



Life Lines

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God's Instructions for Children

Eph 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Eph 6:2 Honor your father and mother (which is the first commandment with a promise), Eph 6:3 so that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth.

Col 3:20 Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing to the Lord.

This appears to be the sum total of commands in the New Testament that are directed specifically to children. At first, I Timothy 4:12 might look like a command directed to a young person, but the context indicates that "let no man despise thy youth" was in connection to Timothy's work as a minister, not just his being young.

Like most young people, when I was growing up, I looked forward to the day when I could leave home and be on my own. I was also aware, though, of something else about my family situation: I was born as an only child to parents who were nearly twice the age of the parents of my classmates. Dad was 40 and Mom was 38 when I was born in 1950. This meant that I was destined to be an orphan for a lot longer than most people my age. I have not had a chance to talk to my earthly father for 44 years, nor my mother for 27, due to their deaths in 1971 and 1988. Young people don't ever wish any harm on your parents (not that I did). You'll be alone in this world soon enough.

Having older parents meant that I was raised by people with uncommon wisdom. It also meant that I wasn't going to have them for nearly as long. I encourage young people to have a rich, communicative relationship with their parents, while they still have their parents. How much I

would give to have another visit with my Dad! Or with my mother! But it's like David said about the child by Bathsheba, "They cannot come to me, but I can go to them" (2 Samuel 12: 23).

Fifty years later I am struck by the wisdom of Donovan and Thelma Womack. No, no one at their time ever accused them of being on the cutting edge of the technology of their time. But they knew, and applied, so much knowledge of the Bible. They were able to read people extremely well because of the things the Bible had taught them about human nature. When I was growing up in their house in the 50s and 60s, I thought my parents were the stodgiest, most inflexible, most outdated, most hide-bound parents that anyone could ever have. Today I see the trouble they steered me clear of, and am profoundly thankful.

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Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

Remember Our Sick in Your Prayers

The Minor Prophets, 1
Hosea, Joel, and Amos
Truth for Today commentary
(p. 411-412)

The word of the Lord came to Ezekiel, saying, "What do you mean when you use the proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying: 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge?'" (Eze. 18:1-2)

"As I live," says the Lord, "you shall no longer use this proverb in Israel...the soul who sins shall die." (18:3-4b)

Accountability. God was telling them that every person was responsible for their own sins. The son would not die because of the sins of his father. The father would not die because of the sins of his son. They would not share guilt or reward. Each person was accountable for how he lived.

"The soul who sins is the one who will die. The son will not share the guilt of the father, nor will the father share the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous man will be credited to him, and the wickedness of the wicked man will be charged against him." (18:20)

In this same chapter, the Lord does explain to them, through Ezekiel, that they can repent of their wickedness and live. If a wicked man turns away from all of the sins he has committed and keeps the Lord's decrees, doing what is just and right, he can live. His sins will be blotted out, remembered no more against him. (18:21)

Yet, the Lord tells them that the opposite is true also. If a righteous man turns from his righteousness and does the same evil things the wicked man does, he will die. None of the righteous things he has done will be remembered. (18:24)

Each of us is accountable for our own actions, whether they are righteous or whether they are wicked. One will end in life, the other in death. God assures us today that just as the wicked can repent and be saved; the righteous can fall into sin and be lost. We can fall into either category. We can't put blame on someone else. We are accountable.

Carl Adkisson – recent triple bypass surgery

Kaleb Lambert – removal of tonsils and adenoids

Jerry Turner – tests scheduled for 11/3

Ginger Garren – daughter of Loretta Weston – friends of Rex and Liliya – in St Vincent's with multiple health issues

Liliya McDaniel – still improving

Yolanda Greenway- back at UAMS, trying new stem cell treatment

Leonard Medlin friend of Liliya and Rex – has started chemo treatments

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:

Amie Barkley, Juanita Bird, Donna Chambers, Troy/ Rachel Curtis, Dennis Drewry, Sarah Ensey, Johnny Estes, Mary Grice, Leota Hickey, Jonathan & Sheila Holland, Melba Horton, Braden Lambert, Ronnie Leavell, Rose Lee, Daniel Loper, Bea McDaniel, Linda McDaniel, Connie Myers, Becky Miller, Julie Moss, Michael Tindall, Jon Vance, Joan Vance, Justin Vaughn, Joyce Walters, Meredith Whitted, and Patsy Wisbrock.

