



Life Lines

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Happy birthday to me!

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I have been looking forward to the beginning of August 2015 for quite some time. I have spent the past twelve months in dedicated prayer, worship, and almost constant worry, but I can proudly say to you today that I have officially been a follower of Christ for one whole year. A whole year! Praise God – I have seen the light and been a faithful servant ever since!

As I reminisce on my first year as a Christian, I go back to the beginning when everything changed; when the challenges of a now dear friend turned my world view upside down. When a future full of commitment and promise shattered and became dark. When I realized I was wrong and God, who was now very real, was patiently waiting for me to say He was right.

If you could, please turn in your Bibles to Mark 4, the parable of the sower. As I read through the first couple verses, I have a movie reel spinning in my head, highlighting some of the events that led to my conversion.

Mark 4:14 "The sower sows the word."

My AP Lit English teacher, Megan, assigned a self-reflection assignment that forced us juniors to write about a "life-changing event that influenced who we were." After much deliberation and self-inflicted agony, I decided to share my story about declaring atheism, which as of my junior year of high school, I was only one year into. Megan, a born and raised grassroots Christian, read my paper and reached out, commenting about how she would like to hear more about my story.

Mark 4:15 "And these are the ones on the wayside where the word is sown."

Now, I can't tell you what came over me or why I decided to respond, but I did. What I thought would be a simple letter addressing my still shaky religious views turned into a response, annotated letters, evolution studies, and books gifted to me documenting, and factually validating, the life of Jesus Christ.

Mark 4:15 "When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts."

Almost all of these, these *three years* of nothing but investment were almost for naught. See, I wasn't raised in a religious home. My mom was raised Catholic, my dad was

raised Lutheran, but neither of them adhered to any sort of faith, and therefore offered myself and my two younger siblings nothing. Growing up in "Bible-belt" Arkansas was tough when we were one of the only families that didn't attend church on Wednesday nights and my friends could never have sleepovers on Saturday nights because of Sunday morning worship. At the end of the day I didn't get it. The stories about Jesus and how awesome, loving, and righteous he was never clicked for me – and Satan took advantage of that for *Three Whole Years*.

Mark 4:20 "But these are the ones sown on good ground, those who hear the word, accept it, and bear fruit;"

It wasn't until last summer, the three year anniversary of my declaration of no God and no religion that I had a revelation. I thought, "No matter what happens, I'm going to take a look at this. If I convert, I convert. If I don't, I don't." (continued on p.2)

Megan, who had spent the past year checking up on me, making sure I was settling in to Tech alright, and was always sending me verses or articles on evolution, was more than willing to open her home, church, and

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

In Luke 11:50-51, Jesus is berating the Pharisees and lawyers about their ancestors killing the prophets God had sent to turn them from their idol worship. "That blood of all the prophets which was shed from the foundation of the world may be required of this generation, from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah who perished between the altar and the temple."

As I read this, I was familiar with Abel and how he was killed by his brother, Cain, but which Zechariah is this? So, I did some research. Now you will know, too.

Remember the young king of Judah, Joash, who became king at the early age of seven? He was too young, but for a big part of his life, he was taught and instructed by the good priest, Jehoiada. "Joash did what was right in the sight of the Lord all the days of Jehoiada the priest." (2 Chron. 24:2)

Joash reigned for forty years. Things went well for him and the people of Judah until the death of Jehoiada. Repairs were done on the house of the Lord by collections taken from the people by the priests. The people worshipped the Lord and were happy and at peace. Jehoiada was 130 years old when he died.

Things began to go wrong for the king. He listened to the elders. The people started worshipping wooden images and idols. God sent Zechariah, the son of Jehoiada. He said to them, "Why do you transgress the commandments of the Lord, so that you cannot prosper? Because you have forsaken the Lord, He also has forsaken you." (24:20)

The people conspired against Zechariah. At the command of the king they stoned him to death with stones in the court of the house of the Lord. Joash forgot the kindness of Jehoiada, his father, and killed his son.

As many do today, Joash followed the wrong crowd. We need to keep good company. (continued in column 2)

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- her test numbers are better and will get to come home for a while.

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

Chip Porter- gall bladder surgery soon

Joyce Helton – bladder surgery went well. Follow-up Aug. 17th

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!

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An added note: Joash was the grandson of the wicked Athaliah. She was the daughter of the evil king Ahab, and probably daughter of Jezebel, a very wicked queen.

New Baby!

Congratulations to Jillian and Dustin Church on the arrival of a baby boy on 8/14/15. Zane Michael weighed in at 10 lbs 4 oz!

Happy Birthday to me!

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Bible to help me seek what I was looking for. I was thirsty for knowledge. I was hungry for understanding. Little did I know God was going to give me drink, food, and ultimately *life*.

Mid-August of 2014, after months of study, several novels, hours of videos, and a couple nights of crying myself to sleep for good measure, **I accepted God as my Lord and Savior and put on his Son in baptism.** With only Megan, her family, and my hometown preacher in attendance, their claps of joy echoed through the empty auditorium as I came out of the water a saved soul.

Now, a year later, I can say I have taken the Gospel to Tallinn, Estonia, where I taught people English using the Gospel of Luke. Now, a year later, I can say my family is growing because I placed membership at the Dover Church of Christ. Now, a year later, I can say that no matter what the circumstance, background, or hurdle, **no one can escape the power that radiates from you when you are working as the arms and feet of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**

EVENTS

Ladies' Devo
September 10th
@ 6:30 pm
Hostess:
Marilyn Veasman



New College Students:

Rachael Laffoon-ATU
Alayna Williams-Harding
Patrick Brooking-UCA
Brooklyn Tarbox-ATU
Please pray for these young
people starting on their next
adventure!

GET READY!

We will be feeding the Dover Jr
High football team on Thursday,
September 3rd at 3 pm in the
fellowship hall.
For more info see:
Jan Loveless and
Diane Walters#1

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 am

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

*A great big "Thank You" to
Cara Williams for spending her
summer working as the church
secretary.
You did a great job!*



Lawn Care
August 29th
Rick Hollis, William
Robbins, and Michael
Robbins

September 5th
Chris Besterfeldt
and Gary Williams

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

5th Sunday Potluck
August 30th
after evening services.
We will also have a money tree
shower for **Sharon Rackley** and
Terry Bailey at this time.



THOSE TO SERVE

August 30, 2015

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Brent Hottinger
Brett Walters

Communion

Podium: Marion Helton
Serve: Sid Womack
Shawn Price
Walt Davis
William Boley

Scripture Reading

Brett Cains

Sunday P.M.

Prayers

Charles Davis
Chris Loper

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Lads & Leaderettes

Communion to Shut-Ins

Allen Veasman

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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Chris Loper 331-3313

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Donny Forehand

Brent Hottinger

Rex McDaniel

Chris Moss

Michael Robbins

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