

# THE FAMILY CONNECTION

Romans 15:7

September 27, 2020

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# welcome!

## Stepping Away from the Crowd

Most of us know the story of Peter walking on water (Matthew 14:22-33). It was an incredible demonstration of faith. Can you imagine actually climbing out of the boat and walking toward Jesus? The odds were stacked heavily against him. The time was somewhere between 3 and 6 AM, the wind was howling and causing the waves to crash around the boat, they were exhausted from struggling all night to cross the lake, and the disciples were terrified at seeing what they thought was a “ghost” (remember it was just before dawn). Yet, at Jesus’ invitation Peter had the courage and faith to do the irrational - he stepped out of the boat and walked on the water toward Him.

When we think about this story we usually focus on two things: 1) if we keep our eyes on Jesus we can do amazing things, 2) the minute we take our eyes off of Jesus we begin to sink. Both are great lessons, but there’s something else in this story worth noticing, the other disciples were still in the boat!

Can you image what they were thinking when Peter started to climb out of the boat? Did they encourage him or try to stop him? Did they marvel at his faith or question his sanity? Perhaps they were stunned and speechless. Were they praising God or looking for a life jacket? Were they tempted to get out of the boat, too? There’s a lot we just don’t know.

However, there are two things we do know. We know they didn’t get out of the boat, and we know that Peter did. Only Peter had the courage and faith to step away from his peers (the crowd) and head toward Jesus simply because Jesus said, “Come”. Of the group, only Peter walked on water.

I think that’s what Jesus is asking us to do: step away from the crowd, take a risk, and come to me. He wants us to turn away from the unthankful majority and give Him praise even if no one else does (Luke 17:11-19). He wants us to leave what’s comfortable and carry His cross (Luke 14:25-27). He wants us to stop walking by sight and instead live by faith (2 Corinthians 5:7). He’s asking us to give up our trust in money and material things, and seek Him first (Matthew 6:24-33).

If you had been in the boat with Peter, what would you have done?

Borrowed.

**PRAYER LIST\***  
**MEMBERS**

- Margie Rhodes
- Drew Meulenberg
- Bonnie Thompson
- Bonnie Stephens
- Maria Reategui
- Maggie Rodriguez
- Elvis Durity
- Asbill Family
- Marjorie Connor
- David & Della Flagg
- Blake Family
- Carla Sledge
- Harty Family
- Blitch Family
- Perez Family
- Donna Strong
- Lee & Linda Sutton
- Di Menoher
- Warren & Brenda Werntz
- Ron Restivo

**NURSING HOME / SHUT-INS**

- June McCauley
- Wayne & Bonnie Bucy

**FAMILY & FRIENDS**

- Jon Sauer
- Laurie & Danny Osborne
- Maddie Whitlock
- Darinda Paul
- Joe & Marie Lennon's son
- Mary Ryder
- Jack Dehanas
- Linda Sutton grandson Matt & great granddaughter Jordan
- John Diniro
- John Wallace's sister
- George Ballard
- Marsha Hampton
- Marco Moros
- John David & Nancy Ottway
- Bob Stafford
- Judy Sauer's g-daughter, Meaghan
- John Werntz
- Sally Lupton
- Jerry Rimmer                      Kasey Dudley
- Pam Richey                         Larry Brown
- Brooke Ruppel
- Ao Hotchkiss

**Order of Worship**

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Call to Worship:        Dennis Coleman  
                                  *"I Will Call upon the Lord"*

Welcome:                Scott Otey  
                                  *"Shout Hallelujah"*  
                                  *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

Prayer:                    Tom Wriggins

Scripture Reading:  
                                  *"Ten Thousand Angels"*

Communion

    Leader:                Scott Otey  
                                  Mark 14:22-25  
                                  Galatians 6:7-10  
                                  *"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"*  
                                  *"Lord, Take Control"*

Message:                 Russ Bone

Invitation:  
                                  *"Softly and Tenderly"*

Song As We Enter the Mission Field:  
                                  *"Jesus Hold My Hand"*

Closing Prayer:         Drew Meulenberg

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**

Wed's in Sept:         Ladies Class via Zoom @ 6PM.  
Wed's in Sept:         Bible Study - Facebook at 6:30PM  
Every Friday:         Communion pick up - Building - 11AM - 5PM  
Every Sunday:        Live Stream Worship at 10:00 AM  
Oct 7th:                Bible Study resumes at 6:30PM at building  
Oct 30th:              Livingston Academy Halloween Parade - 3PM  
Dec 20th:              Bonfire at the Otey's home at 5:30PM

**MILITARY**

Christopher Lemay    Lee Strong  
Darrell Martin        Casandra Prokop

**GIVING & ATTENDANCE**  
**WEEK ENDED Sept 20, 2020**

Weekly Actual                    \$7,023  
 Weekly Budget                 7,000  
 Weekly Variance               \$     23  
 4 Week Average Variance    \$ <753>  
 Attendance in Building         78  
 Attendance via views online: 292  
 Attendance Wednesday online: 160

**PRAYER UPDATES**

- Darinda Paul, June McCauley, Elvis Durity, Bonnie Thompson, & 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.
- Meaghan Sauer's surgery was on Sept. 24th and went very well. Additional surgeries may be necessary in the future. The family greatly appreciates your continued prayers.
- Di Menoher's heart cath procedure did not give her doctors the answers to her breathing issues.
- As announced last Sunday, Mitchell Buchanan was killed in a motorized bicycle accident in Lee County. He lost control of the bike and passed away due to his injuries.
- The Asbill's and Paul's have made it safely to their new homes.

