



# Life Lines

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## The Angel's Message: God Loves Everyone

On the night Jesus was born, an angel announced that glorious birth to some lowly shepherds.

When the angel appeared, it frightened them and “. . . *they were sore afraid.*” But the angel said, “*Fear not; for, behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.*” (Luke 2:10)

What was that good news? The Son of God had been born in Bethlehem to bring peace and good will to all people.

One of the wonderful aspects of the gospel is that it is good news for all people.

Please note these three points:

1. **God loves all people despite their economic status.** God has always had a special place in His heart for the poor. In fact, the book of James makes it plain that to show favoritism to the rich and dishonor to the poor is a grievous sin. “*My brethren, do not hold your faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ with an attitude of personal favoritism. For if a man comes into your assembly with a gold ring and dressed in fine clothes, and you pay special attention to the one wearing fine clothes, and say, ‘You sit here in a good place,’ and you say to the*

*poor man, ‘You stand over there, or sit down by my footstool,’ have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil motives? Listen my beloved brethren: did not God choose the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him? But you have dishonored the poor man. Is it not the rich who oppress you and personally drag you into court? Do they blaspheme the fair name by which you have been called? If, however, you are fulfilling the royal law according to the Scripture, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself,’ you are doing well. But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.” (James 2:1-9)*

2. **God loves people of all races.**

It does not matter to God where a person comes from or what is his native tongue. It does not matter to God what is a person's skin color or culture. What does matter is each person should call upon God's name and all of us should love each other as brothers and sisters in Christ.

“*There is neither Jew or Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male or female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.*” (Galatians 3:28)

3. **God loves the sinner.** Here is the greatest news – even while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)

In the fullness of time, Christ was born, lived, preached His message of love and died as our substitute for the punishment we deserved for our sinful ways.

Truly, this is “*good tidings of great joy*” for all people!

By: *Larry Fitzgerald*  
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As the story goes – a lady was driving by herself along an Arizona Highway when she saw a Navaho woman walking along the highway. She stopped and asked if she would like a ride.

The Navaho woman agreed and got in the auto with her and they continued quietly on their way.

The lady driving the auto tried several times to engage a conversation, but without much luck.

Finally, she turned to the Navaho woman, pointed to a small box laying between them and said, “Please help yourself to some of these chocolates, I got them for my husband.”

The woman helped herself and then quietly replied, “Good Trade!”

## Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

*"Light – there are two ways of spreading light: to be a candle or the mirror that reflects it."* Edith Whorton

We can spread light by being the source (candle) or we can spread the light by being a reflection of it. Would one source be stronger than the other? Possibly.

*"The Lord is my light and my salvation."* (Psalms 27:1a) He keeps us out of darkness.

Jesus is our source of light. He told the crowd at the temple in Jerusalem, *"I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."* (John 8:12) He lived a perfect life for us as an example to follow. If we follow His light we will be saved eternally.

Often, our reflection is inadequate. Some of the things I say and do are not a good reflection to others. Another problem is not doing what I should be doing. My light is really dim or completely gone out. We know others are watching. What we do affects others. Doing wrong or not doing right is contagious. More so than the good we do.

Being a Christian is a struggle. Jesus said that believers are the light of the world. We are not to hide our light, but put it out for others to see. *"Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."* (Matthew 5:16)

The candle reminds me of a person who spreads the Word around them. They reach out to teach, to encourage, to guide. Whereas, the light reflected through a mirror from the candle is a person's life. They go about, in their daily lives, doing all the good things, never realizing how they are influencing others. Their reflection of light isn't intentional. That's just what they do. They are truly good. They love the Lord.

*"In faith there is enough light for those who want to believe and enough shadows to blind those who don't."*

Blaine Pascal

## Remember Our Sick

**Ina Dell Cloud** – wife of Tom Cloud, home recovering from by-pass surgery.

**Charles Hickey** – still experiencing extreme pain.

**Theresa Phillips** – cancer no longer in remission.

**Grace Ann Rowlands** - Jamie/Mary Ann Churchill's granddaughter, in Children's Hospital, LR, auto accident. Slowly improving.

