



Life Lines

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

Theme: The Gift of Holiness

3rd Speech: "Remaining Holy"

By: Cara Williams

(Begin with poem "Oh, the Places You'll Stand" page 3.)

If you are a baptized Christian then you have been sanctified by Christ. Sanctification is the process of being made holy which results in a changed lifestyle.

If you are a baptized Christian, then you have also been consecrated by Christ. Consecrated means that you have been set apart and that you belong to God.

If you have been clothed with Christ in baptism, and Christ is holy, then you are also holy. I don't know about you, but I think that is pretty AWESOME!

In the Old Testament God named clean and unclean things that set apart his people. Lev 20:24-26 But I said to you, "You will possess their land; I will give it to you as an inheritance, a land flowing with milk and honey." I am the LORD your God, who has set you apart from the nations. ²⁵ "You must therefore make a distinction between clean and unclean animals and between unclean and clean birds. Do not

defile yourselves by any animal or bird or anything that moves along the ground—those that I have set apart as unclean for you. ²⁶ You are to be holy to me because I, the LORD, am holy, and I have set you apart from the nations to be my own." The Old Testament also speaks of God's temple as being the most holy and scared place because God dwelt there.

The New Testament speaks of holiness differently because of Christ. Heb 12:14 states: that without holiness no one will see the Lord. This means that it is necessary for us to live holy lives. The distinction in the Old Testament was to be made between clean and unclean. The distinction that we must now make is between Christ and the world. Christ makes us clean, so we are to separate ourselves from unclean things. But, if you are like me, you might think

that it is impossible to be holy like Christ. He is perfect and we know that we are all far from perfect. 1 Thess. 4:7 states: For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. We have been called to live pure and holy lives. We have now become God's holy and sacred temple and he dwells within us.

1 Cor. 6:19 Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have received from God?

The truth is that you and I are on a journey for holiness and Christ is our perfect pattern to follow. Our journey began with our baptism and we will never arrive at complete holiness until we reach heaven. Our journey is the challenging part of holiness. Christ did his part and made us holy through baptism, but we have to resist temptation in order to not slip into past sins or future temptations. We have to realize that we are being attacked on every side by the world and our adversary the devil.

We all know what happens when we forget to plug our electronic devices into a power source. Without a charged battery, our cell phones are useless. And boy is that irritating! We can apply this concept to our holiness journey. We must stay connected to our power source of holiness. We can't be holy if we become unplugged from Christ. The 15th chapter of John describes this by stating that Jesus is the true vine. Verses: 1-5 states "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear

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Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

“Curiosity is one of the permanent and certain characteristics of a vigorous intellect.” -Samuel Johnson

Most of us are curious about things. We are curious about our future, about the unknown. We are curious about the universe. Technology today has been brought about by the curiosity of man.

Many of us are curious about some things in the Bible. What was Paul’s “thorn in my flesh?” What are angels like? What kind of heavenly body do they have? What will heaven look like with its streets of gold? It is hard to imagine the beauty that He has prepared for us. Some questions won’t be answered until we get there!

Often we become curious to the extent that we become meddlesome or nosy. Our curiosity lets us pry into something we should not meddle in. As Christians we should be eager to know about our brothers and sisters, but only too offer our help. We must not be indifferent, nor do we want to be nosy for personal reasons.

We’ve all heard the old adage “curiosity killed the cat.” That should be a warning to us. Curiosity can get us into trouble. Being curious can also mean to be odd or peculiar. We don’t want to fall into this category.

When Samuel Johnson referred to curiosity being a characteristic of a vigorous intellect, I’m sure he was talking about a man being driven to invent things.

We enjoy the use of many inventions today that were brought about by the curiosity of man.

Please, remember

The Mission Trip to Nicaragua

July 25th –August 1st

in your prayers.

Remember Our Sick

Dennis Drewry – no chemo needed at this time. Re-check in September.

Liliya McDaniel – needs our special prayers.

Becky Miller – needs our prayers.

Kim Walters – at home doing well. Thanks us for our prayers.

Juanita Bird – in the nursing home at Greenbrier.

Yolanda Greenway- at UAMS. Her cancer has returned.

Myra Ballinger- undergoing cancer treatment. (5th grade teacher at Dover)

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, Melba Horton, 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:

Andrea Henson
Deborah Cloud Arambula
Jillian Church

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The Gift of Holiness*

fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.⁵ “I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.” We cannot be holy apart from Christ. We cannot be pleasing to God and bear fruit unless we stay connected to the vine.

There are several ways that we can stay connected to Christ. One way is through prayer. Heb 10:22 states: let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Prayer keeps us intimately connected with Christ. Fight all of your battles on your knees and you will WIN every time! We need to pray in order to get strength from God to remain holy. I know I need strength as a mother, a wife, a teacher, and as a Christian.

Ro. 12:12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer.

God’s word is another way to stay connected. Eph 6:17 states: And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; The word of God helps to protect us from the schemes of the devil. We need to learn God’s word so that we can learn to have a mind like Christ and learn to live like him. We can’t know WWJD if we don’t study and learn God’s word. Another way to stay connected is by fellowship. 1 Thess. 5:11 Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing. We need to build each other up. Not tear each other down. I am so thankful for my church family who loves me and prays for me and my family. (continued next week)

EVENTS

Ladies' Devo

August 20th

@ 6:30 pm

Hostess:

Sandra Boatright



Summer Reading List

The Muscle and the Shovel

Teen's Camping Trip

July 24th -25th

@ Long Pool

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

July 25th

Marion Helton and Alan

Boatright

July Birthdays

- 13 *Ethan Henson*
16 *Diane C. Walters*
17 *Kim Statler*
Rex McDaniel
18 *Gracie Miller*
23 *William Robbins*
Emily Walker
Earl Whitted
25 *Becky Miller*
31 *Wyatt Henson*
Kim Miller

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

July 19th, 2015

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Rex McDaniel
Randall Walters

Communion

Podium: William Boley
Serve: Walt Davis
William Robbins
Alan Boatright
Allen Veasman

Scripture Reading

Michael Robbins

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

Marion Helton

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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