

THE FAMILY CONNECTION

Romans 15:7

January 27, 2019

WELCOME!

He Was A Stranger

The owner of an old-fashioned corner grocery store in a small country town was fond of quoting a scripture after each sale. He had three old friends that would sit around a pot-bellied stove, playing checkers on a faded board. His ability to produce a scripture for all occasions never ceased to amuse the old timers, and they would listen to see what verse he would come up with that was relevant to the sale made.

A lady purchased some material and he said, "She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands." A man bought a sack of flour and he said, "Man does not live by bread alone, but every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." A little boy bought some candy and as he rung it up he quoted, "Suffer the little children to come unto me."

It was nearly closing time when the chimes over the door jangled loudly. A well-dressed young man, obviously a stranger from one of the larger towns down the road, entered. "Can I help you?" offered the proprietor.

"I need a blanket for my horse," said the man. "He's out in his trailer and it's too cold for just one. Bring me the nicest one you've got!" The store owner went in the back storeroom and came back with a brown blanket. "That'll be five dollars."

"Five dollars? You've got to be kidding!", said the man. "This horse is a thoroughbred. He gets only the best! He wouldn't stand still for an old five-dollar blanket." Without comment, the store owner took back the blanket, then merely selected a different color and brought it out.

"This one's \$25 dollars."

"Now, look," said the young man, "Perhaps I didn't make myself plain. This isn't just any old horse! He's worth thousands! Now I want the best, most expensive blanket you've got! Understand?" The owner once more went into the store room, pulled out another color of the same material and brought it back. "This is the only one left, and it's \$100." "Now that's more like it!" enthused the fellow as he paid. Throwing the five-dollar blanket over his shoulder, he left.

The old timer stared silently at the shopkeeper as they waited to see what possible scripture he could come up with for that sale! Going behind the register, he rung up the hundred-dollar blanket and said, "He was a stranger, and I took him in."

I feel certain that's not what Jesus meant when he spoke of the need to take in strangers! In Matthew 25, Jesus is very concerned about our attitude (and actions) toward those who are in need. In fact, Jesus connects our concern for the needy with eternal salvation. Do we make a conscious effort to see the needs that exist around us? What have you done lately to help meet those needs? Just a gentle reminder in the midst of a hectic month.

"For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality nor takes a bribe. He administers justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the stranger, giving him food and clothing. Therefore love the stranger, for you were stranger in the land of Egypt. (Deuteronomy 10:17-19)

PRAYER LIST*

MEMBERS

- Margie Rhodes Bob Murrell
- Debbie Kendall Bill Harty
- Bonnie Stephens Maria Reategui
- Scott Blake Roggiero Family
- Kellie Otto Melissa O'Connor
- Maggie Rodriguez Elvis Durity
- Nicole Brown Sue Macon
- Ryan & Sophia Moody
- Asbill Family Marjorie Connor
- Bucy Family June McCauley
- David & Della Flagg Terry Shaw
- Bonnie Thompson Judy Ressallat
- Jeff and Brian Blake Carla Sledge

NURSING HOME / SHUT-INS

- Delbert Mick
- EL & Mildred Freeland
- Lyle Wheeler Dolly Blitch

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 Savannah
- Laurie & Danny Osborne Opa
- Maddie Whitlock Phyllis Huber
- Swanner Family Paquet family
- 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
- Bob Allshouse Tommy Reid
- Debbie Butler Monaca Whirmbly
- Judy Ressallat's sister
- John Wallace's sister
- George Ballard Elizabeth Cayce
- Dan & Faye Hickman
- Judy Sauers' family - Casey & Gary
- Taylor Gordon - Rasmussen's
- Frank Austrino Conner Family
- Carolyn & Wallen Hoefer

Order of Worship

January 27, 2019

Call to Worship:	Joe Lennon
<i>Medley</i>	"Thank You Lord"
	"Glorify Thy Name"
Welcome:	Lyle Asbill
<i>Medley</i>	"Great Are You Lord"
	"Step By Step"
	"I Sing Praises"
Bible Reading:	Scott Otey - 1 John 4:7-21
Prayer:	Brian Jeffries
<i>Screen</i>	"Communion Prayer"
Leader:	Tom Wriggins
Communion	1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Offering	1 Corinthians 16:1-2
<i>Medley</i>	"A Common Love"
	"Bind Us Together"
Message:	Lyle Asbill
Invitation:	
<i>Screen</i>	"In Need"
Song as We Enter the Mission Field:	
<i>Screen</i>	"Shine Jesus Shine"
Closing Prayer:	Danny Floyd

