



# Life Lines

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## *Understanding the Nature of the Kingdom*



They expected the Kingdom soon.

There were eighty-four divinely sent messengers who proclaimed that the kingdom of heaven was about to be established. Beginning with John the Baptist (Matt. 3:2), then with Jesus (Matt. 4:17), then the twelve apostles (Matt. 10:7), and finally the 70 disciples Jesus sent out, the message was, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand." No one can deny that those in the first century expected the kingdom to come during their lives (Mark 9:1). To understand this message and the place of the kingdom in God's eternal plan, look at the parables of Jesus.

The kingdom is like a man who goes out sowing seed in his field. Matthew 13 and Luke 8 record this message from the Son of God. That seed was the word of God, and when sown in the hearts of men, it produced the children of the kingdom. The book of Acts shows exactly how this happened. The Lord never described the kingdom as Jesus sitting on a throne in Jerusalem. The preaching about Jesus produced the kingdom!

The kingdom is like a man sowing good seed in his field and his enemy (the devil) sowing weeds in the same field. Jesus wanted those who saw the kingdom in their lifetime to understand that Satan would come and seek to hide the kingdom from mankind by confusing them.

He would make it hard to see the difference between the pure seed (the gospel) and counterfeit seeds he would sow. Jesus wanted us to understand the importance of knowing the word and following it so we

could be the children of the kingdom.

The kingdom of heaven is also a mustard seed, leaven, a hidden treasure, a man seeking one good pearl and a fishnet. All these are described in Matthew 13. Jesus told five other parables to help men understand the kingdom. When it began, it was a like a tiny seed that grew into a large tree. There were only 12 men in the upper room, but soon the whole world knew of the kingdom. It spread like leaven into the lost world. Its worth was so great that every honest man should invest everything when he finds the treasure of the kingdom. Those in the kingdom search the

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## Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

“People learn little from success, but much from failure.”

In one of Willard Conchins’s study books, he says success is sometimes measured by what we do for others, not by what we do only for ourselves. Remember the Dead Sea. It is dead because it receives but does not give!

Booker T. Washington once said, “I have learned that success is measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed.”

Once you have a task begun,  
Never leave it till it’s done;  
Be the labor great or small,  
Do it well or not at all.

Most of us want to do things the right way, or not at all. Some jobs can be difficult, so we need help from someone with more experience. It never hurts to seek help. Also, it is a good thing to help others. We get a good feeling by helping others. If we don’t, something is wrong with us, probably selfishness.

There are different measures of success. Some make the mistake of measuring success by the things they have, or by what they have accomplished. It may be success in this life, but has nothing to do with how they will spend their eternity. Things I thought were important when I was young have changed immensely. I see young people doing the same thing today.

Success is living peacefully with our neighbors. Success is being kind and generous to others. Success is being assured of a crown of righteousness in the life after this one. Failure we have experienced has taught us what success really means.

## Remember Our Sick

**Rhonda Horton** – doing well following surgery

**Mary Grice** – needs our prayers

**Liliya McDaniel** – back at home condition improving

**Yolanda Greenway**- back at UAMS- undergoing treatment

**Myra Ballinger**- recently had surgery and now starting chemo treatment.

**Chip Porter**- health problems - still awaiting gall bladder surgery

**Becky Miller** – at home improving

### 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, Rhonda Lambert, 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:

Beckie Clark

## Congratulations!

**Lee and Andrea Henson** are the proud parents of a baby girl, **Jessa Lou**, who was born 8/27/15 weighing 8’8”.

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world to find a soul to teach (a pearl of great price) and then give their all to gain that soul. Jesus also wanted men to know that in the kingdom there would be great and godly individuals, but there would be some evil men (bad fish) which would be dealt with on the last day.

Do you want to understand the kingdom? Then read Matthew 13 two or three times, and you will see its nature. Having read this chapter, then read the book of Acts. When you get to the end, you will see how Jesus proclaimed the kingdom. It is tragic so many do not teach this today!

-Dan Jenkins

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

*Thank You!*

*Thanks to all the men and women who gave so generously to supply the \$1000 needed to ship 200 smile boxes to Nicaragua! We reached our goal in only two weeks!*

*We will meet on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> to put together the smile boxes. Please come to the basement at 9:00 am to help.*

# EVENTS

## Ladies' Devo

October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015

@ 6:30 pm

Hostesses:

Julie Moss and

Karen Womack

@ home of Julie Moss

## ATTENTION:

Lads to Leaders, Leaderettes  
will be meeting on Sunday,  
September 13<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm to make  
plans for the 2016 program.  
Call Chris Moss for more info.

## Area News:

The Hector church of Christ  
meeting at 354 Oak Street will  
be sponsoring a "Fall in Love  
with Jesus" day on September  
12<sup>th</sup>

from 12 – 4 pm. Speakers will  
be David and Isaac Talkington  
and Randy Gray.

## Looking ahead:

We will have our annual  
Teacher's Banquet on Sunday,  
September 20<sup>th</sup> after evening  
services. More info to follow  
from Donny Forehand.

# 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

*Be ye kind one to  
another.  
Ephesians 4:32*



## Lawn Care

September 12<sup>th</sup>  
Marion Helton and  
Alan Boatright

September 19<sup>th</sup>  
Chris Moss and  
Matthew Moss

# 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 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015***

## **Sunday A.M.**

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

### **Prayers**

Chris Loper  
Dan Cloud

### **Communion**

**Podium:** Donny Forehand  
**Serve:** Brett Walters  
Brett Cains  
Charles Davis  
Chris Besterfeldt

### **Scripture Reading**

Sid Womack

## **Sunday P.M.**

### **Prayers**

Chris Moss  
Earl Stamps

# **SPEAKER**

## **Sunday A.M.**

Micah Williams

## **Sunday P.M.**

Micah Williams

## **Prepare Table for Communion**

Lads & Leaderettes

## **Communion to Shut-Ins**

Marion Helton

## **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

**Church Office:** 479-331-3428

**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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