

THE FAMILY CONNECTION

Romans 15:7

May 15, 2022

welcome!

Some Things I Hope Will Never Change

As much as I love the Ghanaian people and their beautiful country, there are so many things I would change if only I could.

I hate the poverty that exists throughout the country, the homelessness and lack of basic daily necessities. I can't bear to see the widespread hunger and malnutrition that is so apparent on the bellies of the precious children. I am appalled to hear of the rampant infant mortality due to disease and starvation. I detest the presence of serious diseases like Leprosy, Polio, Malaria, and Typhoid fever, which reach epidemic proportions in Ghana, even though vaccinations and cures exist. I am angered to hear of the deaths of dear friends and loved ones, simply because adequate medicine and practical medical services are not available. I am sickened to see loving mothers walk for miles with heavy containers of water on their heads, water so contaminated with bacteria that it is slowly killing their families.

Although, in contrast, there are some things I hope will never change!

I am thrilled to know that Ghana is predominantly a Christian country and that according to the Accra newspaper, the church of Christ is the fastest growing church in Ghana! I love to teach in the regions of Ghana where there are no televisions, movies, newspapers, or any other modern-day distractions that steal the valuable time and attention away from the word of God. I love to see the earnest desire of the villagers to hear the word and it amazes me that they will sometimes travel for days on foot to listen to us teach from the Bible, then sit for hours on wooden benches as our lessons are translated into the dialect of their region. I enjoy hearing the difficult and thought-provoking questions posed by the villagers at the end of our lessons, which enables them to learn more about the Bible. It excites me to see the sincere heart felt appreciation when a villager receives a cherished Bible of their own to study.

It amazes me to see the dedication and willingness of our African evangelists as they roll their pant legs up and wade into the muddy, infested waters of Ghana to baptize precious souls into Christ, without concern for their own health or safety. At the end of the day, I look forward to hearing the beautiful voices of the villagers blend together as they sit around the bon fire and sing praises to God. These are just some of the things I hope will never change.

Ghanaians need God! I pray that the Naples Church of Christ will continue to support our evangelists and that the generosity of our members likewise will never change!

PRAYER LIST*

MEMBERS

- Claude Haynes
- Debbie Kendall
- Frank Vitiello
- Linda Copeland
- Danny Shelly
- Margie Rhodes
- Bonnie Stephens
- Maria Reategui
- Elvis Durity
- Bob Stafford
- Doug Fee
- Carla Sledge
- Donna Strong
- Lee & Linda Sutton
- Di Menoher
- Jeff Blake
- Glenn Macon
- Rick Barrett
- John Wallace

NURSING HOME / SHUT-INS

- June McCauley Frieda Rodgers
- Lew Parks

FAMILY & FRIENDS

- Jon Sauer Lexi Carr
- Kasey Dudley Tania Gadbury
- Maddie Whitlock
- Cara Rogers
- Amelia Larios
- Joe & Marie Lennon's son
- Mary Ryder Lynn Greer
- Linda Sutton grandson Matt &
great granddaughter Jordan
- John Wallace's sister, Beth
- Marsha Hampton
- Marco Moros
- Hussey Family Sally Abbott
- Judy Sauer's g-daughter, Meaghan
- Ivonne - Maria Reategui's cousin
- Robert Champion
- Michael Presto
- Larry Brown Judy Brugman
- Brooke Ruppel Laubel Perez
- Mary Nell Shelly
- Danny Billingsby
- Donia Ciabuca
- Adrian Ivanov

MILITARY

Christopher Lemay Lee Strong
Darrell Martin Casandra Prokop

Order of Worship

May 15, 2022

Call to Worship: Zak Dempsey

"I Will Call upon the Lord"

Welcome & Prayer: Barry Brown

"Just a Little Talk"

"Come, Share the Lord"

Communion: Terry Billingsby

Mark 14:22-25

Deuteronomy 15:10-11

Song before the Message

"Highly Exalted"

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

Message: Tim Neal

Invitation Song: *"Just As I Am / I Come Broken"*

Closing Song: *"It Is Well with My Soul"*

Closing Prayer: Terry Shaw

Parents please pick up your children from class

*Children's Worship Class - 3 years of age to Pre-K - Classroom A8

Worship volunteers - remember to meet in Classroom A-11 at 8:50

Communion bread has been placed into individual cups. Gluten Free communion has been placed within the very center ring of each tray. Bread & juice cups will be picked up when the offering is collected.

