

# THE FAMILY CONNECTION

Romans 15:7

January 5, 2020

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# WELCOME!

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A couple weeks ago I read an excerpt from a Max Lucado book during my sermon. I have received several requests for copies. Here is the excerpt:

“The omnipotent, in one instant, made Himself breakable. He who had been spirit became pierceable. He who was larger than the universe became an embryo. And He who sustains the world with a word chose to be dependent upon the nourishment of a young girl.

God as a fetus. Holiness sleeping in a womb. The creator of life being created.

God was given eyebrows, elbows, two kidneys, and a spleen. He stretched against the walls and floated in the amniotic fluids of this mother.

God has come near.

He came, not as a flash of light or as an unapproachable conqueror, but as one whose first cries were heard by a peasant girl and a sleepy carpenter. The hands that first held Him were unmanicured, calloused and dirty.

No silk. No ivory. No hype. No party. No hoopla.

Were it not for the shepherds, there would have been no reception. And were it not for a group of stargazers, there would have been no gifts.

Angels watched as Mary changed God’s diaper. The universe watched with wonder as The Almighty learned to walk. Children played in the streets with Him. And had the synagogue leader in Nazareth known who was listening to his sermons...

Jesus may have had pimples. He may have been tone-deaf. Perhaps a girl down the street had a crush on Him or vice-versa. It could be that His knees were boney. One thing’s for sure: He was, while completely divine, completely human.

For thirty-three years He would feel everything you and I have felt. He felt weak. He grew weary. He was afraid of failure. He was susceptible to wooing women. He got colds, burped, and had body odor. His feelings got hurt. His feet got tired. And His head ached.

To think of Jesus in such a light is – well, it seems almost irreverent, doesn’t it? It’s not something we like to do; it’s uncomfortable. It is much easier to keep the humanity out of the incarnation. Clean the manure from around the manger. Wipe the sweat out of his eyes. Pretend He never snored or blew His nose or hit His thumb with a hammer.

He’s easier to stomach that way. There is something about keeping Him divine that keeps Him distant, packaged, predictable.

But don’t do it. For heaven’s sake, don’t. Let Him be as human as he intended to be. Let Him into the mire and muck of our world. For only if we let him in can he pull us out.”

Max Lucado

## PRAYER LIST\*

### MEMBERS

- Margie Rhodes
- Debbie Kendall
- Drew Meulenberg
- Bill Hartly
- Judy Ressallat
- Bonnie Thompson
- Terry Shaw
- Bonnie Stephens     Maria Reategui
- Maggie Rodriguez     Elvis Durity
- Asbill Family     Marjorie Connor
- David & Della Flagg
- Blake Family     Travis Family
- Carla Sledge
- JC Perez's mom, Wilda
- Larry & Di Menoher
- Frieda Rodgers
- Lee Sutton
- Warren & Brenda Werntz

### NURSING HOME / SHUT-INS

- Delbert Mick
- June McCauley
- Mildred Freeland
- Lyle Wheeler
- Dolly Blitch
- Wayne & Bonnie Bucy

### FAMILY & FRIENDS

- Jon Sauer
- Laurie & Danny Osborne
- Maddie Whitlock
- Darinda Paul
- Joe Lennon's son
- Mary Ryder
- Jack Dehanas
- Linda Sutton grandson Matt & great granddaughter Jordan
- John Diniro
- Frances Wakeland
- Judy Ressallat's sister
- John Wallace's sister
- George Ballard
- Marsha Hampton
- John David
- Bob Stafford
- Judy Sauer's granddaughter, Magen
- Christina Soriero

