



Life Lines

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How I Spent My Summer Vacation

by William Robbins

"This is the captain speaking, the reverse thrusters aren't working and we will be coming in for a hard landing. I will be hitting the brakes as hard as possible, so if there are any loose objects near you, you may want to grab on to them or they will be flying to the front of the plane." I suppose at this moment you may be thinking: This isn't going to turn out well, so I am here to assure you that you'll have to find out later.

I need to back up for a moment. Last year my father went on a mission trip to a country called Nicaragua [1]. When he got back he said that next year, we were all going.

So, here I was on a flight from Houston, Texas to Managua (Nicaragua's capital) with my family and seven people from my church, in a plane that didn't have working reverse thrusters, about to land on an air strip that wasn't kept in the best of condition.

(Spoiler alert: we landed without a scratch.) We then

went through customs for a third time that day, annoying really. That night we stayed at a Best Western hotel across from the airport. When we entered the hotel we met a guy by the name of Benny Baker. Benny basically ran the mission where we were going and he gave us the rules for the trip:

Rule 1: Don't drink the water
Rule 2: Don't use the water to brush your teeth.

The hotel that we were staying at was a single story area (for lack of a better term), and the rooms were really just one room buildings with a bathroom, sort of like bungalows.

The next morning I woke up and had breakfast at the hotel, and we had a small Sunday morning church service before we left. Our group and all the others that were there (81 people total) loaded our stuff onto a bus headed to Jinotega (pronounced: hino-tega) where the mission was located.

We finally arrived around noon, and once we all got settled in, we took a hike to a cross located on a nearby mountain. One-thousand plus steps of punishment to get to the top! The view of the city was worth it. It's really a once

in a lifetime experience, if I could, I'd do it again.

Monday started off with a hardy breakfast of egg burritos with Tabasco hot sauce and watermelon on the side. That day was when the work really started. My father and I were assigned to church construction, and we were laying a concrete floor. Here in the US we take many things for granted, access to a cement mixer for example. You see, we weren't just laying a concrete floor; we were mixing concrete for that floor. You might ask, "how could you do that?" It's simple really -- shovels. We would take six buckets of sand, three buckets of gravel, and one bag of cement powder, pour it all in a nearby dirt floor hallway, mix, add water, and then mix some more. We would then shovel that into buckets, move it to the room where we were laying the floor. It's back breaking work, but I met some good people, so it wasn't too bad. One of them, his name was Rafael, didn't have a Spanish Bible with the Old Testament in it, so I gave him mine.

[1] Nicaragua is a third world country in Central America slightly smaller than Arkansas with twice as many people.

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Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

On August 30th, 2015, my article in *Life Lines* was about the Zechariah in Luke 11:50-51. The research I had done led me to believe I finally knew which Zechariah Jesus spoke of in berating the scribes and Pharisees. I had used my commentary in my NASB version of the Bible. Since then I have found I was wrong! What? Wrong again? Yes, I was wrong again. I have found now that no one actually knows which Zechariah it was. So I am back to square one.

There is much speculation out there about this Zechariah. Jesus said in Luke's account that Zechariah was killed between the altar and the temple. Zechariah, son of Jehoiada, was killed in the court of the house of the Lord by order of King Joash of Judah (2 Chron. 24). It seems like it would be this one to whom He was referring.

Then, in reading Matthew's account in 23:34-35, he quotes Jesus as saying "Zechariah, son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the altar and the temple." Go to the minor prophet of Zechariah and read 1:1, which says, "Zechariah, son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo." No one knows how this prophet died. Scripture does not say.

Some commentaries still think Jesus was referring to the Zechariah, son of Jehoiada, who was murdered near the temple. Perhaps a scribe added 'son of Berechiah,' confusing the two. Regardless, we can't be sure and I thought I was. (*Truth for Today Commentary of Matthew 14-28* by Sellers C. Crain, Jr. pgs. 297-298)

The good thing about all of this is that knowing or not knowing is not "detrimental to our salvation." If it were, it would be absolutely clear! Anything regarding our plan of salvation is clear and precise. The New Testament writers made sure of this.

I apologize for thinking I knew, please forgive me. As for which Zechariah it actually was, that will have to be a "question for after we get to heaven." (*continued in column 3*)

Remember Our Sick in Your Prayers

Carl Adkisson – recent triple bypass surgery

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

Yolanda Greenway- back at UAMS, had stem cell treatment on 10/13

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

Greg Widner – recovering from recent hip surgery

Myra Ballinger – undergoing chemo

Shut-ins – need prayers and visits:

Dover Area: Billie Nichols

Legacy Heights:

Bonnie Vinson

Juanita Whitted

Russellville Nsg & Rehab:

Joe Miller

Leona Sayer

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 & Kaleb 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

*Truth for Today Commentary
Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther*

By Coy D. Roper, PhD

(p. 60-62)

In our Sunday morning ladies' class we have been studying the rebuilding of the temple in Jerusalem from the book of Ezra. From chapter 3 we learned that they were able to build the temple because *they were united, they were generous in their giving, they had their priorities in order, they were faithful, and everyone was involved.*

So what about us today? What does it take to build a strong church? The same components that it took to lay the foundation of the temple: unity, liberality, proper priorities, faithfulness, and involvement. Because God's people demonstrated these characteristics, the rebuilding of the temple went well.

A good beginning is important! The sprinter who makes the best start has a decided advantage over the other runners. The same is true of the team that scores first in a competition: A good beginning boosts the spirit of the team, while it tends to demoralize the opponents. If we want a good beginning as we work to build up the local congregation, we must develop a congregation in which the people are united in spirit, generous in giving, faithful to God's Word, involved in the activities of the church, and committed to giving the Lord's work priority.

(continued from column 1)

I'll probably forget, or it won't matter to a "hill of beans" by then!

As an added note, some say there are over 30 Zechariah's in the Bible. The Bible only tells quite a bit about four of them. (*Reader's Digest Who's Who in the Bible, New International Dictionary of the Bible*)

EVENTS

*No Ladies' Devo
For the month of
November*

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

Thank you!
Thanks to all those who
organized our Fall
Festival last Sunday.
Thanks also to those
who cooked, served and
cleaned up. Sometimes
it does 'take a village'!

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

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.

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

November *Birthdays*

06 Roxanna Shoptaw
07 Charlene Clark
09 Kim Walters
14 Daniel Loper
15 Brent Hottinger
Chris Loper
Michael Williams
18 Kevin Miller
Dan Cloud
20 Marion Helton
21 Carla Oakes
29 Taylor Thomas

Fear God and
keep His
commandments.
Eccles. 12:13

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

THOSE TO SERVE

November 1st, 2015

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Chris Loper
Dan Cloud

Communion

Podium: Sid Womack
Serve: Brent Hottinger
Brett Cains
Brett Walters
Charles Davis

Scripture Reading

Earl Stamps

Sunday P.M.

Prayers

Donny Forehand
Earl Stamps

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

Young Men

Prepare Table for Communion

Lads & Leaderettes

Communion to Shut-Ins

Marion Helton

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

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