

# THE FAMILY CONNECTION

Romans 15:7

December 22, 2019

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# Welcome!

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History records for us an interesting footnote. It was during the dark winter of 1864. At Petersburg, Virginia, the Confederate army of Robert E. Lee faced the Union divisions of General Ulysses S. Grant. The war was now three year and a half years old and the glorious charge had long since given way to the muck and mud of trench warfare. Late one evening one of Lee's generals, Major General George Pickett, received word that his wife had given birth to a beautiful baby boy. Up and down the line the Southerners began building huge bonfires in celebration of the event. These fires did not go unnoticed in the Northern camps and soon a nervous Grant sent out a reconnaissance patrol to see what was going on. The scouts returned with the message that Pickett had had a son and these were celebratory fires. It so happened that Grant and Pickett had been contemporaries at West Point and knew one another well, so to honor the occasion Grant, too, ordered that bonfires should be built.

What a peculiar night it was. For miles on both sides of the lines fires burned. Not shots fired. No yelling back and forth. No war fought. Only light, celebrating the birth of a child. But it didn't last forever. Soon the fires burned down and once again the darkness took over. The darkness of the night and the darkness of war.

The good news of Christmas is that in the midst of a great darkness there came a light, and the darkness was not able to overcome the light. We need to remember that. There are times, in the events of the world and in the events of our own personal lives, that we feel that the light of the world will be snuffed out. But the Christmas story affirms that whatever happens, the light still shines.

Borrowed

## PRAYER LIST\*

### MEMBERS

- Margie Rhodes
- Debbie Kendall
- Drew Meulenberg
- Bill Harty
- Judy Ressallat
- Bonnie Thompson
- Terry Shaw
- Bonnie Stephens Maria Reategui
- Maggie Rodriguez Elvis Durity
- Asbill Family Marjorie Connor
- David & Della Flagg
- Blake Family Travis Family
- Carla Sledge
- JC Perez's mom, Wilda
- Larry & Di Menoher
- Frieda Rodgers
- Lee Sutton
- Warren & Brenda Werntz

### NURSING HOME / SHUT-INS

- Delbert Mick
- June McCauley
- Mildred Freeland
- Lyle Wheeler
- Dolly Blitch
- Wayne & Bonnie Bucy

### FAMILY & FRIENDS

- Jon Sauer
- Laurie & Danny Osborne
- Maddie Whitlock
- Darinda Paul
- Joe Lennon's son
- Mary Ryder
- Jack Dehanas
- Linda Sutton grandson Matt & great granddaughter Jordan
- John Diniro
- Frances Wakeland
- Judy Ressallat's sister
- John Wallace's sister
- George Ballard
- Marsha Hampton
- John David
- Bob Stafford
- Judy Sauer's granddaughter, Magen
- Christina Soriero

### MILITARY

Christopher Lemay Darrell Martin  
Casandra Prokop Lee Strong

## Order of Worship

December 22, 2019

<b>Call to Worship:</b>	<b>Dennis Coleman</b>
#997	"O Come All Ye Faithful"
#1001	"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"
<b>Welcome:</b>	<b>Lyle Asbill</b>
#47	"Holy, Holy, Holy"
#480	"Blessed Assurance"
Screen	"My Only Hope Is You"
<b>Bible Reading:</b>	<b>Isaiah 9:1-7</b>
<b>Prayer:</b>	<b>Doug Fee</b>
Screen	"Great Are You Lord"
#315	"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
<b>Communion</b>	
<b>Leader:</b>	<b>Ben Gyimah</b>
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 10:15-17</b>
<b>Offering</b>	<b>Deuteronomy 8:18</b>
#1002	"Angles We Have Heard On High"
<b>Message:</b>	<b>Lyle Asbill</b>
<b>Invitation:</b>	
Screen	"Almost Persuaded"
<b>Song As We Enter the Mission Field:</b>	
Screen	"Just Over in that Gloryland"
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	<b>Talor Kelley</b>

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

## Future Events

**Tonight:** Bon Fire @ Otey's @ 5:30PM  
**December 22-26th:** Office Closed  
**December 25th & January 1st:** No Bible Study  
**January 5, 2020:** Singing Class in Classroom A8  
**January 17-20, 2020:** Youth @ Central Florida Winter Camp  
**January 18th:** Hunger Walk  
**February 1st :** Touch-A-Truck Annual Event  
**February 21 - 22:** Mental Health Seminars Community Event  
**Feb 28 - Mar 1st:** Family Camping Retreat  
**Tuesday Men's Prayer Meeting:** 6:30AM @ building  
**Jail Ministry:** See Barry if you'd like to help with this ministry!

