



# Life Lines

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## Hear the Son

*(continued from last week)*

*CHRIST'S DISCUSSION - 17:3:*

*Moses and Elijah appear with Jesus, talking with Him about His coming "exodus," as Luke calls it (9:31).*

*Here is Moses, but it is not to be a law giver. It is, in fact, to "pass the torch," (so to speak) to Jesus, the Son of God.*

*Elijah was the first great prophet in a long line of prophets who pointed Israel back to the Law. The prophet Malachi did predict that Elijah was going to come back (Malachi 4:5). Here he is, but not be a new prophet but to "pass the torch" to Jesus, the Son of God.*

*Just as Elijah pointed Israel back to the Law of Moses, so "Elijah" (John the baptizer, verse 13) pointed Israel to Jesus Christ.*

*THE SON, IN CONTRAST TO MOSES AND ELIJAH - 17:4-6:*

*In what ways do we listen to Jesus?*

*A. First, we listen to His direct words as we have them recorded mainly in Matthew-John. Listening to Jesus means: Doing what Jesus says to do; the way He says to do it; and for the reason He says to do it.*

*B. We listen to Jesus by following His example - 1 Peter 2:21.*

*C. We listen to Jesus by listening to His personally chosen apostles and prophets who were guided by the Spirit - 1 Corinthians 14:37.*

*THE BENEFIT FOR THE APOSTLES - 17:7-9:*

*They were not to fear His death just as they were not to fear His transfiguration.*

*There were three great themes taught in this event but the apostles at that time did not understand. They should not start telling others about them until the Holy Spirit came over them following Jesus' resurrection:*

- 1. The deity of Jesus.*
- 2. The end of the Law of Moses.*
- 3. The resurrection of Jesus from the dead.*

*Our own resurrection is possible, our own glorification is possible, if we are united together with Christ, the new Tabernacle of God's divine glory. Listen to Him!*

*By: Paul Holland*

## Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

God is finally fed up with the idolatrous sins of His people in Judah. He has already allowed the destruction and capture of the northern ten tribes by Assyria. The prophets sent by Him to plead with them to repent have been ignored. He wants them to change their ways. He has always been patient and forgiving but He has reached His limit!

Jeremiah and Habakkuk are two such prophets. The people of Judah are about to go into captivity in Babylonia. They begged the people to believe them. Repent, destroy your idols and obey the Lord your God. Some of them probably did, but the majority kept sinning, just as they were. Just as they prophesied, the people were carried into captivity into Babylon for seventy years.

Why does God use evil nations to punish His people? The prophets would ask this question too. How can a righteous God permit evil to exist at all? Many have asked this question today. To God, evil is evil. He can use any means to punish evil. If He wants to use the most evil of nations to punish His people, that is His choice. His ways and thoughts are unlike ours. We can't even begin to understand.

Although God uses these evil nations, they don't go unpunished. Assyria and Babylon pay for the destruction they imposed on God's people. Both nations were destroyed. Evil will pay; it is not exempt from punishment.

God sends rain on the just and the unjust. Bad things happen to good people. Good things happen to bad people. That's life. Life isn't fair and never will be. God's et its due!

*(continued in column 3)*

## Remember Our Sick

**Leonard Medlin** friend of Liliya and Rex – has been diagnosed with lung cancer

**Braden Lambert** – at home, still needs our prayers

**Meredith Whitted** – upcoming surgery

**Greg Widner** – recent hip surgery

**Mary Grice** –diagnosed with soft tissue cancer – to start chemo soon

**Liliya McDaniel** – improving every day

**Yolanda Greenway**- at home, will have more treatment soon

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

### 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, Jamie Coffman, Troy/ Rachel Curtis, Dennis Drewry, Sarah Ensey, Johnny Estes, Joyce Helton, Leota Hickey, Melba Horton, Rhonda Lambert, Ronnie Leavell, Rose Lee, Daniel Loper, Bea McDaniel, Linda McDaniel, Connie Myers, Becky Miller, Julie Moss, Chip Porter, Mary Stamps, Michael Tindall, Jon Vance, Joan Vance, Justin Vaughn, Joyce Walters, and Patsy Wisbrock.

