

# THE FAMILY CONNECTION

Romans 15:7

May 2, 2021

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# WELCOME!

## Throw Off Everything that Hinders

A couple purchased a new boat but they were having serious problems. No matter how hard they tried, they couldn't get the boat going. It was sluggish no matter which way they turned or how much power was applied. After an hour of trying to make it go, they sputtered to a nearby marina, hoping someone could tell them what was wrong. A thorough check on the topside of the boat revealed everything was in perfect working condition. The engine ran fine, the out drive went up and down, and the propeller was the correct size and pitch. Then, one of the marina guys jumped in the water to check underneath. He came up choking with laughter. Under the boat, still strapped securely in place, was the trailer!

How often have we been guilty of the same thing? We sputter along in our spiritual lives, wondering why we're not making much progress, wondering why we don't feel any closer to God than we do. We take a spiritual check of the situation and find that we're attending worship regularly, we're reading our Bibles, we're praying. On the surface, everything appears to be what it ought to be. However, beneath the surface lurks some sin that we have allowed to latch hold of our lives. There it lies, unforgiven, maybe even unrecognized, dragging us down.

Though the Hebrew writer used the image of a runner as opposed to that of a boat, the concept is exactly the same: "...let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us." (Hebrews 12:1)

If your spiritual life is sputtering along, perhaps you would do well to look for sin that lies beneath the surface. Throw off everything that hinders you, and you'll find that things will run a lot more smoothly.

Borrowed

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

- Claude Haynes
- Margie Rhodes
- Bonnie Stephens
- Maria Reategui
- Maggie Rodriguez
- Elvis Durity
- Marjorie Connor
- Lew Parks
- Frieda Rodgers
- Doug Fee
- Carla Sledge
- Donna Strong
- Lee & Linda Sutton
- Di Menoher
- Ron Restivo
- Jeff Blake

**NURSING HOME / SHUT-INS**

- June McCauley
- Wayne & Bonnie Bucy

**FAMILY & FRIENDS**

- Jon Sauer
- Kasey Dudley            Tania Gadbury
- 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 Wertz & Mom
- 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**

**May 2, 2021**

**Call to Worship:**    Joe Lennon  
*Medley*                      "Praise the Lord"  
   "I Stand Amazed"

**Announcements  
& Welcome:**        Ben Gyimah  
   "Behold, Our God"

**Prayer &:**                      Tom Wriggins  
**Scripture Reading:**  
   "Highly Exalted"

**Communion**  
**Leader:**                      Scott Holden  
   Matthew 26:26-29  
   1 Timothy 6:7-10

Children are invited to go to the worship class during this song.

**Song before the Message**  
*Medley*                      "Take My Life and Let it Be"

**Message:**                      Russ Bone

**Invitation:**                      "Remind Me, Dear Lord"

**Song As We Enter the Mission Field:**  
   "This World Is Not My Home"

**Closing Prayer:**        Dennis Coleman  
   Parents please pick up your child from class

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.

Deacon / Ministry Leader Meeting scheduled for May 11th is cancelled.

**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  
**May 4th:**                        Girls' Devo - Macon's @ 5PM  
**May 8th:**                        Youth Cook Out - Grey House @ 4PM  
**\*\*\*\*May 21st:**                VPK Graduation - 10 AM\*\*\*\*  
**July 11th - 17th:**            Teen Week at Central Florida Bible Camp

**GIVING & ATTENDANCE**  
**WEEK ENDED April 25th**

Weekly Actual	\$ 7,029
Weekly Budget	<u>\$10,500</u>
Weekly Variance	\$<3,471>
4 Week Average Variance	\$<1,650>

Sunday Morning:

Attendance in Building	127
Attendance via views online:	302

Sunday Evening:

Attendance in Building	34
Attendance via views online:	123

Wednesday:

Attendance in Building/ Teens	38
Attendance online:	68

**PRAYER SECTION**

- Claude Haynes, 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 is receiving in home Hospice care.
- The Glazier's 1 year-old grandson, Dax, was diagnosed with COVID. The last update we have is that everyone is feeling better.
- Condolences go out to Beverly Shreeve & family in the passing of Russell on Tuesday. Russell had been ill and in need of heart surgery. Cards may be sent to: 527 Dovetown Road Apt 16, Royston, GA 30662. Emails may be sent to: Russnbev@aol.com.

