

# THE FAMILY CONNECTION

Romans 15:7

July 19, 2020

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# welcome!

## Praying for Our Enemies

The following is an old Gaelic blessing:

May those who love us, love us,  
And those who don't love us,  
May God turn their hearts,  
And if He doesn't turn their hearts,  
May He turn their ankles  
So we'll know them by their limping.

I think it's safe to say that we all struggle with our attitude toward our enemies. We know that Jesus said:

“Love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you.” (Matt.5:44) I don't think that the blessing above was what Jesus had in mind!

There are, throughout scriptures, a number of examples of righteous men calling God to act against their enemies. The New Testament and Psalms are filled with such pleas.

“...The souls of those who had been slain for the word of God...cried with a loud voice, saying, ‘How long, O Lord and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?’” (Revelation 6:9-10)

When we see great evil being carried out, I think there should be a part of us that cries out for justice. We want to see God avenge those who defiantly oppose Him (and we know that He will).

As difficult as it may be at times, we also pray that God will help us to respond personally to those who are our “enemies” in such a way that they may eventually be led to be our friends and, more importantly, friends of God.

## PRAYER LIST\*

### MEMBERS

- Margie Rhodes
- Drew Meulenberg
- Bonnie Thompson
- Vernon Ray, Sr.
- 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
- JC Perez's mom, Wilda
- Frieda Rodgers
- Donna Strong
- Lee & Linda Sutton
- Warren & Brenda Werntz

### NURSING HOME / SHUT-INS

- June McCauley
- Mildred Freeland
- 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
- 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
- Sally Lupton

## Order of Worship

July 19, 2020

- Call to Worship:** Dennis Coleman  
*"Shout Hallelujah!"*
- Welcome:** Barry Brown  
*"Holy, Holy, Holy"*
- Prayer:** Tim Osborne  
*"At the Cross (Love Ran Red)"*
- Communion**
- Leader:** Scott Otey  
Mark 14:22-25  
Deuteronomy 8:18  
*"On Zion's Glorious Summit Stood"*  
*"In Christ Alone"*
- Message:** Lyle Asbill
- Invitation:**  
*"Open the Eyes of My Heart"*
- Song As We Enter the Mission Field:**  
*"Before the Throne"*
- Closing Prayer:** Scott Otey

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.

### Future Events

- July 26th: Deadline to sign up for SonQuest  
July 29th: Deacon / Ministry Leader Meeting  
August 16th: Rack-n-Stack for Primary Elections  
Sept 4th - 6th: SonQuest Youth Rally

### 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.

### MILITARY

- Christopher Lemay      Darrell Martin  
Casandra Prokop      Lee Strong

**GIVING & ATTENDANCE**  
**WEEK ENDED July 12, 2020**

Weekly Actual	\$6,644
Weekly Budget	7,000
Weekly Variance	\$ <356>
4 Week Average Variance	\$<848>
Attendance in Building	56
Attendance via views online:	624
Attendance Wednesday online:	162

**PRAYER UPDATES**

- Mildred Freeland, 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.
- Di Menoher is recovering at home after her surgery. Everything went as expected.
- Carrie Asbill's mom, Evelyn Godfrey, is getting better. She is in rehab so she can regain her strength.
- Frank Vitiello spent some time in the hospital due to an infection and a cracked shoulder.
- Ron Restivo had back surgery last month. He is recovering at home.
- Roland Guyot has had pneumonia and is recovering at home.
- We have received word that Brian Milner's mom, Carole, has tested positive for the COVID virus.
- Congratulations go out to Alex & Patricia DelZotto. We received word that they passed their USA Citizenship tests. Cards for them may be sent to: 1221 Jacksons Hills Road - Hermitage, TN 37076

**Birthday Celebration**

Marcy Hull's home congregation is having a car parade on Sunday, July 26 in honor of her 90th Birthday. They are asking for friends to send cards that will be showered on Marcy as part of her special day. If you would like to send a card, please send it to:

Marcy Hull  
c/o Brooke Smith  
594 Spring Valley Drive  
Lewis Center, Ohio 43035

**Live Streaming**

For those who are not attending worship in person, please tune in today to the live stream at 10 AM via our Facebook page. We will continue to stream Wednesday night Bible Study at 6:30 PM.

**Communion Supplies**

For those who feel the need to continue social distancing, we will continue to offer communion supplies for pick up at the building on Friday from 11:00 AM - 5PM.

**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.

**Birthday's & Anniversaries**

19 - Scott & Diane Otey	3 - Bill & Betty Gillett
19 - Terry & Pam Billingsby	7 - Frank & Nora Vitiello
20 - Willie & Carla Sledge	12 - Ben & Stella Gyimah
20 - Jack Paul	13 - John & Dedra Henderson
20 - Carla Sledge	13 - Tiffany Osborne
21 - Frank Vitiello	13 - Harper Murrell
25 - Sandra Neese	16 - David Wakeland
28 - Marcy Hull	16 - Gina Taft
29 - Jeff & Mary Blake	17 - Nora Vitiello
31 - Dedra Henderson	19 - Amanda Coleman
August 1 - Kay Harty	19 - Bob & Teresa Murrell
3 - David & Della Flagg	

**The Spiritual Sword**

There are copies of the new issue of the Spiritual Sword booklet available on the back table. Please feel free to take one. We have copies of previous issues available as well.

### SHEPHERDS

Terry Billingsby 423-943-8999  
 Barry Brown: 239-777-7248  
 Ben Gyimah: 239-449-6339  
 Claude Haynes: 239-450-0715  
 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 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, Jacob

### WORSHIP SERVICES

#### SUNDAY

Worship— 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 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



## SERVICE SCHEDULE

**July 19th**

Welcome: Barry Brown  
 Song Leader: Dennis Coleman  
 Opening Prayer: Tim Osborne  
 Communion:  
 Leader: Scott Otey  
 Servers & Ushers: Robert Copeland  
 JC Perez  
 Phil Osborne  
 Closing Prayer: Scott Otey  
 Computer: David Wakeland  
 Sound Booth: Kathleen Brown  
 Media: Zak Dempsey

**July 26th**

Welcome: Scott Otey  
 Song Leader: Dennis Coleman  
 Opening Prayer:  
 Communion:  
 Leader: **T  
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 Servers & Ushers:  
 Closing Prayer:  
 Computer: David Wakeland  
 Sound Booth: Kathleen Brown  
 Media: 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]

## 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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