



# Life Lines

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(For the next few weeks, we will have articles from speeches given at our April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Ladies' Day. We had 4 speakers from our congregation.)

Theme: The Gift of Holiness

2<sup>nd</sup> Speech: "Becoming Holy"

By: Charlene Clark

Patty asked you the question in the previous two weeks, my goal is to convince you that you are holy! We'll be looking at a lot of scripture and in your Bibles, depending on your translation, this will be written as being made holy, or set apart, or sanctified. All of these words are used interchangeably.

I want to back up just a little and talk about where we started this journey that we are on today.

Isaiah 59:2 says "your sins have separated you from God." Every human being of accountable mind and age finds themselves in this position. Without exception.

God made us perfect, but it doesn't take long for our desires and our choices to separate us from Him. And we find ourselves lost and in need of a way to fill this hole in our lives where God belongs – where He longs to be.

God wants that even before we realize our need for it – even before we want that for ourselves. How do I know that? The most familiar verse in the Bible – John 3:16 tells me so. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved." Then in II Peter 3:9 He says, "He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone come to repentance."

So God made a way to restore that relationship with us and Jesus Christ was that way. Hebrews 13:12 says, "So also Jesus suffered and died outside the city gates to make His people holy by means of His own blood." And Hebrews 9:22 says "without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin."

How do we come in contact with this blood that can make us holy 2000 years after the fact? Let's go to Romans chapter 6. In verses 3-4, it says, "Don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ

was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."

In I Corinthians 1:30, Paul summarizes it for us. "God has united you with Christ Jesus. For our benefit God made him to be wisdom itself. Christ made us right with God; He made us pure and holy and He freed us from sin."

Whether you feel like it or not, God, through Jesus Christ, has made you holy!

There is even more evidence. Not only do we reach His blood that makes us holy in our baptism, Peter gives us more information about what will happen in Acts 2:38. When the Jews were convicted that they were sinners they asked Him, "What shall we do?" And Peter said, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. AND you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." We have to read verse 39 too, to see how we as non-Jews fit into this picture. "The promise is unto you and your children and to all who are far off – for all who the Lord our God will call." Paul tells the Romans, in chapter 15 verse 16, many of whom were Gentiles (continued pg. 2)

## Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

Near the end of King David's life, he charged his son, Solomon, and the people of Israel, to serve the living God. he tells the people to be careful to seek out all the commandments of the Lord your God, that you may possess this good land and give it as an inheritance for their children.

"As for you, my son, Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the Lord searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever." (I Chronicles 28:9)

In his lifetime, David made many mistakes, just as we do today. He made some bad decisions against the law of the land and against God's law. But even though he made some bad choices, he always had a repentant heart. He repented of his sins. His heart was right with God. God tells us that if we sincerely repent, we will be forgiven. David was sincere.

You get a feeling of David's repentant heart in reading some of the Psalms he wrote. "Cast your burden on the Lord, and He shall sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved." (Psalms 55:22)

We would do well to give the same advice to our children that David gave to his son. "Seek the Lord and He will find you." The Lord searches all hearts and understands all the intent of our thoughts. We can't pretend with Him. He knows if we are sincere.

God knew David. He had raised him up to be king over His chosen people. God said to Samuel, "I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will." (Acts 13:22)

The Lord wants obedience. He knows our imperfections and weaknesses. He knows we will fail, but we must keep seeking Him. He offers forgiveness if we have a repentant heart. If not, He will cast us away forever.

## Remember Our Sick

**Dennis Drewry** – recovering at home  
**Melba Horton** – having by-pass surgery on May 29<sup>th</sup> at Arkansas Heart Hospital, doing well.

**Liliya McDaniel** – needs our special prayers.

**Chip Porter** – needs our prayers.

**Earl Whitted** –knee 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:

Jessica Walters  
Andrea Henson  
Deborah Cloud Arambula  
Jillian Church

Please, remember

## Truth for Today

and the work of  
their organization  
in your prayers.

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*The Gift of Holiness*

like us, "I am a special messenger from Christ Jesus to you Gentiles. I bring you the good news so that I might present you as an acceptable offer to God, made holy by the Holy Spirit."

Paul talks to the Ephesians about this too. In Chapter 2 he talks about how we, the Gentiles and the Jews are one in Christ. Starting in Verse 18 he says, "For through Him, Jesus, we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the chief cornerstone. In Him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit."

When we repented and joined ourselves to God through Jesus we are no longer who we used to be. We got a new life! Remember I I Corinthians 5:17 which says "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature, the old is gone, the new has come." If you look back at the verse we read in Romans 6:4, he says this has happened so that "we too may live a new life."

There it is: God made the way for us to be holy – as He is holy – and He accomplished this through Christ and His Holy Spirit. This presents us with our greatest promise – a new holy life, but also we immediately see a problem. We have a new holy life and a new holy spirit within us – but we have the same body that we had before our salvation.

(continued next week)

## EVENTS

### Ladies' Devo

June 18<sup>th</sup>

@ 6:30 pm

Hostess:

Mary Stamps

### Men's Business

Meeting

July 13<sup>th</sup>

@ 7:00 pm

*Fish Fry*

4<sup>th</sup> of July

5:00 pm

(more info to follow)

### Happenings:

June 7<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>

Gospel Meeting @  
Jerusalem Church of

Christ 7:00 pm

June 7<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>

VBS @ Downtown

Morrilton

Evenings

June 22<sup>nd</sup> -26<sup>th</sup>

VBS @ Fifth and

Greenwich

Russellville

## 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



*Congratulations to  
Rachael & David Robinson  
on the birth of a baby girl.  
Madalynn Elizabeth  
was born on May 3<sup>rd</sup>  
and weighed 6 lbs. 8  
ounces.*



### Lawn Care

June 13<sup>th</sup>

Chris Moss & Matthew Moss

June 20<sup>th</sup>

Earl Stamps & Charles Davis

## *June Birthdays*

- 01 Sandra Boatright  
02 Chase Chance  
Liliya McDaniel  
03 Allen Veasman  
04 Michelle Helton  
Jeff Myers  
08 Cannon Chance  
11 Joe Miller  
12 Tina Davis  
14 Kenna Rae Jackson  
15 Joan Vance  
19 Dmitri McDaniel  
Zackary Nordin  
22 Janelle Miller  
28 Tanya Smith  
Joyce Walters

### 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***

***June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015***

**Sunday A.M.**

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

## **Prayers**

Rex McDaniel  
Randall Walters

## **Communion**

**Podium:** Michael Robbins  
**Serve:** Brett Walters  
Charles Davis  
Chris Besterfeldt  
Chris Loper

## **Scripture Reading**

William Boley

**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**

Chris Moss

## **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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**Or Cell: 479-264-9244**

## **Elders:**

William Boley 858-7131

Allen Veasman 331-2156

Sid Womack 967-2367

Chris Loper 331-3313

## **Deacons:**

Chris Besterfeldt

Donny Forehand

Brent Hottinger

Rex McDaniel

Chris Moss

Michael Robbins

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