



# Life Lines

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## *Preaching the Resurrection*

It is remarkable how easy it is to overlook how God has expressed great truths using some of the simplest language. When Paul wrote the Corinthians he used the expression “first of all.” We sometimes use this expression when we have a long list of things which are of equal importance. We talk of the first item, not because it has greater importance, but simply because it is the first thing on the list. This is not how Paul used the expression.

Paul said, “For I delivered to you first of all that which I received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures” (1 Cor. 15:3-4). At first reading, it is so easy to overlook that which the Greek text makes so abundantly clear. Both the NASB and the ESV translations reflect this when they say, “I delivered to you as of

first importance what I also received.”

The life of Jesus has many historical events which bring such joy to those who hear them, but there is one of greater importance than all the rest. His death, burial and resurrection surpass all the rest combined. They are the supreme events of all that He did. Without these He is just another prophet sent by God, but with these He is Supreme Prophet! His death and burial are indispensable in the story of our redemption, but it is the resurrection which gives meaning to both of these. One cannot honestly look at Christianity and walk away from it without dealing with that empty tomb.

The resurrection was at the heart of the preaching in the early church. It was mentioned four times in the sermon on Pentecost in Acts chapter two. In the next chapter it was mentioned twice in the sermon preached by Peter in

the temple at the hour of prayer. Then when Peter and John were arrested they were brought before the Jewish council twice and on each occasion it was proclaimed. It was preached to Cornelius, the first Gentile convert. Paul mentions it five times in the sermon he preached at Antioch. This pattern is found throughout the New Testament, where it is mentioned more than 150 times!

Now imagine that you had been with those women who first came to the tomb. You are faced with a decision—what happened to His body? Did the disciples take it? Did the enemies take it? Did grave robbers take it? The answer is found in the message from heaven given to those women, “He is not here...Come see the place where the Lord lay...He is risen...as He told you.” Had you been with them and heard these words, what would you have thought? Our hearts sing, “We serve a risen Savior...He lives, He lives!

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

# Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

“You are free to choose, but you are not free from the consequences of your choice!”

Being free to choose is wonderful. Even God has given us free-will. However, He did not give us perfection to choose wisely! Freedom is nice, but often our decisions are costly. We can learn much through trial and error.

Too often some of the choices we make not only affect us, but it affects others. Our choices can hurt us as well as those around us. We pay the consequences but they do too.

We can choose to do things that are sinful, maybe not breaking the law, but going against the commandments of God. If these are not corrected we will pay dearly, not just in this life, but in the life hereafter.

There is an old saying:  
Sin will always take you farther than you want to go.  
Sin will always cost you more than you want to pay.  
Sin will always keep you longer than you meant to stay. –Anonymous

All of this is very true. Satan will want to fool you and say this is not true. Then after it happens he laughs.

Sin can take you so far that you will never turn back. Your conscience gets seared. Sin will always cost us more than we want, or can pay. Sinful things are not cheap. It can cost our jobs, our homes, and our families. We have known this to happen over and over. The cost can be too much to ever recover. Sin can keep us longer than we meant to stay. We wait too long. We may lose our life, and then it is too late.

God offers us redemption through His word. He can give us strength and courage to overcome these sinful choices we have made. There is a way out, not through man, but through a loving, forgiving Lord. It is our choice.

# Remember Our Sick

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

**Liliya McDaniel** – needs our special 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**- gall bladder surgery soon

## 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, 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, 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 home waiting for follow-up appt.

Jillian Church

# What If...?

-What If...?

God took away the Bible tomorrow, because we would not read it today

-What if...?

God took away his message because we failed to listen to His messenger...

-What if...?

God answered our prayers the way we answer His call to service...

-What if...?

The door to the church was closed because we did not open the door of our hearts...

-What if...?

God would not hear us today because we would not listen

-What if...?

God didn't send His only begotten Son Because He wanted us to be prepared to pay the price of sin

-What if...?

God would not hear us today because we would not listen to Him yesterday...

-What if...?

God met our needs the way we give Him our lives...

-Author unknown

## 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 15<sup>th</sup>

Chris Loper and Ed Meadows

August 22<sup>nd</sup>

Allen Veasman, Ethan Letson,  
and William Boley

## 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 16, 2015***

**Sunday A.M.**

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

## **Prayers**

Michael Robbins  
Randall Walters

## **Communion**

**Podium:** Marion Helton  
**Serve:** Gary Williams  
Kevin Nordin  
Larry Mahan  
Matthew Moss

## **Scripture Reading**

Chris Loper

**Sunday P.M.**

## **Prayers**

Rex McDaniel  
Sid Womack

# **SPEAKER**

**Sunday A.M.**

Micah Williams

**Sunday P.M.**

Micah Williams

## **Prepare Table for Communion**

Lads & Leaderettes

## **Communion to Shut-Ins**

Charles Davis

## **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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