

THE FAMILY CONNECTION

Romans 15:7

February 14, 2021

welcome!

Calming Anger Down

In a west Texas town a few years ago, employees in a medium-sized warehouse noticed the smell of gas. Sensibly, management evacuated the building and extinguished all potential sources of ignition – lights, power, etc.

After the building had been evacuated, two technicians from the gas company were dispatched. Upon entering the building, they found that they had difficulty navigating in the dark. To their frustration, none of the lights worked.

Witnesses later described the vision of one of the technicians reaching into his pocket and retrieving an object that resembled a lighter. Upon operation of the light-like object, the gas in the warehouse exploded, sending pieces of it up to three miles away.

Nothing was found of the technicians, but the lighter was virtually untouched by the explosion. The technician that was suspected of causing the explosion had never been thought of as “wise” by his peers.

Years ago, Jim Croce, in his song, “You Don’t Mess Around with Jim”, used to sing about things that you don’t dare do (pull the mask off the Lone Ranger or tug on Superman’s cape, for example). He might have done well to add, “you don’t flick your Bic inside a building with a gas leak”! In an explosive situation, the last thing you want to do is provide the spark.

We’ve all been around those kinds of situations (not literally, but figuratively) where someone was angry and it wouldn’t take much to create an explosion. We have two choices in that setting, described by Solomon in this way:

“A gentle answer will calm a person’s anger, but an unkind answer will cause more anger.” (Proverbs 15:1, NCV)

I greatly admire those people who have a calming effect on those around them, gently stifling the flames of anger before they burst into flames.

“Wise people calm anger down.” (Proverbs 19:8b, NCV)

May God help us all to be wise.

Borrowed

PRAYER LIST* MEMBERS

- Diniro Family
- Claude Haynes
- Margie Rhodes
- Drew Meulenberg
- Bonnie Thompson
- Bonnie Stephens Maria Reategui
- Maggie Rodriguez Elvis Durity
- Marjorie Connor Lew Parks
- Della Flagg Frieda Rodgers
- 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 Lynn Greer
- Linda Sutton grandson Matt &
great granddaughter Jordan
- 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
- 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

MILITARY

- Christopher Lemay Lee Strong
Darrell Martin Casandra Prokop

Order of Worship

February 14, 2021

Call to Worship: Joe Lennon
Medley "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"
"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Announcements

& Welcome: Barry Brown
"Tell Me the Story of Jesus"

Prayer: Roberto Escobar, Jr.

Scripture Reading: Zechariah 11:1-2
"At the Cross / Love Ran Red"

Communion

Leader: Scott Holden
Mark 14:22-25
2 Corinthians 9:6-7
"The Church's One Foundation"

Message: Russ Bone

Invitation: "Humble Yourself"

Song As We Enter the Mission Field:
"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Closing Prayer: Tom Wriggins

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 is cancelled. Enjoy family time!
Feb 21st: Guest Speaker - Tim Neal
Feb 21st: Evening Bible Study @ 5:30 PM - Tim Neal
March 6th: Ladies' Fellowship Event - Parking Lot Hangout

GIVING & ATTENDANCE
WEEK ENDED Feb 7, 2021

Weekly Actual	\$9,001
Weekly Budget	<u>\$10,500</u>
Weekly Variance	\$<1,499>
4 Week Average Variance	\$<>
Sunday Morning:	
Attendance in Building	125
Attendance via views online:	396
Wednesday:	
Attendance in Building/ Teens	30
Attendance online:	80

Bible Study

Our in person class for Sunday nights:
 Will resume next week with guest speaker Tim Neal
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.

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.
- Bonnie Stephens had kidney surgery on February 9th. The surgeon was able to save most of her kidney. After spending a few nights in Physicians Regional, she is now recovering at home.
- Diane Menoher had rotator cuff surgery on Friday. This is the 2nd and hopefully final shoulder surgery for her.
- Stacy Walker has been diagnosed with COVID. He says that he has only minor symptoms at this time.

Ladies Event - Parking Lot Hangout #2

Our first Parking Lot Hangout was a success. Those who attended enjoyed a morning of fellowship while maintaining social distance. Our next hangout will be on Saturday, March 6th from 10 AM to 12 Noon. We will have violinist James Steven play some soothing, healing, and calming songs while we enjoy a time of fellowship. RSVP by March 3rd to Diane Otey cell: 239-253-0460, Mariela Rojas-Somoza Escobar cell: 239-961-9979, or to Susan Meulenberg cell: 239-571-2012 as a light brunch will be provided. Please bring your own chair.

New Children's Ministry

We are in the planning stages of developing a Children's Ministry and will be offering a children's class during worship. If you are willing to help with this much needed ministry please see Diane Otey. You may contact her via cell: 239-253-0460 or email at: sotey@comcast.net.

New Online Option

We have been testing an alternative to Facebook for our online services. We have set up a free YouTube channel to which you can "subscribe". We will post reminders on Facebook to watch on Youtube. You can still host a "watch party" by sharing the stream from Youtube to your Facebook page.

Directions for watching on Youtube:

- Go to www.YouTube.com
- Search for Naples Church of Christ.
- Look for an icon with a picture of the church in it.
- Click on the subscribe button next to it. Enjoy the service. Feel free to share the new information and links to the videos with your friends and family who would also like to watch.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 18 - Adwoa Gyimah
- 19 - Maggie Rodriguez
- 20 - Mary Grace Macon
- 21 - Ellie Paul
- 24 - Barbara Bryant
- 24 - Zak & Jordyn Dempsey
- 25 - Jorge & Margie Rhodes
- 27 - Gary Hampton
- March 3 - Dot Piper
- 4 - Drew Meulenberg
- 4 - Mark & Jill McCullough

Pictorial Directories

There are a few copies of the pictorial directory available for those who have not yet received one. There are also updated or new pages available on the table in front of the picture board for you to place in your current directory.

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.
 Evening Study - 5:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

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

OFFICE HOURS



SERVICE SCHEDULE

February 14th

Welcome: Barry Brown
 Song Leader: Joe Lennon
 Preaching: Russ Bone
 Scripture Reading &
 Opening Prayer: Roberto Escobar, Jr.
 Communion:
 Leader Scott Holden
 Servers & Ushers:
 Tom Wriggins, Phil Osborne
 Cody Callanan, Bill Strong
 Closing Prayer: Tom Wriggins
 Computer: David Wakeland
 Sound Booth: Kathleen Brown
 Media: Zak Dempsey

Next Week

Welcome: Terry Billingsby
 Song Leader: Joe Lennon
 Preaching: Tim Neal
 Scripture Reading &
 Opening Prayer Barry Brown
 Communion:
 Leader Tom Wriggins
 Servers & Ushers:
 Scott Holden, Marc Rimmer
 Cameron Rimmer, Scott Otey
 Closing Prayer: Terry Billingsby
 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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