



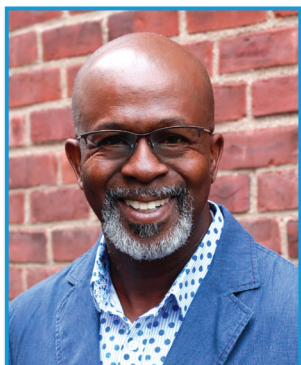
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THE LOST COIN

The Director's Message | Pastor Wellesley A. Broomfield



A 1922 Professional Coin Grading Services MS67 closed winged American Eagle silver dollar...WOW! My mother would exchange dollar bills for silver dollars that customers would bring into my uncle's drug store in Brooklyn, NY, where

she worked. She had pouches upon pouches of early 1900 silver dollars. I remember "borrowing" one from her collection; she had so many that she wouldn't miss one.

The time was the mid-1970s, and Roller Disco was the craze in NYC, as well as throughout the country. My cousin Carl and I had become quite 'the skaters'. We were invited to all the top Roller Skating Rinks in New York and New Jersey to uplift the crowds and show off our talents. Remember that silver dollar that I borrowed from my mom? It became my lucky coin; I would have it in my pocket wherever I went. One night at a skating rink in NYC, I was skating backward at a high rate of speed. I didn't see that a young lady had fallen right at the turn. I crashed into her and fell. Embarrassed by the situation, I sprang to my feet and went to help her, apologized, and off I went. After all, the music was still thumping. A few minutes later, I checked the fob of my pants where I kept my coin, and it was gone! It must have fallen out of my pocket when I fell. I slowly skated around the rink looking for the lost coin, but found nothing! I asked a few people if they had picked up the coin, but again nothing! At closing, I asked the manager if I might look around and see if I could find it, now that the lights were on.

I frantically searched, and then gave up. It's gone, oh well. Reflecting on that attitude and mind set, I realized it didn't really cost me anything. After all, I had "borrowed" it from my mom.

Have you ever lost something? The instant feeling of dread, anguish, urgency, panic, and stress can grip you, if it is something of great value.

Luke 15:8-9 says, "Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls her friends and neighbors together saying, 'Rejoice with me for I have found the piece which I lost!'"

I never did find that coin. Recently I discovered that the coin I lost is very rare. There wasn't a large number minted that year, and it is now worth over \$17K. I did not put much value in the coin, nor did I search with urgency to find it, because it wasn't really mine. I am so glad that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ thinks that every one of us is precious to Him, and it doesn't matter what value we place on ourselves, or what value others place on us. He will not stop looking, pursuing, finding those that are lost. To Jesus, each one of us is priceless, and even worth dying for. He will go to the ends of the earth to find just one, for whom He paid the ultimate price with His blood shed at Calvary. When one person gives his life to Christ, he rather returns his life to Christ. Luke 15:10 tells us, "Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Jesus relentlessly comes after us, because to Him we are precious. We have great value and are of tremendous worth to Him. Let us return our life to Him, and discover that true value He sees in us, the very reason He is seeking for us!

Meet Deborah Duffy



Deborah Duffy's professional background includes working in Human Resources, Insurance and Finance for the past 30 years. She received her BA from Douglass College, a master's degree from the Institute of Management and Labor Relations at Rutgers University Graduate School and is a Certified Compensation Professional. She was also an Adjunct Professor and taught Human Resources and Organizational Behavior courses at Rutgers University.

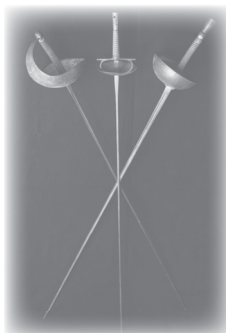


provide free healthcare has been so successful that this ministry has served the medical needs of over 65,000 people since its inception 20 years ago. During the pandemic, Deborah also supported the doctor's medical practice where they treated Covid patients with therapeutics that saved the lives of over 8,000 patients worldwide. Being a part of those efforts to tend to the needs of thousands

of people in need has been a life-changing experience for her.

Deborah's faith has directed her path to seeking employment where her professional gifts can best be of service in organizations that serve the Lord. She worked for several non-profit Christian organizations, so coming to Fellowship Deaconry Ministries as the Manager of HR & Accounting is a natural progression for her to serve the Lord.

Deborah served at the Zarephath Health Center for the past 10 years, where she maintained the finances to support the work of the founders of the organization, Drs. John & Alieta Eck. The health center is a non-profit Christian ministry that provides medical care at no cost to those in need. Dr. John & Alieta Eck's vision to



While profoundly influenced with swordsmanship in her youth, Deborah began fencing at the age of 14 and fenced throughout college and her professional life. She studied the weapon of a Foil, and was coached by Vasyl Stankovich, a Fencing Maestro from the Soviet Union, who was a 2 time Olympic and 5-time world championship fencer. Deborah was able to achieve the status of a junior Olympic fencer, an Allstate ranking, a 3-time state foil champion, and was awarded the Scholar-Athlete Award as a member of the Rutgers University Women's Fencing Team. While coaching the Bernards High School Fencing Team, they won the state championships.

