



Life Lines

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A FARTHING

According to Mark 12:42 (KJV), the two mites Jesus observed a poor widow casting into the Temple treasury were equal to a farthing. In English coinage a farthing was a small brass coin worth one-fourth of a cent. So insignificant was its value that the expression “not worth a brass farthing” became proverbial.

In his book, *Daily Celebration*, William Barclay documents another interesting case where a farthing turned up in a collection plate. The occasion was the establishment of a certain church in Glasgow, Scotland in 1845. The first Sunday’s contribution was counted and it was found to contain: two 100-pound notes, twenty-two 20-pound notes, ninety-five 5-pound notes, a goodly amount of gold and silver, 48 pennies, and 1 farthing! That lone farthing is intriguing. Why was it given? It might represent any of the following conditions:

1. **Stinginess.** Perhaps it represents the desire to get by with the bare minimum. It may have been given by someone determined to give the least they could without refusing to give altogether. Many in today’s church are still looking for a minimum level of commitment. They

want to get by as cheaply as possible. So they try to calculate the barest minimum and make that the basis for their giving.

2. **Sacrifice.** It may be that the farthing was a repetition of the widow’s gift. It might have been given by some poor soul who literally had nothing to give. If so, it was a greater gift than the 100, 20 and 5-pound notes which lined the collection plate. Paul describes some who gave sacrificially out of deep poverty. (II Corinthians 8:2) There are some who give that way today, knowing that “**He who sows sparingly shall also reap sparingly; and he who sows bountifully shall also reap bountifully.**” (II Corinthians 9:6 (NAS))

3. **Surrender.** It could be that the farthing represented total commitment. Perhaps it was given by someone who just emptied his pockets – bills, gold, silver and copper – into the collection. There are always a few who are willing to give the most costly gift of all – themselves! Of the Macedonians, Paul wrote:

“**. . . they first gave themselves to the Lord . . .**” (II Corinthians 8:5) This is the spirit exemplified by the beautiful lines of Frances Havergal:

*Take my silver and my gold
Not a mite would I withhold:
Take myself and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee!*

It is not the size of the coin but the size of the heart which determines the value of our gift.

Which kind of giver are you?

*Bobby Dockery
The seeker
Fayetteville, Arkansas*

A little Biblical humor . . .

Question. What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth?

Answer. Ruthless.

Question. What do they call elders in Germany?

Answer. German Shepherds.

Question. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?

Answer. Samson. He brought the house down.

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

Remember Our Sick

"Blue Days"

Teacher: We can learn from ants. Ants work hard everyday. The ant works all the time. And what happens in the end?

Student: Somebody steps on him.

In Proverbs we are told to go to the ant, consider her ways and be wise. Ants work together. They gather food during the harvest, and store it for winter.

Ants seem bothersome to me. When I see the first one on my kitchen cabinet I call the pest control. I know they work together and have told their friends to follow. One is just a beginning.

We can learn some valuable lessons from the ant. We can accomplish more when we work together. It's more fun to work and laugh and enjoy our work. Also, we can get some ideas when we put our heads together.

God created the ant. Although small, and sometimes a pest, it was created for a purpose. We are created for a purpose. ***"For we are His work-manship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."*** (Ephesians 2:10) This verse is right after the two that mention us being saved by grace through faith. We aren't saved by our works. Grace is a gift from God. We work because we were created for this, beforehand.

There are many kinds of work. We work for a living. We work for the church. We work for our family. All of these works are for a purpose, just like those of the ant. We can accomplish so much more if we work together.

God gives every bird his worm, but He does not throw it into the nest.

Swedish Proverb

Shirlie Chadwick - knee surgery postponed, Dr. Appointment May 13th
Kelley Chance - knee injury
Roger Hammer - Michelle Annette's brother, stem-cell transplant.
Ted Jennen - Cancer, Dardanelle.
Janette Litch - battling cancer.
Mel Lowe - waiting for tests results
Beverly Myers - MRI results Tues., May 11th
Mary Stamps - PET Scan Tuesday, April 27th. Dr. Appointment May 13th
Michael Tindall - serious health issues.

Shut-ins - need prayers and visits:

Dover Area: Evelyn Burton
Bob Lee

Russellville Nursing & Rehab Center:

Joyce Austin
Helen Brown
Alma Burris
Lorene McNutt

Stella Manor: Louise Killer
Janice Brashear

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Carl/Yvonne Adkisson, Amie Barkley, Carolyn Bennett, Susie Boley, Robert/Vickie Cox, Troy/Rachel Curtis, Jeff Davis, Melvin Davis, Pauline Dale, Barbara Dawson, David/Mary Franke, Carol Graham, Sue Griffin, Joe Kline, Rose Lee, Mario Litch, Daniel Loper, Cindy Martin, Linda Melton, Julie Moss, Don/BJ Sheeran, Christine Sheeran, Gary/Dorene Shinn, Reddie Smith, Tanya Smith, Juanita Townsend, June Wagoner, Judy Will and W. T. & Sue Williams.

