

THE FAMILY CONNECTION

Romans 15:7

January 17, 2021

welcome!

Crises Reveal Our Character

What would you do if you were fired from your job and put in prison because your employer's wife told horrible lies about you?

What would you do if you had to run for your life because you helped defend a neighbor from an injustice?

What would you do if you were offered something you greatly desired but knew was illegal and life-threatening to obtain?

What would you do if suddenly you discovered all that you had believed in the past was not true, and instead of serving God you were actually fighting Him?

What would you do if you were offered a considerable amount of money to betray a friend?

What would you do if you found out that the woman to whom you were engaged became pregnant before the wedding and you knew it wasn't your child?

These are not hypothetical questions. They really happened, and the answers to these questions reveal the type of character each person possessed at the time the crisis occurred. You can probably identify each of the people in the above scenarios: Joseph (Jacob's son), Moses, Eve, Paul, Judas and Joseph (and Mary). Some of them faced the crisis with faith and resolve, and withstood the challenge. Others failed. What these examples teach us is that when crises occur, our character will be revealed.

All of us have faced and will continue to face many challenges in our lives. They may be strong temptations; they may be difficult choices; they may be heart-breaking health issues. And many of our crises are not personally our own – they may involve our spouse, parents, children, family or friends. Still, they are heavy burdens.

As we reflect back on 2020, it's easy to see that there were countless crises that shaped, molded and revealed our character. Not much we can do about them now except to determine that in 2021 we will learn from our mistakes and enhance our strengths.

How we handle crisis reveals who we really are. It also reveals how we have prepared for the inevitable challenges. We may not know exactly the kind of crises that may be coming in 2021, but they will come. How we prepare today for them will determine how these crises affect us. Roy Disney once said, "When your values are clear to you, making decisions becomes easier." 1) Joseph was able to overcome the crisis with Potiphar's wife because he had already established his values, even as a teenager; 2) Moses overcame a poor decision by developing spiritually while in the wilderness; 3) Judas allowed his crisis to destroy him because of poor values.

What will 2021 reveal about your character?

PRAYER LIST*

MEMBERS

- Diniro Family
- Claude Haynes
- Margie Rhodes
- Drew Meulenberg
- Bonnie Thompson
- Bonnie Stephens
- Maria Reategui
- Maggie Rodriguez
- Elvis Durity
- Marjorie Connor
- David & Della Flagg
- Doug Fee
- Carla Sledge
- Donna Strong
- Lee & Linda Sutton
- Di Menoher
- Warren & Brenda Werntz
- Ron Restivo
- Jeff Blake

NURSING HOME / SHUT-INS

- June McCauley
- Wayne & Bonnie Bucy

FAMILY & FRIENDS

- Jon Sauer
- Kasey Dudley
- Laurie & Danny Osborne
- Maddie Whitlock
- Darinda Paul
- Joe & Marie Lennon's son
- Mary Ryder
- Linda Sutton grandson Matt & great granddaughter Jordan
- Lynn Greer
- John Wallace's sister
- George Ballard
- Marsha Hampton
- Marco Moros
- Bob Stafford
- John David & Nancy Ottway
- Hussey Family Sally Abbott
- Judy Sauer's g-daughter, Meaghan
- John Werntz Sally Lupton
- Robert Champion Michael Presto
- Pam Richey Larry Brown
- Brooke Ruppel Laubel Perez
- Ao Hotchkiss Rod Cameron
- Carla Sledge's niece, Audricka
- Carla Sledge's nephew
- Danny Billingsby

Order of Worship

January 17, 2021

Call to Worship: Joe Lennon
Open Medley "All the Way My Savior Leads Me"
 "Step By Step"
 "Send the Light"

Welcome &

Announcements: Scott Otey
 "He Leadeth Me"

Prayer: Barry Brown

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:28-31
 "Rock of Ages"

Communion

Leader: Tom Wriggins
 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
 2 Corinthians 9:12-13
 "Anywhere with Jesus"

Message: Russ Bone

Invitation: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"
 "Lord Reign in Me"

Closing Prayer

Song As We Enter the Mission Field:
 "God Is So Good"

We will continue to observe Communion every week. Due to the current health concerns, the communion bread has been placed into individual serving cups. Gluten Free communion has been placed within the very center ring of each tray.

Future Events

Every Sunday: Live Stream Worship at 10:00 AM
 Every Wednesday: Ladies Class via Zoom - 6PM
 Every Friday: Communion pick up - Building - 11AM - 4PM
 TONIGHT: Bible Study @ 5:30 PM
 Jan 19th: Parking Lot Hangout - Ladies Event
 Jan 24th & 31st: Guest Speaker
 Jan 31st: Bag Stuffing Party after worship
 Feb 6th: Touch-a-Truck

MILITARY

Christopher Lemay Lee Strong
 Darrell Martin Casandra Prokop

GIVING & ATTENDANCE
WEEK ENDED Jan 10, 2021

Weekly Actual	\$14,822
Weekly Budget	<u>\$10,500</u>
Weekly Variance	\$4,322
4 Week Average Variance	\$<1,987>
Sunday:	
Attendance in Building	96
Attendance via views online:	330
Wednesday:	
Attendance in Building/ Teens	43
Attendance online:	123