We are excited that Deborah is a part of Fellowship Deaconry's management staff and look forward to how the Lord will use her talents!

Thank you, Martin Fabiunke

Martin Fabiunke has faithfully served at Fellowship Deaconry Ministries full time for over 23 years in the Maintenance department. Martin started working under the leadership of his father, Reinhardt Fabiunke, eventually working his way up to Facilities Director. We have been blessed with Martin's talent and dedication to the ministry and facilities.

Martin is a man of few words, so we took this opportunity to sit down and capture a few parting thoughts from him.



1. When did you start working for Fellowship Deaconry Ministries?

At 28 years old, after 9 ½ years in the Navy, I realized I achieved my life's goal. My son Michael was born, and I was ready to settle down with my family. Pastor Achenbach offered me a position at FDM.

2. What job titles have you held here at FDM?

I grew up here. My dad was a farmer when I was a child. I was a lifeguard, counselor, farm boy, in addition to my current role.

3. Is that how you met your wife, Shanti? As a camp counselor?

No, I met her as a camper. She was the fastest girl runner, and I was the fastest boy runner. That's how I noticed her.

4. What is something you enjoyed most about working at FDM?

I enjoy that there is something new to do every day. On a 40-acre property, there is always something going on that makes it interesting. I also enjoy working with co-workers and groups. It's a joy to see them having fun while they're here and being able to fix any issues that come up during their stay.

5. What is something you are most proud of?

Keeping the camp operating for so many years. Being able to see the kids enjoy it year after year.

6. What was your favorite tradition at FDM?

Singings hymns from the black hymn books at lunch.

7. What are you planning to do once you retire?

Learning to relax. I have been working since I was 15. It's going to be an adjustment.

8. How often do you plan to visit us?

As often as I get called (laughing)

9. If you could ask for one item from FDM, what would it be?

A second picnic pavilion so in the summer more groups can enjoy the property.

10. What are your favorite Bible verses?

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Mark 12:30-31 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.

Martin concluded the interview with a quote from Francis of Assisi which he said he tries to live his life by:

“Preach the Gospel at all times; when necessary, use words.”





FAMILY PRAISE FEST

WORSHIP FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Months of meetings, prayers and planning couldn't have prepared us for what was truly in store on the day of our Family Praise Festival. We prayed for a beautiful, sunny day, but God had other plans. The morning of the festival, the heavens opened up and the rains poured down. We dashed around, moving all of our outdoor activities inside. We improvised by running our outdoor event indoors so we could still go on with the festival. The beautiful, massive center stage which would be the highlight of the day sat boxed up, unable to be used. God knew what he was doing. Bands and worship groups gathered together, and the sanctuary was filled with people focused on one thing- Praising God! God's presence was felt among us. The rain couldn't stop us, in fact, the rain made us pause and reflect on the worship. Relationships were formed, lives were touched and souls were healed. In addition to the music, we enjoyed food in our dining room and fun activities in our rec hall. We loved seeing camp families, preschool families, familiar faces and meeting new individuals. All glory to Christ!

HERO'S APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

On Veterans Day, we honored all of our First Responders who serve our community. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. John 15:13.



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JOIN US FOR THE

125th Anniversary Celebration

OF

Fellowship Deaconry Movement International

1899 - 2024

Sunday, April 21, 2024

Fellowship Conference and Retreat Center

Zion Chapel at Liberty Corner, New Jersey 07938 <www.deaconry.org>



Deutscher Gemeinschafts-Diakonieverband

began in Borken (presently in Poland) in 1899, with the call of four dedicated and determined Deaconesses who sought to serve the Lord. They lived a service-oriented, celibate life, and proclaimed salvation through Jesus alone. Later, they relocated to Vandsburg (also in Poland), and by 1906 numbered over 300 Sisters. Other Motherhouses and a Brotherhouse were established in Germany, and at the peak of this ministry, around the 1970s, the numbers of Sisters, Brothers, Employees and Volunteers numbered around 5,000. In 1929, the first two Sisters arrived at New York to minister to German immigrants who were adjusting to their new life in America, and as the result of the Lord's rich blessings,

Fellowship Deaconry Ministries

was established. Today this international movement can be found in over 12 countries, with the favor of the Lord resting upon it. Though ministry styles change to meet the needs of that generation, bringing salvation, discipleship and wholeness through Jesus is our goal. Glory be to God!

Directors and Housemothers of all our International Motherhouses will be present for this 4/21 event, as the Biennial International Motherhouse Leadership Conference will be held that week here on our grounds. Please come and fellowship with us all, and let us together give God the thanks and praise due His Name! He is worthy!

SCHEDULE: Sunday Worship 10:00 am Dinner 12:30 pm 125th Celebration & Vision 2:30 pm Supper 5:30 pm

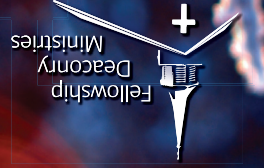
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget the good things He has done for you.

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