



Life Lines

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"Peace in the Valley"

One day, a man found a job working with a company that was painting the yellow line down the center of the highways. He had to do it by hand. After three days, the boss complained. "Your first day out, you did great. You painted that line for three miles. Your second day wasn't bad. You painted for two miles. But today you painted only one mile, so it looks as though I'll have to fire you." The employee was discouraged and turned to go. As he was leaving, he said, "It's not my fault. Every day I got farther from the paint can."

How far are you, today, from Jesus Christ? How far are you from having peace within yourself, peace with your friends and neighbors, but especially peace with God? How far?

Thomas Dorsey wrote a song reminding Christians of the peace we have available to us in Jesus Christ. Dorsey's wife died in childbirth in 1932. The child, a son, only lived two days

when he died. In the wake of that tragedy, Dorsey wrote a different song that you will recognize, "Precious Lord, Take My Hand." Dorsey writes, "Peace in the Valley" seven years later. We still love to sing this song, to remind us that we can have peace even if we are in the "valley" - whatever that valley might be.

WELL, I'M TIRED AND SO WEARY, BUT I MUST GO ALONG; TILL THE LORD COMES AND CALLS ME AWAY (verse 1):

"Valleys" are found quite often in the Bible, mostly in the Old Testament. The land of Israel had many, many valleys scattered throughout the land. So it would be natural for the writers to use valleys as a figure of speech. Take a look at Joel 3:12-17.

Many people will find themselves in the "valley of decision." That is, they will have to decide if they are going to worship their idols and live ungodly, immoral lives or if they are going to worship the true and living God and live holy lives. But

God gives them the choice, as He gives us all the choice.

THERE THE FLOWERS WILL BE BLOOMING, AND THE GRASS WILL BE GREEN; AND THE SKIES WILL BE CLEAR AND SERENE (verse 2):

I think Dorsey clearly has in view heaven in this verse. In Hebrews 4, the Hebrew writer talks about the rest that remains for the people of God, in the real land flowing with milk and honey or, in the words of Dorsey, a land of flowers, grass, clear skies, a bright, warm sun, the valley of dreams with no clouds. Hebrews 4:8-11.

Things will get better. There is a home waiting for us that is not a valley of the shadow of death but a valley of dreams. It is a rest for the people of God where we will rest from our labors. So, the Hebrew writer encourages us to be "diligent" to enter that rest. Take your Christian life seriously. Take your Bible reading and prayer life seriously. Take the Christian virtues seriously and live them in your life as best you can - seriously. (cont. on p.2)

Lines for Ladies by Patty McAlister

Jesus suffered rejection even before He was arrested and crucified. So many people refused to believe He was the Son of God, even some of those who saw the miracles He performed. On the night of His betrayal, His three friends kept falling asleep. If only they had understood what was actually about to happen! He wouldn't have felt so alone. They did not understand the times He had told them that He had to die. He was their Savior! They understood that He would be an earthly king, like King David. I'm sure they suffered remorse later, after they saw what happened to their Lord.

Jesus came to this life to be a servant. His being alone was just another example of His unselfishness. Had this been us, how do you think we would have responded if our friends fell asleep just before we were to do something for them? I'm sure we would complain and insist that they, at least, be with us. We would want them to suffer some of the agony with us. We would certainly want them to be aware of what we were doing for them.

Jesus told the twelve apostles of His upcoming betrayal and death. *"And they will condemn Him to death, and deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock and to scourge and to crucify. And the third day He will arise again"* (Matt. 20:18b-19). Still, they did not really understand the scope of what was shortly to take place in His earthly life. They didn't understand until after He died and arose from the dead.

His being alone at Gethsemane is just another example of how Jesus served mankind. He had told them before, *"Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many"* (Matt. 20:28).

Remember Our Sick in Your Prayers

Dan Cloud – still doing well after his surgery

Eugene Davis – continue to pray for strength

Patsy Wisbrock – foot doing well after surgery

Jan Loveless – continue to prayer that the bones will heal quickly

Melinda Robbins – back home and feeling better

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, 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, 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

Welcome!

Doug Gross was baptized into Christ on Tuesday, March 7th.

Let's rejoice with the angels!

PEACE IN THE VALLEY

BY: Paul Holland

(cont. from p. 1)

WELL, THE BEAR WILL BE GENTLE,
AND THE WOLF WILL BE TAME;
AND THE LION SHALL LAY DOWN
BY THE LAMB (verse 3):

The biblical text that provides the imagery of all these animals is found in Isaiah 11:6-9. If you will look at verses 1-2, you will see that Isaiah is talking about the coming of Jesus Christ. Jesus has come and Jesus provides us that peaceful relationship we desire to have with God and when we follow Jesus, the prince of peace, then we will have peace with each other. Isaiah 11 is talking about the kingdom of Jesus Christ; he's talking about the church of Jesus Christ.

There is peace in the valley. It all has to do with our relationship to Jesus Christ. Jesus brought peace between us and God. Jesus' teachings, if we will just follow them, will help bring peace within ourselves and between us and others. The church, the church of Christ of which we are members, is God's kingdom of "peace." We need to enjoy that peace and work for that peace in the church.

You can have peace. Jesus is the way.

Your fellow-servant in Christ,

Paul Holland

Daily Droplets 3/6/2017

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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.

ATTENTION:

On Saturday, April 1st, the ladies of the church are planning a day of cutting out dresses for the Smile Box campaign for this year. Please meet in the fellowship room about 9:30 am. If you have it, you may bring any appropriate fabric, straight pins, scissors, or rotary cutters and mats. We encourage all of the ladies, both young and older, to come and participate. (Please bring a sack lunch, too.)

All you have to bring is a willing heart and hands to serve! No experience necessary!

Please bring applesauce, and Little Debbie cakes for the Russ Bus ministry.

COMING SOON

There will be a baby shower for Emma and Brett Walters and new baby boy on Sunday, March 26th from 2-4 pm in the fellowship room.

They are registered at Amazon, Target, and Rose Drug in Russellville

Ladies' Day News! Sat. April 29, 2017

Our speaker, Diane Burton, is a Certified Health Coach with the Dr. Sears Wellness Institute, which means she works with groups and individuals in such areas as weight control, healthy lifestyle and prevention of health issues. Diane educates and guides you on ways to improve your overall health and wellness. Her goal is to empower women to take care of themselves physically to be their best spiritually!

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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

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
If needed

THOSE TO SERVE

March 19th, 2017

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Chris Loper
Dan Cloud

Communion

Podium: Sid Womack
Serve: Brett Walters
Brett Cain
Chris Besterfeldt
Chris Moss

Scripture Reading

Earl Stamps

Sunday P.M.

Prayers
Donny Forehand
Earl Stamps

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

Next Business Meeting

April 10th, 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

Chris Moss

Michael Robbins

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