



# Life Lines

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## ARE YOU BURDENED?

*For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. (Romans 8:18)*

As a child of God, we are not exempt from the burdens and cares that are common to all mankind. As we walk this pathway we will be burdened and we will often groan under the load that falls upon our shoulders. While we must endure a certain amount of suffering in this present time we know there will come a day in which every adverse condition we have had to contend with will be replaced with a glory beyond anything we can imagine.

In that day we will be free from fears, anxieties, and doubts that arise in our lives. In that day there will be no diseases to cause pain, heartache and sadness. In that day we will dwell in a land where joys will never end. Our future happiness far outweighs any burden or suffering that besets us today (1

Corinthians 2:9; 2 Corinthians 4:17). It just does not matter how long our struggle may be or how short it may be on this side of eternity; it does not matter how painful the wounds of this life may be because one day if we are a faithful child of God, we will gain the greatest victory imaginable (1 Corinthians 15:51-57).

One of the great truths of God's word centers around the fact that this old wicked, sinful world is not our permanent dwelling place (1 Peter 2:11; Hebrews 11:13). The most important aspect of our lives is not where we have been. It is not even where we are right now even though where we are right now may very well determine what the greatest aspect of our lives is, namely where we are one day going to be in eternity.

Through the eye of faith I can see that wonderful city of God in which there will be no suffering.

There we will live in joy and peace forever. All who now read these words should have their eyes fixed on that wonderful

city (Colossians 3:1-2). I love the words of

2 Timothy 4:6-8:

*"For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge shall give me at that day and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing".*

There is a time in our lives when these words do not hold a lot of meaning for us but as we grow older they become more meaningful. These are words that tell us there is a certain way in which we should be living every moment of every day. Regardless of age, all of us should be living in such a way that we can with conviction in our hearts say, "I am ready".

Charles Hicks  
White House, Tennessee

## Lines for Ladies by Patty McAlister

*“Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it”*  
(Mark 10:14, 15).

What did Jesus mean by this? We know little children accept people as they are. They are forgiving and loving. When they say Jesus is in their heart, they literally believe this. They will point to their heart. Their prayers are genuine and their belief is something we should hope for. The kingdom will be full of people like this!

“Children may forget what you say, but they will never forget how you make them feel.”

We can tell them we love them, but if we don't show this love it means nothing to them. It is not a good practice to say, “Do what I say, and not what I do.” This has never worked for anyone, especially children who try to follow in our footsteps. Examples are the best teachers. If we want our children to be godly, we will be a godly example to them. This is really the most important thing we could show our children. Jesus said we should not hinder them; and woe to us if we fail in this area!

How can we be like little children? This doesn't mean in our knowledge of His word, because the Bible teaches us to be mature in our knowledge. In this we can't be like a child who needs nourishment, we must grow in His word. Be a good example for others.

## Remember Our Sick in Your Prayers

**Greg Standridge** – hospitalized for more chemo treatments

**Nubbin Boley** – at home, getting better every day

**Jay Winters** – additional surgery on 1/11 for an infection-continues to remain in good spirits - will start chemo and radiation therapy again soon

**Joan Hudson** – feeling good, no new problems, will get diverticulitis under control

**Melinda Robbins** – taking oral meds and will go back to Houston soon for more treatment – doing better

### Shut-ins – need prayers and visits:

#### Legacy Heights:

Bonnie Vinson – Room #34

Juanita Whitted – Room #62

#### Russellville Nsg & Rehab:

Joe Miller –Room #317

### Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Carl Adkisson, Amie Barkley, Jesse/Jennie Branch, Donna Chambers, Chris Chance, Jamie Churchill, Rachel Curtis, Eugene Davis, Randy Ellis, Charles Ensey, Mary Grice, Leota Hickey, Rose Lee, Letson family, Daniel Loper, Jan Loveless, Anna Moore, Jeff/Connie Myers, Becky Miller, Shirley Miller, Julie Moss, Glen/Paulette Oakes, Aris Ortiz, Jr, Jackson Pierce, Cathy Pittman, Jerry Pruitt, Mike Rinke, Pat Robertson, KaLee Robbins, Bob Sims, Michael Tindall, Joan/Jon Vance, Joey Vaughn, Justin Vaughn, Joyce Walters & Patsy Wisbrock.

