



## A “Mite-y” Example for US

by Dave Rogers

There were thirteen brass chests in the court of the women (the main public courtyard) of the temple in Jerusalem. This area was called *the treasury* because worshippers would drop their offerings into these chests as they came and went from the temple. One day, Jesus sat across from these chests and watched as the worshippers gave; most people would have been interested in the *amounts* given, but Jesus was interested in the *spirit* of the people's giving. (God has *always* looked at the **hearts** of those who worship Him, 1 Samuel 16:7 & Hebrews 4:12!)

Many gave large amounts, deliberately displaying their “generosity.” Finally a lone widow came, and put in two “*lepta*” (KJV “mites” – tiny brass coins that had almost no value). Others would have despised her gift, but Jesus exalted it! Note His words in Mark 12:43-44 –

*“Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury; 44 for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood.”*

It is not “*how much*” we give but *HOW* we give that matters to God! Christians need to learn what this little widow lady knew – how to trust God in our giving.

**Sometimes our giving does not bless US.** Christians are not commanded to “tithes” like the Jews were. This was a requirement of Moses’ law (Leviticus 27:30-34; Malachi 3:8-10), and *that* law is no longer in force (Colossians 2:14). This does NOT mean Christians are free from *giving* – merely from the requirement to *tithe*. We have a *better* covenant, built on a *better* sacrifice, served by a *better* High Priest, Who brought us *better* promises and a *better* hope: Surely the way we give should be a reflection of how much “better” off we are in Christ!

- We are NOT to give like the rich Jews Jesus watched: They never missed what they gave, for they were giving “leftovers,” Mark 12:44.
- There is a LOT of “leftover” giving in the church today;

In real-dollar terms, the offerings in some congregations couldn’t average **1%** of the members’ total incomes! In commitment terms, many Christians only “give” whenever it’s easy or convenient – *just like the rich Jews in Mark 12!*(The poor Christians in Macedonia began by dedicating themselves to the Lord and then “increased” from there, 2 Corinthians 8:5.) The widow Jesus watched **COULD** have given one “mite” and kept the other – but she didn’t!

**We are not to make a “show” of our Christianity:** This is what Ananias and Sapphira did (with their *giving!*) in Acts 5, and some Christians still try to get away with this! Some of us do it in our speech, while others do it in our public activities; whatever the “forum,” *hypocrisy* is meant to create an image or impression of something that does not actually exist!

**We are not to make an offering “with strings attached.”** This is what some would-be disciples tried to do with Jesus in Luke 9:57-62, but Jesus said there’s no way we can be “part-time” Christians! He also told the Laodiceans how He felt about their “halfway” attitude in no uncertain terms (Revelation 3:16)! If what we offer God has less than our whole hearts behind it, we shouldn’t expect Him to bless us through those offerings; we’ve already “taken” our “blessing” from Him, in the part of our heart we held back! The widow held back nothing.

(continues next week)



**The Faith Force-  
Heroes of Godly Living  
July 7—10, 2019  
Sunday, 5-7pm  
Monday—Wednesday,  
6:30-8:30pm**

### **Youth Events**

(See David Gullidge with any questions)

**July 7-10** – Vacation Bible School

**July 14** – Southside Area Wide Youth Devo at McDonough

**July 14** – Teen Sing at the Russell's

**July 17** – Mid-Week Eat at 5:30pm

**July 19- 27** – Mexico Mission Trip

**July 28** – Sunday for the Savior

## Family Matters

**Prayer Request:** Renee Maddox came forward Sunday morning to request prayer for herself and her family.

Terry Farmer – (friend of the Fields family) Was burned over 90% of his body in a mobile home explosion last week. He is in the burn unit at Grady Memorial Hospital. Details are on the bulletin board.

Linda Howell – Was hospitalized briefly last week, but is now home.

Hugh Kelly – Is recuperating at home following heart surgery. He would like visits.

Ray Cozart – Was diagnosed with Leukemia and will start a series of 4 - 5 day treatments next week.

David Riley – Will go to Emory July 9 for an evaluation of his scan results.

Ron James – Is having problems resulting from an automobile accident and will undergo tests.

Dawn Cook – Will have tests related to health issues she has been having.

Debbie Walding – Is having problems with her legs.

Michael Gwinn - Jenny's husband is in Piedmont Henry Hospital.

Tom Holcomb – (son-in-law of Annette Benefield) is in Southern Regional Hospital, in ICU (no details).

**Members With Health Issues:** Sally Wallace,

Ray Russell, Jill Nash, RuPearl Sharpe, Lauren (Sorrell) Heger, Jim Scoma, Mary Lawrence, Larry & Margie Fields, Kathleen Garner, Lucille Amon, Doris Buckner, Lilly Walker, Decieta Lyons, Joann Crook, Wayne & Betty Jo Nash, Dennis & Marlene Etheridge, Forest & Burma Chapman, Jim & Sharon O'Brien

**Shut-ins:** Bernice Gillespie, Una Fortson, David Nash, Equillar Butler, Ruby Fowler, Lillie Jones, Joe Clark, Frances Elder & Jane Lankford

