

THE FAMILY CONNECTION

Romans 15:7

March 17, 2019

WELCOME!

Have you ever made the decision to never go back to some place in particular?

Maybe it was a restaurant where the service was rude or slow or both, the food was colder than the person who brought it to you or the iced tea looked like gravy and the gravy like iced tea.

Maybe it was a certain hotel where the bed was hard, the pillow was hard, the water was hard, not to mention the person behind the counter was hard too (to get along with that is).

Or, unfortunately, it was a church that was not aware of your presence or the fact that God wasn't.

Or maybe it wasn't a place at all but a situation; an environment that is joyless or demeaning or abusive.

We have an example of one who made that decision and by their actions announced, "Over my dead body will I be caught there again!" It is found in the text we looked at last Sunday, Luke 7:36-50.

We know the reputation and the profession of the woman who kisses, washes and anoints Jesus when Simon would do none of those. She is a "street walker", a "lady of the evening", a prostitute. Simon knows it, the other guests know it, Jesus knows it, and the woman knows it.

We know that instead of water she uses tears, instead of a towel she uses her hair, instead of kissing his hand she kisses his feet and instead of common oils she anoints him with expensive perfume. And it's this last gesture that declares, "I'm not going back."

In a time and place where hygiene was optional, sweat was in abundance and Old Spice was not yet invented, odor made intimacy difficult. The fragrance from a jar of perfume suspended on a chain around your neck wouldn't mask the stench of your shame but would help mask the stench in the air.

So, when she empties the contents of that jar and leaves it on his feet, she acknowledges that she is also leaving her former life at his feet as well.

And that is what happens when we are introduced to the grace of Jesus. Grace that can heal the broken heart of a sinful woman and soften the hard heart of a sinful man.

The scene leaves me in speechless wonder as there are places I no longer want to frequent, and I now know it is possible when I leave behind a jar empty of perfume and leave with a forgiven heart full of peace.

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
- Asbill Family Marjorie Connor
- David & Della Flagg Terry Shaw
- Bonnie Thompson Judy Ressallat
- Jeff and Brian Blake Carla Sledge
- JC Perez's mom, Wilda
- John Wallace Marie Lennon
- Susan Meulenberg 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 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
- Tommy Reid Debbie Butler
- Monaca Whirmbly Elizabeth Cayce
- Judy Ressallat's sister
- John Wallace's sister
- George Ballard Conner Family
- Dan & Faye Hickman
- Judy Sauers' family - Casey & Gary
- Taylor Gordon - Rasmussen's
- Frank Austrino

Order of Worship

March 17, 2019

Call to Worship:

Medley

Joe Lennon

"We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"

"I Will Call upon the Lord"

Welcome:

Medley

Barry Brown

"The Heart of a Servant"

"The Servant Song"

"Let Your Spirit Come"

Bible Reading:

Cody Callanan - Matthew 12:38-41 ESV

Prayer:

Screen

Willie Sledge

"Highly Exalted"

Leader:

Ben Gyimah

Communion

1 Corinthians 10:15-17

Offering

Screen

1 Corinthians 16:1-2

"That's Why We Praise Him"

Message:

Tom Wriggins

Invitation:

Screen

"I Lay Me Down"

Song as We Enter the Mission Field:

Screen

"Your Kingdom until Then"

Closing Prayer:

Colby Paul

Future Events

March 17th:

Estate Planning Seminar @ 6:30PM

March 18th:

Youth - Dinner & Devo 6PM @ building

March 20th:

Chick-fil-a @ 5:30PM

Bible Study @ 6:30PM

March 24th:

Youth - Lunch - location is TBA

March 30th:

Youth - Game Night 6PM @ Dempsey's

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:

Barry - March 23rd Sam - March 30th

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

- Carolyn & Wallen Hoefer Marsha Hampton Robert Champion
Owen Rensberger

MILITARY

Christopher Lemay Darrell Martin Casandra Prokop Lee Strong

GIVING & ATTENDANCE
WEEK ENDED March 10, 2019

Weekly Actual	\$ 11,834
Weekly Budget	<u>13,000</u>
Weekly Variance	\$ 1,584

4 Week Average Variance < 2,303>

Attendance

Worship:	212
Bible Study Attendees:	107

PRAYER UPDATES

- E.L. & Mildred Freeland, Lyle Wheeler, Bonnie Thompson, Elvis Durity, Kellie Otto, & Scott Blake continue to have health challenges.
- Larry Menoher was admitted to the hospital due to the flu. Prayers are greatly appreciated.
- The Asbill's are traveling. Please pray for their safe return.
- Collier County Schools resume tomorrow.
- Evelyn Godfrey is feeling better even though her cough is still lingering.

