# THE FAMILY CONNECTION

Romans 15:7 May 31, 2020



#### THE GRADUATION GIFT

A young man was getting ready to graduate from college. For many months he had admired a beautiful sports car in a dealer's showroom, and knowing that his father could well afford it, he told him that was all he wanted. As Graduation Day approached, the young man awaited signs that his father had purchased the car. Finally, on the morning of his graduation, his father called him into his private study.

His father told him how proud he was to have such a fine son and told him how much he loved him. He handed his son a beautiful wrapped gift box. Curious, but somewhat disappointed, the young man opened the box and found a lovely, leather bound Bible, with the young man's name embossed in gold.

Angrily, he raised his voice to his father and said, "With all your money you give me a Bible?" and stormed out of the house, leaving the Bible.

Many years passed and the young man was highly successful in business. He had a beautiful home and wonderful family, but realized his father was very old and thought perhaps he should go to him. He had not seen him since that graduation day. But before he could make arrangements, he received a telegram telling him his father had passed away and willed all of his possessions to his son. He needed to come home immediately and take care of things.

When he arrived at his father's house, sudden sadness and regret filled his heart. He began to search through his father's important papers and saw the still new Bible, just as he had left it years ago. With tears, he opened the Bible and began to turn the pages.

His father has carefully underlined a verse, Matthew 7:11, "And if ye, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Heavenly Father which is in heaven, give to those who ask Him?"

As he read those words, a car key dropped from the back of the Bible. It had a tag with the dealer's name, the same dealer who had the sports car he had desired. On the tag was the date of his graduation, and the words.... PAID IN FULL.

How many times have we missed God's blessings because they are not packaged as we expected?

May God's blessings touch your life always.

## PRAYER LIST\* MEMBERS

- Margie Rhodes
- Drew Meulenberg
- Judy Ressallat
- Bonnie Thompson
- Terry Shaw
- Bonnie Stephens Maria Reategui
- Maggie Rodriguez
- Elvis Durity
- Asbill Family
- Marjorie Connor
- David & Della Flagg
- Blake Family
- Carla Sledge Harty Family
- Sue Macon
- IC Perez's mom, Wilda
- Larry & Di Menoher
- Frieda Rodgers Donna Strong
- Lee & Linda Sutton
- Warren & Brenda Werntz

#### NURSING HOME / SHUT-INS

- June McCauley
- Mildred Freeland
- Lyle Wheeler
- Dolly Blitch
- 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
- Judy Ressallat's sister
- John Wallace's sister
- George Ballard
- Marsha Hampton
- Marco Moros
- John David & Nancy Ottway
- Bob Stafford
- Judy Sauer's granddaughter, Magen
- Christina Soriero
- John Werntz

#### **MILITARY**

Christopher Lemay Darrell Martin Casandra Prokop Lee Strong

## Order of Worship

May 31, 2020

Call to Worship: Alan Glazier

"O Worship the King"

Welcome: Barry Brown

"I Sing Praises to Your Name"

"Doxology"

Prayer: Hugh Travis

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Communion

Leader: Scott Holden

"Soldiers of Christ, Arise!"

Message: Lyle Asbill

Invitation:

"Lord Reign in Me"

**Graduate Presentation** 

19 - Danny & Susan Shelly

20 - Colby & Pamela Paul

20 - Alana Wriggins

Song As We Enter the Mission Field:

"Your Kingdom until Then"

Closing Prayer: David Wakeland

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 is also available upon request. Please see Kathleen prior to worship.

## Birthday's & Anniversaries

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31 - Carlie Darragh	21 - Linda Robles
June 2 - Rick & Gina Taft	21 - Talor Kelley
3 - Bob & Brenda Stephens	23 - Joe Anderson
4 - Alan & Sheri Glazier	24 - John Wallace
4 - Lee & Linda Sutton	24 - David & Marcella Wakeland
9 - June McCauley	25 - Elvis Durity
11 - Richard & Wilma Himelick	26 - Jeff Blake
12 - Charlie McCauley	26 - Bonnie Thompson
14 - Bob & Debby Anderson	27 - Alicia Mak
15 - Katie Darragh	27 - Margie Conner
16 - Sandra Pell	30 - Astolfo & Maria Reategui

30 - Gary & Marsha Hampton

July 2 - Hugh & Diana Travis

3 - Rick Taft

#### GIVING & ATTENDANCE WEEK ENDED May 24, 2020

Weekly Actual \$11,455
Weekly Budget 8,750
Weekly Variance \$2,705

4 Week Average Variance \$1,606

4 Week Average variance \$1,000

Attendance in Building 80 Attendance via views online: 2,827

Attendance Wednesday online: 350

#### 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 time has taken its toll on everyone physically, financially, emotionally, and spiritually.
- Warren Werntz's knee replacement surgery is scheduled soon.
- Carrie Asbill will know in a couple of weeks whether or not ankle surgery will be needed. She is thankful for all the prayers and concerns.

