THE FAMILY CONNECTION

Romans 15:7 **May 5, 2019**

Welcome!

If you are visiting with us today, you are our honored guests. We are very happy you chose to worship with us this Lord's day. We hope your spirits were encouraged, you found us to be a friendly people who love God, His Word, each other and YOU and that you will come again soon!

Following Tradition

In 1903, the Russian czar noticed a sentry posted for no apparent reason on the Kremlin grounds. He began to do some research to figure out why this sentry had been guarding that spot for years and years. After doing a tremendous amount of study, he discovered that the placing of a sentry in that spot dated back to 1776. In that year, Catherine the Great found the first flower of spring. She was so excited that she gave the command, "Post a sentry here so that no one tramples that flower under foot!" 127 years later, a sentry still guarded the spot, but he had no earthly idea why.

That story teaches us something about tradition and what a dangerous thing it can be. It's dangerous because it can cause us to stop thinking, to stop asking questions. We end up believing our practices and doctrines with all sincerity, but no thought is given to the question "Why?" There is no real focus other than "this is the way we have always done this; this is what we have always believed."

Traditions aren't necessarily wrong. We all get used to doing certain things in the same way. The problem develops when we are more adamant about holding onto our traditions than we are about keeping God's Word. It's a mistake made by the Pharisees in the time of Jesus.

"[Jesus] answered them, 'Why do you break the commandment of God because of your traditions?...Because of your traditions you have destroyed the authority of God's word." (Matthew 15:3,6)

Be very careful. If the only reason you practice what you do is because "this is the way we've always done it", you may need to re-evaluate what you're doing in light of scripture.

Borrowed

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
- Nicole Brown
- Larry & Di Menoher

NURSING HOME / SHUT-INS

- Delbert Mick
- June McCauley
- 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
- Paquet family
- Owen Rensberger
- Charlie Fitts
- Donna Long
- David 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
- Taylor Gordon - Rasmussen's
- Frank Austrino
- Russ Sharp
- Marsha Hampton
- Robert Champion
- Bailey Murrell's sister, Brooke

Order of Worship

May 5, 2019

Call to Worship:	**Joe Lennon**
Medley	"*Thank You Lord*"
	"*This World Is Not My Home*"
Welcome:	**Lyle Asbill**
Medley	"*Shout Hallelujah*"
	"*Step By Step*"
	"*Days of Elijah*"
Bible Reading:	AJ Lopez - 2 Thess. 1:3–4, 11-12
Prayer:	Hugh Travis
Screen	"*At the Cross / Love Ran Red*"
Leader:	Drew Meulenberg
Communion	**Mark** 14:22-25
Offering	2 Corinthians 8:1-3
Screen	"*Before the Throne of God*"
Message:	**Lyle Asbill**
Invitation:	
Screen	"*I Lay Me Down*"
Song as We Enter the Mission Field:	
Screen	"*Your Kingdom Until Then*"
Closing Prayer:	**Terry Shaw**

Future Events

May 8th:	**Quiche** @ 5:30PM
	Bible Study @ 6:30PM
May 17th:	Youth Bible Study & Hang Out - here 6PM
May 19th:	Youth Group Service Project & lunch
May 25th:	Youth Game Night - Dempsey's home 6PM
May 27th:	Youth Devo & Dinner

Tuesday Men's Prayer Meeting: 6:30AM @ building

Care Bears Ministry: Wednesdays @ 6PM @ building

Jail Ministry: Barry - May 18th Sam - May 11th

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 28, 2019

Weekly Actual	$ 7,589
Weekly Budget	9,000
Weekly Variance	$ ‹1,411›
4 Week Average Variance	‹104›

Attendance

Worship:	173
Bible Study Attendees:	93

PRAYER UPDATES

- Mildred Freeland, Lyle Wheeler, Bonnie Thompson, Darinda Paul, Elvis Durity, Kellie Otto, & Scott Blake continue to have health challenges.
- Condolences go out to two of our families. Maggie Rodriguez traveled to Texas for her sister's funeral this week. Tracy Walker's step sister passed away suddenly this week.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

