



Life Lines

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A WALK IN THE WILDERNESS

*O God, You are my God;
Early will I seek You; My
soul thirsts for You; my flesh
longs for You in a dry and
thirsty land where there is
no water. So I have looked
for You in the sanctuary, to
see Your power and Your
glory, because Your
lovingkindness is better than
life, my lips shall praise You.
Thus I will bless You while I
live; I will lift up my hands
in Your name. My soul shall
be satisfied as with marrow
and fatness, and my mouth
shall praise You with joyful
lips.*

Psalm 63:1-5

Abraham....Moses....David...
John the Baptist...Jesus—all
men who wandered in the
wilderness, only to find the
same thing; the nearness of
God and the joy of walking in
Him. It seems to me that
God used the wilderness to
strengthen the faith and
resolve of his chosen
representatives, and even
Jesus dwelt there when He
was tested as He
demonstrated His faith-
fulness to His Father in

Heaven. The wilderness was
not a place of comfort or
ease, but a place full of
hardship and trial where
their faith was sharpened
and honed and where God
was their only respite.

We live in a very different
world than these men. We
live in relative ease, comfort,
and wealth. Even the poorest
among us is offered food, but
in the wilderness there was
nothing but faith in God.
Even so, we all face the
wilderness in our lives in
some way. We face trial,
hardship, struggle, and
failure. In each of these
things we often wonder why
God allows these things to
fall upon us, why our
comfortable and easy life
must be interrupted for a
walk in the wilderness. The
answer is simple and two-
fold:

1. Life is not easy because sin exists in the world.
2. Life without God is far worse than a wilderness. It is hopeless.

It's easy enough to get
caught up in the good things
in this life; however, in a
world that rejects God we are
in a wilderness of sorts. Our

response should be the same
as David's...to seek Him
early, long for Him, thirst for
Him, look to His dwelling
place, praise Him with our
lips, bless Him while we live,
lift up our hands in His
name. In response, God will
fill our hearts with the
marrow and fatness that
feeds our souls in Christ. In
our mouth will be the praise
of joyful lips.

A walk in the wilderness
can be harsh and difficult,
but in this life it is inevitable.
What we find in that
wilderness is up to us. Will
we long for God for shelter
and strength, or will we give
in to the wilderness and lose
hope? Let us seek God with
all our hearts, minds, and
souls and find our fill in
Him. Let's reject this
wilderness of sin as a place of
comfort, knowing that it is
but an illusion and leads to
death. We might find in the
end that a walk in the
wilderness is not so bad if
God is our companion.

In Christ,
Michael Orr

Lines for Ladies by Patty McAlister

"It's good to have money and the things money can buy, but make sure you haven't lost touch with the things money can't buy." Anonymous

This applies to the rich young ruler who asked Jesus what he could do to inherit eternal life. He told Jesus he had followed all the law from his youth. Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me" (Matt. 19:21). We know what the young ruler chose to do. Verse 22 says he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

Money won't buy happiness and it won't buy our way into heaven, not if we choose to keep it. His heart was in his possessions. All the good he had previously done during his life had not affected his heart. His value wasn't in what he had done, as if we could ever do enough. None of us can do enough. That's not what it's about. It's not a contest to see who can do the most. It's about our heart and the love and grace of our Lord God. We could never do enough to cover what Jesus Christ did for us!

God loves us whether we do anything at all. Jesus loved the young ruler even when he chose to turn and go his own way. We do godly things because we love God. We can only get our heavenly reward by doing God's will. His will is to be good and kind and help the needy and poor. Our heart and treasures must be in heavenly things, not things of this world that will decay and rust. We can't take it with us, and we won't need it there anyway!

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven" (Matt. 7:21).

Remember Our Sick in Your Prayers

Kathryn Lee – newborn baby of Abbey & Kyler Lee – in ACH with heart problems

Greg Standridge – at home again after more chemo treatments

Nubbin Boley – at home, still weak, but 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

Melinda Robbins – returned from Houston, taking oral meds

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, Joan Hudson, 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

"Time to Pray"

By Phil Sanders

11/20/2016

God wants us to pray, but He also wants to hear our hearts. He knew the value of prayer to our daily lives. Praying can bless your life in a multitude of ways. I just want to mention a few.

1. Prayer can help you in times of temptation. Prayer can help us to remain close to God in trying times (Heb. 4:15-16).

2. Prayer can help you in times of worry and struggle. The Lord cares about you and your daily life. No problem is too big or too small for the Lord (I Peter 5:7).

3. Prayer can help you grow closer to God. When we pray regularly and truly desire that the will of God be done on earth as it is in heaven, we build our devotion to Him (Matt. 5:6).

4. Prayer can help you in your work for God. We all find ourselves inadequate at times, unskilled, lacking wisdom, or unprepared for the challenge. God can work in and through us to do things that we couldn't do by ourselves (James 1:5-8).

5. Praying can reassure you. Sometimes we just need to be close to the One we love. We need to tell Him we love Him, to thank Him, to praise Him, and to take our burdens to Him. I tell you God is willing and He's waiting for us to ask! Nothing is more reassuring than seeing prayer answered (Phil. 4:6).

Bro. Phil Sanders will be holding a gospel meeting at the Downtown congregation in Morrilton from March 5-8.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ladies Devo for the month of February will be on Thursday, February 16, at 6:30 pm at the home of Joyce Helton.

On Sunday morning, February 12th, 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!

CHRISTeens will be February 24 – 26.

This year's program will be held at The Center for the Arts at the Russellville High School. All teens are encouraged to attend. See Brent Hottinger or Chris Moss

AREA EVENTS

The 23rd 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.

SAVE THE DATE!
Our 15th Annual Ladies' Day will be held on Saturday, April 29th. 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 granola bars for the RussBus ministry.

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

Trivia Question:

If a man killed an Israelite, whose duty was it to punish that murderer?

- A. it was up to the high priest
- B. it was the duty of the people
- C. the judge in that city
- D. it was the duty of a relative

THOSE TO SERVE

February 5th, 2017

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Donny Forehand
Earl Stamps

Communion

Podium: Allen Veasman
Serve: Blake Walters
Brent Hottinger
Brett Cains
Brett Walters

Scripture Reading

Alan Boatright

Sunday P.M.

Prayers

Gary Williams
Marion Helton

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

Young Men

Prepare Table for Communion

Lads & Leaderettes

Communion to Shut-Ins

Chris Moss

Greeters

The Elders

Next Business Meeting

February 13th, 2017

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

Rex McDaniel

Chris Moss

Michael Robbins

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