Military: Pray for our service men and women

Eric Richardson

Expectant Mothers:

Beckie Clark

One of the most memorable passages in Amos is 8:12, where Amos said that Israel would experience a "famine" ---"not a famine for bread or a thirst for water, but rather for hearing the words of the Lord" (8:11). He went on to say that the people would look everywhere for such a word but would be unable to find it (8:12). Amos' point was that Israel had persistently refused to hear the Lord's word, especially by refusing to listen to the prophets. Because of their rejection of God's messages, He would reject them and deprive them of communication from Him. God would desert them, leaving the nation without divine guidance. When they finally realized the value of hearing the word of God, it would be too late! They would be denied access to any message from the Lord.

Is there a similar "famine . . . for hearing the word of the Lord" in the land today? One would think not. More Bibles are available, more religious books are published, and more religious television and radio programs are aired than ever before. However, given the high crime rate, the prevalence of immoral behavior, and the widespread evidences of man's inhumanity to man, one may wonder: "Do many people actually read the Bible and try to obey it?" While there is no shortage of Bibles in the land, there may still be a "famine . . . for hearing the word of the Lord."

The good news is that God has not withdrawn Himself from us. If we look for His Word, we can find it! All we have to do then is obey it!

Read your Bible and pray every day and you will grow, grow, grow!

EVENTS

No Ladies' Devo
For the month of
November

The next Ladies' Devo will be
the annual Christmas party
on December 3rd @ 6pm in
the fellowship hall.

Thank You!
To all of the teachers for
your dedication and hard
work and to those who put
together the Teacher's
Appreciation Banquet. You
did an outstanding job!

ATTENTION:
Our Fall Festival will be
held on Sunday, October
25th. We will start our
evening services at 5
pm. After services we
will have a chili potluck
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 Ladies' Day @
the Hector church of Christ on
October 31st from 12 – 4 pm.
The theme will be Hobos for
Heaven. Hobo stew will be
served at 12:00.

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

Every good and perfect
gift is from above, coming
down from the Father...
James 1:17



Lawn Care

October 24th
Chris Besterfeldt and
Gary Williams

Daylight Savings Time ends on
Sunday, November 1st @ 2 am.
Remember to fall back!

October Birthdays

22 *Kelsi Hottinger*
Emma Letson
23 *Blake Walters*
24 *Ticia Rainwater*
27 *Carin Vaughn*
31 *Kevin Nordin*

9th Grade – College Class

On Sunday morning at 9:45
Brent Hottinger is teaching a
class for this age group called
Blueprint – the Bible is God's
blueprint for us and Jesus Christ
is the foundation we build upon.

The class meets again on
Sunday evenings at 6:00. On
the first Sunday night of the
month they meet in the
auditorium where our young men
direct the worship services. On
the other Sunday evenings
Corey Hottinger or Brent lead
the class with a video series
and discussion.

On Wednesdays at 6:30 Micah
Williams is currently leading the
class in a study of the parables
of Jesus.

We urge everyone in this age
group to take advantage of
these opportunities to learn
more about God and His will

THOSE TO SERVE

October 25th, 2015

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Rex McDaniel
Randall Walters

Communion

Podium: Allen Veasman
Serve: William Boley
William Robbins
Alan Boatright
Blake Walters

Scripture Reading

Earl Whitted

Sunday P.M.

Prayers

Charles Davis
Chris Moss

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

Next Business Meeting

November 9th, 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.

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Donny Forehand

Brent Hottinger

Rex McDaniel

Chris Moss

Michael Robbins

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