



## She Did What She Could

David Wright

When Kirsten and Robby Stocksdales had a yard sale two or three weeks ago, Nora set up a lemonade stand. But she wasn't selling. She was giving. And refreshing drink was not her only gift. Nora offered every customer a copy of *Searching for Truth*, the DVD written and hosted by John Moore.

Last weekend an older gentleman approached the Stocksdales' house. He wanted to know if he had found the home where the yard sale was recently held. Then he explained his reason for stopping by. The man had enjoyed the DVD so much that he wanted to share its message with others. Could he have some additional copies? The Stocksdales gladly honored the request and invited their new friend to visit Hamburg Pike. I fervently hope that he accepts their invitation. But if he doesn't, it won't be Nora's fault. She did what she could.

In his sower parable, Jesus describes four soil types: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold" (Luke 8:5-8). The busy farmer scattered his seed everywhere. But only the good soil was truly receptive. That receptivity is the Lord's unique responsibility. Of his ministry in Corinth, Paul says, "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth" (1 Cor. 3:6).

Nora Stocksdales is only seven years old. But her seed sowing is an excellent example for people many times her age. We are all proud of you, Nora. Keep up the great work!

**Sermon Title**  
**June 30, 2013(a.m.)**

**An Open Heart**  
Acts 16:25-34

We will enjoy a  
***Singing Emphasis***  
during our June 30 evening service

11 Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. 12 The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. 13 And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. 14 And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. 15 As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.

-Luke 8:11-15

**Prayer List:** Chandra Akers (Marla), LIZ BLANTON, MARTIN BONNEY, Ruth Bumpus (Polly), JAYNE CRAVENS, Jerry Crick (Ann), Esther Davis (Marian), JANICE DIMMITT, MYRNA DIMMITT, PATTY DIMMITT, MILDRED ELLIOTT, Zachary Ferguson, Elma Fielder (Marian), Lillian Foster, Diana Fulks (Norma), FRANK & MARY HARRIS, DOUG & JUDY HAWKINS, Pricilla Hudkins, ALLENE HUSTON, RON IVERSON, Elise Jackson (Christine), Alice Jenkins (Ann), Charles & Marlyn Jenkins (Ann), Arletha Kenty (Nathan), Josephine King (Polly), MERLE & JOYCE KNUCKLES, FRANCES LAWTON, SUE LINNE & Rhea, POLLY MCCLINTOCK, JERRY & SONJA MONTGOMERY, CAROL MOUSTY, Gary Peyton (Jean), Jerrie Phillips, CHRISTINE RHOTON, Cindy Roeder (Christine), Wendell & Betty Smith (Polly), Lynn Sullivan (Ann), FERN TINCHER, Fulton Wilson (Ann)

**Military Service:** Matt Bartram, Stephen Blanton, Scott Viers, Jeremy Whitlow

## **Hamburg Pike Happenings**

The Building Committee is scheduled to meet on Thursday June 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

The Senior Saints (50 and up) will eat together at Bob Evans at 6:00 on Friday evening, June 28<sup>th</sup>. So that a count can be submitted to the restaurant manager, please sign the sheet in the foyer if you plan to attend.

Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup> will be our next youth devotional after evening services. There is a sign-up sheet to make sandwiches for it. Please sign the sheet for what you are bringing.

The Intensity Youth Rally is going to be held August 2-3. If you have questions or need an application, please see Caleb.

Our evening worship on Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup> will be a Singing Emphasis service. Men and young men who desire to lead a song or read scripture please sign the sheet in the foyer.

Volunteers are needed to prepare the communion trays for Sunday morning and evening services. If you can serve in this way, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board.