines

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MY LINES

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The Tablecloth

The brand new preacher and his wife, newly assigned to their first ministry, to reopen a church in suburban Brooklyn, arrived in early October excited about their opportunities. When they saw the church, it was very run down and needed much work. They set a goal to have everything done in time to have their first service on Christmas Eve.

They worked hard, repairing pews, plastering walls, painting, etc., and on December 18th, were ahead of schedule.

On December 19th, a terrible storm hit the area that lasted for two days.

On the 21st, the preacher went over to the church to check things out. His heart sank when he saw that the roof had leaked, causing a large area of plaster to fall off the front of the wall of the sanctuary just behind the pulpit.

The preacher cleaned up the mess and not knowing what else to do but postpone the Christmas Eve service, headed home. On the way he noticed that a local business was having a flea market-type sale for charity so he stopped by. One of the items was a beautiful, handmade, crocheted table-cloth with exquisite work, with a Cross embroidered right in the center. It was just the right size to

cover up the hole in the front wall. He bought it and headed back to the church.

By this time it had started to snow. He noticed an older woman running to catch a bus. . . She missed it. So, the preacher invited her to wait in the warm church for the next bus 45 minutes later.

She sat in a pew and paid no attention to the preacher while he got a ladder, etc., to put up the tablecloth as a wall tapestry. The preacher could hardly believe how beautiful it looked and how it covered up the entire damaged area.

Then he noticed the woman walking down the center aisle. Her face was very white. "Preacher," she asked, "where did you get that tablecloth?"

The preacher explained the circumstances regarding the tablecloth.

The woman asked him to check the lower right corner to see if the initials, BEG were crocheted there. The initials were there. These were her initials and she had made this 35 years before in Austria.

The woman could hardly believe it. The woman explained that before the war she and her husband were well-to-do people in Austria. When the Nazis came, she was forced to leave. Her husband was to follow the next week. But, he was captured, sent to prison and she never saw her husband or her home again.

The preacher wanted to give her the tablecloth; but she made the preacher promise to keep it for the church.

The preacher insisted on driving her home, that was the least he could do.

She lived on the other side of Staten Island and was in Brooklyn for a housecleaning job.

What a wonderful service they had on Christmas Eve. The church was almost full. The songs and the spirit were great. At the end of the service, the preacher and his wife were greeting everyone at the door when he recognized an older man from the neighborhood still sitting in one of the pews and wondered why he wasn't leaving.

When he went back to check on him, the man asked him where and how had he acquired the tablecloth on the front wall. The man said it was identical to one that his wife had made years ago when they lived in Austria before the war.

He told the preacher how the Nazis came, how he forced his wife to flee for her safety, that he planned to follow her but was arrested and put into prison. He never saw his wife or his home again.

The preacher asked him if he would allow him to take him for a little ride.

They drove to Staten Island to the same house the preacher had taken the woman three days earlier. After helping the man get up the stairs to the woman's apartment, they knocked on the door and the preacher saw the greatest Christmas reunion he could ever imagine.

Via Bulletin

(Claimer: supposed to be a true story)

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

City Girl Found Happiness On The Farm

The following is an article that was written to Dear Abby several years ago about marrying a farmer:

Dear Abby: About eight years ago, I read a letter in your column that meant so much to me; I cut it out and saved it. It was from a city girl who wanted to know if she could be happy married to a farmer. Well, I lost the article, but I have found my own farmer! Will you please run it again?

In Love With A Farmer
From New Jersey.

Dear In Love:

That piece ran in 1984. And here it is:

Dear Abby:

I'm a city girl who's attending college in Ames, Iowa. I've fallen in love with a young man whose father was a farmer, and he intends to follow in his father's footsteps.

What are my chances for happiness as a farmer's wife? Have you any statistics on this?

Dear in Love:

I have no statistics, but love being what it is, statistics wouldn't help much.

A reader sent a charming piece that may not be your bale of hay, but if it is, good luck to you and Wally:

"I wanted a guy who could sit and have a cup of coffee with me at 5 AM when only the sounds to be heard are crickets, cows and creaking floorboards . . . that's why I married a farmer.

"I wanted a guy who would crack a joke and make me laugh when I'm covered with dirt and cow manure . . . that's why I married a farmer.

"I wanted a guy who could get out of a nice warm bed when it's 30 below, start up a tractor and plow the driveway so the school bus can get through . . . that's why I married a farmer.

"I wanted a guy who could entertain

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Remember Our Sick

Ruby Boley – receiving hospice care, pray for her and her family.

Helen Brown – Virgil Turner's 87 year-old mother, health problems.

Seanie Brown – age 92, and her daughter, **Wanda Brown**, both with health problems. Both are relatives of Virgil Turner's.

Wanda Damouth – of Pocahontas, Pat Holloway's mother, fell while visiting. Fractured her pelvis, needs your prayers.

