



# Life Lines

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## GOD'S GIFT TO US: MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

God said after He created man, *"It is not good for man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him"* (Genesis 2:18).

This statement is the foundation for marriage. It reflects the purpose of marriage which is not to go through life alone, and to have a partner to help you. Genesis 1:28 says, *"God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number.'"*

Children are a blessing from God, and grandchildren "are a crown for the aged" (Proverbs 17:6). Marriage and families are God's design and plan to provide companionship, love, and support throughout the lives of humans. God is love, and

He created us in His image with the need to be loved and to love. He fulfills that need in His design for marriage and families.

This family foundation is to be protected, honored, and lasting. That is why God in His Word gives us many specific instructions and guidelines regarding how to do this. For instance, He tells us plainly that sex outside of marriage is sinful and wrong. Hebrews 13:4 says, *"Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure."*

The "one flesh" concept God mentions in Genesis 2:24 concerning marriage goes far beyond sexual relations. God intends for husbands and wives to be united until death. Their relationship is designed to be the closest and deepest human bond that exists. But, for that to become a reality, we must follow God's guidelines. He tells husbands and wives to respect one another. He tells husbands to love their wives and be

considerate and not harsh with them. Wives are told to submit to and respect their husbands (Eph. 5:22-33). Fathers should not embitter their children, and parents are instructed to discipline their children and bring them up to know and love God. Also, children are told to obey their parents (Eph. 6:1-4).

I can tell you from personal experience and life observations that if we reject God's guidelines, our marriage and families will suffer. God is a God of love, and He desires to bless us with love, companionship, joy, and security throughout our lifetime in family relationships that He designed. We must follow His pattern to receive these blessings.

*"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh."*

*Genesis 2:24*

Cynthia Clayton  
Does God Exist?  
March/April 2016

## Lines for Ladies by Patty McAlister

What makes a house a home? First, we would probably think of happiness. Some might think of contentment. Others might think of hospitality. What could bring all of these into a home? Godliness! A godly home would have all of these and more. Blessings come to a godly home. But this doesn't mean there won't be problems and trials, because this is an earthly home, not heaven. But this home should have peace.

The devil is always around to oppress the godly. That is his intention. He has no need to bother the ungodly because they are already in his clutches. His goal is to get as many as he can to follow him and his deceptions. He tricks people into believing the things they do are okay and there will be no consequences to pay. He also leads people to believe they have all the time they need to correct their lives if they should want to do so

The Bible teaches us to love others, love our neighbors. The devil wants us to put us first. We need to take care of number one because no one else will. Having this mindset doesn't work very long. Eventually, we see that we need others. We also see that putting others before ourselves makes us happy and content. Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35c). A small child might not agree, but as you mature you will agree with what Jesus said. It can be pure joy to give to others!

A godly house is built on a firm foundation and will withstand many storms. Jesus, in His sermon on the mount, tells us about the foolish man who built his house on the sand. The winds and floods blew it away. The wise man built his house on the rock, a strong foundation. It withstood the winds and floods because that rock is God. The winds and floods come (problems and heartache) but having God keeps our house standing.

## Remember Our Sick in Your Prayers

**Jan Loveless** – had additional surgery on her leg on Friday, 2/3/17

**Johnny Estes** – has fallen 3 times in last few weeks and not able to be out

**Charli Collins** – problems with her back

**Kathryn Lee** – newborn baby of Abbey & Kyler Lee – in ACH with heart problems - last week's surgery went well

**Greg Standridge** – at home again after more chemo treatments

**Nubbin Boley** – at home, still weak,

**Jay Winters** – at home-will start chemo and radiation therapy soon

**Melinda Robbins** – is home after more treatments at MDAnderson

### **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

## In Praise of Love

By: Paul

*"If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I surrender my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing.*

*Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.*

*Love never fails; but if there are gifts of prophecy, they will be done away; if there are tongues, they will cease; if there is knowledge, it will be done away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part; but when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away. When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, think like a child, reason like a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known. But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love."*

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Charles Davis and Beverly Clark were married on January 27<sup>th</sup>. They will be residing at 131 Poplar Ave. in Clarksville and will be worshipping with the congregation there. Best wishes to the new couple!

## 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 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!**

*Bro. Phil Sanders will be holding a gospel meeting at the Downtown congregation in Morrilton from March 5-8. Services will be each evening at 7 pm.*

## AREA EVENTS

*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

### Invitation

You are invited to come and help celebrate Patty McAlister's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sunday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> at the fellowship hall. Come and go from 2–4 pm. It will be hosted by her three daughters, Cyndie, Julie, and Amie. No gifts please, but she does love cards.

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

Answer to last week's trivia:  
It was the duty of a relative.  
Joshua 20:9

## 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

*Lads to Leaders and Leaderettes*

*Convention Dates:*

*April 14-16, 2017*

*Theme:*

*"All that you say to me I will do" Ruth 3:5*

*Bible Bowl Books:*

*Ruth, Esther, Job*

*If you have any questions contact Chris Moss.*

# ***THOSE TO SERVE***

***February 12th, 2017***

## **Sunday A.M.**

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

### **Prayers**

Michael Robbins  
Randall Walters

### **Communion**

**Podium:** Allen Veasman  
**Serve:** Chris Besterfeldt  
Chris Loper  
Chris Moss  
Corey Hottinger

### **Scripture Reading**

William Boley

## **Sunday P.M.**

### **Prayers**

Rex McDaniel  
Sid Womack

# **SPEAKER**

## **Sunday A.M.**

Micah Williams

## **Sunday P.M.**

Micah Williams

### **Prepare Table for Communion**

Lads & Leaderettes

### **Communion to Shut-Ins**

Chris Loper

### **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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### **Elders:**

William Boley 264-1335  
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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