**Others With Health Problems:** Betty Land (Jill Nash's sister), McKenzie O'Brien (Jim's/Sharon's granddaughter), Richard Oliver (Brenda Mitchell's stepfather), Lyn Launch & Aden Clarke (Jim & Sharon O'Brien family), Xernonia Fortson (Una's daughter), Zane Canty (3 yrs. old), Mark Etheridge (Dennis' brother), Marvin Cook (Jean Johnson's brother), Cecil Hester (Tina Russell's father), Virginia Poskevich (David's mother), Mary Mackie (Linda Johnson's mother), Nelda Hayes (Jack Sorrell's aunt), Nancy Ford (Joann Crook's sister), Eddie & Lil Cauthen (Joan Poskevich's bro./sis.-in-law) and Joe & Judy Hand (Jim Scoma's sister & bro.-in-law)

*(NOTE: Please help us keep this list up-to-date!)*

### VBS—Needs

30 packs of Cookies and

3 Large Lemonade containers (yellow only)

20 packs of hot dogs & buns and chips

## Calendar

**July 12-19** – Jamaica Mission Trip

**July 19-27** – Mexico Mission Trip

**Aug 2** – Family Game Night

### Area Calendar:

**Aug 10** – Lithia Springs COC Ladies' Day, Speaker: Sheila Butt

**Sept 21** – Cumming Church of Christ Ladies' Day, "Such A Time As This", Speaker: Jane Washington, Henderson, TN

## renew. refresh. recharge

Polishing the Pulpit

August 16—22, 2019

Stir up the gift of God which is in you

- 2 Timothy 1:16

### The Power of an Idea

Polishing the Pulpit began with three friends getting together to brainstorm sermon ideas. We soon invited other friends, and someone said, "This is great! We should tell others."

We did and invited a speaker to discuss sermon preparation and give sample sermons. Interest increased; more speakers were invited. We moved to a hotel conference area. We dreamed big. "Let's invite the best speakers in the brotherhood and see who we can get." They came. Wives wanted in, so we added women's classes. While these great speakers were assembled in one place, we decided to offer classes for elders. They loved it. People began coming from all over the country.

Youth workers and deacons became interested. We added tracks for them. PTP moved to a larger event center in the Smoky Mountains. Attendance approached 1,000. Christians from other nations began coming.

"Why don't you have classes for regular members?" we were asked. So we added the Spiritual Renewal Weekend, as well as tracks for members, teens, and children. Attendance passed 5,000.

That brings us to today. What does God have in store for PTP? Come and see!

	7/7	7/14	7/21	7/28
Call To Worship	David Gulledge	Dave Rogers	Greg Nash	David Gulledge
Scripture Reading	Reggie Graham	Randall Bell	Reggie Graham	Randall Bell
Song Leader	Stan Mitchell	Coney Johnson	Jimmy Garner	Rory Bell, Sr.
Prayer	Rick Sharpe	John Mullis	Steve Hopkins	Eric Hagen
Preside Lord's Supper	Jack Sorrell	David Hopkins	James Walker	Stan Mitchell
Server	Larry Rose	Dennis Etheridge	Larry Rose	Dennis Etheridge
Server	Bill Ruffer	Cliff Nash	Bill Ruffer	Cliff Nash
Server	Ben Rogers	Gayle Pelfrey	Ben Rogers	Gayle Pelfrey
Server	Anthony Stinson	Steven Williams	Anthony Stinson	Steven Williams
Server	Steve Burdette	Bobby Johnson	Steve Burdette	Bobby Johnson
Server	Brian Johnson	Andy Johnson	Brian Johnson	Andy Johnson
Server	Greg Curtis	Charles Nash	Greg Curtis	Charles Nash
Server	Jim O'Brien	Tommy Chapman	Jim O'Brien	Tommy Chapman
Sermon	Dave Rogers	David Gulledge	David Decker	Dave Rogers
Response Elder	Jim Pelfrey	Jim Pelfrey	Jim Pelfrey	Jim Pelfrey
Announcements	David Gulledge	Dave Rogers	Greg Nash	David Gulledge
Shepherd's Prayer	Jim Pelfrey	Greg Nash	Jim Garner	Tom Durden
<b>Evening Worship</b>				
Announcements		David Gulledge	Greg Nash	David Gulledge
Song Leader		Coney Johnson	Jimmy Garner	Stan Mitchell
Prayer	<i>Vacation</i>	Lewis Armstrong	Ferdinand Brumant	Brad Hopkins
Sermon	<i>Bible</i>	Dave Rogers	David Decker	Song Service
Lord's Supper	<i>School</i>			
Lord's Supper				
Prayer		Ron James	Curtis Hurt	Ray Russell



**In Search of the Lord's Way with Phil Sanders**  
WUPA TV 69, Sunday at 7:30am

**Worship Assignment Coordinator for July: Paul Lyons**

*The Fountain of Life With Larry Acuff*  
Saturdays at 7 am on channel 57

<b>Communion Preparation</b> Dawn Cook/Rosalind Walker	21 Jenny Gwinn 28 Crystin Nash	<b>Ushers</b> <b>Media Center Helpers</b> July 7 Tad Durden July 14 & 21 Ben Rogers 28 & Aug 4 Brad Hopkins	Aug 11 & 18 Reggie Graham <b>Wednesday Evening Devotional</b> 10 VBS 17 Ray Russell 24 Stan Mitchell
<b>Nursery</b> 7/7 Katherine Hopkins 14 Charity Nash	<b>Care of Building</b> 1-15 Stan Mitchell/Larry Rose 16-31 Eric Hagin/Shirley Allender		

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**Assembly Schedule:**  
**Sunday**  
9:00 am Bible Classes  
10:00 am Worship Service  
5:00 pm Worship Service  
  
10:00 am Tuesday Morning Bible Class (September 4 - May 14)  
7:00 pm Wednesday Night Bible Study



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