Brian Holloway - Pat Holloway's grandson is in the Jonesboro Hospital, with a urinary tract infection.

Mary and David Hutchinson – of Russellville, both have been diagnosed with cancer. Mary is Virgil Turner's step-mother.

Louise Killer – needs your prayers, health problems, etc.

Ray King – Karen Womack's father, home, still has serious health problems.

Baby Emmy May – had open heart surgery November 17th. Came home for Thanksgiving, great recovery, stitches out.

Bobbie Moline – Gwen Hale's sister and Lois Boley's friend – still has excessive fluids in legs.

Brandon Reid – age 15, collapsed lung, severe health problems. He is a friend of Kevin Miller's.

Shut-ins: Needs your prayers and visits.
Dover Area:

Bernice Brown
Evelyn Burton
Mae Vanzandt

Russellville Nursing and Rehab Center:

Thelma Hatcher
Esther Sparks

Stella Manor: **Louise Killer**

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Kenneth Anderson, Susie Boley, Tom Cloud, Jamie Churchill, Jason Coulter, James Ray Damouth, Jeff Davis, James Dykes, Ronda Fields, Sue Griffin, Randy Holland, 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, Gene Smith, Tanya Smith, Elsie Youngerman, Pauline Whorton and Valentina.

Oh, Giver of Every Good and Perfect Gift

Oh, giver of every good and perfect gift,
We pause to give the praise
For all the joys and blessings
That have followed all our days.
For our families and our loved ones
And for all the joy they bring,
And for our food and clothing
And, our God, for everything
That has been done throughout the ages
To make our lives so bright and fair,
And for all the things we cannot count
That shows your love and care,
Oh, Father, may we ever know
From whom all blessings flow
And ne'er take Thee for granted
In our living here below.
May we never be ungrateful
Or forget Your kindly hand
That has shielded us from evil
In this blessed freedom's land.
And may our soul's rejoicing
In Thy goodness ever be
As our hearts are filled with praises
And with gratitude to Thee.

Via Bulletin

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four kids, a dog and a nerve-racked wife when the power goes off, the pipes freeze and everything quits during a two-day blizzard . . . that's why I married a farmer.

"I wanted a guy who could put up with in-laws and new tax laws, and still be open minded and openly loving . . . that's why I married a farmer.

"I wanted a guy who could count his blessings when he's depressed, count his children when he feels poor, and count on God to make it all work out . . . that's why I married a farmer."

Expectant Mothers: Kristen Loper Nordin and Shelley Parker Culwell.

Special Children: Kaitlyn Schwartz, Zachary Shelton, Gabriel Ross Finlayson, Keith Martin and Noah Williams.

Military: Jon Allen, Greg Davis, Johnny Ragsdale and Cole Wetzel.

Darus Brown is stateside, temporarily.

Events

Dover Church of Christ
Children's Church
Every Sunday

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

Story for December:
"Jesus was born in
Bethlehem."
(Luke 1:37)

Memory Verse:
"For with God nothing will
be impossible." (Luke
11:28b)

90th Birthday Celebration!!

For Athel Hill

December 11th

Open House –
2:00 – 4:00 PM
(No Gifts)

Dover Church of Christ
Fellowship Hall

OOPS!! The name in the birth
announcement was in error.
Correct name: Ava Camille
Norton.

Mark Your Calendars

Children's Party!!

Saturday, 2:00 PM
December 10th
Dover Church of Christ
Fellowship Hall
Games and Santa!!

Ladies Night

Annual Christmas
Party

December 15, 6:30PM

Hostess: Leota Hickey

MEMORIALS TO
CAMP CAUDLE IN
MEMORY OF:
VELVA TURNER BATES

Dover Super Market
David and Brenda Allen
Kent Dollar
Gary and Pam Huggins

December Birthdays

01 Leigh Anne Forehand
04 Steve Bates
06 Presley Williams
08 Suzanne Helton
15 Bradley Smith
16 Athel Hill (90th)
22 Alayna Williams
23 Jamie Statler
Cara Williams
28 Betty Walters
29 Lawrence Boley
Zachary Meyer

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

Special Ministry
Meeting
Dover Church of Christ
December 13th,
Tuesday, 7:00PM

Evangelism
Meeting

Dover Church of Christ
Sunday, 12:00 PM
December 18th
Potluck
Fellowship Hall

THOSE TO SERVE

December 11, 2005

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Chris Loper
Sid Womack

Communion

Podium: William Boley
Serve: Alan Boatright
Allen Veasman
Andy Land
Bill McAlister

Scripture Reading

Blake Walters

**Sunday P.M.
Prayers**

Donny Forehand
Earl Whitted

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.
Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.
Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Diane Walters

Communion to Shut-Ins

Brett Hottinger
Dennis Whiteside

Greeters

Earl and Frances Kennedy

**Wednesday Night
Devotional**

December 14, 2005

Chris Moss

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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Jim Killer 331-2802
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: Carin Chance

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