### Military: Pray for our service men and women:

Eric Richardson

D J Bandy

### Expecting Mothers:

Emma Walters

## MANY THANKS!

The end of the year brings reports and “Thank You's” from many of the mission efforts that we support in this con- gregation.

The Highway Church of Christ has sent us a thank you for being a part of the Smile Box program for the children in Nicaragua. (Karen says about 13,000 of them were collected.)

Students at ATU sent us a thank you for supporting the work at the Church of Christ Student Center on campus there.

Eddie Cloer sent us a thank you letter for our continued support, both from individuals and the church, of the Truth for Today program in Searcy.

Camp Caudle also sent us a thank you for our support of the continuing work at this great local youth camp and retreat center.

And, of course, Mike Baumgartner of Disaster Assistance CoC, sent us an annual report and thanks for our support of his team and their efforts to relieve the suffering and loss of those involved in the natural disasters that have happened in our country this year.

Please continue to remember these groups with your prayers, your labor, and your financial assistance. May God bless you for your generosity!

# UPCOMING EVENTS

*Our annual Teacher Appreciation Banquet will be held on Sunday, January 29 after evening services. Everyone is invited to attend. Donny will be doing the cooking so be sure to come and enjoy the fellowship and honor our dedicated teachers!*

On Sunday morning, February 12<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Continental Breakfast served from 8:45-9:45 before our morning classes to celebrate Valentine's Day. There will be doughnuts, muffins, fruit, coffee, and juice. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy breakfast and fellowship with your friends!

*The 23<sup>d</sup> annual WINGS (Women in God's Service) Conference will be held at Harding University February 24-25, 2017. This year's theme is "You Are Here" and our keynote speaker is Dr. Elaine Denman of Wichita, Kansas. More info can be found at [www.harding.edu/wings](http://www.harding.edu/wings).*

# AREA EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE!  
Our 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Ladies' Day will be held on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. Our theme will be "Caring for God's Masterpiece – Spirit, Soul, and Body." Our guest speaker will be Diane Burton, of Mt. Home, AR. Make plans to attend!

*Please bring pudding and fruit cups for the RussBus ministry.*

# January/February Birthdays

## January Birthdays

28 Mary Ann Cloud  
30 Melissa McMillian  
Shawn Price

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

04 Lewis Lambert  
08 Mary McAlister  
09 Juanita Whitted  
11 Keri Letson  
Kristen Nordin  
15 Zachary Shelton  
16 Rachel Curtis  
17 Larry Mahan  
19 Carolyn Bennett  
20 Kaci Rood  
21 Julie Moss  
Ethan Collins  
22 Eugene Davis  
Lealah Robinson  
23 Pat McAlister  
24 Earl Kennedy  
25 Bobbi Robbins  
Angela Widner  
27 Caleb Chance  
28 Theresa Motley

*Last Week's Trivia answer:  
Ephesians*

# ***THOSE TO SERVE***

***January 29th, 2017***

**Sunday A.M.**

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

## **Prayers**

Charles Davis  
Chris Loper

## **Communion**

**Podium:** Donny Forehand  
**Serve:** William Boley  
William Robbins  
Adam Leavell  
Alan Boatright

## **Scripture Reading**

Brett Walters

**Sunday P.M.**

## **Prayers**

Chris Moss  
Dan Cloud

# **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

## **Next Business Meeting**

February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017

## **Wednesday Night Services**

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**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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Allen Veasman 331-2156

Sid Womack 967-2367

Chris Loper 331-3313

## **Deacons:**

Chris Besterfeldt

Donny Forehand

Brent Hottinger

Rex McDaniel

Chris Moss

Michael Robbins

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