Special Children: Zeke Church, Garrett Hogan, Tiffany Knight, Elysia Lee, Keith Martin, Zachary Shelton and Noah Williams.

Expectant Mothers: Kelley Chance, Andrea Henson.

Our Military: prayers for D. J. Bandy, Jr., Travis Coe, Byron Lee, April Morgan, Billy Joe Ralston and others serving our nation.

Some days, nothing seems to go right. It's as though I get up on the wrong side of the bed and things go downhill from there. I have a name for those special days. I call them the "blue days." The sun could be shining brightly and birds singing happily, but not for me.

On those days, my hair does its own thing. It takes me longer to get dressed. I misplace something I really need and drop or break others. I forget appointments with friends and miss lunch with family members. I'm out of sorts most of the rest of the day. At those times, I feel utterly frustrated and begin to feel sorry for myself. And before I know it, I am grouchy and mean toward those who are around me.

I think all of us at one time or another have had one or two "blue days" come our way. We don't plan for them, but there they are, like a sudden storm with its fearsome thunder and lightning, threatening to drag us down and crush us with mighty winds and rains. But when those days come, that's when I hear the voice of God say, ***"Peace, be still."*** Those words comfort me, and my spirit begins to calm down.

We serve a God who is gracious, loving and merciful and will not let the storms and the daily frustrations and disappointments of life destroy us. With God surrounding us with His love, how can we wallow in self-pity? It is always reassuring to know that God has been with me and will continue to be with me through the storms of life.

Sharon Fields, Home Touch

Prayer: O God, may your Spirit continue to abide with me, so that when times become frustrating and unbearable, I may feel Your presence within me and know that You love me and will give me the courage to move forward. In Jesus' name, amen.

Events

Dover Church of Christ Children's Church

Every Sunday
11:15 - 12:00 Noon
Ages 4 thru 8
Bible Story and
Activities
Ages 1 thru 3
Nursery Class

Dover Ladies' Night 4th Thursday, May 27th

6:30 PM
Hostess: Kristen
Simmons

Crochet Class

(First & Third Sundays)

4:00 to 5:30PM
Fellowship Hall
Learn to Crochet
Prayer Shawls
Please bring:
1 16 oz. or larger skein of
Red Heart yarn – solid
1 Hook size I or J
Dorene Shinn for more
info.

Church Lawn Duty Saturday, May 22th

Rick Hollis
Michael Robbins

Mark Your Calendars

Dover Church of Christ
will recognize our 2010
Graduates
Sunday, May 23, 6 PM
Fellowship Hall

Dover High School

Blake C. Forehand
Josh S. Pennington
Shoshana Spitler
Jamie D. Stone
Drew Walters
Atkins
Shelby Statler
Hector
Lane Smith
College
Chris Ramirez
Bobbi Robbins
Tristan Stamps
Michael Williams

Dover Youth Hiking Trip

Saturday, May 22nd
For more info see:
Lee Henson

CAMP CAUDLE
Fund Raiser & Silent
Auction
June 11, 2010, 6:00 PM
Ticket Price: \$50.00 each
For more info: 479-331-
4924

Please join us for food, fun,
entertainment, support the work!

MAY Birthdays

02 Amelia Besterfeldt
05 Brett Cains
06 Randall Walters
07 Victoria Thomas
Carlee Williams
08 Trinity Loper
09 Walter McQueen
Sid Womack
13 Kelli Hottinger
15 Alan Boatright
16 Connie Myers
20 Shelley Culwell
21 Nathan Miller
24 Jaylinn Williams
25 Diane W. Walters
31 Paul Helton
Don Johnson

If we missed your birth-
day, *Please* let us know
so it won't happen
again.

“In Search of the
Lord's Way”

The Search Program
can now be accessed
any time on website

www.searchtv.org

Or

Mack Lyon

Phil Sanders

Weekly Lesson can
be heard and seen on
KARK, Channel 4
Sunday, 7:30 AM

THOSE TO SERVE

May 23, 2010

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters

Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Gary Williams
Earl Whitted

Communion

Podium: Sid Womack

Serve: Brett Walters
Chris Besterfeldt
Chris Loper
Chris Moss

Scripture Reading

Earl Stamps

Sunday P.M.

Prayers

Marion Helton
Merrell Shoptaw

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Chris Loper

Communion to Shut-Ins

Marion Helton

Greeters

Jim and JoAnn Killer

Wednesday Night

Devotional

May 26, 2010

William Boley

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

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Jim Killer 331-2802
Allen Veasman 331-2156
Sid Womack 967-2367

Deacons:

Chris Besterfeldt
Donny Forehand
Brent Hottinger
Chris Loper
Rex McDaniel
Chris Moss

Nursery Attendants:

Sunday Class: Karen Smith

Sunday Church: Pat McAlister
Kaeli Miller

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