



Life Lines

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THE SEED

A successful business man was growing old and knew it was time to choose a successor to take over the business.

Instead of choosing one of his directors or his children, he decided to do something different. He called all the young executives in his company together.

He said, "It is time for me to step down and choose the next CEO, I have decided to choose one of you." The young executives were shocked, but the boss continued. "I am going to give each one of you a SEED today – one very special SEED. I want you to plant the seed, water it and come back here one year from today with what you have grown from the seed I have given you. I will judge the plants that you bring, and the one I choose will be the next CEO."

One man, named Jim, was there that day and he, like the others, received a seed. He went home and excitedly, told his wife the story. She helped him get a pot, soil and compost and he planted the seed. Everyday, he would water it and watch to see if it had grown. After about three weeks, some of the other executives began to talk about their seeds and the plants that were beginning to grow. Jim kept checking his seed, but nothing grew.

Three weeks, four weeks, five weeks went by, still nothing. By now, others were talking about their

plants, but Jim didn't have a plant and he felt like a failure. Six months went by – still nothing in Jim's pot. He just knew he had killed his seed. Everyone else had trees and tall plants, but he had nothing. Jim didn't say anything to his colleagues, however, He just kept watering and fertilizing the soil – he so wanted the seed to grow.

A year finally went by and all the young executives of the company brought their plants to the CEO for inspection. Jim told his wife that he wasn't going to take an empty pot. But she asked him to be honest about what had happened.

He felt sick at his stomach, it was going to be the most embarrassing moment of his life, but he knew his wife was right. He took his empty pot to the board room.

When Jim arrived, he was amazed at the variety of plants grown by the other executives. They were beautiful – in all shapes and sizes.

Jim put his empty pot on the floor and many of his colleagues laughed, a few felt sorry for him.

When the CEO arrived, he surveyed the room and greeted his young executives. Jim tried to hide in the back.

"My, what great plants, trees and flowers you have grown," said the CEO. "Today one of you will be appointed the next CEO!"

All of a sudden, the CEO spotted Jim at the back of the room with his empty pot.

He ordered the financial director to bring him to the front. Jim was

terrified.

He thought, "The CEO knows I'm a failure! Maybe he will have me fired!"

When Jim got to the front, the CEO asked him what happened to his seed – Jim told him the story. The CEO asked everyone to sit down except Jim.

He looked at Jim, and then announced to the young executives, "Behold your next Chief Executive! His name is Jim!"

Jim couldn't believe it. Jim couldn't even grow his seed. How could he be the new CEO the others asked?

Then the CEO said, "One year ago today, I gave everyone in this room a seed. I told you to take the seed, plant it, water it and bring it back to me today. But I gave you all boiled seeds; they were dead – it was not possible for them to grow. All of you, except Jim, have brought me trees and plants and flowers. When you found that the seed would not grow, you substituted another seed for the one I gave you. Jim was the only one with the courage and honesty to bring me a pot with my seed in it. Therefore, he is the one who will be your new Chief Executive!"

(Honesty and truth will win out!)

*Sent In By: Clara Hefley
Dover, Arkansas*

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

As plans are being made for our Ladies' Day on Saturday, April 26th, we can think of ways to make this a great day of worship, praise and thanksgiving to our Lord. The theme is "He is the Potter, we are the clay." *"But now, O Lord, You are our Father; we are the clay, and You our Potter; and all we are the work of Your hand."* (Isa. 64:8)

. Our theme song is *Have Thine Own Way* by Adelaide Pollard:

"Thou art the Potter, I am the clay.

Mold me and make me, after Thy will,

While I am waiting, yielded and still."

What significance does the potter and clay have for Christian women? Paul says in Romans 9:21, *"Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor?"* What does this mean in our Christian walk? We can become leaders in our classes, teach the young, visit the sick and shut-ins, give to the needy and encourage and up-lift as we do at this ladies' day.

When clay is wet it becomes mud. It can be molded and when it is heated properly it shrinks and hardens. It no longer turns to mud. The skill is in the potter's hand. He must choose the right clay and prepare it carefully. After it is formed it finds many uses.

By allowing Jesus to be our Potter we are submitting to His will. The skill is in His hand. As the clay yields to the potter's hand we must yield to Him. We use Jesus as our example. Each day we are shaped and molded into a more spiritual person. As we are formed Christ-like, we find ourselves more humble, loving, kind, longsuffering, bearing with another, forgiving one another and caring for the needs of others. Self is not so important. The Lord said to His people, *"O house of Israel, can I not do with you as the potter? Look, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel,"* (Jeremiah 18:6)

We must make the decision to be used. We must be willing to submit.

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Remember Our Sick

A. G. Barton – home, recovering, serious health problems.

Bill Brunner – no surgery at this time.

Eugene Cox – Bob & Rose Lee's son-in-law, auto accident. In ICU, Lacy Lee Hospital, MO, extremely serious.

Troy Curtis – in St. Mary's rehab. When he recovers, another surgery to put it all back together.

Tim Green – serious health problems, Bonnie Vinson's friend.

Sue Griffin – home with in home care.

Marion Helton – eye surgery rescheduled for April 21.

Eddie and Mark – sons of Pat Holloway, serious health problems.

Annette Hull – no results on C-T Scan, yet.

Jerry Martin, Jr. – Barbara Dawson's son, extremely ill, Joplin, Mo Hospital, possible arm amputation, Lupus.

Margie Ratchford – Larry Mahan's sister, diagnosed with cancer.

