



# Life Lines

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## God's Music Command

Sometimes men make a mistake when they come to the Bible and expect God to *expressly* prohibit actions which displease Him. The Mormons, who used water in the Lord's Supper, say, "Where does the Bible say you cannot use water?" This approach to the Bible totally ignores the truth that when God *expressly* commands actions it disallows all other actions.

Consider the death of Nadab and Abihu, the two sons of Aaron. God had *expressly* told the priests to burn incense by taking "coals of fire from the altar before the Lord" (Lev. 16:12). These two sons of Aaron brought fire from another source, and God immediately sent fire from above and killed them. They failed to see that, when God *expressly* commands actions, the command prohibits all actions other than what He commanded.

Look at the words of Leviticus 10. These sons of Aaron "... each took his censor and put fire in it, and put incense on it and offered profane fire before the Lord, which He had not commanded them." Take special note that the Spirit does not say that they offered fire which He had said not to offer. God had not said, "You shall not use fire from other sources." Yet, they were not at liberty to do anything which God had not *expressly* forbidden. They were limited to doing what God had *expressly* commanded. *Explicit* commands forbid other actions.

Now, put this event in the context of the book of Leviticus. The tabernacle had been erected, but priests had not been consecrated to serve in it. In the first part of chapter eight, Aaron and his sons are consecrated to serve before God. Read chapters eight and nine, and see the emphasis placed on the commands of God. The text says, "Moses did as the Lord commanded him...what

the Lord commanded to be done...as the Lord commanded Moses...as the Lord had commanded Moses...as the Lord had commanded Moses...as the Lord had commanded Moses...as I commanded...as the Lord has commanded to do...for so I have been commanded...all the things that the Lord had commanded by the hand of Moses...what Moses commanded...the thing which the Lord commanded...as the Lord commanded...as the Lord had commanded Moses" (Lev. 8:4, 5, 9, 13, 17, 21, 29, 31, 34, 35, 36; 9:5, 6, 7, 10). Do you see the emphasis? What a contrast with the actions obeyed *expressly* as the Lord commanded, and the sin of disobedience, thinking God had to *expressly* forbid actions.

Take this principle and apply it. God does not have to say, "Do not use water" or "Do not use musical instruments," when He *expressly* tells us what to do!

By Dan Jenkins

## Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAllister

*"Sin is not inherited but it is contagious."*

In being contagious it is not a virus. You don't get it from some germ flying through the air, but you can get it from being too close. Paul says, "Bad company corrupts good character." (1 Corinthians 15:33) We might be entirely innocent, but being in the wrong place or with the wrong crowd can be damaging. "He that walks with the wise grows wise but a companion of fools suffers harm." (Proverbs 13:20)

What is sin? Rejection of God? Rejection of Christ? Any wrongdoing is sin. Not doing what we should do is sin. "Anyone then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins." (James 4:17) As Micah says, "It's not enough to warm the pew. Going through the motion is not enough."

Sin begins from the heart. Jesus says the root of sin is from the man's heart. Our outward life is determined by the inner self. You've heard, "what goes in comes out." Bad television, bad literature, bad movies, bad language; all of these affect what goes into our hearts. Then, ultimately, what comes out of our lives.

Some consider sin a pleasure. But like the writer of Hebrews, referring to Moses, says he refused to enjoy the pleasure of sin for a short time. These pleasures don't last. They eventually ruin your life, your family, and your health. Sin has its consequences.

We all sin. But, if we are in Christ, we can be forgiven. He did away with sin by offering Himself as our sacrifice. To enjoy this forgiveness of sin we must obey from within. Paul says that we are set free when we obey from the heart that form of teaching. The teachings of Christ Jesus that we follow set us free from this contagious sin.

## Remember Our Sick

**Austen Cathcart** – injured in a motorcycle accident, at UAMS.

**Dennis Drewry** – prayers requested

**Heath Forehand** – dental work.

**Amos Hollis** – results were good.

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

**Vernon Noles** – doing well following heart cath.

**Susie Pfeifer** – kidney stones, surgery April 29<sup>th</sup>

**Sue Rutledge** – tumor found on kidney, surgery at UAMS on April 8<sup>th</sup>

**Michael Tindall** – 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, Bettye Barton, 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:**

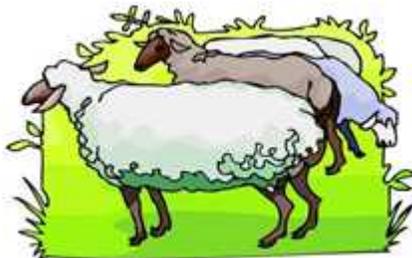
Rachael Robinson

Jessica Walters

Andrea Henson

Deborah Cloud Arambula

Jillian Church



## JUST SMILE

She smiled at a sorrowful stranger...  
The smile seemed to make him feel better...

He remembered past kindnesses of a friend

And wrote him a thank you letter...

The friend was so pleased with the thank you

That he left a large tip after lunch...

The waitress, surprised by the size of the tip,

Went out shopping the next day after lunch,

She couldn't decide what to buy for herself

So she gave part to a man on the street...

The man on the street was grateful;

For two days he'd had nothing to eat...

After he finished his dinner,

He left for his small dingy room...

He didn't know at that moment

That he might be facing his doom...

On the way he picked up a shivering puppy

And took him home to get warm...

The puppy was very grateful

To be in out of the storm...

That night the house caught on fire...

The puppy barked the alarm...

He barked till he woke the whole household

And saved everybody from harm...

One of the boys that he rescued

Grew up to be President...

All this because of a simple smile

That hadn't cost a cent...



## EVENTS

No Ladies'  
Devo  
*In the month*  
*of*  
*April*

Men's Business  
Meeting  
*May 11<sup>th</sup>*  
*@ 7:00 pm*



### 2015 Theme For Lads-to-Leaders "ONE"

Our Lads and Leaderettes went to the 2015 convention recently and came home with several trophies! Congratulations to the winners and the participants. They also got to meet Kid President!!

## 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"*

We would like to offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Tommy Crow who passed away April 6<sup>th</sup>

## *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  
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***

***April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015***

**Sunday A.M.**

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

## **Prayers**

Michael Robbins  
Randall Walters

## **Communion**

**Podium:** Earl Whitted

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

## **Scripture Reading**

Marion Helton

**Sunday P.M.**

## **Prayers**

Sid Womack  
William Boley

# **SPEAKER**

**Sunday A.M.**

Micah Williams

**Sunday P.M.**

Micah Williams

## **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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