THE FAMILY CONNECTION

Romans 15:7 April 14, 2019



Take the First Part First

Bob had finally made it to the last round of the \$1,000,000 Question TV Quiz Show. The night before the big question, he told the host that he wanted a question on American History.

The big night arrived. Bob made his way on stage in front of the studio and TV audience. He had become the talk of the town. He was the best guest this show had ever seen. The host stepped up to the microphone.

"Bob, you have chosen American History as your final question. You know that if you correctly answer this question, you will walk away one million dollars richer. Are you ready?"

Bob nodded with a cocky confidence – the crowd went wild. He hadn't missed a question all week. "Bob, yours is a two-part question. As you know, you may answer either part first. As a rule, the second half of the question is always easier. Which part would you like to take a stab at first?"

Bob was becoming more noticeable nervous, so he played it safe. "I'll try the easier part first."

The host nodded approvingly. "Here we go, Bob. I will ask you the second half first, then the first half."

The audience grew silent with anticipation ...

"Bob, here is your question: And in what year did it happen?"

So often in our spiritual lives, we want the "second part" first because it's easier without realizing that the "first part" is necessary before we can have the "second part".

Want some examples? We want the time of joy before we experience the time of grief (John 1:21). But Jesus told his apostles that the time of grief was as essential as the pain of childbirth is necessary before the joy of having a child (John 16:20).

We want to be forgiven by God without first being willing to forgive others. But Jesus taught that if we are not willing to do the "first part", we cannot expect the "second part". (Matt. 6:15-15; 18:35).

Perhaps, most of all, we want the quality of patience without the testing of our faith that precedes it (even though that testing is an essential element to our attaining patience). This is not one of our favorite passages, but one that we need to be reminded of often:

"My brothers and sisters, when you have many kinds of troubles, you should be full of joy, because you know that these troubles test your faith, and this will give you patience. Let your patience show itself perfectly in what you do. Then you will be perfect and complete and will have everything you need." (James 1:2-4, NCV).

The second part may be easier (and more pleasant), but sometimes the first part is essential.

PRAYER LIST* MEMBERS

• Margie Rhodes Bob Murrell

• Debbie Kendall Bill Harty

• Bonnie Stephens Maria Reategui

• Scott Blake Melissa O'Connor

• Maggie Rodriguez Elvis Durity

• Asbill Family Marjorie Connor

• David & Della Flagg

• Bonnie Thompson Judy Ressallat

• Jeff and Brian Blake Carla Sledge

• JC Perez's mom, Wilda

• John Wallace

• Larry & Di Menoher

NURSING HOME / SHUT-INS

• Delbert Mick June McCauley

• EL & Mildred Freeland

• Lyle Wheeler Dolly Blitch

Wayne & Bonnie Bucy

FAMILY & FRIENDS

• Presto Family Torres Family

• David Dehanas Tiereny Family

Vespo Family Larry Eubanks

• Carl, Nancy & Family Jon Sauer

• Kayla Acosta Madison Reeve

• Larry & Karen Booher

• Laurie & Danny Osborne Opa

Maddie Whitlock Darinda Paul
 Dayyot family Oven Roneherger

• Paquet family Owen Rensberger

Charlie Fitts Donna LongDavid Ramey Wayne Reimer

Paul Medis Family
 Sandy Girman

• Joe Lennon's son Dave McKinney

Mary Ryder Jack Dehanas

• Linda Sutton grandson Matt & great granddaughter Jordan

• Joan Lappin Larry Pierce

John Diniro Eric Stambaugh Mike Smith Frances Wakeland

Brayden Webb Virginia Huntly

• Tommy Reid Debbie Butler

Monaca Whirmbly Elizabeth Cayce

Judy Ressallat's sister

• John Wallace's sister

George Ballard Conner Family

• Judy Sauers' family - Casey & Gary

• Taylor Gordon - Rasmussen's

• Frank Austrino Russ Sharp

Marsha Hampton

Robert Champion

• Bailey Murrell's sister, Brooke

Order of Worship

April 14, 2019

Call to Worship: Joe Lennon

Medley "That's Why We Praise Him"

