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STAFF

Lyle Asbill:	Minister
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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

USA MISSIONS

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

LIVINGSTON ACADEMY

Bailey Murrell Daycare Director

GHANA MISSIONARIES

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

WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY

Worship— 10:00 A.M. - 10:40 A.M.
Spanish Worship— 1:00 P.M.

OFFICE HOURS

Working from home
Office hours by appointment only.



THE FAMILY CONNECTION

Romans 15:7

April 19, 2020

Welcome!

The Highest Ransom Ever Paid

A few years ago, there was a true story about a man in New York City who was kidnapped. His kidnappers called his wife and asked for \$100,000 ransom. She talked them down to \$30,000.

The story had a happy ending: the man returned home unharmed, the money was recovered, and the kidnappers were caught and sent to jail. Don't you wonder what happened when the man got home and found that his wife got him back for a discount?

Calvin Trillin was the writer of this story. He imagined what the negotiation must have been like: \$100,00 for that old guy? You have got to be crazy. Just look at him! Look at that gut! You want \$100,000 for that? You've got to be kidding. Give me a break here. \$30,000 is my top offer."

I can sympathize with the kidnapped man because I wonder how much the people in my life think that I'm worth. I am flattered beyond description to realize that I was worth enough to God that He was willing to pay the ultimate price for my ransom, my redemption. As Peter put it:

"You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your fathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot." (1 Peter 1:18-19)

Ultimately, the value of something (or someone) is determined by how much someone is willing to pay for it. A piece of art that may be worth millions of dollars to someone else may be worth less than a hundred dollars to me. The worth of something is determined by how much we're willing to pay for it.

What that means is that we are of tremendous value to God. He didn't quibble about the price but was willing to pay the full ransom amount – the highest ransom ever paid!

GIVING & ATTENDANCE
WEEK ENDED April 12, 2020

Weekly Actual \$ 11,177
 Weekly Budget 9,500
 Weekly Variance \$ 1,677
 4 Week Average Variance \$ < 8,465
 Attendance via views online: 1,400

PRAYER UPDATES

- Mildred Freeland, Lyle Wheeler, Darinda Paul, June McCauley, Elvis Durity, Bonnie Thompson, & Scott Blake continue to have health challenges.
- Pray for the families affected by COVID-19. This health crisis has taken its toll on everyone physically, financially, emotionally, and spiritually. We have the opportunity to be the light in all of this darkness.
- Sue Macon had surgery this past Friday. Everything went well! She expects to be in the hospital for a few days while she recovers. She is thankful for all the prayers. Cards may be sent to: 975 Palm View Drive, #A103, Naples, 34110.
- Add Dennis Coleman's sister to your prayer list. She has been diagnosed with cancer.

Ladies Class - Via Zoom

We are continuing our study of "Everything You Need by Courtney Steed via Zoom. The study takes place on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. If you would like to participate, please email Carla at:
 carlasledge@aol.com.

Live Streaming

For those who watched last week, we hope you enjoyed the addition of having the songs streamed. We will continue to use SwitcherStudio so that we can have songs as a part of our streamed service. We will enjoy our old favorites as well as some that will be new to us. We have increased our internet band width so that we are able to provide a better service. We also added a few new faces via video upload. Please tune in today to the live stream at 10 AM via Facebook. Look for the church logo as the header on the page. If you are having problems with the feed on your computer, try using the Facebook app on your phone.

Communion Supplies

We have communion available to all those who would like to come to the building to pick it up in advance. There are three ways for you to receive communion from us:

1. You may **come to the building** on Friday from 11:00 AM - 5PM. We ask that you think of the porte cochere as a drive thru area. Please stay in your car and call the church building at 239-455-5252. Kathleen will deliver your requested communion supplies to your car.
2. If you are unable to be here on Friday, please **call one of the shepherds** to arrange a time. All of their phone numbers are listed on the front page.
3. If you are **unable to go out**, please let us know and someone will deliver communion to you.

Deepest Condolences

We extend our deepest condolences to the Lupton and Harty families who are in the grieving process.

Bill Harty went home to the Lord last Sunday. Kay and Becky were able to be with him before he passed. Although we cannot be with the family to offer comfort, cards may be sent to them at: 8155 Ibis Cove Circle, Naples, 34119.

Sally Lupton's father also passed on Sunday. Her father was diagnosed with COVID-19 right before his passing. Sally was with him as he passed. In addition to grieving her father, she has also been exposed to COVID-19. Cards for the Lupton family may be sent to: 11944 Britesilks Lane, Cincinnati, Ohio 34249.

Giving

There are four ways to make your donation:

- 1 - **Online** through Givelify.com or the Givelify app.
- 2 - **Mail** a check to the church - 12760 Livingston Road, 34105
- 3 - **Drop** a check or cash in an envelope (with your name) into the church locked mailbox. It is the middle one out front.
- 4 - **Give** it to the person who brings the communion supplies to you.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 22 - Sela Adams | 30 - Di Menoher | 7 - John & Kathy Diniro | 16 - Randy Blitch |
| 23 - Bill Gillett | May 3 - David Flagg | 9 - Richard Himelick | 16 - Warren Werntz |
| 24 - Hugh Travis | 3 - Pam Macon | 11 - Linda Copeland | 21 - Stella Gyimah |
| 24 - Tom Wriggins | 4 - Kenneth Brown | 11 - Dennis & Amanda Coleman | 22 - Kyle, Kalee, & Lexi Cipolla |
| 25 - Tracy Mak | 4 - Wilma Himelick | 12 - Hannah Macon | 23 - Marc & Sonyia Rimmer |
| 27 - Faith Brown | 4 - Drew & Susan Meulenberg | 12 - Hazel Durity | 25 - Alan Glazier |
| 27 - Sonyia Rimmer | 6 - Larry & Di Menoher | 15 - Kristin Cipolla | 25 - William Mitchell |
| 28 - Shelby Macon | 7 - Mildred Freeland | 15 - George & Virginia Kirsch | 25 - Jack & Rachel DeHanas |
| 28 - Margorie Rhodes | | | |