



Life Lines

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The End Approaches As The End Approaches

When Paul wrote his epistle to the church at Rome, he reminded them of the urgency of being prepared for whatever was in their future. The Romans knew the times that lay before them (13:11), and Paul told them how to prepare. Their approaching trial may be different from one each of us faces—the end of our lives—but Paul’s words seem so applicable to what each of us must do as we see the end approaching.

As the end approaches, we must awake out of our sleep (13:11). Paul said, “It is high time to awake out of sleep for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.” There is a grave danger of complacency overtaking us spiritually. We may be like the apostles in Gethsemane who failed to listen to the Lord’s admonition, “Watch and pray.” Yet, they slept! As the end comes closer to each of us, let us watch and be sober.

As the end approaches, we must lay aside six fleshly sins (13:14). Paul said, “Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness . . . let us walk properly . . . not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy.” Our God created us as eternal souls residing in fleshly bodies, but it is so easy to forget this and live fleshly lives. One of life’s greatest sorrows is to see those who were once steadfast in their devotion now allow the flesh to gain supremacy over their souls. Look at the six sins Paul lists and guard against them. Our salvation is nearer than when we first believed, but so is our condemnation if worldliness destroys our spiritually. Christianity is a life of continual growth which began at our spiritual birth and ends with our physical death. The end is coming!

As the end approaches, we must clothe ourselves in an armor of light (13:12). Paul said, “Let us put on the armor of light.” The words “put on” are set in contrast to that

which we must “cast off.” The six sins he lists are called the “works of darkness,” and our guarantee of victory is found in the armor of light. Paul amplified these two verses later when he said, “Put on the Lord Jesus Christ.” Becoming like Christ begins when we put on Christ in baptism (Gal. 3:27), but it does not end there. We walk in the light as He is in the light (1 John 1:7), and we are transformed every day to be more like Him. As the end approaches, let us put on Christ.

As the end approaches, we cannot make any provision to compromise with sin (13:14). Paul said, “Make no provision for the flesh.” There is no room to compromise when it comes to truth. Truth is absolute, and it is always right to do right. That determination we had to stand for truth when we first believed must never leave us.

The end is approaching: watch, pray and be sober!

By Dan Jenkins

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

“The righteous perishes, and no man takes it to heart; merciful men are taken away, while no one considers that the righteous is taken away from evil. He shall enter into peace; they shall rest in their beds, each one walking in his uprightness.” (Isaiah 57:1-2 NKJV)

Another version of these two verses from The Book, is, “The righteous pass away; the godly often die before their time. And no one seems to care or wonder why. No one seems to understand that God is protecting them from the evil to come. For the godly who die will rest in peace.”

A good example of this is Josiah, who became king of Judah at the age of eight. His father, Amon, and grandfather, Manasseh, had been very evil kings. The Book of Law was discovered in the temple and read to the people during Josiah’s reign. He began to seek after the Lord during his eighth year. He destroyed the idols and abominations set up during the former kings.

During this time, the kingdom of Israel had already been destroyed by God because of their great sins. They were carried away by Assyria. Judah would not last many more years either because of their idolatrous ways. But God told Josiah, “You shall be gathered to your grave in peace; and your eyes shall not see all the calamity which I will bring on this place...” (2 Kings 22:21b)

God allowed Josiah to die before his time, protecting him from the evil that was to come to the kingdom of Judah. He allowed him to rest in peace.

Today, we may not understand why someone dies before their time. God may be protecting them from some evil to come. I like to think that is what He does. Our minds can’t understand why someone so good and needed dies at a young age. We can’t understand why young children die, either. We do not understand His ways, and we never will

because His thoughts and His ways are above ours. He knows best, we do know that, even if we can’t understand it.

Remember Our Sick



Susie Boley – needs our prayers.

Kathy Elmore – had surgery for aneurysm and recovering.

Marion Helton – Knee surgery on January 7th at Russellville

Pat McAlister – angiogram at Heart hospital January 7th

Joe Miller – in Russellville Nsg & Rehab for a few weeks to build strength.

Michael Tindall – needs prayers.

