



Life Lines

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Behold, the Power of God

Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. "-- Hebrews 11:3

There is no power in all of the universe that can compare with the power of God and his word. The writer of Hebrews tells us that everything we see was in the beginning set in order by the word of God and this was done without any preexisting material. Study carefully Genesis 1 and be amazed. Nine times you read, "And God said" and what he said took place.

Turning to Hebrews 4:12 we read, "For the word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit and of the joints and marrow and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Whether we or anyone else choose to recognize this great biblical truth or not, it will still be the truth. The

power of God and his word is unequalled in the entire universe in which we live. From the book of Genesis all the way through the book of Revelation, we behold the power of God and his word.

When we consider his great power and sovereignty there arise some questions that tend to test our faith. Questions such as: Why are the wicked allowed to prosper; Why must the faithful child of God suffer; Why must there be diseases and disasters; Why does God allow evil rulers and godless systems of government to exist? We must understand that if God were to intervene in all these things, he would have to remove man's freedom of choice and thus man would have no control over his actions and would not, could not be held accountable (2 Cor. 5:10, Acts 17:30-31).

Remember, vengeance belongs to the Lord and no evil however great or small will escape God's final judgment (Eccl. 12:14, Rom. 12:19).

God's ways are past our finding out (Rom. 11:33). The only things we can know for sure are those things that he has seen fit to reveal to us

(Deut. 29:29). True faith takes God at his word, believing that he will work all things out according to his perfect wisdom, justice and loving kindness.

In the long ago God asked of Job, "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth (Job 38:4)? Who is man, who are you, who am I to ever question him who is all seeing, all knowing and all powerful? It will help us tremendously to accept wholeheartedly the fact that this world is not our home, it is not our final dwelling place (Heb. 11:13-16, 1 Pet. 2:11. Phil. 3:13-14). One day all who have lived and died in Christ will be raised in glory and power (1 Cor. 15:42-43, 51-54 2 Cor. 5:1).

Whatever may happen to us during this brief sojourn fades into insignificance when we consider the blessed hope that resides within us because of the unfailing precious promises of our God (John 14:1-3, Heb. 6:18-19, 2 Pet. 1:3-4). Submit your life to him, surrender your will to his and then when you step to the other side you will see how all the pieces fit into God's eternal scheme (Rom. 8:28).

Charles Hicks, White House, Tn.

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

Most of us don't want to be around someone who is boastful. Even if they have accomplished great wonders, we don't want to hear it from them. Paul says, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord." (2 Cor. 10:17)

One of my favorite stories in the Old Testament is about a boastful king, who learned the hard way. He didn't know to boast in the Lord!

The king of Assyria, King Sennacherib, had something to boast about, or he thought he did. He had defeated the ten northern tribes of Israel. What he didn't realize is that this was God's plan. Many times God used alien nations to punish His chosen people for their sins of idolatry. King Sennacherib didn't know this, so he thought this was done through his power and craftiness. (2 Kings 18:19-25)

Defeating Israel brought a false sense of pride to the king. Now, he planned to do the same to King Hezekiah and the people in Judah. He began to boast about his new plan. None of the gods had been able to stop him before. He sent messages to taunt and put fear into the people of Judah. His mistake was to go against the "God of the Israelites, the one true God!" At this time, and by this king, was not God's plan for Judah!

King Hezekiah and the people pray to God for deliverance. The Lord answers "Do not be afraid of the words which you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed Me. Surely I will send a spirit upon him, and he shall hear a rumor and return to his own land, and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land." (2 Kings 19:6-7)

Sennacherib boasted and was brought down. An angel of the Lord killed 185 thousand in their camp

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Remember Our Sick in Your Prayers

Bill Roderick – had hip replacement surgery on 11/17- beginning rehab

Leona Sayer – in rehab at Dardanelle hospital, will return to Rsvl Nsg & Rehab soon

Jon Vance – no stent necessary –some lifestyle changes needed

Jason Leavell – moved to Rehab @ Baptist Medical Center

Elliot Crouch- improving –gaining strength every day

Charlie Tindall- taking chemo w/radiation treatments

Linda Turner – taking medication and improving

Ginger Garren – at home, some improvement

Yolanda Greenway- home, improving

Leonard Medlin – taking chemo treatments, still very weak

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:

Myra Ballenger, 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, Jeff/Connie Myers, Becky Miller, Julie Moss, Michael Tindall, Joan Vance, Justin Vaughn, Joyce Walters, Meredith Whitted, Greg Widner and Patsy Wisbrock.