Shut-ins – need prayers and visits:

Dover Area: **Bernice Brown**
Evelyn Burton
Robert Lee

Russellville Nursing & Rehab Center:
Evelyn Driver
Melba Hodges

Stella Manor: **Louise Killer**
Mae Vanzandt

Towbin Health Care, LR:
Charles Hickey

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Yvonne Adkisson, Amie Barkley, Bob & Carolyn Bennett, Lloyd Boley, Lois Boley, Wm & Susie Boley, Pauline Dale, Jeff Davis, Barbara Dawson, Charles Ensey, Hoyt & Sarah Ensey, Paul Griffin, Leota Hickey, Cleon Johnson, Ray & Dorothy King, Jim Lackey, Rose Lee, Liliya McDaniel, Julie Moss, Charles Proctor, Don Sheeran, Reedie Smith, Tanya Smith, J. D. Whiteside, Tom Williams and Judy Will.

Special Children: Elysia Lee, Emmy May, Keith Martin and Noah Williams.

Our Military: Greg Davis, Cole Wetzell. Rudy Will out of Iraq, home in 85 days.

Expectant Mothers: Kelly Chance, Amy Johnson, and Kristen Nordin

Church Signs

The best vitamin for a Christian is B1.

It was not raining when Noah built the ark.

Try our Sundays. They are better than Baskin Robbins.

Come in and have your faith lifted. This is a ch_rch. What is missing?

You are not too bad to come in. You are not too good to stay out.

Can't sleep? Try counting your blessings.

Life is hard. Afterlife could be harder.

Aspire to inspire before you expire. Where will you be sitting in eternity?

Smoking or non-smoking?

Under the same management for over 2,000 years.

Just going to church doesn't make you a Christian. Not any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.

From Home Touch

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Once this is done, as the clay is molded, we must do what Jesus has formed us to do. Just as the clay is formed for a purpose, we are formed for a purpose. Stages are formed. It will not be all at once. Little by little we come into a form that is more Christ-like. If we don't follow this pattern we are not true to form.

We have chosen Jesus as our Potter. Just as the clay submits to the potter we will submit our lives to Him. *"We are created in Christ Jesus for good works."* (Ephesians 2:10a)

We must mean it when we say, "Mold me and make me, after Thy will."

Events

Dover Church of Christ Children's Church

Every Sunday
11:15 - 12:00 Noon

Ages 4 thru 8
Bible Story and
Activities

Ages 1 thru 3
Nursery Class

Dover's Youth Devotional

April 6th

Home of Micah & Cara
Williams
Following evening services.

Dover Men's Business Meeting

April 7, 7:00 PM
Deacons' Meeting 6:30 PM
Dover Church of Christ

Dover Men's Devo

April 10th, 7:00 PM
Home of Alan Boatright

Dover Ladies Monthly Devo

Cancelled for the
Month of April

Mark Your Calendars

Dover Church of Christ Ladies Day

Saturday, April 26th

**Theme: "He is the Potter,
We are the clay."
(Isaiah 64: 8)**

**Speaker: Barbara Kee
Wichita Falls, Texas**

Continental Breakfast
and Registration: 9:00 AM
Program: 9:30 AM
Lunch: 12:00 Noon

For more information:
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AREA WIDE YOUTH DEVO

Sunday, April 20th, 6 PM
3rd Sunday

At CCSC, Arkansas Tech
Sponsor:

Dardanelle Church of Christ

31st Annual Ladies' Lectureship

Holden Avenue
Church of Christ
Newport, Arkansas

Saturday, April 12th
9:00 AM to 1:30 PM

Speaker: Elsie Huffard
Theme: "Walking
Where Jesus Walked"

April Birthdays

03 Aidan Pointer
09 Skylar Creel
Suzy Pennington
14 Danielle Smith
15 Loredana Qualls
16 Zach Pennington
17 Shannon Walters
18 Gicala Lee
19 Earlene Davis
22 Curtis Rackley
Brett Walters
23 Rusty Parker
27 Sharon Rackley
Mae Vanzandt
29 Kati Pennington
30 Lindsay Hollis

If we missed your birthday,
please let us know so it won't
happen again.

**Mae Vanzandt will be 102
years young on April 27,
2008!!**

**"In Search of
the Lord's Way"
Now 24/7**

**The Search Program can
now be accessed any time
website: www.searchtv.org**

**Mack Lyon's weekly lesson
can be heard and seen on
KARK, Channel 4
Sunday, 7:30 AM**

THOSE TO SERVE

April 06, 2008

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Gary Williams
Earl Whitted

Communion

Podium: Chris Loper
Serve: Rick Hollis
Sid Womack
William Boley
Steve Pennington

Scripture Reading

Blake Walters

Sunday P.M. Prayers

Drew Walters
Donny Forehand

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.
Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.
“Singing Night”

Prepare Table for Communion

Joan Vance

Communion to Shut-Ins

Merrell Shoptaw
William Boley

Greeters

Robert and Juanita Bird

Wednesday Night Devotional

April 09, 2008

Earl Whitted

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
7:00 P.M.

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Jim Killer 331-2802
Allen Veasman 331-2156
Sid Womack 967-2367

Deacons:

Chris Besterfeldt
Donny Forehand
Brent Hottinger
Chris Loper
Rex McDaniel
Joe Miller
Chris Moss

Nursery Attendants:

Sunday Class: JoAnn Killer
Sunday Church: Pat McAlister
Kaeli Miller

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