### GIVING & ATTENDANCE WEEK ENDED Dec 15, 2019

Weekly Actual	\$ 12,332
Weekly Budget	9,300
Weekly Variance	\$ 3,032
4 Week Average Variance	\$ 548

#### Attendance

Worship:

Bible Study Attendees:

### PRAYER UPDATES

- Mildred Freeland, Lyle Wheeler, Darinda Paul, June McCauley, Elvis Durity, Bonnie Thompson, & Scott Blake continue to have health challenges.
- Drew Meulenberg had an ablation procedure on his heart on Wednesday. The procedure went well according to the doctors. He was able to go home on Thursday.
- Marjorie Rhodes had hip replacement surgery on Monday. Everything went very well. Marjorie was able to return home the next day.
- With the holidays approaching, please be careful on the roads. Many will be traveling.
- This time of the year leads to an increase in depression. Pray for those who are in need of spiritual guidance and those who help them..

### Bible Classes This Week

#### Sunday Bible Classes:

Auditorium - Scott Holden - "Deuteronomy - Before and After"

#### Youth classes include:

Cradle Roll - Room #2A - Kim Osborne

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

1st - 3rd Grade - Room # 3/4- Susan Shelly

4th - 5th Grade - Room # 1- Nora Vitiello & Susan Meulenberg

Middle School & High School -Room # 11- Zak & Jordyn Dempsey

#### Wednesday Night:

## No Wednesday Classes the next 2 weeks

### Annual Bon Fire

The annual bon fire at the Otey home will be TONIGHT - Sunday, December 22nd at 5:30 PM. Please join us for a time of worship, good food, and great fellowship. Bring a covered dish & drink to share and a chair to sit in. The event will be outside so please dress accordingly.

### Directory Update

Please change the email addresses for Barry and Kathleen Brown.

Barry: BarryBrown958@gmail.com. Kathleen: KatheInFL@gmail.com

### Items Left in Auditorium

We have had several cups, soda cans, bottles, and trash left around the auditorium on the tables, chairs and floor. Please remember to pick up after yourself since our Hispanic brothers and sisters worship right after us at 1PM. Yes, if you brought something in the auditorium, this means you!

### Directories

The 2020 Directories are in the editing stage now. Deadline to check the copy on the back table near the sound booth is TODAY!

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

#### December

25 - Velva Perry  
25 - Bobby Seay  
27 - Joe & Debbie Anderson  
28 - Tim Osborne  
31 - Bill Harty  
31 - Rachel Dehanas

#### January

1 - Lyle Ashill  
1 - Jan Funk

4 - Brenda Werntz  
6 - Doug Fee  
8 - Kim Osborne  
11 - John Diniro  
11 - John Henderson  
12 - Pamela Paul  
14 - Garrett Macon  
18 - Bob Allshouse  
20 - Jack Dehanas

21 - Mary Paul  
23 - Emily Glazier  
23 - Debbie Anderson  
24 - Tim & Kim Osborne  
26 - Marie Lennon  
27 - Wayne Neese  
28 - Haris & Gusleine Domond  
29 - Jorge Rhodes  
30 - Haris Domond

### ELDERS

Barry Brown: 777-7248  
Ben Gyimah: 449-6339  
Claude Haynes: 450-0715

### STAFF

Lyle Asbill: Minister  
Kathleen Brown: Office Admin  
Zak Dempsey: Youth Minister

### DEACONS

Terry Billingsby Building / Grounds  
Jeff Blake Adult Education  
Alan Glazier Worship  
Glenn Macon Youth  
Larry Menoher Building / Grounds  
Drew Meulenberg Finance  
Tim Osborne Children's Education & Prayer  
Scott Otey Special Events  
Marc Rimmer Benevolence  
Hugh Travis Livingston Academy  
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]  
Carlos & Maribel Preciado [Pompano]  
Christian Home & Bible School

### LIVINGSTON ACADEMY

Bailey Murrell Daycare Director

### GHANA MISSIONARIES

Emanuel, Peter, Gideon, Mark, Amos,  
Anthony, James, Valentine, Evans

### 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

Bible Study —6:30 P.M.

### OFFICE HOURS

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



### SERVICE SCHEDULE

#### Today

#### Next Week

##### Song Leader:

Dennis Coleman Zak Dempsey

##### Opening Prayer:

Doug Fee Scott Otey

##### Scripture Reading:

TBA TBA

##### Communion Leader

Ben Gyimah David Wakeland

##### Servers:

Haris Domond Barry Brown  
Tom Wriggins Talor Kelley  
Robert Copeland Willie Sledge  
Phil Osborne Mike Pell  
Scott Holden Terry Billingsby  
Cody Callanan Hugh Travis

##### Closing Prayer:

Talor Kelley Terry Shaw

##### Computer:

David Wakeland Doug Fee

##### Sound Booth:

Easton Davis Kathleen Brown

##### Nursery:

Kim Osborne Pam Macon

##### Greeters:

Roland Guyot Sue Macon  
Marcia Guyot Pam Billingsby

##### Ushers:

Glenn Macon JC Perez  
Mike Pell Alan Glazier

##### Visitor Center:

Stella Gyimah Lisa Hare

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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