### MILITARY

Christopher Lemay     Darrell Martin  
Casandra Prokop     Lee Strong

## Order of Worship

January 5, 2020

<b>Call to Worship:</b>	<b>Joe Lennon</b>
<i>Medley</i>	<i>"There's Not a Friend"</i>
	<i>"That's Why We Praise Him"</i>
<b>Welcome:</b>	<b>Lyle Asbill</b>
<i>Medley</i>	<i>"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"</i>
	<i>"O Worship the King"</i>
	<i>"Only a Holy God"</i>
<b>Prayer:</b>	<b>Barry Brown</b>
<i>Screen</i>	<i>"At the Cross (Love Ran Red)"</i>
<b>Communion</b>	
<b>Leader:</b>	<b>Hugh Travis</b>
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	<b>Luke 22:17-20</b>
<b>Offering</b>	<b>Deuteronomy 15:10-11</b>
<i>Screen</i>	<i>"Days of Elijah"</i>
<b>Bible Reading:</b>	<b>Joshua 1:1-9 NIV</b>
<b>Message:</b>	<b>Lyle Asbill</b>
<b>Invitation:</b>	
#778	<i>"Be with Me, Lord"</i>
<b>Song As We Enter the Mission Field:</b>	
<i>Screen</i>	<i>"Your Kingdom until Then"</i>
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	<b>Tim Osborne</b>

Gluten Free communion is available in a separate tray that has been placed in each communion tray.

## Future Events

**TODAY:**                     Singing Class in Classroom A8  
**January 17-20, 2020:** Youth @ Central Florida Winter Camp  
**January 18th:**             Hunger Walk  
**February 1st :**             Touch-A-Truck Annual Event  
**February 21 - 22:**        Mental Health Seminars Community Event  
**Feb 28 - Mar 1st:**        Family Camping Retreat  
**Tuesday Men's Prayer Meeting:** 6:30AM @ building  
**Jail Ministry:** See Barry if you'd like to help with this ministry!

**GIVING & ATTENDANCE**  
**WEEK ENDED Dec 29, 2019**

Weekly Actual	\$ 5,293
Weekly Budget	9,300
Weekly Variance	\$ <4007>
4 Week Average Variance	\$ <328>

**Attendance**

Worship:	151
Bible Study Attendees:	59

**PRAYER UPDATES**

- Mildred Freeland, Lyle Wheeler, Darinda Paul, June McCauley, Elvis Durity, Bonnie Thompson, & Scott Blake continue to have health challenges.
- Lyle & Carrie's nephew, Evan Polei, plays hockey for the St. Louis Blues Farm team and was injured during a game this past week.
- 'As flu season is in full swing, please take a moment to remember that we have some elderly members, members recovering from surgery, and members with very young kids who do not have a full immune system. Please, use the anti-bacterial lotions you'll see around the building.

**Birthday's & Anniversaries**

- 6 - Doug Fee
- 8 - Kim Osborne
- 11 - John Diniro
- 11 - John Henderson
- 12 - Pamela Paul
- 14 - Garrett Macon
- 18 - Bob Allshouse
- 20 - Jack Dehanas
- 21 - Mary Paul
- 23 - Emily Glazier
- 23 - Debbie Anderson
- 24 - Tim & Kim Osborne
- 26 - Marie Lennon
- 27 - Wayne Neese
- 28 - Haris & Gusleine Domond
- 29 - Jorge Rhodes
- 30 - Haris Domond

**Bible Classes This Week**

**Sunday Bible Classes:**

Auditorium - Ben Gyimah - "The Christian Atheist"  
Classroom A8 - Joe Lennon - Song Class

**Youth classes include:**

Cradle Roll - Room #2A - Kim Osborne  
Pre-School - K - Room#2 - Shelby Macon  
1st - 3rd Grade - Room # 3/4 - Susan Shelly  
4th - 5th Grade - Room # 1- Nora Vitiello & Susan Meulenberg  
Middle School & High School -Room # 11- Zak & Jordyn Dempsey

**Wednesday Night:**

Auditorium - Lyle Asbill  
Truth Talks / Singing - Classroom #11 - Zak & Jordyn Dempsey  
Preschool class - Room #2 - Kim Osborne  
Youth classes 1st - 5th Grade - Room #1 - Tiffany Mitchell

**New Adult Classes Today**

There are two adult classes today. Ben Gyimah will be teaching in the auditorium a class titled "The Christian Atheist". Joe Lennon will be teaching a song class in classroom A8. Joe will be using material from Praise and Harmony to help us learn a few new songs and to brush up on the songs we know.