"I Will Call Upon the Lord"

Welcome: Lyle Asbill

Medley "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Screen "At the Cross / Love Ran Red"

Bible Reading: Zak Dempsey - 1 Peter 1:17–23

Prayer: Scott Otey

Screen "Communion Prayer"

Leader: Dennis Coleman
Communion Matthew 26:26-29

Offering Matthew 6:19-21
Screen "Humble Yourself"

Message: Lyle Asbill

Invitation:

Screen "In Need"

Song as We Enter the Mission Field:

Screen "Lord, Reign in Me"

Closing Prayer: Brian Jeffries

Future Events

April 17th: Halupki @ 5:30PM

Bible Study @ 6:30PM

April 19th: Youth Bible Study & Hangout, here @ 6PM April 26th - 27th: Youth Rally at West Broward in Plantation

May 4th: All youth to the Zoo

Tuesday Men's Prayer Meeting: 6:30AM @ building Care Bears Ministry: Wednesdays @ 6PM @ building Jail Ministry: Bob- TBD Barry - April20th

Sam - April 27th

Gluten Free communion is available in a separate tray that has been placed in each communion tray.

MILITARY

Christopher Lemay Darrell Martin Casandra Prokop Lee Strong

GIVING & ATTENDANCE WEEK ENDED April 7, 2019

Weekly Actual \$ 10,978
Weekly Budget 9,000
Weekly Variance \$ 1,978

4 Week Average Variance 454
Attendance
Worship: 164
Bible Study Attendees: 81

PRAYER UPDATES

- E.L. & Mildred Freeland, Lyle Wheeler, Bonnie Thompson, Elvis Durity, Kellie Otto, & Scott Blake continue to have health challenges.
- Brenda Stevens is asking for prayers for son, Aaron, and his wife, Lizzie. Lizzie is 14 weeks pregnant and the baby tests high for Downs. More tests are being done this coming week.
- We extent our deepest condolences to Sally Lupton and her family in the passing of Sally's mom.

Sound Booth

If you have ever wanted to help out in the sound booth, there will be a training session on Wednesday, April 17th at 10AM. We are having a new sound board installed on that date and training will be available.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 18 Emma Wriggins
- 22 Sela Adams
- 23 Bill Gillett
- 24 Hugh Travis
- 25 Tracy Mak
- 25 Jake Eubanks
- 26 Audrey Streefkerk
- 27 Faith Brown
- 27 Sonyia Rimmer
- 28 Shelby Macon
- 28 Margorie Rhodes
- 30 Di Menoher

Bible Classes This Week

Sunday Bible Classes:

Auditorium - "gods at war"

Classroom #7 - Lyle Asbill - "The Book of Psalms"

Youth classes include:

Cradle Roll - Room #2A - Kim Osborne

Pre-School - K - Room#2 - Shelby Macon

1st - 3rd Grade - Room #1 - Susan Shelly

4th - 5th Grade - Room #5 - Nora Vitiello & Susan Meulenberg Middle School & High School - Room #6 - Zak & Jordyn Dempsey

Wednesday Night:

Auditorium - Barry Brown - Galatians

Ladies Class - Fellowship - Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World Truth Talks / Youth Singing - Classroom #11 Zak & Jordyn Dempsey

Preschool class - Room #2 - Kim Osborne

Youth classes 1st - 5th Grade -

Life Forming Groups

Life Forming Groups are small group Bible studies that meet in homes. Everyone is welcome at any of the locations. Communion is available during each of the studies. The group meeting location for tonight at 6PM is:

Barry & Kathleen Brown's home - 2610 White Blvd.

The groups will not meet for the rest of April.