**Bible Study on Facebook**

Put it on your calendar to watch Russ Bone's Wednesday night Bible Study video on our Facebook Page. Russ will continue the study of Romans chapter 12. It will be available at 6:30PM this Wednesday. Next Wednesday, October 7th, we will meet at the building for Bible Study. Class will begin at 6:30PM. All county mandated health precautions will be followed.

**Ladies Class Via Zoom**

There is still time to join our study on ID'd - Your God-Given Identity in Christ by Debbra Stephens. You do not need a book in order to participate in class, Class is on Wednesday at 6PM. For a Zoom invitation, please let Carla, Diane, or Kathleen know you want to participate.

**Baby Shower**

Please join us at the building for a Baby Shower honoring mom-to-be Mikaela West on Saturday, October 10th, from 11 AM to 1 PM. Mikaela and Brandon's baby boy is registered on Amazon. Instead of a card, please bring a children's book to help build a library for the new baby. Diapers in any size are also appreciated and could win you a prize! Please RSVP to Marcella Wakeland prior to October 7th.

**Thanksgiving Baskets**

Since the COVID-19 virus has affected so many families, we are preparing for Thanksgiving a little earlier than usual. If you know of a family who would be blessed by receiving a basket at Thanksgiving, please let the Rimmer's know by sending Marc an email at:

MRimmer387@hotmail.com.

We are accepting cash donations and / or Publix Gift Cards in the amount of \$20 (to go into the baskets). A Givelify option has also been set up. We will eventually need help preparing and delivering the baskets in November. Please let Marc or Sonya know if you are able to help in any way.

**Birthday's & Anniversaries**

28 - Brenda Martin  
 28 - John Cipolla  
 30 - Anne Wright  
 October 2 - Jose Mak  
     3 - Scott Holden  
     3 - Mike Pell  
     4 - Barry Brown  
     7 - Norma Brown  
     8 - Mary Blake  
     9 - Agnes Epp

11 - Erin Osborne  
 11 - Ken & Norma Brown  
 12 - Pam Billingsby  
 12 - Cody & Kierce Callanan  
 14 - Vernon Ray, Sr.  
 15 - Kevin Mak  
 15 - John & Bobbie Seay  
 17 - Dorothy Eubanks  
 21 - Larry Menoher  
 22 - Helen Salmon

23 - Barbara Lewis  
 24 - Bob & Jan Funk  
 25 - Bob Murrell  
 26 - Geno Macon  
 26 - Logan Rimmer  
 26 - Colby Paul  
 28 - Wayne Bucy  
 30 - Debbie Allshouse  
 30 - Marcia Guyot  
 31 - Lee Sutton

### SHEPHERDS

Terry Billingsby 423-943-8999  
 Barry Brown: 239-777-7248  
 Ben Gyimah: 239-449-6339  
 Claude Haynes: 239-450-0715  
 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 Visitation  
 Haris Domond Social Media &  
 Advertising  
 George Fetzer Security  
 David Wakeland Involvement

Online Giving:



### USA MISSIONS

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

### LIVINGSTON ACADEMY

### 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

Bible Study via Facebook - 6:30 P.M.  
 Ladies Study via Zoom - 6:00P.M.

### OFFICE HOURS

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



## SERVICE SCHEDULE

### September 27th

Welcome: Scott Otey  
 Song Leader: Dennis Coleman  
 Preaching: Russ Bone  
 Scripture Reading &  
 Opening Prayer: Tom Wriggins  
 Communion:  
 Leader Scott Otey  
 Servers & Ushers:  
 Kevin Mak, Tom Wriggins  
 Bill Strong, Phil Osborne  
 Closing Prayer: Drew Meulenberg  
 Computer: David Wakeland  
 Sound Booth: Kathleen Brown  
 Media: Zak Dempsey

### Next Week

Welcome &  
 Opening Prayer: Scott Otey  
 Song Leader: Dennis Coleman  
 Preaching: Russ Bone  
 Scripture Reading: Drew Meulenberg  
 Communion:  
 Leader Tom Wriggins  
 Servers & Ushers:  
 Marc Rimmer, Shawn Mak  
 Terry Billingsby, Mark McCullough  
 Closing Prayer: Larry Menoher  
 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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