## Live Streaming

We will continue to live stream our Wednesday night Bible Study at 6:30 PM.

For those who are not attending worship in person, 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.

Our A/V ministry is expanding. See Haris for more information!

#### Ladies Class - Via Zoom

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

## **Communion Supplies**

For those who feel the need to continue social distancing, we will continue to offer communion supplies for pick up. There are a few ways for you to receive communion from us:

- 1. You may come to the building on Friday from 11:00 AM 5PM.
- 2. You may call one of the shepherds to arrange a time.
- 3. If you are unable to go out, please let us know we will deliver to you.

## Giving

Even though we have resumed worshipping together at the building, there will continue to be four ways to make your donation:

- 1 Online through the Givelify app.
- 2 Mail a check to the building 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.

## Honoring Our Graduates

After services today, we will be honoring our 2020 high school graduates. If you are able, please stay to support Shawn Mak, Cameron Rimmer, Ashley Shaw, and Johnny Cipolla. We wish them the best of luck on the next chapter of their lives! "
If you would like to send them a card, here are their addresses:

Johnny Cipolla - 9573 Berkshire Street, Naples, 34109 Shawn Mak - 3441 Winifred Row Lane Apt. #802, Naples, 34116 Cameron Rimmer - 2879 Blossom Court, Naples, 34120 Ashley Shaw - 1169 County Road 858, Naples, 34120

## Prayer Section

If you have requested that someone be put on the prayer list and they are no longer in need of prayer, please let us know. We like to know when prayers have been answered.

## **Deepest Condolences**

Our deepest condolences go out to the Macon family in the passing of their brother Doug. Glenn received the news of his brother's passing at the end of worship last week. Some of the family is in Georgia for a small family service. Cards for the family may be sent to:

Glenn, Pam & Hannah Macon ~ 5121 Coral Wood Drive, Naples 34119 Garrett & Shelby Macon ~ 9650 Victoria Lane #102, Naples 34109 Sue Macon ~ 975 Palm View Drive #A103, Naples 34110

#### **SHEPHERDS**

 Terry Billingsby
 423-943-8999

 Barry Brown:
 239-777-7248

 Ben Gyimah:
 239-449-6339

 Claude Haynes:
 239-450-0715

 Tim Osborne
 239-293-3259

 Scott Otey
 239-253-9640

 Hugh Travis
 239-450-1445

#### **STAFF**

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

#### **DEACONS**

Jeff Blake Adult Education
Alan Glazier Worship
Glenn Macon Youth
Larry Menoher
Drew Meulenberg
Marc Rimmer
Tom Wriggins
Adult Education
Worship

#### **MINISTRY LEADERS**

Dennis Coleman

Haris Domond

George Fetzer

David Wakeland

Visitation

Social Media &
Advertising

Security

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. Streaming begins at 10:00 A.M.

#### WEDNESDAY

Bible Study via Facebook —6:30 P.M.

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Working from home Office hours by appointment only



### **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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## SERVICE SCHEDULE

### **Today**

Song Leader: Alan Glazier
Opening Prayer: Hugh Travis

Communion:

Leader Scott Holden
Servers & Ushers: Robert Copeland
IC Perez, Cameron Rimmer

Marc Rimmer, Bill Strong

Phil Osborne

Closing Prayer: David Wakeland
Nursery: Kim Osborne
Computer: David Wakeland
Sound Booth: Kathleen Brown
Media: Zak Dempsey

#### June 7th

Welcome: Terry Billingsby

Song Leader: Opening Prayer: Communion:

Leader

Servers & Ushers: Robert Copeland JC Perez , Cameron Rimmer Glenn Macon , Marc Rimmer Bill Strong, Phil Osborne

Closing Prayer:

Nursery:Nora VitielloComputer:David WakelandSound Booth:Kathleen BrownMedia: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 [Nursery, Sound Booth], Lyle Asbill [Visitor, Usher, Greeter]