**Bible Study**

**Our in person / virtual class for Sunday night:**

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 for Wednesday night 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.

**Children's Worship Class**

Our children's worship class is offered to those 3 years of age to 2nd grade and will be held in Classroom A8 - that's the large classroom in the back. Children will be dismissed by the song leader after the communion service. You may use either set of double doors into the classroom area. Please take a moment to encourage your child to go potty before going to class. When services are over, parents (only) promptly pick up their children from the classroom.

**New Members**

As announced last Sunday, Miguel & Massielle (Massie) Taveras have placed membership. Take a moment to welcome them. Miguel & Massie sit on the front row. You can add their contact information to your directory - 4995 4th Ave SE, Naples, 34117. Miguel's cell: 305-300-6559. Massie's cell: 786-682-9838. Their email is: SixEightSix.mm@gmail.com.

**Girls' Devo/Fellowship Night**

The first Girls' Devo was a huge success! Make plans to join the next devo on Tuesday, May 4th from 5:30-8 PM. The girls are a group of likeminded teens seeking God's heart in study, fellowship, and love at the Macon home (5121 Coral Wood Dr). All girls ages 13-18 yrs. and their friends are welcome. Pam will be hosting but the girls will be leading the group. Contact Pam at 239-207-4429 to RSVP or volunteer to help.

**Youth Cook-Out**

Saturday, May 8th outside NCOC Grey House 4-7 p.m. All ages up to 18 yrs. are welcome, friends are encouraged. Join us in an evening of outdoor fun and fellowship. Volunteers are appreciated! To RSVP contact Glenn Macon 239-339-7778.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

May 3 - Pam Macon	11 - Dennis & Amanda Coleman	21 - Stella Gyimah
4 - Ken Brown	12 - Hannah Macon	22 - Kyle, Kalee, Lexi Cipolla
4 - Drew & Susan Meulenberg	12 - Hazel Durity	22 - Richard & Margie Conner
6 - Larry & Di Menoher	15 - Kristin Cipolla	23 - Marc & Sonyia Rimmer
8 - Easton & Allysa Davis	16 - Randy Blitch	25 - Alan Glazier
9 - Logan & Hailey Rimmer	16 - Warren Wertz	25 - William Mitchell
11 - Linda Copeland	16 - Liliana Donis	25 - Jack & Rachel DeHanas

### 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  
 Tim Neal Lead Minister

### DEACONS

Jeff Blake Adult Education  
 Marvin Donis TBA  
 Roberto Escobar, Jr. Daycare Cmte.  
 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 AM - 11:00 AM  
 Streaming - 10:00 AM & 5:30 PM  
 Hispanic Service - 1:00 PM  
 Evening Study - 5:30 PM

#### WEDNESDAY

Ladies Class - 6PM via Zoom  
 Bible Study - 6:30 PM  
 Streaming begins at 6:30 PM

### OFFICE HOURS

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



### SERVICE SCHEDULE

#### May 2nd

Welcome: Ben Gyimah  
 Song Leader: Joe Lennon  
 Preaching: Russ Bone  
 Scripture Reading &  
 Opening Prayer Tom Wriggins  
 Communion:  
 Leader Scott Holden  
 Servers & Ushers:  
 Marc Rimmer, AJ Lopez  
 Hugh Travis, Scott Otey  
 Closing Prayer: Dennis Coleman  
 Computer: David Wakeland  
 Sound: Kathleen Brown  
 Media: Zak Dempsey

#### Next Week

Welcome: Scott Otey  
 Song Leader: Joe Lennon  
 Preaching: Russ Bone  
 Scripture Reading &  
 Opening Prayer Roberto Escobar, Jr.  
 Communion:  
 Leader Barry Brown  
 Servers & Ushers:  
 Ben Gyimah, Phil Osborne  
 Scott Holden, Bill Strong  
 Closing Prayer: Tom Wriggins  
 Computer: Cameron Rimmer  
 Sound: Kathleen Brown  
 Media: Zak Dempsey  
 Communion Prep: Pam Macon  
 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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