



Life Lines

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Thank God for "Common People"

As our Lord came near to the end of His life, the religious leaders saw that they were losing their place of prominence in the sight of most of the people. The ordinary Jews who heard Him showed how fascinated they were by Jesus. They asked the question, "How does this Man know letters, having never studied" (John 7:15)?

The religious leaders "...heard the crowd murmuring these things concerning Him" and "...sent officers to take Him" (John 7:32). The soldiers returned empty-handed saying, "No man ever spoke like this Man" (John 7:46). The leaders tried to use their influence as religious leaders to persuade men by saying, "Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed in Him" (John 7:48)? This had no impact on the multitudes. Those leaders could not deny His power shown in the resurrection of Lazarus and

in their frustration, "...the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death" (John 12:10).

The very next day, Jerusalem was in an uproar as Jesus made that triumphant entry into the city. He had been totally rejected by the "godly" leaders, yet His popularity was so evident. The leaders confronted Him in the temple, and He dealt with every one of their questions. "And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him any more" (Matt. 22:46). They had failed! How did the multitude respond? "And the common people heard Him gladly" (Mark 12:37).

"The common people heard Him..." Thank God for "common people," for the kingdom of God did not attract nobility, but it was built upon the response of "common people" (1 Cor. 1:26; Jas. 2:5). "Common people" loved Jesus.

Jesus spent His life dealing with the "common people." He ate with sinners and

publicans; He helped Legion with the demons; He was part of the life of the woman who had seven demons; He touched the lepers; He felt the touch of a poor woman who touched His garments; He spent time with a woman who had had five husbands and was now living with a man outside of any marriage; He ignored the multitude to heal that blind man who was despised by most; He chose a "terrorist" (Zealot) to be an apostle and chose ignorant and unlearned fishermen to proclaim Him to the world. Thank God for "common people."

The lesson to be learned from this should be obvious. Our world is filled with those religious leaders and their blind followers, but there are still "common people" who are searching for the meaning of life. As we sow the seed we must never overlook the "common people." If Jesus were here He would definitely see the "common people" as future saints!

-Dan Jenkins

<http://www.churchofchristarticles.com>

Lines for Ladies by Patty McAlister

“He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm” (Prov. 13:20).

It matters who we choose for friends and companions. We are known by the company we keep. Therefore we should choose our friends with care. God has always warned His people about mixing with the ungodly. He knew their evil practices would cause His people to sin.

“A righteous man is cautious in friendship, but the way of the wicked leads them astray” (Prov. 12:26). Occasionally we can find ourselves in the wrong company because we have to live in this world. But we don’t have to stay with this company. We can do better choosing our friends. We have to be strong.

“Your companions are like buttons on an elevator. They will either take you up or down.” We are expected to choose the right button!

Companionship can go both ways. We should choose wise friends with care and we should not be the one to lead someone else astray. Even with the best of friends, we have a struggle. We can sin when we are in the best company. But it is much easier to be good when we are with good people!

“Tis better to be alone than in bad company.”

George Washington

Does bad rub off more than good? It seems to. It will if we continue to be in with bad company. Choose friends well, or you may be taken down the wrong road. Paul warns, “Do not be misled; bad company corrupts good character” (I Cor. 15:33).

Remember Our Sick in Your Prayers

Jerry Pruitt – moved to Heritage Living Center in Conway – not doing well, but in good spirits

Carolyn Ezell – successful knee replacement surgery last week – at home doing well

Jan Loveless – specialist is planning another surgery for April 24th – will do a new knee replacement and a partial femur replacement

Melinda Robbins – is back at home – will start radiation soon

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, Dan Cloud, Rachel Curtis, Eugene Davis, 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, Mike Rinke, Pat Robertson, KaLee Robbins, Bob Sims, Greg Standridge, Michael Tindall, Joan/Jon Vance, Joey Vaughn, Justin Vaughn, Joyce Walters, Jay Winters, & Patsy Wisbrock

Military: Pray for our service men and women:

Eric Richardson

D J Bandy

Expecting Mothers:

Emma Walters

Blast from the Past

The Test of Fellowship By Tom Shoptaw August 30, 1992

The book of 1st John is a beam of light for every disciple of Christ. This light shines upon many precious truths to be consumed by the child of God. Do we sometimes allow doubts to creep into our souls? Perhaps the best single action we can take can be to once again run through the check-list provided in 1st John:

Am I walking in the light? I John 1:7

Can I admit that I am a sinner? I John 1:8-10

Do I submit totally to God’s will? I John 2:3, 5:3

Do I try to imitate Christ in my life? I John 2:6

Do I love the brethren? I John 2:9-10, 4:20

Do I hate the world? I John 2:15-17

Do I try to practice righteousness? I John 3:7

Do I confess Christ constantly? I John 4:15

Do I believe the witness of God? I John 5:9-10

Sympathy and Prayers

Our sympathy goes out to Charli Collins and her family in the loss of her father, Le Ritter, of Bigelow. Please keep this family in your prayers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

15th Annual Ladies' Day. Please make plans to be at the building to greet our guests and meet our speaker, Diane Burton, beginning at 8:30 on Saturday morning, April 29th. Diane will be speaking to us about how to keep our spirit, soul, and body healthy in service to the Lord!

ANNOUNCEMENT:

We are currently making plans to change the way we print and mail the Lifelines after 27 years! We will stop mailing them and begin handing out the Lifelines each Sunday morning to all members and guests.

If you are not a member of our congregation, but would like to continue to receive a copy of the Lifelines each week, please contact us and let us know.

1) You may call the church office@ 479-331-3428 and leave us a message with your name and current address or

2) You may email the church at staff@dovercoc.org with your information or

3) You may text your info to 479-264-6052 or

4) You can send us a letter to P O Box 299, Dover, AR 72837.

If the Lifelines has been a help to you over the years, we will be happy to continue to mail it to you, just let us know!

COMING SOON

Lads to Leaders and Leaderettes

Our group will be leaving for the convention in Memphis this Friday, April 14th. Please pray for a safe trip and a rewarding experience for the group.



Lawn Care

*April 15th
Chris Loper and
Ed Meadows*

*April 22nd
Jim Morrison
and
Richard Smith*

April Birthdays

06 Andrea Henson
08 Donna Chambers
09 Suzy Pennington
14 Danielle Hayes
16 Zach Pennington
19 Earlene Davis
20 Earl Stamps
22 Brett Walters
27 Sharon Bailey
Faith Bowden
29 Kati Pennington

ATTENTION: Morrilton Ladies' Day

On Saturday, April 22nd, we are all invited to the Conway County Ladies' Day. This year's event will be held at the Harding Street Church of Christ.

Registration will begin at 8:30 and breakfast will be served. There will be a luncheon to follow the program. The theme is: Together – We Can Make a Difference

Thank You!

A big thank you to all of the men who worked to clean up the grounds and the property line. You are much appreciated!

THOSE TO SERVE

April 16th, 2017

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Donny Forehand
Earl Stamps

Communion

Podium: Chris Loper
Serve: Rick Hollis
Shawn Price
Sid Womack
Tristan Stamps

Scripture Reading

Blake Walters

Sunday P.M.

Prayers

Gary Williams
Marion Helton

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Lads & Leaderettes

Communion to Shut-Ins

Marion Helton

Greeters

The Elders

Next Business Meeting

May 8th, 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

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