**BIRTHDAYS &
ANNIVERSARIES**

17 - Suzanne Jeffries
 17 - Marsha Hampton
 18 - Wendi Darragh
 18 - Wayne & Bonnie Bucy
 18 - Lyle & Carrie Asbill
 20 - Keith Eubanks
 20 - Terry Shaw
 22 - Shane O'Connor
 25 - Tom & Alana Wriggins
 26 - Betty Bolton
 28 - Randy Blitch
 28 - Marc Rimmer
 30 - Mike & Sandra Pell
 30 - George & Xenia Fetzer
 April 1 - Willie Sledge
 2 - Sue Macon
 4 - Brinley Murrell
 5 - Damion Harty
 5 - Pamela Hughes
 8 - Phil Osborne
 12 - Judy Ressallat

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 - Cody Callanan

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 -

Estate Planning Seminar

We are hosting a free seminar that will be presented by Financial Planning Ministry who partners with Christian Financial Resources. No matter your income or situation, everyone needs a plan. Learn how to create a legacy for your family, church, and organizations that are meaningful to you. Get practical guidance for stewardship and avoid costly probate. Plan ahead and gain peace of mind. The seminar begins tonight at 6:30 PM. Coffee will be served.

Life Forming Groups - not meeting tonight

Directory Updates

Dolly Blitch correct address is: 10949 Parnu Street, Naples, 34109

Sela Adams correct address is: 9496 Galliano Terr, Naples, FL 34119

Youth Group Event

Tomorrow night the youth group will meet at the building for dinner and a devo. This is open to all Middle & High School students. They are encouraged to invited their friends to attend as well. The event begins at 6PM. Zak & Jordyn will bring dinner.

Opportunity to Volunteer

Frank Vitiello who has been leading the Care Bears and Visitor Ministry has decided that it's time for him to take a break. This leaves us with an opportunity for you to volunteer. Our Care Bears and Visitor Ministry play a vital role in this congregation. A brief description of this ministry: on Sunday, you would take attendance and email it to the elders and staff. On Wednesday, you and the Care Bears will send post cards to those in need. Once a month, you will schedule (from the list of volunteers) those who are to serve as an usher or greeter. Frank has this down to a stream-lined system and will be happy to train you. Please let Frank, Claude, Bob, Ben, Barry or Lyle know if this ministry opportunity is for you!

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

	March 17th	March 24th	March 31st
Preaching:	Tom Wriggins	Lyle Asbill	Lyle Asbill
Song Leader:	Joe Lennon	Joe Lennon	Dennis Coleman
Opening Prayer:	Willie Sledge	Barry Brown	Terry Shaw
Scripture:	Cody Callanan	Willie Sledge	Terry Billingsby
Communion			
Leader:	Ben Gyimah	Lyle Asbill	Scott Otey
Servers:		Brian Jeffries	Willie Sledge
	Dennis Coleman	Sam Smith	David Smith
	Marc Rimmer	Kevin Mak	Giovanni Roggiero
	Phil Osborne	Robert Copeland	David Hughes
		Scott Otey	Alan Glazier
	Glenn Montgomery	Terry Billingsby	Drew Meulenberg
Closing Prayer:	Colby Paul	David Smith	David Wakeland
Computer:	Scott Holden	Jordyn Dempsey	David Wakeland
Sound Booth:	Kathleen Brown	Zak Dempsey	Kathleen Brown
Nursery:	Kim Osborne	Pamela Paul	Shelby Macon
Greeters:	Susan Shelly	Larry Menoher	Brenda Martin
	Cristina Roggiero	Frank Vitiello	Kathy DiNiro
Ushers:	Wayne Neese	Dennis Coleman	Mike Pell
	Barry Brown	Cody Callanan	Frank Vitiello
Visitor Center:	Lisa Hare	Teresa Murrell	Kim Osborne

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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