Military: Pray for our service men and women

Expectant Mothers:

Beckie Clark

*REACHING OUT TO THE
UNLOVABLE Truth for Today
Commentary Life of Christ, 1 by
David L. Roper pp. 380-387*

In Mark 5:1-20 we read of the demon-possessed man whom Jesus healed. How was Jesus able to reach out to the unlovable? While we know He did it because He loved people, we can add other thoughts from this passage:

1. He was sensitive to people's needs. He was always looking for an opportunity to help.

2. He was willing to start where the needy person was, not where He would have wished him to be.

3. He was willing to talk to the man – and listened to his problems. He even listened to several thousand demons. Listening demonstrates a desire to understand. Listening is almost a lost art, but nothing says "I love you" more than listening, really listening.

4. He was willing to rely on God's power. The man's life was not changed by human psychology, but by divine power. We do not have the miraculous power that Jesus possessed, but God has still endued us with power. We have the power of the Word (Rom. 1:16) and God's power working in our lives (Eph. 3:20).

"Jesus didn't mean just love those who fit into your idea of lovable. He meant those who are broken. Those who are scarred. Those who no one else will touch. Jesus meant love them all."

*From PeaceLoveJesus, Facebook,
September, 2012*

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outside of Judah. The king went back to his land. Just as the Lord had told King Hezekiah, he was struck down by the sword by two of his sons in his temple. Although another son will reign in his place, Assyria won't be in power very long. They will be defeated by the Babylonians, which was another of God's plans!

Don't boast unless you boast in the Lord!

EVENTS

The
Annual Adult
Christmas Party
will be held on Saturday
evening, December 5th at
6 pm in the Fellowship
Hall. Remember to bring
a gift for the dirty Santa
game and your favorite
potluck dish. For more info
see Mary Stamps, Julie,
Cyndie, Patty, or Sandra.

WEDDING
For
Drew Walters
and
Lacey George
on
Saturday, December 5th
@ 2:00 pm
in the large pavilion
at Mt. Nebo
State Park Everyone is
invited!

Give thanks to the
Lord, for He is good
His love endures
forever!

Psalm 118:1
Happy
Thanksgiving
to all!

Mark Your Calendars

New Pictorial
Directory Planned

We have scheduled
November 30 through
December 2 as the days the
photos will be taken. The
photos will be taken from
2:30PM to 8:30PM in the
Fellowship Hall. Every family
who has their picture taken
for the directory will receive
one free 8 x 10 picture and
a free photo directory.

It shouldn't take very long
for each sitting. And right
after that, because the
cameras are digital, you can
pick out the one you like the
best for the directory and
order any additional pictures
you would like to purchase.

Setting up an appointment is
easy. Go to the church web
page www.dovercoc.org and
click on the Lifetouch icon.
Tell them how many will be in
the picture, pick a day, pick a
time, answer a few questions
and that's it.

If you have problems call
331-3428 or 331-2156
call/text 857-2791 or E-
mail staff@dovercoc.org or
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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

In Search
of the Lord's Way
The Search Program
can now be accessed
anytime 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 29th, 2015

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Blake Walters
Brett Walters

Communion

Podium: Sid Womack
Serve: Marion Helton
Matthew Moss
Michael Robbins
Presley Williams

Scripture Reading

Charles Davis

Sunday P.M.

Prayers

Dan Cloud
Chris Moss

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

December 14th, 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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Chris Besterfeldt

Donny Forehand

Brent Hottinger

Rex McDaniel

Chris Moss

Michael Robbins

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