



Life Lines

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Spiritual Food

The following is not a story thought up by an imaginative preacher simply to illustrate a point. It really happened.

She often sat in the auditorium, and as the preacher delivered his message, her young children noticed that she often wept. When one of them asked her why she was crying she said, "I come here every week, and I am starving for food, but I am getting nothing to eat. I am dying of thirst, but I am getting nothing to drink." When they changed churches it all changed. She no longer wept in worship. She found that spiritual food for her soul was there, and her spiritual thirst was quenched by the waters which flowed from the pulpit.

I wonder how many Bible class teachers or preachers are like that one the woman first heard. I wonder how many individuals leave worship without having sat at the feet of one who, figuratively, first sat at Jesus' feet. What kind of food do we give to those who come hungry and thirsting for God? I am not talking about lessons

which are designed to create a *feeling* of spirituality, but one which uses God's messages to heal the souls with the balm from heaven. Those who have little understanding of the place of preaching suppose that, when their "itching ears" are tickled and their hearts are stirred by "cunningly devised stories" delivered by a gifted orator (2 Tim. 4:3), they have grown spiritually. However, God designed the pulpit as a place where there would be edification, exhortation, comfort, reproof, rebuke and convincing, with a longsuffering heart and teaching (doctrine) (1 Cor. 14:3; 2 Tim. 4:2). Some who sat beside the woman who wept at what she was hearing may have felt they were getting what they needed. But, what they *supposed* were their needs was not what God *knew* were their needs.

So to my fellow teachers and preachers, let me urge that you examine your preaching. Great preaching does not come from great, emotionally driven

stories. It does not come from discussion of sports, politics or your personal family experiences. They may be satisfying and entertaining to your audience, but God designed the pulpit to feed those who are hungry and to give them water to drink from the "living water" who lived on this earth. It takes far more time to prepare lessons which feed others than it does to use the internet to copy and then "parrot" lessons with moving illustrations, but this latter practice does not feed souls or build faith.

There is an audience which must be satisfied each week when you teach or preach. It is so easy to forget this truth. The audience which must be pleased at the end of your lesson is not the one which sits *before* you. The audience which matters is the one which is *above* you!

~ By Dan Jenkins

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

*God gives milk-but not the pail,
God gives wood-but not the nail,
God gives earth-but not the spade,
God gives wheat-but not the blade,
God gives the fish-but not the hook,
God gives the food-but not the cook,
God gives the head and hands and heart,
And the rest is up to you!*

God has blessed us so well. In His creation, He provided all the essentials, but after sin entered the world, we have an obligation to make use of what He originally created. Sin made it harder for us. Since then it has been up to us, and our forefathers, to bring these blessings to their full uses.

With inventions and technology, we find things much easier than our parents and their parents before them. Their work was hard, physical labor, where ours could be considered more mental, more stressful. Even though so much has changed, we still have to furnish the hook to catch the fish. Some things never change.

God also gives each of us talents. We must not bury them or let them become useless. We have an obligation to put them to good use. If we don't use it we will lose it!

Even Paul kept his occupation of tent-making as he traveled on his missionary journeys, spreading the gospel to the cities around. He warned the Thessalonians to be busy. "For even when we were with you, we commanded you this; if anyone will not work, neither shall he eat." (II Thess. 3:10)

God gives us so much, even the good sense to learn how to enjoy and use them. I never learned how to milk but I can cook. I'm afraid of worms so I don't fish, but I can use the other things He gives us. He made us all different, and this is a good thing. We need to use His blessings and be thankful for them.

Remember Our Sick

Dennis Drewry – surgery in May
Carolyn Ezell – needs our prayers
Paul Helton – being treated for infection, improving.
Rick Hollis – recovering from gallbladder surgery.
Chip Porter – needs our prayers.
Earl Whitted – three weeks therapy for knee pain.
Francis Zerwas – waiting for results, back pain.

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, DJ Bandy, Amie Barkley, Bettye Barton, Nubbin Boley, Austen Cathcart, Donna Chambers, Troy/Rachel Curtis, Johnny Estes, Leota Hickey, Ronnie Leavell, Rose Lee, Daniel Loper, Bea McDaniel, Liliya McDaniel, Linda McDaniel, Connie Myers, Becky Miller, Julie Moss, Larry Reynolds, Michael Tindall, 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



DON'T QUIT

~Author Unknown

*When things go wrong, as they
sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging
seems all uphill,
When the funds are low and the
debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have
to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a
bit,
Rest, if you must, but don't you
quit.
Life is queer with its twists and
turns,
As every one of us sometimes
learns,
And many a failure turns about,
When he might have won had he
stuck it out;
Don't give up though the pace
seems slow--
You may succeed with another blow.
Often the goal is nearer than,
It seems to a faint and faltering
man,
Often the struggler has given up,
When he might have captured the
victor's cup,
And he learned too late when the
night slipped down,
How close he was to the golden
crown.
Success is failure turned inside out--
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The silver tint of the clouds of
doubt,
And you never can tell how close you
are,
It may be near when it seems so
far,
So stick to the fight when you're
hardest hit--
It's when things seem worst that
you must not quit.*

EVENTS

Ladies' Devo

6:30 pm May 28th
@ the
Fellowship Hall
Hostesses:
Charlene Clark
&
Joyce Walters

Men's Business

Meeting

June 8th
@ 7:00 pm

Fish Fry

4th of July
5:00 pm
(more info to follow)

The Senior Banquet
will be May 31st

Alaynna Williams/HS

Rachael Laffoon/HS

Brooklyn Tarbox/HS

Leanna Mullins/ATU

Shelby Statler/U of A

If you are a senior and
would like to be added to
the list, please contact
LeighAnne Forehand
Or Carin Vaughn

(more information to follow such as time,
etc..)

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



Lawn Care

May 23rd

Michael Robbins, Rick Hollis

William Robbins

May 30th

Chris Besterfeldt & Gary

Williams

May Birthdays

02 Amelia Besterfeldt
05 Brett Cains
Walt Davis
06 Randall Walters
07 Victoria Thomas
Carlee Williams
08 Trinity Loper
09 Sid Womack
13 Kelli Hottinger
14 Gracie Bowden
15 Alan Boatright
16 Connie Myers
21 Nathan Miller
23 Kaleb Lambert
Jordan Lambert
Braden Lambert
24 Jaylinn Williams
Greg Widner
25 Diane W. Walters
30 Paul Helton
31 Don Johnson

**In Search
of the Lord's Way**
The Search Program
can now be accessed
any time on their website

@

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

May 24th, 2015

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Allen Veasman
Alan Boatright

Communion

Podium: Chris Loper
Serve: Rex McDaniel
Rick Hollis
Shawn Price
Sid Womack

Scripture Reading

Chris Moss

Sunday P.M.

Prayers

Brent Hottinger
Brett Walters

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Lads & Leaderettes

Communion to Shut-Ins

Allen Veasman

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.

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Donny Forehand
Brent Hottinger
Rex McDaniel
Chris Moss
Michael Robbins

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