5 - Brodie Hughes
6 - Larry & Diane Menoher
7 - Mildred Freeland
7 - John & Kathy Diniro
9 - Richard Himelick
11 - Linda Copeland
11 - Dennis & Amanda Coleman
12 - Hannah Macon
12 - Hazel Durity
15 - Kristin Cipolla
16 - Randy Blitch
16 - Warren Werntz
18 - Danny Shelly
21 - Stella Gyimah
22 - Kyle, Lexi, & Kalee Cipolla
22 - Joe & Marie Lennon
23 - Marc & Sonyia Rimmer
25 - Alan Glazier
25 - William Mitchell
25 - Jack & Rachel DeHanas
28 - John Seay
29 - Cristina Cano
29 - Cristina Roggiero
30 - Maria Reategui
31 - Carlie Darragh

Bible Classes This Week

Sunday Bible Classes:

Auditorium - Scott Otey - "Luke Warm"
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 - Lyle Asbill
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 -

Local Honoring of EL

Today we will take a few moments to honor EL Freeland. We will shorten Bible Classes by 10 minutes and use this time as a time of sharing, remembering, and honoring EL. If you have any stories to share about EL, you are welcome to share them with us during this time.

Singers Needed

Singers are needed to sing at the Solaris Healthcare Facility on Mother's Day. Volunteers will meet in Classroom #7 today, right after morning worship to rehearse songs. If you are interested, please see Joe Lennon.

Directory Changes

Please change the information you have for Warren and Brenda Werntz to: 25710 Carnation Court, Bonita Springs, 34135 (Citrus Park). Cell numbers and email addresses remain the same.

Baseball Game

On Friday May 10th @ 6:30 PM is a Faith & Family Night featuring Colton Dixon at Hammond Stadium for a Miracles Baseball game. Please contact Tiffany (572-1018) or Kim (293-3269) if you would like to attend with them.

Wednesday Night Meals

Wednesday night meals will continue until the week of Memorial Day. The last meal will be on May 22nd. We will resume the meals in September right after Labor Day if the interest is still there for this ministry.

The meal this week is Ham, Cheese, & Kale or a Mushroom, Cheese & Onion Quiche, salad, and a dessert. Please use the envelopes on the back table for your RSVP. Thanks so much!

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

	May 5th	May 12th	May 19th
Preaching:	Lyle Asbill	Lyle Asbill	Lyle Asbill
Song Leader:	Joe Lennon	Vernon Ray, Jr.	Vernon Ray, Jr.
Opening Prayer:	Hugh Travis	Doug Fee	Colby Paul
Scripture:	AJ Lopez	David Wakeland	Logan Rimmer
Communion			
Leader:	Drew Meulenberg	David Smith	Tim Osborne
Servers:	Zak Dempsey	Alan Glazier	Sam Smith
	Terry Billingsby	Drew Meulenberg	David Smith
	Brian Jeffries	Giovanni Roggiero	Doug Fee
	Robert Copeland	David Hughes	Ben Gyimah
	Kevin Mak	Barry Brown	Bob Murrell
	Scott Otey	Tom Wriggins	Rick Taft
Closing Prayer:	Terry Shaw	Sam Smith	Barry Brown
Computer:	David Wakeland	David Wakeland	Jordyn Dempsey
Sound Booth:	Training new people on sound		
Nursery:	Nora Vitiello	Sheri Glazier	Stella Gyimah
Greeters:	Brenda Martin	Phil Osborne	Nan Ballard
	Kathy Diniro	Cindy Osborne	Ouida Corr
Ushers:	Glenn Macon	Brian Jeffries	Tom Wriggins
	Garrett Macon	Cody Callanan	Barry Brown
Visitor Center:	Lisa Hare	Stella Gyimah	Marcella Wakeland

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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