

THE FAMILY CONNECTION

Romans 15:7

March 14, 2021

welcome!

Share the News!

What should be the deciding factor in determining whether the Good News of the Gospel should be silenced? I recall a scripture when religious leaders of the day were becoming more than concerned about the activities of the Apostles in the book of Acts.

“Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. ‘Go, stand in the temple courts,’ he said, ‘and tell the people the full message of this new life.’” Acts 5:17-20 (NIV)

The high priest and their associates were burning in envy because the Apostles were presenting a new message of hope to the people. It was not a half-hearted proclamation instead it described a new life that no one had ever heard of before. The Gospel could be observed in the lives of God’s messengers, even incarceration could not stop the persistent doctrine of truth.

Unfortunately the “Good News” remains bad news to those who do not recognize the authority of the scriptures.

“Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.” 2 Timothy 4:2-4 (KJV)

“Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.” 1 Peter 5:8-9

Fortunately the message has not changed and the Gospel is still promising a new life.

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings.” Hebrew 13:8-9a

Satan continues to use suspicion, envy and doubt, but the lost of this world deserves to hear the Truth - let’s continue to share the Good News of a new life.

PRAYER LIST* MEMBERS

- Diniro Family
- Claude Haynes
- Margie Rhodes
- Drew Meulenberg
- 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

March 14, 2021

Call to Worship: Joe Lennon
 Medley *"That's Why We Praise Him"*
 "Glorify Thy Name"

Announcements

& Welcome: Barry Brown
 "The Lion and the Lamb"

Prayer: Roberto Escobar, Jr.

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5:15-21
 "Highly Exalted"

Communion

Leader: Scott Holden
 Mark 14:22-25
 2 Corinthians 9:12-13
 "I Am Resolved"

Message: Russ Bone

Invitation: *"There Is Power in the Blood"*

Song As We Enter the Mission Field:
 "Seek Ye First"

Closing Prayer: Mark McCullough

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.

Birthday's & Anniversaries

15 - Chelsea (Diniro) Lukosavich	18 - Lyle & Carrie Asbill
17 - Marsha Hampton	19 - Zoë Dempsey
18 - Wendi Darragh	20 - Terry Shaw

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 @ 5:30PM - Russ Bone
March 14th:	Daylight Saving Time begins
March 16th:	Deacon / Ministry Leader Meeting - 6:30PM
March 26th:	Easter Egg Hunt
March 27th:	Surprise Welcome Fellowship with Neal Family
April 23rd:	VPK Graduation
July 11th - 17th:	Teen Week at Central Florida Bible Camp

GIVING & ATTENDANCE
WEEK ENDED March 7, 2021

Weekly Actual	\$9,242
Weekly Budget	<u>\$10,500</u>
Weekly Variance	\$ <1,258>
4 Week Average Variance	\$ <1,655>
Sunday Morning:	
Attendance in Building	122
Attendance via views online:	251
Sunday Evening:	
Attendance in Building	29
Attendance via views online:	78
Wednesday:	
Attendance in Building/ Teens	36
Attendance online:	180

PRAYER UPDATES

- Claude Haynes, Darinda Paul, June McCauley, Elvis Durity, 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.
- John David Ottway has been diagnosed with Stage 4 Liver cancer.
- Nora Vitiello is making progress with her recovery. She needs to stay off her leg for at least another week. She will be able to return soon. Alexis will travel with her.
- Beverly Shreeve sends word that Russell is recovering from an infection and pneumonia and is in need of heart surgery. The Shreeve's are former members.

Bible Study

Our in person class for Sunday nights:

Everyone - Main Auditorium - 5:30 PM - Russ Bone

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.

Deacon / Ministry Leader Meeting

The next meeting with all of the Deacons and Ministry Leaders will be this Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 6:30PM. Larry Menoher is coordinating the meeting. Agenda items should be given to him today.

Volunteer Opportunity

An Easter Festival and Egg Hunt for the families of Livingston Academy and the church will be held on Friday, March 26th from 4:30PM to 7:00PM. Here's how you can help:

- ◆ We need donations of any size plastic eggs and nut free individually wrapped candies - our VPK class will fill the eggs for you!
 - ◆ We need volunteers to help on the day of the event - set up and clean up, craft station, bounce house attendants, and kitchen help.
 - ◆ Please RSVP to Becky Harty at 239-404-4348 by March 24th if your family will be attending.
- Please see Diane Otey if you are able to help with this outreach event.

Expanding Our Leadership

The Shepherds would like to submit to the congregation Roberto Escobar Jr and Marvin Donis as potential Deacons. If you know of any scriptural reason why these men should not serve, we encourage you to first discuss it with the potential deacon and then make your scriptural reason known to any Shepherd no later than March 28.

Members' Pictures

In preparation for the Neal's arrival, please make sure that we have your most current family photo in our pictorial directory. If you would like to have a new photo taken, please see Diane Otey.

Surprise Sunset Fellowship - Neal Family

Please join our church family on Saturday, March 27th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Lowdermillk Beach Park to welcome the Neal Family. The event will be a sunset dinner to show our love and enthusiasm for their addition to our church family. The celebration is a surprise so "MUM'S the word". Menu: Baked Ziti, Salad, Bread, and Cake. Please RSVP by March 23rd to Sue Macon 239-398-9051 or Pam Macon 239-207-4429. In addition, please let Pam or Sue know if you are able to help with beverages, ice, snacks, etc. Let's show the Neal's the welcoming spirit of the Naples Church of Christ with a GREAT turnout!

Our Children's Ministry will be offering a children's class during worship beginning on April 4th. Please see Diane Otey for additional info..

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, Prosper

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

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



SERVICE SCHEDULE

March 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: Mark McCullough
 Computer: David Wakeland
 Sound Booth: Kathleen Brown
 Media: Zak Dempsey

Next Week

Welcome: Terry Billingsby
 Song Leader: Joe Lennon
 Preaching: Russ Bone
 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
 Communion Prep Marie Lennon
 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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