**Military:** Pray for our service men and women

Eric Richardson

### Expectant Mothers:

Beckie Clark

The Life of Christ, 1  
A Supplement by David Roper  
Truth for Today commentary  
(p. 295)

*“Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”* Matthew 11:28-30 NASB

A “yoke” was a crossbar with two U-shaped pieces that “yoked” together two animals working as a team. Some parts of the world still use yokes; others use some system of harness. The term was generally used in the Scriptures to refer to an undesired burden (Is. 9:4; Jer. 27:12; Acts 15:10; Gal. 5:1; I Tim. 6:1). In Jesus’ illustration, however, the point is that the believer is “yoked” with Christ – and Christ Himself will carry the major portion of the weight, if we will let Him. Thus He said that His yoke was “easy” and His burden was “light.”

Many people are struggling through life with heavy burdens. Whatever our burden, we should rejoice that Jesus cares.

*(continued from column 1)*

God used Assyria and Babylon to oppress His people. They became arrogant, thinking this was done under their own power. Because of their extreme behavior, both leaders and nations suffered utter destruction.

God always keeps His word. He had prophets to give warnings. He gave His people the opportunity to repent. They chose not to repent. He used evil as His handiwork. The ultimate outcome is that good always prevails. The righteous, by God's standards, will have eternal life. What an awesome promise from Him! Let's make the right choice!

# EVENTS

## Ladies' Devo

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

@ 6:30 pm

Hostesses:

Julie Moss and

Karen Womack

@ home of Julie Moss

## Local News

Congratulations to  
**Erica Widner** who was  
baptized into Christ on 9/21/15.  
Let's welcome her to our family!

## ATTENTION:

Our Fall Festival will be held  
on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.  
We will have services at 5  
pm with a meal and trunk or  
treat to follow. For more  
info please see Chris or  
Amanda Besterfeldt. Make  
plans to be there!

## Area News

There will be a Gospel Meeting  
at Oppelo on October 18-21  
with David Riley of Mars Hill  
doing the speaking. Services  
on Sunday will be at  
9:30/10:30/1:00. Services on  
Mon-Wed will be @ 7pm.

# 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

*Draw near to God  
and He  
will draw near to you.*

James 4:8



## Lawn Care

October 10<sup>th</sup>

*Allen Veasman, Ethan Letson,  
and William Boley*

October 17<sup>th</sup>

*Rick Hollis, Michael and  
William Robbins*

# October Birthdays

|    |                 |
|----|-----------------|
| 01 | Rose Lee        |
|    | Shannon Nichole |
| 02 | Gunter Cates    |
| 09 | Jason Clark     |
| 13 | Kelley Chance   |
|    | Cyndie Loper    |
| 15 | Heath Forehand  |
| 16 | Bonnie Vinson   |
| 22 | Kelsi Hottinger |
|    | Emma Letson     |
| 23 | Blake Walters   |
| 24 | Ticia Rainwater |
| 27 | Carin Vaughn    |
| 31 | Kevin Nordin    |

*We have 4 adult classes on  
Sunday Mornings. Please  
choose one and join us in  
learning more about  
God's Word!*

*In the Auditorium*

*Chris Loper - teacher*

*Study of Genesis*

*In the Basement*

*Merrell Shoptaw - teacher*

*Study of I Corinthians*

*In the Kitchen*

*Donny Forehand-teacher*

*Commonly asked questions  
about the church*

*In the Ladies Class*

*Diane Walters #1 – teacher*

*Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther*

# ***THOSE TO SERVE***

***October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015***

**Sunday A.M.**

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

## **Prayers**

Donny Forehand  
Dan Cloud

## **Communion**

**Podium:** Allen Veasman  
**Serve:** Michael Robbins  
Matthew Moss  
Presley Williams  
Rex McDaniel

## **Scripture Reading**

Marion Helton

**Sunday P.M.**

## **Prayers**

Earl Stamps  
Gary Williams

# **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

## **Next Business Meeting**

October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015

## **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 Micah Cell:** 479-264-9244

**Or Secretary Cell:** 479-264-6052

## **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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