Livingston Academy is excited to present *It's All Because of Jesus*, a child's version of the real story of Easter and why it matters, on **Tuesday**, **April 16 at 6:00 p.m**. You are invited to join us and be a part of this amazing community outreach. Admission is free. We'd love to have you see our amazing kids as they remind us of the meaning of Easter.

Congratulations to the Graduate!

Emily Glazier graduates May 4, 2019 from the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies with a specialization in Asia and minors in Business Administration, Leadership, and International Development and Humanitarian Assistance.

Emily was accepted to teach English with China Now for the 2019-2020 school year. China Now is a ministry of the churches of Christ that sends Christians to China to teach conversational English in Chinese universities. The purpose is to be a light to these students and get to know them well enough to introduce the Bible to them in the hopes of leading them to Christ.

Benevolence Opportunity

We have the opportunity to show the love of Christ to the family of Renee Schott. The family is in need of some financial assistance to help with Renee's final expenses. Please see Lyle or one of the elders if you can help in anyway.

ELDERS

 Barry Brown:
 777-7248

 Ben Gyimah:
 449-6339

 Claude Haynes:
 513-6984

 Bob Murrell:
 597-5565

STAFF

Lyle Asbill: Minister
Zak Dempsey: Youth Minister
Bailey Murrell: Daycare Director
Kathleen Brown: Office Admin

DEACONS

Jeff Blake: Care Group
Drew Meulenberg: Finance
Scott Otey L2L & Special Events

USA MISSIONS

Roberto Escobar [Naples]

Carlos & Maribel Preciado [Pompano] Christian Home & Bible School

GHANA MISSIONARIES

Job, Emanuel, Peter, Noah, Gideon, Paul, Mark, Anthony, Amos, James

WORSHIP SERVICES SUNDAY

Bible Study— 9:00 A.M. - 9:45 A.M. Worship— 10:00 A.M. - 11:15 A.M. Spanish Worship— 1:00 P.M. Life Forming Groups—6:00 P.M. Meeting in various homes

WEDNESDAY

Meal - 5:30 P.M. Bible Study —6:30 P.M.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Friday: 10A.M.—4P.M. Wednesday: 11 A.M. —6:30 P.M.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

| | April 14th | April 21st | April 28th |
|------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Preaching: | Lyle Asbill | Lyle Asbill | Lyle Asbill |
| Song Leader: | Joe Lennon | Joe Lennon | Dennis Coleman |
| Opening Prayer | : Scott Otey | Bob Murrell | Terry Shaw |
| Scripture: | Zak Dempsey | Bob Murrell | Drew Meulenberg |
| Communion | | | |
| Leader: | Dennis Coleman | Lyle Asbill | Tom Wriggins |
| Servers: | Garrett Macon | Camron Rimmer | Logan Rimmer |
| | Colby Paul | Jose Mak | Tim Osborne |
| | Cody Callanan | Haris Domond | Phil Osborne |
| | JC Perez | Shawn Mak | Marc Rimmer |
| | Doug Fee | Todd Murrell | Glenn Montgomery |
| | Scott Holden | Mike Pell | Bob Murrell |
| Closing Prayer: | | Scott Otey | Ben Gyimah |
| Computer: | David Wakeland | Scott Holden | Doug Fee |
| Sound Booth: | Kathleen Brown | Kathleen Brown | David Wakeland |
| Nursery: S | usan Meulenberg | Teresa Murrell | Pam Macon |
| Greeters: | Sue Macon | Sheri Glazier | Susan Shelly |
| | Pam Billingsby | Lisa Hare | Cristina Roggiero |
| Ushers: | Larry Menoher | Scott Holden | Alan Glazier |
| | Sam Smith | Barry Brown | Ben Gyimah |
| Visitor Center: | Lisa Hare | Diane Otey | Brenda Martin |
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Please meet in Classroom 11 at least 10 minutes before services begin. If you are unable to serve, please call: Frank Vitiello [Visitor Ministry], Alan Glazier [Worship], Kathleen Brown [Nursery]

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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