Shut-ins – need prayers and visits:

Dover Area: **Bob Lee**

Billie Nichols

Legacy Heights:

Bonnie Vinson

Juanita Whitted

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Carl Adkisson, Amie Barkley, Carolyn Bennett, Wm./Susie Boley, Shirley Chadwick, Donna Chambers, Troy /Rachel Curtis, Leota Hickey, Ronnie Leavell, Rose Lee, Daniel Loper, Bea McDaniel, Liliya McDaniel, Linda McDaniel, Connie Myers, Becky/ Joe Miller, Julie Moss, Valentina Penno, Linda Turner, Jon Vance, Joan Vance, Joyce Walters, and Patsy Wisbrock.

Military: Pray for our service men and women

Expectant Mothers:

Rachael Robinson

Laticia Rainwater

Jessica Walters



We would like to offer our deepest prayer and sympathy to the family

and friends of **Anna Henry**
who passed away recently.

God is There

When the sky is dark—
He is there.

When you are all alone—
He is there.

When nothing goes your way—
He is there.

When you are in pain—
He is there.

When people are against you—
He is there.

When you are frightened or
worried—
He is there.

When those you love are in
crisis—
He is there.

When you feel as if God is far
away—
He is there.

When doubt and confusion weigh
you down—
He is there

When you are about to breathe
your last breath—
He is there.

And where God is, there is
always hope.



EVENTS

Ladies' Devo
January 15th, 2015
Hostess:
Joyce Helton

Men's
Business
Meeting
January 12th
@ 7:00 pm



The Lifelines Staff
would like to wish
everyone a very
blessed
2015!

Mark Your Calendars

Dover Church of Christ
Children's Church
Every Sunday
11:15 - 12:00 Noon
Ages 4 thru 8
Bible Stories and
Activities
Ages 1 thru 3
Nursery Class

HAPPY NEW YEAR

*Dear Lord, as I close the door on this
old year,
I ponder on the things I've done...
on the things I've said and the joys I've
had...
then I wonder, have I lost or won?*

*I've thought of the new friends I have
made,
and of the old ones staunch and true...
the path of the old year was made
easier Lord,
because I have walked it with You.*

*I think of all the many times,
when my burdens were so heavy to
bear,
and how my faith slipped away from
me...
but somehow You were always
standing there.*

*Now as I open the door to this New
Year,
and carefully peep inside,
I wonder what it holds for me...
but I'll throw the door open wide*

*And whatever it brings to me and
mine,
I'll meet it with a heart so true...
I know that, Lord whatever it may be
You'll be there to carry me through*

January Birthdays

- 01 Billy Walters
- 02 Marilyn Veasman
- 06 Shelby Bell
- 07 Aaron Horton
Chris Moss
- 08 Chad Rainwater
- 09 Micah Williams
- 10 Kortland Baldrige
- 14 Luke Miller
- 15 Chris Besterfeldt
Amie Barkley
- 17 Holly Jennings
- 20 JoAnn Killer
Teresa Parker
Patsy Wisbrock
- 21 Bennie Lou Meadows
- 23 Mary Stamps
- 28 Mary Ann Cloud
- 30 Shawn Price
Melissa Jackson

In Search
of the Lord's Way
The Search Program
can now be accessed
any time on their website
@

www.searchtv.org

Mack Lyon

or

Phil Sanders

weekly lesson can be

heard and seen on

LR KASN TV 38

Sunday @ 7:30 a.m.

THOSE TO SERVE

January 11th, 2015

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Michael Robbins
Randall Walters

Communion

Podium: Donny Forehand
Serve: Marion Helton
Matthew Moss
Rex McDaniel
Presley Williams

Scripture Reading

Gary Williams

Sunday P.M.

Prayers
Merrell Shoptaw
Rex McDaniel

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.
Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.
Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Lads & Leaderettes

Communion to Shut-Ins

Donny Forehand

Greeters

The Elders

**Wednesday Night
Services
@
6:30 p.m.**

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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Chris Besterfeldt
Donny Forehand
Brent Hottinger
Chris Loper
Rex McDaniel
Chris Moss
Michael Robbins

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