



Life Lines

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God Loves People With Pierced Ears

Sometimes, we sing a song in which we ask God to take us to His door and pierce our ear. We finish by telling Him that we never want to be a free man. What could this possibly mean? It is imperative that we “sing with the spirit and the understanding” (1 Cor. 14:15), but what is your understanding about what you are saying when you ask God to pierce your ear?



Is your ear pierced?

The background of this song is found in Exodus chapter twenty-

one. The Jews were allowed to purchase another Jew as a slave, but after seven years, he had to be released from his servitude. However, during those seven years, the master of that slave could have been so kind and benevolent that the slave would not want to leave his master. His life as a slave was so much better than what it was before he was bought—he simply did not want to leave.

Thus the Lord said, “If the servant plainly says, ‘I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free.’” The servant was then to be brought before the judges of the city and taken to the door and “his master shall pierce his ear with an awl, and he shall serve him forever.” Slavery can involve tortious service with an evil master, but when one has a kind, compassionate master, his life is totally different. He gladly becomes a slave because he loves his master.

Jesus is our kind, benevolent and compassionate master. That is why Paul often described himself as a bondservant of the Lord. That is why Paul described the choice we must make as either choosing the bondage of sin with all its attendant evil or to willingly give our all to our Master (Rom. 6:16-23). That is also why we sing together asking Him to pierce our ears—we want to serve Him forever.

As a preschool child, I learned a song in Bible class which gave the same kind of message to me. “I washed my hands this morning, so very clean and bright; and lent them up to Jesus to work for Him till night.” Before I was old enough to attend school, I sang this song promising Him that I would work for Him. (Google this song to hear children as young as two singing this life-changing song). Now, as an adult, I sing another song which even more vividly

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

“For a day in Your court is better than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness. For the Lord is a sun and shield; The Lord will give grace and glory; No good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly” (Psa. 84:10-11).

His word says nothing good will He withhold from those who walk uprightly! God had always promised His people so many blessings, if only they would obey Him. They would for awhile, then slowly slipping into idolatry again. They were influenced by their alien neighbors who worshipped wooden images, made by hands.

Do our idols keep us from blessings today? We don't have wooden idols but we worship material things, or waste our time on frivolous things. We can't worship God and money.

Even though we are sinful He loved us enough to send His Son for our sacrifice. Jesus said, “I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd gives His life for the sheep” (John 10:11). We are offered salvation through this Good Shepherd. It is our choice. If we obey the gospel; the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we can have this salvation. This is truly the good thing not withheld from us!

“And we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose” (Rom. 8:28). We realize bad things happen to good people, just as good things happen to bad people. Yet, we also know God loves us, and if we are obedient things will go better for us. He will work us through whatever we need. Since He loved us enough to send His Son; He loves us enough to help us.

Jesus is our Mediator. He and the Holy Spirit intervene for us, in prayers and in our daily lives. They know our needs better than we do. Again, it is our choice. We must ask for this help. We must be thankful, praying always. We must walk uprightly.

Remember Our Sick

Rhonda Lambert- continuing therapy for back pain.

Liliya McDaniel – gone from 8/12-25 trying new treatment at a clinic in CA.

Juanita Bird – in the nursing home at Greenbrier.

Yolanda Greenway- at UAMS. Her numbers are coming up and may get to come home for a while soon.

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

Chip Porter- gall bladder surgery soon

Joyce Helton – bladder surgery 8/11

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.

Expectant Mothers:

Andrea Henson

Deborah Cloud Arambula – twins!

Jillian Church

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describes the devotion we must all have to our Master. I now ask Him to take me to His door and to “pierce my ear.”

The question each of us should consider is, “Have we stood before His door?” “Pierced ears” proclaim total surrender to the Master. Our time, our energy, our money, our lives and all we have belongs to Him. So, why not take time today to read those verses in Exodus 21, then meditate how they apply to your life. Then, stand before the mirror of His word and see if your ears have been pierced.

-Dan Jenkins

(<http://www.churchofchristarticles.com>)

We would like to welcome
new members
Sierra Murphy
and
Angela Lobdell
to our congregation.

Take time to get to know
these two ladies.

EVENTS

Ladies' Devo

August 20th

@ 6:30 pm

Hostess:

Sandra Boatright

(Fellowship Hall)



Please pray for our school board members, administrators, teachers, and students as they begin a new school year.

Our sympathy to the family of **Mack Lyon**. He passed away Wednesday, August 5th at the age of 93. He will be greatly missed!

In Search of the Lord's Way

The Search Program
can now be accessed
any time on their website

@

www.searchtv.org

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 22nd

*Allen Veasman, Ethan Letson,
and William Boley*

August 29th

*Rick Hollis, William Robbins,
and Michael Robbins*

5th Sunday Potluck

August 30th

after evening services.

We will also have a moneytree
shower for **Sharon Rackley** and
Terry Bailey at this time.



August Birthdays

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| 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 |

THOSE TO SERVE

August 23, 2015

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

William Boley
Alan Boatright

Communion

Podium: Marion Helton
Serve: Michael Robbins
Presley Williams
Rex McDaniel
Rick Hollis

Scripture Reading

Charles Davis

Sunday P.M.

Prayers

Alan Veasman
Blake Walters

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Lads & Leaderettes

Communion to Shut-Ins

Brent Hottinger

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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