



# Life Lines

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Another Opportunity to Seed!

Thank God, I Have Another Opportunity

God needs sowers, not scouts.

The title of this article, "Thank God, I Have Another Opportunity," comes from the heart of a new Christian I knew in New Zealand more than fifty years ago. Like almost every new Christian, she could not wait to tell her friends of the great treasure she had found in Christ. Like almost every joyful Christian, she told her friends over and over again. They seemingly were not interested in what she had to say.

Then, the church planned its gospel meeting, and she now had a new approach to use. Her words to me, "I am so thankful when we have a gospel meeting. It is the best week of the year because it gives me one more chance to invite others to learn about Jesus." She never saw inviting others as an unpleasant "chore." Instead, it was a time of joy to do all she could to teach others.



Somehow we have failed to understand the parable of the sower. This kingdom parable shows Christians as a sower who goes out into the world to spread the seed. That seed of the kingdom is the word of God (Luke 8:11). The responsibility of the sower is very simple. As he walks through the field, he simply spreads the seed. He does not go out to find only the good soil and then to spread the seed there. His task is to spread the seed everywhere.

The seed when it is sown almost always does NOT produce an abundant harvest. Meditate on this parable. Sowers do not always produce fruit! The seed seems to be "wasted" on three out of the four kinds of soils. Somehow, we have overlooked this and think that our task is to

baptize everyone. We were sent to teach, not to baptize (1 Cor. 1:17). It may seem strange, but He will not ask us, "Did you ever lead someone to Christ?" Think about what question He will ask us!

The Lord does not need scouts, He needs sowers. We have misunderstood our work. He never sent us into the world to be His scouts just looking out for receptive people. How can we really know the hearts of others? We can only look at the outward appearance, and only the Lord can know the hearts of those around us. We must forever remove from our vocabulary the phrase, "I cannot find anyone to teach," which means that we cannot find anyone who we think might respond favorably to our approach. It is far better to see all hearts as soils worthy of the gospel. We can never say, "I cannot find anyone in whose lives I can sow the seed." They are all around us! Hearts like wayside soil, stony ground and thorny ground are all around us!

## Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAllister

"If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him." (Matthew 7:11)

Most of us try to give the best to our children. Our intentions are good but we may give wrong things for wrong reasons. God gives good gifts because He knows just what we actually need!

Sometimes we give gifts to our children based on their actions. "If your grades are good you get a new toy." "If you clean your room you can drive the car." "If your grades are good you won't be grounded." However, God does not deal with us accordingly. God's mercy abounds! If we were punished for each sin, we would be "grounded" most of the time. He offers forgiveness. Thank you, God!

I'm not saying that we can sin willfully, over and over, and still be in His good grace. We must make an honest effort to do His will. He sends rain on the just and the unjust, but that doesn't mean we are to continue in unrighteousness. He wants us to be striving to do good, working for His kingdom.

"For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand, I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of God than dwell in the tents of wickedness. For the Lord God is a sun and a shield; the Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly." (Psalm 84:10-11)

God gives good gifts! No good thing will He withhold. The ultimate gift was His Son as our sacrifice. The best we can get from that is eternal life that He has prepared for those who walk in His ways.

"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" (Romans 9:15)

## Remember Our Sick



**Bettye Barton** – at home.

**Susie Boley** – needs our prayers.

**Nancy Callanan** – (Pat's sister)surgery at MD Anderson went well. Follow up in 6 weeks

**Johnny Estes** – f/u appt. Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> to check on broken ankle. (had another recent hospital stay)

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

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

**Larry Reynolds** – went home Saturday. Will continue with therapy.

**Michael Tindall** – needs prayers.

**Tiffany Turner** – pregnancy complications.

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

**Earl Whitted** – recovering at home. Was at church Sunday.

**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, Helen Stephens, Linda Turner, Jon Vance, Joan Vance, Justin Vaughn, Joyce Walters, and Patsy Wisbrock.

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

## PICTURES

A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they drew. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work.

As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was? The girl replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like." Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."



**Expectant Mothers:**

Rachael Robinson

Laticia Rainwater

Jessica Walters

Andrea Henson

## 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*

*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.*

*(Submitted by Charlene Clark & the  
Ladies Class)*

*We are so pleased to announce  
that Nathan Miller (son of  
Luke and Janelle) was baptized  
at Christeens at West Side  
Church of Christ.*

## 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*

02	Reese Lovell
	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
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
	Lacey Cates

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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 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015***

**Sunday A.M.**

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

## **Prayers**

Chris Loper  
Donny Forehand

## **Communion**

**Podium:** Sid Womack  
**Serve:** Allen Veasman  
Blake Walters  
Brent Hottinger  
Brett Cains

## **Scripture Reading**

Alan Boatright

**Sunday P.M.**

## **Prayers**

Earl Stamps  
Gary Williams

# **SPEAKER**

**Sunday A.M.**

Micah Williams

**Sunday P.M.**

Micah Williams

## **Prepare Table for Communion**

Lads & Leaderettes

## **Communion to Shut-Ins**

Chris Moss

## **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

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