PRAYER UPDATES

- Claude Haynes, Darinda Paul, June McCauley, Elvis Durity, Bonnie Thompson, Bonnie Stephens, & Scott Blake continue to have health challenges.
- Pray for the families affected by COVID-19. This time has taken its toll on everyone physically, financially, emotionally, and spiritually.
- Marc Rimmer reports that he is feeling better and that Cameron and Ashley now have COVID. Sonya was admitted to the hospital. In addition to Shingles she has developed COVID.
- Jack Dehanas is being treated for a mild case of COVID.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 18 - Bob Allshouse
- 20 - Jack Dehanas
- 21 - Mary Paul
- 23 - Emily Glazier , Debbie Anderson
- 24 - Tim & Kim Osborne
- 26 - Marie Lennon
- 27 - Wayne Neese
- 28 - Haris & Gusleine Domond
- 29 - Jorge Rhodes, Tanner Macon
- 30 - Haris Domond
- February 1 - Jim Martin
- 1 - Ouida Corr
- 4 - Carrie Asbill
- 6 - Carol Hughes
- 9 - Chloe Durity

Wednesday Bible Study

Our in person classes for Wednesday night are:

- Everyone - Main Auditorium - 6:30PM.
- Teens - Grey House - 6:30PM

All county mandated health precautions will be followed.

Our virtual options are:

- Ladies class via Zoom - 6PM - please contact Carla Sledge or Diane Otey for a Zoom invitation.
- Auditorium class via Facebook - 6:30PM

We hope you will join us in one of these Bible study opportunities.

Evangelism Dynamics Class

Russ Bone will begin teaching this class TONIGHT from 5:30 - 6:15PM in the auditorium. You will learn how to initiate spiritual conversations, overcome evangelism fear, craft worship invitations, approach delinquent members winning them back to the Lord, and create and teach Bible Studies. An exciting opportunity to fulfill the Lord's Great Commission!

Ladies' Hang Out and Chill

You are invited to "Hang Out and Chill", on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 under the Portico leading to the entrance of the church building from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Please bring your own chairs. For your safety and others, a sanitization station will be provided, we will be required to sit 6 ft. apart, and please wear a face covering (of course you can remove it to eat and drink lol). Refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP via email to carlasledge@aol.com by TONIGHT -our group size will be limited. Looking forward to seeing you!

Meet & Greet

The search committee is hosting a Meet & Greet with the congregation and the candidates who have applied to be our new preacher. On Saturday the 23rd Tim Neal and his family will be here and on the 30th Joshua Cantrell will be here. We are scheduling 3, one hour groups on both Saturdays from 2:00 - 5:00 PM. Please RSVP your time preference to Kathleen Brown at: NaplesChurchofChrist@gmail.com by the Wednesday before each event. Light refreshments will be served.

Touch-A-Truck

On Sunday January 31, immediately after services we will have a "Bag Stuffing Party" to prepare the give-away bags for the Touch-A-Truck event. Please let Diane Otey know by Wednesday, January 27th, if you are able to help as lunch will be provided!

Now Available!

The 2021 Directories are now available. They are on the back table near the pictures. You will also find some new or updated pictorial directory pages there as well.

SHEPHERDS

Terry Billingsby 423-943-8999
 Barry Brown: 239-777-7248
 Ben Gyimah: 239-449-6339
 Scott Otey 239-253-9640
 Hugh Travis 239-450-1445

STAFF

Russ Bone: Interim Minister
 Kathleen Brown: Office Admin
 Zak Dempsey: Youth Minister

DEACONS

Jeff Blake Adult Education
 Alan Glazier Worship
 Glenn Macon Youth
 Larry Menoher Building / Grounds
 Drew Meulenberg Finance
 Marc Rimmer Benevolence
 Tom Wriggins Worship

MINISTRY LEADERS

Dennis Coleman Building & Grounds
 Haris Domond Social Media &
 Advertising
 George Fetzer Security
 Scott Holden Visitation
 David Wakeland Involvement

Online Giving:



USA MISSIONS

Roberto Escobar, Sr. [Naples]
 Christian Home & Bible School
 Mauricio Yegros [Coral Springs]

LIVINGSTON ACADEMY

Becky Harty Director

GHANA MISSIONARIES

Emanuel, Peter, Gideon, Mark,
 Amos, Anthony, James,
 Valentine, Evans, Jacob

WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY

Worship— 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.
 Streaming begins at 10:00 A.M.
 Hispanic Service - 1:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

Ladies Class - 6PM via Zoom
 Bible Study - 6:30 P.M.
 Streaming begins at 6:30 P.M.

OFFICE HOURS

M, W, F - 10A.M. - 5:00P.M.



SERVICE SCHEDULE

January 17th

Welcome: Scott Otey
 Song Leader: Joe Lennon
 Preaching: Russ Bone
 Scripture Reading &
 Opening Prayer: Barry Brown
 Communion:
 Leader Tom Wriggins
 Servers & Ushers:
 Scott Holden, Scott Otey
 Closing Prayer:
 Computer: David Wakeland
 Sound Booth: Kathleen Brown
 Media: Zak Dempsey

Next Week

Welcome: Barry Brown
 Song Leader: Joe Lennon
 Preaching: Tim Neal
 Scripture Reading &
 Opening Prayer: Scott Holden
 Communion:
 Leader Scott Otey
 Servers & Ushers:
 Scott Holden, Phil Osborne
 Kevin Mak, Bill Strong
 Closing Prayer: Tom Wriggins
 Computer: David Wakeland
 Sound Booth: Kathleen Brown
 Media: Zak Dempsey
 Please meet in Classroom #11 10
 minutes before services begin. If
 you are unable to serve, please call:
 Alan Glazier or Tom Wriggins
 [Worship], Kathleen Brown [Sound]

MISSION STATEMENT

To Glorify God By:

Leading people to know God through Jesus Christ.
 Equipping members for ministry and spiritual service.
 Assisting members to grow in love, holy living and fellowship with the
 community of Christ.
 Declaring God in spiritual and truthful worship.

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