



Life Lines

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Gaps in the Walls Must Be Filled

The Bible is filled with illustrations from the lives of ancient times which are then used to make great spiritual applications. When God spoke to Israel through His prophet Ezekiel, He used the expression of "a man standing in the gap" ([Ezek. 22:30](#)). We may not readily see what this man was doing, but it was well understood by the men in Ezekiel's day.



Are you willing to stand in the gaps?
To fill up what is needed?

Men in the gap, breaches in the city walls and ancient warfare.

The cities in the Old Testament were protected by walls, watchmen on top of those walls and fortified gates. The most skilled soldiers were posted atop the walls to ensure the safety of the city. However, there were those times when enemy soldiers were able to break down the wall and create gaps so they could enter and plunder the city. When such emergencies occurred, it was imperative that someone, even if he was not a highly trained soldier, stand in that gap and protect the city at all cost.

Gaps in the wall around the city of Jerusalem in Ezekiel's day.

This imagery was used by Ezekiel to describe what was spiritually happening to Israel. Spiritual gaps were in the walls, yet not one person was willing to do anything about them. There were political gaps. The rulers were self-centered and unashamedly taking bribes to become wealthy ([Ezek. 22:27](#)). There were religious gaps created by their leaders

who used their positions to take the possessions of the people and oppressed the poor, especially widows ([Ezek. 22:25](#)). They also covered their actions by acting like they were working on these gaps and claimed to see visions from God ([Ezek. 22:23-28](#)). They were even making up messages and saying, "Thus says the Lord." Inside the walls there were the citizens creating "gaps" by oppression and robbery ([Ezek. 22:29](#)). The gaps were obvious, but nothing was being done to close them. God said, "So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall and stand in the gap before me...but I found no one" ([Ezek. 22:29](#)).

Gaps in our walls, and God looks for a man.

There are gaps all around us locally and nationally. There are gaps in our homes when parents are too busy to stand for what is right. There are gaps in the church when preaching has so little Scripture.

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Lines for Ladies by Patty McAlister

When the seventy returned, that Jesus had sent out to spread His word, they were rejoicing that they had been able to perform miracles. They marveled at what they were able to do with the authority Jesus had given them. But Jesus said, *“Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven”* (Luke 10:20).

They should have been rejoicing because their names were written in the Book of Life. Paul mentioned this when he wrote about his fellow laborers in the gospel. *“..and the rest of my fellow workers, who names are in the Book of Life”* (Phil. 4:3). He also said to rejoice about this when he wrote, *“Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice”* (Phil. 4:4).

I certainly want my name written in the Book of Life, don't you want yours too? That is something to rejoice about! If our name is in it, Jesus will confess our name before the Father in heaven (Rev. 3:5).

“And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works by the things which were written in the books” (Rev. 20:12).

Are you ready? Is your name written in the Book of Life? We sing the song, *“Are you ready for that Day?”* We will be judged by our works, whether they were good or whether they were bad (II Cor. 5:10).

We should stay ready, also. Our name can be removed from the book. We can be blotted out (Rev. 3:5). Or, our name might not be written in it at all. *“And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire”* (Rev. 20:15). (cont. next column)

Remember Our Sick in Your Prayers

Patsy Wisbrock – more problems with her foot

Jan Loveless – got her staples removed, but will still have to be off her leg for up to 3 months

Melinda Robbins – is back in Houston for more treatments. One type of cancer is currently in remission, but now must have surgery on her arm.

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, Charli Collins, Rachel Curtis, Randy Ellis, Charles Ensey, Johnny Estes, Mary Grice, Leota Hickey, Kathryn Lee, Rose Lee, Letson family, Daniel Loper, 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, Greg Standridge, Michael Tindall, Joan/Jon Vance, Joey Vaughn, Justin Vaughn, Joyce Walters, & Jay Winters.

Military: Pray for our service men and women:

Eric Richardson

D J Bandy

Expecting Mothers:

Emma Walters

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To enter heaven our names must be written in the Lamb's Book of Life. Our works must be worthy because we will be judged by them. We will be judged accordingly also, if we are not written in the book at all.

Gaps in the Wall Must be Filled

By: Dan Jenkins

God looks for those to stand in the gaps. They must be vigilant. They must be courageous. They must be focused and determined to stand at all costs.

The question is whether you are willing to be that person to deal with the reality of gaps in the wall. Consider this. God is looking for just one person to stand in the gap. Godly men and women have stood in the gaps in the past. God is looking for a man to stand, and that person can be you!

-Dan Jenkins

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WELCOME!

I'm sure you have noticed the “new” family sitting up front for the last few weeks. There are always seven of them, usually eight of them, and sometimes even ten of them!

Tristan and Janie Stamps and their family have placed membership with our congregation. Their family includes three daughters, Addie, Paige, and Tenley; two foster children, Marlee and Finlee, and a very good friend, Jasmine Cancino. Let's follow Addie's example and bring all of our friends with us!

The Stamps live at 100 Kelly Ln in Dover. Tristan's # is 857-4290 and Janie's is 857-4277. Please add them to your newest directory page.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ladies Devo for the month of March will be on Thursday, March 23, at 6:30 pm at the fellowship building. Diane #1 will be the host.

Just a reminder!

Watch your thoughts, for they become your words.

Watch your words, for they become your actions.

Watch your actions, for they become your habits.

Watch your habits, for they become your character.

Watch your character, for it becomes your DESTINY!

Please continue to remember Doug McAlister and his family, Merrell Shoptaw and his family, Rachel Curtis and her family and all of Nubbin's family in your prayers!

AREA EVENTS

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.

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 fruit cups, Pop Tarts and Little Debbie's for the Russ Bus ministry.

March Birthdays

- 02 Kelly Williams
Dakota Whitted
Reese Lovell
- 03 Rick Hollis
- 05 Austin Myers
- 07 Sarah Ensey
Colton Williams
- 08 Jan Loveless
- 12 Carl Lawley
- 13 Matthew Moss
- 21 Cindy O'Donnell
- 25 Ethan Letson
- 26 Lakyn Barkley
- 27 Shelby Pierce
- 28 Kaeli Miller
Elizabeth Robbins
Lacey Cates
- 30 Caleb Whitted

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

March 5th, 2017

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Gary Williams
Earl Whitted

Communion

Podium: Sid Womack
Serve: Michael Robbins
Presley Williams
Rex McDaniel
Rick Hollis

Scripture Reading

Marion Helton

Sunday P.M.

Prayers

Merrell Shoptaw
Marion Helton

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

Young Men

Prepare Table for Communion

Lads & Leaderettes

Communion to Shut-Ins

Marion Helton

Greeters

The Elders

Next Business Meeting

March 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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Donny Forehand

Brent Hottinger

Rex McDaniel

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