Future Events

Monday: Russ' Open Bible Study - 6-7PM - Fellowship Rm
Every Tuesday: Men's Prayer Meeting - 6:30 AM
Every Tuesday: Girls' Devo - 6:15PM - Pam Macon's home
May 11th-June 1st: Ladies Bible Class begins at 6PM
May 22nd: PopStroke in Fort Myers - Single's Fellowship
May 29th: Fellowship Meal honoring our Graduates

Birthday's & Anniversaries

15 - Kristin Cipolla	21 - Stella Gyimah
16 - Randy Blitch,	22 - Kyle, Lexi, & Kalee Cipolla
16 - Warren Wertz	23 - Marc & Sonyia Rimmer
16 - Liliana Donis	25 - Alan Glazier
18 - Doug Hoff	25 - Jack & Rachel Dehanas

GIVING & ATTENDANCE
WEEK ENDED May 8, 2022

Weekly Actual	\$ 8,757
Weekly Budget	<u>\$ 7,400</u>
Weekly Variance	\$ 1,357
4 Week Average Variance	\$ 990
Sunday Worship:	
Attendance in Building	159
Attendance via views online:	105
Sunday Morning Study:	
Attendance in Building	80
Attendance via views online:	92
Sunday Evening:	
Connection Group Attendance	
Wednesday:	
Attendance in Building/ Teens	65
Attendance online:	59

PRAYER SECTION

- Claude Haynes, June McCauley, Elvis Durity, & Scott Blake continue to have health challenges.
- Pray for the families affected by COVID-19.
- Several members are going through a series of medical tests and doctor appointments. Please keep all of them and their medical team in your prayers.
- John Wallace will be returning to Michigan for surgery on May 31.
- Frank Vitiello finally had his surgery last Saturday. He will need to have some rehab.
- Angela Steinkirchner's dad is in the ICU after a heart attack.

Ladies Bible Study

May 11th - June 1st the Ladies Wednesday Night Bible Class will begin at 6pm with a covered dish meal. Bring your Bibles and a dish to share.

Single's Ministry

The singles ministry outing at Pop-Stroke in Fort Myers on May 22nd is open to everyone. Contact Kasey D., Angela S. or Judy S. for details.

Bible Study Times & Locations

Sunday morning classes:

Adults will gather in the Auditorium - Tim Neal / John Wallace
New to Us Class -will meet with auditorium class
Cradle Roll will meet in the Training Room - Melissa Neal
PreSchool will meet in Classroom #2a - Nora Vitiello
K-2nd grades will meet in Classroom #7 - Susan Meulenburg
3rd - 5th grades will meet in Classroom A-11 - Kristin Cipolla
Teens - meet in the Teen House with Zak & Jordyn Dempsey

Sunday night:- 5:30 PM -See insert for locations

Wednesday night classes 6:30PM:

Adults - Auditorium - teacher - Jeff Blake
Ladies - Fellowship Room - Trustworthy - various ladies
PreSchool will meet in Classroom #2a - Susan Shelly
3rd - 5th grades will meet in Classroom A-11 - teachers Diana Travis & Pam Billingsby
Teens - Teen House - with Zak & Jordyn Dempsey

Our virtual options via Facebook & YouTube, @ the times listed above.
 We hope you will join us in one of these Bible study opportunities.

