



# Life Lines

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## *Do Not Flee as a Bird to the Mountain*

In Bible times, birds were hunted and served as delicacies for food. There were skilled archers whose arrows took the lives of those birds that fled. Their only hope was to run from the places of safety and flee to the mountains where they might escape. The psalmist, in the eleventh psalm, saw all of this and then used this illustration to affirm that God's children do not need to flee. He said that it was folly for the enemy to chide the righteous and tell them to flee.



Do you flee like a bird?

David's answer to those who told him to flee was that his trust was in God (verse 1). Let the ungodly bring any "arrow" against him, but God's children do not need to flee. We

already have the surest foundation. David then speaks of four foundations which cannot be assailed. How timely these truths are in our day when the foundation of faith is being assailed.

**We will prevail because God is in His holy temple.** The ruling of the courts of our land redefining marriage has changed nothing. The real Supreme Court is not found in Washington. Nothing has changed about sexual orientation. It is God who is supreme and He alone has all authority—truth is determined from that throne where He sits in His holy temple (verse 4). We do not need to flee as a helpless bird. The foundation of truth is established by the Lord who abides forever.

**We will prevail, for godly people see "arrows" as tests from God.** David did not need to flee as a helpless bird from those things hurled at him from the ungodly. They were simply tests from God (verse 5). He saw adversity, not as a curse, but as that by which he would be strengthened. The truth is that the trying of our faith is one of the ways

God helps us to mature in Christ and become perfect and lacking in nothing (see James 1:2-4).

**We will prevail, for God will bring judgment on those who assail us.** "Upon the wicked He will rain coals; fire and brimstone..." (verse 6). This is the big picture. When foundational truth we hold so dear is attacked, we must remember that God sits on His throne and His holiness will prevail. Fire and brimstone await those who oppose righteousness.

**We will prevail, for God loves righteousness.** David urged men to stand fast and not flee to helpless mountains when they were assaulted. Because of God's nature, His violence awaits the ungodly, but "He loves righteousness, and His countenance beholds the upright" (verse 7). Every fiery dart of the Devil has been quenched by the shield of faith we have. He knows us; He knows our enemies; He sees us and His ears are open to us. So when faith is attacked. Do not flee! Take time to fortify your faith!

-Dan Jenkins  
(<http://www.churchofchristarticles.com>)

# Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

## Two Things to Remember in this Life:

1. Take care of your thoughts when you are alone.
2. Take care of your words when you are with people.

(Given to me by Joyce Walters)

If we would, or could, heed this advice, we would have a good handle of our lives! This covers all circumstances, when we are alone or when we are with people!

Reading this makes it sound easy, but we know in real life it is very difficult. It takes patience and training to control our thoughts and words, especially our thoughts. James tells us we must be swift to hear, slow to speak, and slow to wrath. (1:19)

Being slow to wrath, or slow to anger, helps tremendously. Getting angry makes it easier to do sinful things. We may have evil thoughts whether we speak them or not. Usually we speak them before we mean to. Anger gets us out of any control we hope to have in most situations. We sound off, wishing we hadn't. I'm sure that is why James, in his letter to Christians, put these three things together: hear, speak, wrath. We should practice listening, be slow to respond, and curtail our anger. This would give us better control of thoughts and words.

Jesus gives us sound advice when He says, "But I say to you that for every idle word man may speak, they will give account of it in the Day of Judgment. For by your words you will be condemned." (Matt. 12:36-37)

Besides being kind to others, there are many reasons to watch our thoughts and words. One reason is that in our thoughts we become that person. "For as he thinks in his heart, so is he." (Prov. 23:7) Our thoughts and words need to be on positive, clean, pure things. We feed the good rather than the evil in our lives.

# Remember Our Sick

**Rhonda Lambert**-(Arbie's daughter)- continuing therapy for back pain.

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

**Becky Miller** – needs our prayers.

**Juanita Bird** – in the nursing home at Greenbrier.

**Yolanda Greenway**- at UAMS. Her cancer has returned.

**Myra Ballinger**- undergoing cancer treatment. (5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Dover)

**Chip Porter**- 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, D.J. Bandy, Amie Barkley, Bettye Barton, Nubbin Boley, Austen Cathcart, Donna Chambers, Troy/Rachel Curtis, Dennis Drewry, 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.

## Jail Ministry- new sisters in Christ who need our prayers:

Julia Cody, Jackie Davis, Erica Lee, and Samantha Womack.

## Expectant Mothers:

Andrea Henson

Deborah Cloud Arambula- at Baptist hospital to prevent early birth of twins.

Jillian Church

# Make Time for Prayer

How To Remember To Pray  
(at least twice a day)

Get a little prayer rock..and this is what to do.  
Just put it on your pillow, til day is through,  
Then turn back the covers and climb into bed  
And WHACK, your little prayer rock will hit you on the head,  
Then you will remember as the day is through  
to kneel and say your prayers, just as you wanted to.  
Then when you are finished, just place it on the floor.  
I'll stay there thru the nighttime, to give you help once more,  
When you get up the next morning CLUNK you'll stub your toe  
so you will remember, your morning prayers before you go.  
Put it back upon your pillow, before your bed is made  
And tonight, your clever little rock will continue in your aid.

(Given by Joyce Walters at our June ladies devo.)

if you don't have time to  
pray & read  
scriptures,  
you are busier than  
God  
ever intended you to be.

## EVENTS

Ladies' Devo

August 20<sup>th</sup>

@ 6:30 pm

Hostess:

*Sandra Boatright*

*(Fellowship Hall)*



### 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.

## 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

August 8<sup>th</sup>

*Earl Stamps and Charles  
Davis*

August 15<sup>th</sup>

*Chris Loper and Ed  
Meadows*

## August Birthdays

- 01 Connor Chance  
03 Frances Kennedy  
Wes Walker  
04 Carl Adkisson  
06 Josh Pennington  
10 Karen Womack  
13 Blake Forehand  
14 Russell Boley  
Carolyn Clark  
16 Noah Henson  
19 Drew Walters  
Creek Jackson  
21 Donny Forehand  
Merrell Shoptaw  
25 Corey Hottinger  
27 Shirlie Chadwick  
Lee Henson  
28 Steve Pennington  
29 Troy Curtis  
31 Charles Ensey

Please, remember  
Truth for Today  
and the work of  
their organization  
in your prayers.

# ***THOSE TO SERVE***

***August 9, 2015***

**Sunday A.M.**

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

## **Prayers**

Gary Williams  
Earl Whitted

## **Communion**

**Podium:** Marion Helton  
**Serve:** Dan Cloud  
Donny Forehand  
Drew Walters  
Earl Stamps

## **Scripture Reading**

Chris Moss

**Sunday P.M.**

## **Prayers**

Merrell Shoptaw  
Marion Helton

# **SPEAKER**

**Sunday A.M.**

Micah Williams

**Sunday P.M.**

Micah Williams

## **Prepare Table for Communion**

Lads & Leaderettes

## **Communion to Shut-Ins**

Chris Loper

## **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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