Future Events

January 30th:	Chili @ 5:30PM
	Bible Study @ 6:30PM
February 1st - 3rd:	Family Camping Retreat
February 9th:	Truck Touch - 10AM - 2PM
March 3rd:	Ministry Fair - 6PM
Tuesday Men's Prayer Meeting:	6:30AM @ building
Care Bears Ministry:	Wednesdays @ 6PM @ building
Jail Ministry:	Barry - Feb 9th Sam - Feb 2nd

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 Jan 20, 2019

Weekly Actual \$ 10,695
Weekly Budget 10,800
Weekly Variance \$ <105>

4 Week Average Variance \$ 2,880

Attendance

Worship: 228
Bible Study Attendees: 120

PRAYER UPDATES

- E.L. & Mildred Freeland, Lyle Wheeler, Bonnie Thompson, Elvis Durity, Kellie Otto, & Scott Blake continue to have health challenges.
- Doug Macon (Glenn's brother) had triple by-pass surgery on Thursday. As of Friday afternoon, he is doing better and is expected to recover without additional complications.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

27 - Wayne Neese
28 - Haris & Gusleine Domond
29 - Jorge Rhodes
29 - Evelyn Godfrey
30 - Haris Domond
February 1 - Jim Martin
4 - Carrie Asbill
6 - Carol Hughes
9 - Giovanni Roggiero, Jr.
9 - Chloe Durity
10 - Charles & June McCauley
12 - Linda Sutton
12 - Phyllis Smith
18 - Adwoa Gyimah
18 - Elvis & Hazel Durity
19 - Maggie Rodriguez
20 - Mary Grace Macon
24 - Barbara Bryant
24 - Zak & Jordyn Dempsey
25 - Jorge & Margie Rhodes
28 - Paul France

Bible Classes This Week

Sunday Bible Classes:

Auditorium - "gods at war"

Classroom #7 - David Smith - "Sins of the Tongue"

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 -

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. Groups that are meeting tonight at 6PM are:

David & Marcella Wakeland's home - 1929 Imperial Golf Course Blvd.

Family Camping Retreat

If you wanted to go on the camping trip but waited too long to sign up, TODAY is your lucky day! We had 2 families who needed to cancel. You can take their place and enjoy a wonderful weekend of camping with a great group of your brothers and sisters! As a reminder, the camping trip is this coming weekend February 1st - 3rd at the Hillsborough River State Park in Thonotosassa (just a little north and east of Tampa). Please see Scott or Diane Otey to sign up or for additional information.

Touch A Truck!

Saturday, February 9th from 10AM - 2PM will be our first Touch-A-Truck event! This event is open to everyone - community, church, daycare, children & adults! Invite your friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers to be a part of this event. We have some very exciting vehicles that will be parked in our parking lot for everyone to touch, take pictures of, and some vehicles you will be able to climb aboard! If you would like to volunteer for this event, there's still time - see Bailey Murrell, Scott or Diane Otey.

New Directory

The 2019 directories are now available. Please pick up your copy today.

Sunday Morning Treats

With season upon us, our need for cookies and treats has increased. If you are interested in helping, please let Margie or Jorge Rhodes or Kay Harty know. They can let you know the best way to help.

ELDERS

Barry Brown: 777-7248
Ben Gyimah: 449-6339
Claude Haynes: 513-6984
Bob Murrell: 597-5565

STAFF

Lyle Asbill: Minister
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

	Jan 27th	Feb 3rd	Feb 10th
Preaching:	Lyle Asbill	Lyle Asbill	Lyle Asbill
Song Leader:	Joe Lennon	Vernon Ray, Jr.	Joe Lennon
Opening Prayer:	Brian Jeffries	Tom Wriggins	Danny Floyd
Scripture:	Scott Otey	Scott Holden	Cameron Rimmer
Communion			
Leader:	Tom Wriggins	David Smith	Drew Meulenberg
Servers:	Dennis Coleman	Jose Mak	Bill Hull
	Zak Dempsey	Sam Smith	David Smith
	Marc Rimmer	Kevin Mak	Scott Otey
	Glenn Macon	Robert Copeland	Bill Strong
	Phil Osborne	Brian Jeffries	David Hughes
	Lyle Asbill	Glenn Montgomery	Giovanni Roggiero
Closing Prayer:	Danny Floyd	Rick Taft	Bob Murrell
Computer:	Doug Fee	Jordyn Dempsey	David Wakeland
Sound Booth:	Kathleen Brown	Zak Dempsey	Kathleen Brown
Nursery:	Kim Osborne	Pam Macon	Sheri Glazier
Greeters:	Lisa Hare		
	Cristina Roggiero		
Ushers:	Tom Wriggins		
	Barry Brown		
Visitor Center:	Susan Shelly	Sue Macon	Nora Vitiello

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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