



Life Lines

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Understanding the Kingdom

Our world is so blinded by the teaching of many about the kingdom of God. It has always been this way. When Jesus was on this earth, many expected Him to establish a kingdom like those kingdoms they had known in the past and like those physical kingdoms in the first century world.



What is Jesus' Kingdom? Where is it?

Herod the Great did not understand the kingdom. His slaughter of the infants was because he was fearful that someone outside his household would be the next earthly king of the Jews. Another Roman official, Pilate, was equally ignorant and perplexed about

Jesus and asked about His kingdom. Jesus simply told this Roman governor that His kingdom was not an earthly kingdom where its citizens were armed to force men to surrender to the king (John 18:36).

Just after Jesus had fed a multitude of 5,000 men (not counting women and children), they did not understand His kingdom. They tried to take Jesus and force Him to become their earthly king (John 6:10, 15).

Even the apostles, on the day of His ascension, showed their ignorance of the kingdom. Their earthly view of the establishment of a physical kingdom was shown in the question they asked Him that day. "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" (Acts 1:6). Now, the first century world did understand that the message was being

proclaimed as a kingdom which would soon be established. Deep Bible students could have figured out Daniel foretold the kingdom was to be established in the fourth world kingdom in Nebuchadnezzar's dream. They would have known that this fourth kingdom was Rome. However, even the most simple-minded person would have understood the preaching which began in the days of John the Baptist.

John the Baptist called on the Jews to repent because "the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt. 3:2). They could understand this and also the word of Jesus who said, "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt. 4:17). He preached this in "every city and village" (Luke 8:1). The twelve apostles and the seventy disciples were sent by Jesus to
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Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” (Psa. 46:1) Note the word “present.” God is “omnipresent.” He is present everywhere and all the time. This is mind-boggling! It is very hard, as humans, to comprehend that He is available to us all the time, and to everyone at the same time! Our minds can’t fathom this because we aren’t made that way. Most of the time, we have a “one-track-mind.”

It is encouraging to know that God is always available to us. He desires that we keep Him close to our hearts. If He seems far away it is because of us, not Him. This isn’t to say that His answer will always be “yes.” Many times He says “no.” This is good because He can see the whole picture. He knows exactly what we need. He knows what is best for our good. This makes Him “omniscient.” He has all wisdom and knowledge. This is especially good because we can make some poor decisions.

Paul tells us, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” (Phil. 4:13) Paul had learned to be content in all things. We can do the same through prayer and reading the word. God can give us strength and knowledge through Jesus Christ. He gives help in our troubles, which can come through others, even our church family. He can give us help through an encouraging friend.

“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.” (Eph. 3:20) “Exceedingly abundantly” sounds exciting! How could we ask for more! God has always promised more than we can imagine. God is “omnipotent.” He has all power and authority. Sometimes we limit Him. He asks for our love and obedience. He is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Remember Our Sick

Rhonda Lambert – treatments going well no surgery planned

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

Yolanda Greenway- back at UAMS- undergoing treatment

Myra Ballinger- starting chemo treatment.

Chip Porter- health problems - still awaiting gall bladder surgery

Becky Miller - in St. Mary’s for tests

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, Juanita Bird, 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

Beckie Clark



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tell others the kingdom was about to be established (Matt. 10:7; Luke 10:9).

How could anyone misunderstand the clarity of the message that the kingdom was about to be established? In fact, Jesus said it would definitely come in the lifetime of many who heard Him preach (Mark 9:1). The Jews knew the kingdom was about to come, they just did not understand the nature of the kingdom. Tragically, many today do not understand its nature, and some even deny that it has come.

-Dan Jenkins

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Thank You!

A great big “Thank You” to **Earl and Mary Stamps** for their work and service in the church and the community.

“Whoever serves me must follow me.....My Father will honor the one who serves me.” John 12:26

New Babies!

Congratulations to Israel and Deborah Arambula on the arrival of twin girls on 8/18/15. Isabelle weighed 5’13” and Brielle weighed 4’15”. Give thanks for these beautiful and healthy babies!

EVENTS

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



GET READY!

We will be feeding the Dover Jr High football team on Thursday, September 3^d at 3 pm in the fellowship hall.

For more info see:
Jan Loveless and
Diane Walters#1

ATTENTION:

Hwy Trash pick-up on
Saturday, September 5th
at 8:30 AM.

Lads to Leaders,
Leaderettes meeting
Sunday, September 13th at
5 pm to plan work for 2016
events.

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 soft answer
turns away wrath.
Proverbs 15:1



Lawn Care

September 5th
Chris Besterfeldt
and Gary Williams

September 12th
Marion Helton and
Alan Boatright

September Birthdays

02 Johnny Estes
05 Leota Hickey
06 Deidre Luker
08 Charli Collins
09 Joyce Helton
12 Karla Bowden
16 Michael Robbins
17 Melissa Hagan
Danielle Stepanovich
20 Jannie Myers
21 Michaela Walker
23 Rylie Boley
24 Wayne Strickland
Alan Walker
Gary Williams
25 Joshua Besterfeldt
26 Teresa Bell
Justin Vaughn
28 Donna Walters

The Truth for Today World Mission School is beginning a Reading-based School of Biblical Studies. If you have access to a computer and the internet, you can enroll in this university-like program to greatly enhance your knowledge of the Bible. If you are interested in more info, please contact Micah or Charlene.

THOSE TO SERVE

September 6th, 2015

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Sid Womack
William Boley

Communion

Podium: Donny Forehand
Serve: Alan Boatright
Allen Veasman
Blake Walters
Brent Hottinger

Scripture Reading

Walt Davis

Sunday P.M.

Prayers

Brett Walters
Charles Davis

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

Young Men

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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Donny Forehand

Brent Hottinger

Rex McDaniel

Chris Moss

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