



# Life Lines

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## Hope is Our Anchor

Our theme for this year is *With GOD We Can*, and the emphasis for this month is that with Him we can anchor our hope in Christ. Our world is so complex and is so rapidly changing. Televisions, phones, computers and other electronic devices become outdated so rapidly. We seemingly move from house to house and job to job far more frequently than before. Relationships and our roles in our family are so different as we rush through life. Is there nothing stable on which we can build our lives?

The answer is found in the closing verses of Hebrews chapter six.

"This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast and which enters the Presence behind the veil." God has given us hope and that hope is the anchor of our souls.

Hope is based on His immutable promise. The Bible clearly shows that we are saved by hope (Rom. 8:24) and this hope is the anchor of our souls. The writer of Hebrews ties hope to the promises of God. God's promises to Abraham enabled



the patriarch to see what others could not see. God spoke the promise to Abraham and His word was enough. Yet God wanted Abraham to know how much he could trust Him. So God confirmed this with an oath (Heb. 6:13-16). The writer then says *this* same hope, our hope, is our anchor.

Hope is based on the promises which are secure. Hebrews say that the hope we have is *sure* and steadfast (Heb. 6:19). What could be more sure? The omniscient, omnipresent, omnipotent, eternal and Almighty One have given us His promise and He cannot lie (Tit. 1:2). Life is filled with uncertainty but the hope we have is far beyond all certainty. It is the basis of all of life's decision. It is truly the anchor of the soul!

Hope is based on the promises which are steadfast. His promise and our hope are both sure and *steadfast* (Heb. 6:19). There is no variance in the trustworthiness of our anchor. The life's philosophy of some is forced to change throughout their lives from day to day, but the faith we have is constant and unchanging. As our faith grows stronger, the anchor becomes more secure. It is always there. It is always secure. It is the anchor for our soul.

Hope is based on the life of Jesus and reaches from earth to heaven. Look again at Hebrews six. Jesus our forerunner has carried the anchor and has taken it into the very presence of God. No wonder it is an anchor sure and steadfast.

The anchor line extends from our hearts, from our trials, and reaches into heaven. Hold on to that anchor. It will never move for it is anchored in eternity. God, hasten the day when we arrive at the place where we have anchored our lives! God, we thank You for the anchor You have given to us!

# Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAllister

“The trouble with experience is that it usually teaches you something you really didn’t want to know.”

It seems that we have all learned from experiences, some good, and some bad. The experiences that have caused bad in our lives, we try to pass this knowledge on to our children, just as our parents did for us. However, most of the time we have to learn from our own experiences, the hard way. The experiences that have caused good in our lives we try to pass on to our children also. It is normal to want to shield them from harm.

There are some things that don’t seem harmful in themselves, but we know from experience they can cause harm. Maybe we didn’t experience it but we learned what it did to someone else. God gives us a long list of things not to do. A child that doesn’t learn many of these in bible classes, or from their parents, can learn them at school, i.e. lying, cheating, stealing, fighting, to name a few. But many of these are not taught at school and no law prohibits them. These are still contrary to God’s will.

We have all heard, “experience is the best teacher.” And it can be. Some lessons are better taught from the experiences of others. We could be saved from a lot of pain and grief if we would learn from other’s mistakes. Mostly, we don’t. We think it won’t affect us as it did them. Some lessons have to be learned twice. Some, we seem never to learn.

Some good things that happen have brought us memorable experiences. Those we want to relive. The bad things that have happened, we want to remove from our minds, never to relive again.

Yes, I would have to agree that there are many experiences that teach us something we really didn’t want to know in the first place.

# Remember Our Sick

**Bettye Barton** – some improvement

**Dennis Drewry** – prayers requested

**Heath Forehand** – dental work.

**Amos Hollis** – waiting for results from tests

**Becky Miller** – f/u in 30 days for eyes

**Vernon Noles** – balloon angiogram March 19<sup>th</sup>

**Michael Tindall** – needs prayers.

**Tiffany Turner** – lost the baby, needs prayers

## Shut-ins – need prayers and visits:

**Dover Area:** Billie Nichols

### **Legacy Heights:**

Bonnie Vinson

Juanita Whitted

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

Joe Miller

## Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Carl Adkisson, Amie Barkley, Nubbin Boley, Carolyn Brown, Donna Chambers, Troy/ Rachel Curtis, Johnny Estes, Leota Hickey, Braden Lambert, Ronnie Leavell, Rose Lee, Daniel Loper, Bea McDaniel, Liliya McDaniel, Linda McDaniel, Connie Myers, Becky Miller, Julie Moss, Larry Reynolds, Helen Stephens, 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

Jessica Walters

Andrea Henson

Deborah Cloud Arambula



# My Wish for You

*May you find serenity and tranquility in a world you may not always understand.*

*May the pain you have known and the conflict you have experienced give you the strength to walk through life facing each new situation with courage and optimism. Always know that there are those whose love and understanding will always be there, even when you feel most alone.*

*May a kind word, a reassuring touch, and a warm smile be yours every day of your life, and may you give these gifts as well as receive them.*

*May the teachings of those you admire become part of you, so that you may call upon them.*

*Remember, those whose lives you have touched and who have touched yours are always a part of you, even if the encounters were less than you would have wished. It is the content of the encounter that is more important than its form.*

*May you not become too concerned with material matters, but instead place immeasurable value on the goodness in your heart. Find time in each day to see beauty and love in the world around you. What you feel you lack in the present may become one of your strengths in the future.*

*May you see your future as one filled with promise and possibility. Learn to view everything as a worthwhile experience.*

*May you find enough inner strength to determine your own worth by yourself, and not be dependent on another’s judgment of your accomplishments.*

*May you always feel loved.*

## EVENTS

No Ladies' Devo  
*In the month of  
April*

Men's Business  
Meeting  
*April 13<sup>th</sup>*  
*@ 7:00 pm*



*Walt & Tina Davis  
are extremely pleased to  
announce the arrival of  
grandson "Hudson Leo  
Rainwater"*

*He was born on  
March 16, 2015 to parents,  
Chad & Ticia Rainwater.  
He weighed 6lbs 9ozs and  
is 20 inches long.  
He is 5 weeks early and his  
family would appreciate  
prayers that he continues  
to do well.*

## 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

*Ladies' Day*  
*2015*



*Please join us on Saturday,  
April 25<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am  
for our annual Ladies' Day!  
Potluck to follow.*

*The theme this year is  
"The gift of Holiness"*



2015 Theme For  
Lads-to-Leaders  
"ONE"

Convention is April 3-5  
in Memphis.  
For more information  
Contact Chris Moss

## *April* *Birthdays*

06 *Andrea Henson*  
08 *Donna Chambers*  
09 *Skyler Creel*  
*Suzy Pennington*  
14 *Danielle Hayes*  
16 *Callie Baldrige*  
*Zach Pennington*  
18 *Gicala Lee*  
19 *Earlene Davis*  
20 *Earl Stamps*  
22 *Curtis Rackley*  
*Brett Walters*  
27 *Sharon Rackley*  
*Faith Bowden*  
29 *Kati Pennington*

In Search  
of the Lord's Way  
The Search Program  
can now be accessed  
anytime 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***

***April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015***

**Sunday A.M.**

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

## **Prayers**

Brett Walters  
Charles Davis

## **Communion**

**Podium:** Sid Womack

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

## **Scripture Reading**

Shawn Price

**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**

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## **Elders:**

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Sid Womack 967-2367

## **Deacons:**

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

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