



# Life Lines

**Dover Church of Christ**  
**Dover, Arkansas 72837-0299**  
**Web site: [www.dovercoc.org](http://www.dovercoc.org)**

*Volume 27*

*Number 08*

*Email: [staff@dovercoc.org](mailto:staff@dovercoc.org)*

*March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015*

## Little Talent is Enough God Can Use What You Have

You Don't Need Talent For God to Succeed.

Sometimes we fail to see the big picture of our place in the kingdom of God. We look at those who are so talented and think that whatever talent we have is so miniscule that we have nothing to give to Him. We look at others who are blessed materially and wonder if God could ever use what we have. The words of Jonathan seem so appropriate:

"There is no restraint with God to save by many or by few." Consider what God has used to accomplish His victories. Few of these things had little worth.

Consider Moses' rod. There is no way to know how long Moses had used the rod in his hand at the burning bush, but there was no way he could have imagined how such a "worthless" thing could have such great value when God used it. That piece of wood became a serpent to convince both the Jews and the

Egyptians that Moses' message was from God. It turned water to blood and opened the Red Sea. God used what Moses had!

Consider David's sling. A sling has its use, but no one other than David could imagine the worth of such a "worthless" thing. Saul's armor was useless (even to Saul), but a young shepherd boy with great faith in the living God gave what he had to God's cause, and we all know the results. God used what David had!

Consider the lad's loaves and fish. None could have ever dreamed how enough food for a young lad could be enough food for such a great multitude. Andrew's question seems to be so realistic, "What are they among so many?" However, there is no restraint with God. His power is seen far more in Gideon's army of 300 than his army of 32,000. His power is seen far more in five loaves and two fish than a feast provided by ordinary means. God used what that lad had!

Consider the widow's mites. As the Lord and His disciples watched the gifts being made at the temple, He made sure the disciples understood what was happening. Some gave out of their abundance, but the widow gave out of her poverty. Yet, our Lord said, "This poor widow has put in more than all" (Luke 21:3). She was like the Macedonians who gave to the Jewish saints out of their deep poverty (2 Cor. 8:2). They were the ones God saw as those sowing bountifully! God used what they had!

Consider what you have. Is there anything you have which could be used by God? What about your car? Your stove? Your computer? Your smart phone? Your "dumb" phone? Your pen? Your words? Your smile? Your end-seat at worship? Your warm greetings? Don't ever think that you have nothing to offer to God! Remember Moses, David, the lad, the widow. God will use what you have—if you will let Him!

## Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAllister

### *Understanding*

Not more of light I ask, oh God  
But eyes to see what is.  
No sweeter songs, but ears to hear  
the present melodies.  
Not more of strength, but how to use  
The power that I possess.  
Not more of love, but skill to turn  
A frown to a caress.  
Not more of joy, but how to feel  
His kindly presence near.  
To give to others all I have  
Of courage and of cheer.  
No other gifts, dear God, I ask,  
But only sense to see  
How best these precious gifts to use  
Thou hast bestowed on me.

~Author unknown

"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it  
is like wrapping a present and not  
giving it."  
~William

Arthur Ward

How often do we fail to use these  
precious gifts that God has given us?  
Not just failing to use them, but failing  
to express gratitude for them. We take  
far too much for granted. We find  
ourselves asking for more when we  
haven't even used what we have.

Do we show our appreciation to God  
often enough? Do we use our avenue of  
prayer often enough? Do we take  
advantage of His word? Do we read it  
often enough? There are so many things  
He did for us. He gave His Son for us.  
He gave us a Comforter. His word is  
still available to us after all these years.  
It is available to all of us, not just a few.  
We don't thank Him enough for these  
blessings.

God has given us different talents.  
Are we using them? It may be as simple  
as an encouraging word to a troubled  
person. It may be as simple as making a  
visit or baking a dish for a shut-in. It  
could be helping a needy person. It  
doesn't have to be a great feat. Little  
things add up to bigger things. Using  
these talents to enrich the lives of others  
could be the best gratitude we give back  
to God.

## Remember Our Sick

**Bettye Barton** – at home.

**Susie Boley** – needs our prayers.

**Nancy Callanan** – (Pat's sister surgery  
scheduled for Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> at MD Anderson

**Johnny Estes** – broke his ankle after  
having the knee surgery. At home.

**Braden Lambert** – problems with  
Cystic Fibrosis.

**Davie Noles** – hernia surgery February  
17<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's.

**Larry Reynolds** – (Walt & Tina's  
brother in law) had stroke on Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>,  
recovering in the hospital and will  
probably be moved to rehab soon.

