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PORTOBELLO BAPTIST CHURCH

Messenger

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Falling down doesn't make you a failure,
but staying down does.

"For a just man falls seven times, and rises up again"
(Proverbs 24:16)

Most people know that Thomas Edison conducted countless experiments with countless kinds of materials in search for an effective filament to use in carbon incandescent lamps. As each fibre failed, he would toss it out the window. Ultimately, the pile of failures reached to the second story of his house.

One day in 1879, some three months after his first failure, he succeeded in finding a filament that would stand the stress of electric current. Here's how: Edison casually picked up a bit of lampblack, mixed it with tar, rolled it into a thin thread, and thought, why not try a carbonised cotton fibre? He worked for five hours to make a fibre but it broke in two hours before he removed the mould. He used two spools of cotton thread before a perfect strand emerged, only to be ruined when he tried to place it in a glass tube. He continued without sleep for two days and nights before he managed to slip one of the carbonised threads into a vacuum-sealed bulb. Turning on the current, he saw the glow of electric light that we now take for granted.

A failure doesn't need to mark the end. It can be one step closer to the success you desire!

Rev. Terry Gallagher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May 11th 7.30 p.m. Management Meeting
 26th 7.30 p.m. Quarterly Business Meeting

PRAYER POINT

Please continue to pray for those that regularly attend the Thursday evening Stauros Meeting, that God would sovereignly move in their lives as they seek to know more of Him and to conquer their addictions. Pray also for those who faithfully assist each week.

Ewan Sinclair

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

After a weekend break, last weekend, Allistair & Ewan bring warm greetings from St. Andrews Baptist Church to the fellowship at Portobello Baptist Church.

Ewan Sinclair

WESTMINSTER DECLARATION 2010

Protecting human life, protecting marriage, and protecting freedom of conscience are foundational for creating and maintaining strong families, caring communities and a just society. Our Christian faith compels us to speak and act in defence of all these.



This is a statement of Christian principles to be put before parliamentary candidates. It has been signed by many prominent British Christian leaders. If you wish to add your support to this initiative you may do so by signing the form available in the Lounge.

TRIBUTE TO MRS RUTH JUNE WATSON

Mrs Ruth Watson died on 6 April in St. Columbus Hospice. She was 78 years of age. Ruth was born in South Africa and never completely lost her native tongue. Her husband, who died 7 years ago, was a merchant seaman who belonged to Edinburgh and after their marriage they moved to Edinburgh choosing to stay in Portobello. Margaret was the only child of the marriage.

Ruth's life was not always easy but she maintained a quiet, pleasant nature and friendly disposition. Her connection with Portobello Baptist Church goes back to the ministry of Rev Charles Gelliatry. She was a regular attender on a Sunday evening, sitting in the front of the church. She was also a member of the Women's Own. She used to be brought to the church on a Sunday evening by Janet Hutchison. Over the past number of years Ruth's health has deteriorated and she has not been able to attend. She has spent periods of time in the Royal Edinburgh Hospital, Royal Infirmary and Western General where she was latterly before being transferred to the Hospice. Margaret who was one of our Sunday School scholars was devoted to her mother and following an operation gave up her work to look after her mother.

Ruth was not a member of the church, but a loyal attender. We thank God for every good memory of her. We need to remember in our prayers, Margaret, that God will keep her in His care.

The funeral service took place in Warriston Crematorium where a number of our members were present.

(Jack Spiers)

ELECTION 2010



A THOUGHT FOR THE MAY 6TH ELECTION

When deciding on who to vote for you could consider this, that there is basically two choices – To Not Vote or To Vote

If your conscience indeed is telling you ‘I can’t do this’, ‘I can’t vote for someone who is for killing babies, it feels like a sin to me’, then you shouldn’t do it. If it feels like a sin then you are over-riding your conscience and you shouldn’t do it.

On the other hand, there could be some Christians who would say that there is no option, somebody is going to get elected and it’s going to be a pro-abortion person one way or another. I’m going to vote for the person who is the least pro-abort. It is better to have someone who is more moderate than the raging abortionist and voting for them, as long as it’s not a sin in their conscience.

Basically, you could do which ever one your conscience is dictating to you and, might I add, should you disagree with this, or should you meet somebody who disagrees with you or they did the opposite thing that you wouldn’t do. Then we find ourselves in Romans Ch 14 territory. We shouldn’t be shellacking one another on this, they perhaps have arrived at their decision differently than you did – it doesn’t make them a heretic.

So, if you choose to not vote, or you choose to vote it’s a matter of conscience.

(transcript from www.wretchedradio.com)

BAPTIST UNION OF SCOTLAND PRAYER LINK

May	2nd	Cleland & Coastline Community Church
	9th	Coatbridge & Collydean, Glenrothes
	16th	Colonsay & Cornton, Stirling
	23rd	Cowal, Dunoon & Cowdenbeath
	30th	Crieff & Crown Terrace, Aberdeen

GREAT QUOTES by Kirk Cameron



"Yet to all who received Him . . . He gave the right to become children of God" (John 1:12)

A whole Christ must be received – with the whole heart.

Some in their understanding, assent to the way of salvation – yet do not consent to it with their will. In judgment they are for Christ – but in affection they are for other things. There is only a part of their soul that is for Christ. Others would have the benefits that are from Christ – but have no love for the person of Christ.

Some would have Christ only as a Saviour – but not as a Lord. They desire Him only as a Priest to offer a sacrifice for their sins – but not as a Prophet to instruct them, nor as a King to rule over them. So that it is but part of Christ, that they would receive

~ Thomas Sherman

"Aids to the Divine Life--A Series of Practical Christian Contemplations" 1680

I was recently flying home and sat next to a roofer headed for his next job. After making an awkward transition from speaking about the danger of falling off a roof to the subject of eternity, I began to speak to him of the things of God. It turned out this sun-weathered man had studied religion and philosophy in his younger years and pointed to the existence of other religions as the reason he couldn't embrace his own convictions with all his heart.



He had bought into the self-contradicting lies of relativism, concluding that all opposing truth claims should be validated and embraced. I thought it interesting that he seemed to also have trouble embracing his relationship with his girlfriend with all his heart, having lived with her for 20 years and never getting married. Half commitments, partial promises, and lukewarm vows may be found in the Book of Hesitations, but not in the Holy Bible. God calls us to embrace all of Jesus with all our hearts. We're either all in or not in at all.

~ Kirk Cameron