# THE FAMILY CONNECTION

Romans 15:7 March 3, 2019



## Do You Hear God's Message?

Back when the telegraph was the fastest method of long-distance communication, a young man applied for a job as a Morse Code operator.

Answering an ad in the newspaper, he went to the office address that was listed. When he arrived, he entered a large, busy office filled with noise and clutter, including the sound of the telegraph in the background. A sign on the receptionist's counter instructed job applicants to fill out a form and wait until they were summoned to enter the inner office.

The young man filled out his form and sat down with the seven other applicants in the waiting area. After a few minutes, the young man stood up, crossed the room to the door of the inner office, and walked right in. Naturally the other applicants perked up, wondering what was going on. They muttered among themselves that they hadn't heard any summons yet.

They assumed that the young man who went into the office made a mistake and would be disqualified.

Within a few minutes, however, the employer escorted the young ma out of the office and said to the other applicants, "Gentlemen, thank you very much for coming, but the job has been filled."

The other applicants began grumbling to each other, and one spoke up saying, "Wait a minute, I don't understand. He was the last to come in, and we never even got a chance to be interviewed. Yet he got the job. That's not fair!" The employer said, "I'm sorry, but all the time you've been sitting here, the telegraph has been ticking out the following message in Morse Code: 'If you understand this message, then come right in. The job is yours.' None of you heard it or understood it. This young man did. The job is his."

So often, like the applicants in the story above, the reason why we don't respond to God's message is that we haven't really been listening to it. God continues to try to get our attention, but we get distracted by so many other voices and sounds around us that we never even hear what God has to say.

"But I gave them this command: Obey me, and I will e your God and you will be my people. Walk in all the ways I command you, that it may go well with you. But they did not listen or pay attention..." (Jeramiah 7:23-24a, NIV)

God speaks to us. May you seek to listen to God this day amidst all that the clutter that seeks to distract you.

Have a great day!

Borrowed

## PRAYER LIST\* **MEMBERS**

Margie Rhodes Bob Murrell

Debbie Kendall Bill Harty

Bonnie Stephens Maria Reategui

Scott Blake Roggiero Family

Melissa O'Connor Kellie Otto

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

IC 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**

Torres Family Presto Family

David Dehanas Tiereny Family

Vespo Family Larry Eubanks

Carl, Nancy & Family Jon Sauer

Madison Reeve Kayla Acosta

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

Dave McKinney Joe Lennon's son

Mary Ryder Jack Dehanas

Linda Sutton grandson Matt &

great granddaughter Jordan

Joan Lappin Larry Pierce

Eric Stambaugh John Diniro

Mike Smith Frances Wakeland

Brayden Webb Virginia Huntly Debbie Butler

Tommy Reid

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 3, 2019

Call to Worship: Vernon Ray, Jr.

"Heaven Came Down" **#517** 

Lyle Asbill Welcome:

"As the Deer" #71 "Sing Hallelujah to the Lord" #242

Bible Reading: Tim Osborne - Colossians 2:16-23

Prayer: Alan Glazier

> #976 "I Shall Not Be Moved"

Screen "I Christ Alone"

Leader: **Drew Meulenberg** 

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 Communion

Offering 1 Timothy 6:7-10 "Turn My Heart" #803

> #484 "You Are My All in All"

Lyle Asbill Message:

Invitation:

#147 "I Stand Amazed"

Song as We Enter the Mission Field:

#989 "Soon and Very Soon"

Cody Callanan **Closing Prayer:** 

## **Future Events**

Dinner with the Elders - 6PM Tonight:

March 6th: Taco Salad Dinner@ 5:30PM

Bible Study @ 6:30PM

March 15th: Youth - Bible Study & Hangout 6PM March 17th: Estate Planning Seminar @ 6:30PM

March 18th: Youth - Dinner & Devo 6PM @ building

March 24th: Youth - Lunch - location is TBA

March 30th: Youth - Game Night 6PM @ Dempsey's

Tuesday Men's Prayer Meeting: 6:30AM @ building Care Bears Ministry: Wednesdays @ 6PM @ building