**Merrell Shoptaw** – Doing well

**Helen Stephens** – spot on lung, on  
medication.

**Michael Tindall** – needs prayers.

**Joe Doug Turner** – prayers answered,  
no leukemia.

**Tiffany Turner** – pregnancy  
complications.

**Donna Walters** – cataract surgery Feb  
18<sup>th</sup>

**Earl Whitted** – recovering at home.

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

**Dover Area:** Bob Lee

Billie Nichols

### **Legacy Heights:**

Bonnie Vinson

Juanita Whitted

### **Russellville Nsg & Rehab:**

Joe Miller

### **Others Who Need Our Prayers:**

Carl Adkisson, Amie Barkley, Nubbin  
Susie Boley, Donna Chambers, Troy  
Rachel Curtis, Leota Hickey, Ronnie  
Leavell, Rose Lee, Daniel Loper, Bea  
McDaniel, Liliya McDaniel, Linda  
McDaniel, Connie Myers, Becky  
Miller, Julie Moss, Linda Turner, Jon  
Vance, Joan Vance, Justin Vaughn,  
Joyce Walters, and Patsy Wisbrock.

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

### **Expectant Mothers:**

Rachael Robinson

Laticia Rainwater

Jessica Walters

Andrea Henson

## BRUSSELS SPROUTS

Logan, a seven-year-old boy, was  
asked to say thanks for the  
Christmas dinner. The family  
members bowed their heads in  
expectation. Logan began his  
prayer, thanking God for his  
Mommy, Daddy, brothers, sister,  
Grandma, and all his aunts and  
uncles. Then he began to thank  
God for the food.

He gave thanks for the turkey,  
the stuffing, the Christmas  
pudding, even the cranberry sauce.  
Then Logan paused, and everyone  
waited ... and waited. After a long  
silence, the young fellow looked  
up at his mother and asked, "If I  
thank God for the Brussels Sprouts,  
won't he know that I'm lying?"



## EVENTS

### *Ladies' Devo*

*March 26*

*Hostess:*

*Diane Walters (1)*

*6:30 in the*

*Fellowship Hall.*

*This will also be a*

*work night for*

*Ladies' Day*

*2015*

### *Men's Business*

*Meeting*

*March 9<sup>th</sup>*

*@ 7:00 pm*

*Gravel Hill  
Church of Christ*

*Ladies' Day*

*Saturday,*

*February 28<sup>th</sup>*

*@ 10:00 am*

*Speaker: Betty*

*Choate*

*Lunch will be*

*provided.*

## 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

SAVE THE DATE



APRIL 25, 2015

FOR LADIES' DAY!



2015 Theme For

Lads-to-Leaders

"ONE"

Convention is April 3-5  
in Memphis.

Scriptures will be from

*Galatians*

*Ephesians*

*Philippians*

&

*Colossians*

For more information

Contact Chris Moss

## March Birthdays

*Kelly Williams*

*Dakota Whitted*

03 *Keaton Creel*

*Rick Hollis*

*Caleb Whitted*

05 *Austin Meyers*

07 *Sarah Ensey*

*Colton Williams*

08 *Jan Loveless*

09 *Jim Clark*

12 *Carl Lawley*

13 *Matthew Moss*

*Linda Drewry*

17 *Jim Killer*

21 *William Boley*

22 *Hallie Miller*

*Alan Herron*

25 *Ethan Letson*

26 *Lakyn Barkley*

*Mike Creel*

27 *Wilma Johnson*

*Shelby Statler*

28 *Kaeli Miller*

*Elizabeth Robbins*

*Lacee Cates*

### In Search of the Lord's Way

The Search Program  
can now be accessed  
any time on their website

@

[www.searchtv.org](http://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***

***March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015***

**Sunday A.M.**

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

## **Prayers**

Brett Walters  
Charlie Davis

## **Communion**

**Podium:** Sid Womack

**Serve:** Walt Davis  
William Boley  
William Robbins  
Alan Boatright

## **Scripture Reading**

Bret Cains

**Sunday P.M.**

## **Prayers**

Chris Moss  
Dan Cloud

# **SPEAKER**

**Sunday A.M.**

Micah Williams

**Sunday P.M.**

**\*\*Young Men\*\***

## **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.

**Minister: Micah Williams**

**Church Office: 479-331-3428**

**Or Cell: 479-264-9244**

## **Elders:**

William Boley 858-7131  
Allen Veasman 331-2156  
Sid Womack 967-2367

## **Deacons:**

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

*Life Lines is a Publication of the Dover Church of Christ*

Editor: Pat McAlister    Layout and Design: Tina Davis    Technical Assistance: M. Shoptaw

Dover Church of Christ  
P.O. Box 299  
Dover, AR 72837  
Return Service Requested

**Nonprofit Organization**  
**U.S. Postage Paid**  
**Dover, AR**  
**Permit No. 18**