**Shut-ins:** Need prayers and visits.  
Dover Area:

**Bernice Brown**

**Evelyn Burton**

**Sandra Mooney**

**Mae Vanzandt**

Russellville Nursing and Rehab Center:

**Thelma Hatcher**

Stella Manor:

**Louise Killer,**

**Pauline Whorton**

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Daisy Hogins Anderson, Walter and Thelma Arcynski, Twila Bench, Lawrence Boley, Lloyd Boley, Susie Boley, Gail Brewer, Tom Cloud, Jeff Davis, Charles Ensey, Hoyt Ensey, Barbara Forehand, Rebecca Gray, Sue Griffin, Robert and Rose Lee, True McCabe, Charles Proctor, Annie Robinson, Reedie Smith, Tanya Smith, Stone Family, Lela Beth Wallace, David Walters, Ahishi Web and Elsie Youngerman.

Special Children: Bethaney Beasley, Emmy May, Keith Martin and Noah Williams.

Military: Darus Brown, Greg Davis, Johnny Ragsdale, Cole Wetzel and Rudy Will.

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A flood begins with a drop of rain.

A habit of sin begins  
with an act of sin.

Choose your habits well.

They will either become  
Your power or your prison.

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## One Solitary Life

Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another obscure village. He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty, and then for three years He was an itinerant preacher.

He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never set foot inside a big city. He never traveled more than two hundred miles from the place where He was born. He had no credentials but Himself.

While still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against Him. His friends ran away. One of them betrayed Him. One of them denied Him. He was turned over to His enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed upon a cross between two thieves.

His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth while He was dying – and that was His coat. When He was dead, He was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Twenty wide centuries have come and gone and today He is the centerpiece of the human race and the leader of progress.

I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever were built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as that ONE SOLITARY LIFE.

By: James A Francis

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Thanks to the faithful ones that fold, sticker and label the Life Lines every Wednesday afternoon for mailing.

- JV

## 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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### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Celebration

December 31, 2006

POTLUCK

Following Sunday  
Morning Services

No evening services to be  
scheduled for December  
31<sup>st</sup>. (New Year's Eve)

Please remember we are  
still feeding the families in  
our community.

Canned foods, etc. needed  
for the Dover Church of  
Christ food pantry.

## Mark Your Calendars

### Men's Business Meeting

Monday, 7:00 PM  
January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007

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### MEN'S DEVO

Thursday, 7:00 PM  
January 11, 2007

Host to be announced.

### LADIES NIGHT

Thursday, 7:00 PM  
January 18, 2007

Hostess: Joyce Helton

Please Note: The next printing  
of the Life Lines will be for  
January 7, 2007.

The office will be closed for  
the holidays from December  
25<sup>th</sup>, 2006 thru January 2<sup>nd</sup>,  
2007.

*The Life Lines Staff wishes  
everyone a Joyous Holiday  
and a Happy and Healthy  
New Year!!  
God Bless!*

## December Birthdays

01 Leigh Anne Forehand  
04 Steve Bates  
06 Presley Williams  
08 Suzanne Helton  
14 Presten Nordin  
16 Athel Hill  
22 Alayna Williams  
23 Jamie Statler  
Cara Williams  
28 Betty Walters  
29 Lawrence Boley

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

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### "In Search of the Lord's Way"

Now 24/7

The SEARCH Program  
can now be accessed at any  
time on its website:  
[www.searchtv.org](http://www.searchtv.org)

Mack Lyon's weekly  
lesson can be heard and  
viewed in this area on  
KARK, Channel 4,  
Sunday, 7:30 AM.

# ***THOSE TO SERVE***

***December 24, 2006***

## **Sunday A.M.**

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

### **Prayers**

Allen Veasman  
Blake Walters

### **Communion**

**Podium:** James Chadwick  
**Serve:** Earl Whitted  
Gary Williams  
Jim Killer  
Lawrence Boley

### **Scripture Reading**

Chris Loper

## **Sunday P.M. Prayers**

Donny Forehand  
Earl Whitted

# **SPEAKER**

**Sunday A.M.**  
Micah Williams

**Sunday P.M.**  
Micah Williams

## **Prepare Table for Communion**

Leigh Anne Forehand

## **Communion to Shut-Ins**

Chris Ramirez  
Donny Forehand

### **Greeters**

Allen and Marilyn Veasman

## **Wednesday Night Devotional**

**December 27, 2006**

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**  
7:00 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  
Joe Miller

### **Nursery Attendants:**

**Sunday Class:** Kaeli Miller  
**Sunday Church:** Pat McAlister  
Kaeli Miller

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