Jail Ministry: Barry - March 9th Sam - March 16th

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

Carolyn & Wallen Hoefer Marsha Hampton Robert Champing Owen Rensberger

**MILITARY** 

Christopher Lemay Darrell Martin Casandra Prokop Lee Strong

## GIVING & ATTENDANCE WEEK ENDED Feb 24, 2019

Weekly Actual \$ 8,563 Weekly Budget 13,000 Weekly Variance \$ <4,437> 4 Week Average Variance <2,626 > Attendance Worship: 203

#### PRAYER UPDATES

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Bible Study Attendees:

- E.L. & Mildred Freeland, Lyle Wheeler, Bonnie Thompson, Elvis Durity, Kellie Otto, & Scott Blake continue to have health challenges.
- Please take a moment to look over the prayer list. If you see any changes that need to be made, please fill out one of the yellow cards and place it in the collection plate.
- Some of our winter residents will begin making their way home soon. Pray for their safety and God willing that we will see them again soon!

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Dot Piper
- 3 EL & Mildred Freeland
- 4 Drew Meulenberg
- 9 Tammy Zoltek
- 11 John Carroll
- 15 Chelsea DiNiro
- 17 Suzanne Jeffries
- 17 Marsh 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

## 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 -

## Dinner with the Elders

Please join us tonight at 6:00PM for our next Dinner with the Elders. Your input is important to us and to the growth of this congregation. As always, dinner and dessert will be provided.

## It's A Girl

Congratulations go out to Pamela & Colby Paul on the birth of their daughter and Everett's sister, Eleanor (Ellie) Ann Paul. Eleanor arrived on Thursday, February 21st at 9:10PM and weighed 8 lbs 3 oz and was 20 1/2 inches. Mom and baby are doing well and are at home. If you would like to take the Paul's a meal, please see Carrie to schedule a time. Cards may be sent to their home: 9746 Litchfield Lane, Naples, FL 34109. Again, congratulations to the Paul and Osborne families!

## Youth Group Communication

Parents as a reminder, please give your cell phone number and preferred email to Zak or Jordyn Dempsey. Please download the app called "GroupMe". There is a parent communication group and a chat group set up for the youth. Emails will be sent out through IContact.com.

## Communication Methods

We use several methods to communicate with our members. Is your phone in your hand at all times? iPhone and Android users, please download WhatsApp (a free method for groups to keep in touch via texts) and let the office know; Kathleen will add you to the group "Naples Church of Christ". Is Email a better choice to keep you up to date with church news? Then please add IContact.com to your safe senders list. Group emails are sent via this service. Please make sure we have your preferred email address.

#### **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 3rd        | March 10th         | March 17th        |
|----------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Preaching:     | Lyle Asbill      | Lyle Asbill        | Lyle Asbill       |
| Song Leader:   | Vernon Ray, Jr.  | Vernon Ray, Jr     | Joe Lennon        |
| Opening Praye  | er: Alan Glazier | Bob Murrell        | Willie Sledge     |
| Scripture:     | Tim Osborne      | Terry Shaw         | Cody Callanan     |
| Communion      |                  |                    |                   |
| Leader:        | Drew Meulenberg  | David Wakeland     | Ben Gyimah        |
| Servers:       | Barry Brown      | Todd Murrell       | Zak Dempsey       |
|                | Doug Fee         | Mike Pell          | Dennis Coleman    |
|                | Jose Mak         | GianCarlo Roggiero | Marc Rimmer       |
|                | JC Perez         | Tim Osborne        | Phil Osborne      |
|                | Cameron Rimmer   | Logan Rimmer       | Lyle Asbill       |
|                | Shawn Mak        | Glenn Macon        | Glenn Montgomery  |
| Closing Prayer | r: Cody Callanan | Drew Meulenberg    | Colby Paul        |
| Computer:      | David Wakeland   | Doug Fee           | Scott Holden      |
| Sound Booth:   | Kathleen Brown   | Kathleen Brown     | Kathleen Brown    |
| Nursery:       | Diane Otey       | Cindy Osborne      | Teresa Murrell    |
| Greeters:      | Sue Macon        | Sheri Glazier      | Susan Shelly      |
|                | Pam Billingsby   | Lisa Hare          | Cristina Roggiero |
| Ushers:        | Glenn Macon      | Frank Vitiello     | Wayne Neese       |
|                | Garrett Macon    | Brian Jeffries     | Tom Wriggin       |
| Visitor Center | : Kathy Diniro   | Mary Blake         | Lisa Hare         |

Please meet in Classroom II 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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