Angels Rejoice

Adrian Orelie along with America Gutierrez were baptized into Christ after their Bible study with Russ on Monday evening. Please take some time to welcome our newest brother and sweet sister! Cards may be sent to: 4148 20th Ave SW, Naples, 34116

Farewell

We say "See you later" to the Mak family. Wednesday evening was their last night with us. They have moved to Lubbock, Texas for the next few years so that Shawn can attend the Sunset School of Preaching. Alumni include Jerry Dyer, Jerry Tallman and Russ Bone. They will provide their new address as soon as possible,

Congratulations Seniors!

Each week during May, we will highlight one of our four high school graduates. We will have a fellowship meal on Sunday, May 29th to celebrate their accomplishments!

Eli Neal strives to live by scriptural principles. He has participated in Lads to Leaders, SonQuest, Impact, VBS, Winterfest, Christian camps and has lead devotionals at camp and at our teen connection group. Eli volunteered in a variety of ways under the direction of DRT and DRE after Hurricane Michael and packed food for under privileged children. He has received CPR, First Aid training, and certifications for both Lifeguard and Coast Guard Nautical Safety. He's had an abundance of work experience for a young man his age. He enjoys going to camp, being with friends, attending races, learning about vehicles and Apple products. After years of homeschooling, Eli attended Barron Collier High School for his senior year. He will work at Wiregrass Christian Camp before attending Freed-Hardeman University, where he will major in Business and Marketing. His favorite scripture is Romans 12:21.

SHEPHERDS

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DEACONS

Jeff Blake: Adult Education
 Alan Glazier: Worship
 Larry Menoher: Building & Grounds
 Drew Meulenberg: Finance
 Marc Rimmer: Benevolence
 Tom Wriggins: Missions

MINISTRY LEADERS

Dennis Coleman: Building & Grounds
 George Fetzer: Security
 Scott Holden: Visitation
 Cameron & Ashley Rimmer: Youth Ed.
 Miguel & Massie Taveras: Social Media
 David Wakeland: Involvement

LIVINGSTON ACADEMY

Becky Harty Director

USA MISSIONS

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

GHANA MISSIONARIES

Amos, Anthony, Emanuel, Evans,
 Gideon, Jacob, James, John, Mark,
 Peter, Prosper, Valentine

WORSHIP SERVICES

*Streaming begins 2 minutes before the
 times that are listed below*

SUNDAY

Worship - 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
 Bible Classes - 10:15 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.
 Service in Spanish - 1:00 PM
 Connection Groups - 5:30 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes - 6:30 -7:30 P.M.

OFFICE HOURS

Tim: Mon, Tue: 9:30 AM -4:00 PM
 Wed, Fri: 12:00 N-5:00 PM
 Sun: 3:00-5:00 PM
 Kathleen: M, W, F - 10A.M. - 5:00 PM

Online Giving: 

SERVICE SCHEDULE

This Week

Song Leader Zak Dempsey
 Welcome &
 Opening Prayer: Barry Brown
 Communion: Terry Billingsby
 Closing Prayer: Terry Shaw
 Servers & Ushers:
 AJ Lopez, Cameron Rimmer
 Dennis Coleman
 Greeters: Phil & Cindy Osborne
 Computer: David Wakeland
 Sound: Kathleen Brown
 Media: Faith Brown
 Communion Prep: Liliana Donis
 Cups for Ghana: Lexi & Hannah

Next Week

Song Leader Zak Dempsey
 Welcome &
 Opening Prayer: Terry Billingsby
 Communion: Drew Meulenberg
 Closing Prayer: David Wakeland
 Servers & Ushers:
 Bill Davis, Bill Strong
 Scott Holden, Symi Neal
 Greeters:
 Computer: Cameron Rimmer
 Sound: AJ Lopez
 Media: Kathleen Brown
 Communion Prep: Amanda Coleman
 Cups for Ghana: Faith Brown
 Mia Fitzgerald
 Please meet in Classroom #11 10
 minutes before services begin. If
 you are unable to serve, please call:
 Alan Glazier [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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