**Baby "Sprinkling"**

You are invited to help Garrett, Shelby & Mary Grace Macon celebrate the upcoming arrival of Tanner William Macon who is due February 10th. We will have a Baby "Sprinkle" on January 19th at Garrett & Shelby's condo at 9650 Victoria Lane #102, Naples, FL 34109 from 2:00 PM -4:00 PM. Shelby is registered at Amazon. Please see Tiffany Mitchell if you have any questions or to RSVP.

**Touch-A-Truck**

Plans for the Second Annual Touch-A-Truck event are underway! We are looking for volunteers for that day. If you can help out on February 1, 2020, please see Scott Otey. Scott will be more than happy to sign you up and give you a t-shirt! We had over 1,000 people come through the event last year. Some even arrived via helicopter!

**Hunger Walk**

This year, we would like to have a team of walkers for the Harry Chapin Food Bank Hunger Walk. This is a family friendly event for walkers of all ages. If you would like information, please see Amanda Coleman.

**ELDERS**

Barry Brown: 777-7248  
 Ben Gyimah: 449-6339  
 Claude Haynes: 450-0715

**STAFF**

Lyle Asbill: Minister  
 Kathleen Brown: Office Admin  
 Zak Dempsey: Youth Minister

**DEACONS**

Terry Billingsby Building / Grounds  
 Jeff Blake Adult Education  
 Alan Glazier Worship  
 Glenn Macon Youth  
 Larry Menoher Building / Grounds  
 Drew Meulenberg Finance  
 Tim Osborne Children's Education & Prayer

Scott Otey Special Events  
 Marc Rimmer Benevolence  
 Hugh Travis Livingston Academy  
 Tom Wriggins Worship

**MINISTRY LEADERS**

Dennis Coleman Visitation  
 Haris Domond Social Media & Advertising  
 George Fetzer Security  
 David Wakeland Involvement

**USA MISSIONS**

Roberto Escobar, Sr. [Naples]  
 Carlos & Maribel Preciado [Pompano]  
 Christian Home & Bible School

**LIVINGSTON ACADEMY**

Bailey Murrell Daycare Director

**GHANA MISSIONARIES**

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

**WORSHIP SERVICES****SUNDAY**

Bible Study— 9:00 A.M. - 9:45 A.M.  
 Worship— 10:00 A.M. - 11:15 A.M.  
 Spanish Worship— 1:00 P.M.  
 Life Forming Groups—6:00 P.M.  
 Meeting in various homes

**WEDNESDAY**

Bible Study —6:30 P.M.

**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday & Friday: 10A.M.—4P.M.  
 Wednesday: 11 A.M. —6:30 P.M.

**SERVICE SCHEDULE****Today****Next Week****Song Leader:**

Joe Lennon Joe Lennon

**Opening Prayer:**

Barry Brown Talor Kelley

**Scripture Reading:**

Doug Fee David Wakeland

**Communion Leader**

Hugh Travis Tom Wriggins

**Servers:**

Elvis Durity Scott Otey

Rick Taft Garrett Macon

Ben Gyimah Glenn Macon

Marc Rimmer Bill Strong

Cameron Rimmer Logan Rimmer

Charlie McCauley JC Perez

**Closing Prayer:**

Tim Osborne Easton Davis

**Computer:**

David Wakeland Jordyn Dempsey

**Sound Booth:**

Garrett Macon Zak Dempsey

**Nursery:**

Sheri Glazier Nora Vitiello

**Greeters:**

Lisa Hare Sheri Glazier

**Ushers:**

Larry Menoher Alan Glazier

Scott Holden Cody Callanan

**Visitor Center:**

Stella Gyimah Lisa Hare

**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.

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 [Nursery, Sound Booth], Lyle Asbill [Visitor, Usher, Greeter]

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