THE FAMILY CONNECTION

Romans 15:7 July 26, 2020



Rules Concerning Dessert

Imagine what it would have been like if the Old Testament law covered such things as eating of dessert:

For we judge between the plate that is unclean and the plate that is clean, saying first, if the plate is clean, then you shall have dessert. But of the unclean plate, the laws are these:

If you have eaten most of your meat, and two bites of your peas with each bite consisting of not less than three peas each, or in total six peas, eaten where I can see, and you have also eaten enough of your potatoes to fill two forks, both forkfuls eaten where I can see, then you shall have dessert.

But if you eat a lesser number of peas, and yet you eat the potatoes, still you shall not have dessert; and if you eat the peas, yet leave the potatoes uneaten, you shall not have dessert, no, not even a small portion thereof.

And if you try to deceive by moving the potatoes or peas around with a fork, that it may appear you have eaten what you have not, you will fall into iniquity. And I will know, and you shall have no dessert.

No, those verses are not to be found in Exodus, Leviticus, or Deuteronomy. But something similar is in the "lawbook" of almost every parent. As children, we thought the "rules" were terribly unfair, almost bordering on "cruel and unusual punishment". But, as we became parent ourselves, we began to understand the need for setting guidelines for the behavior of our children, both in matters as mundane as the eating of dessert and as crucial as having a faith in Jesus Christ.

"And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord." (Ephesians 6:1)

God, we look to you as our heavenly Father and give thanks for our earthly parents who taught us and trained us (though we didn't always appreciate it at the time). We ask your blessing on those of us who are now in the process of training our children. In Jesus' name, amen.

PRAYER LIST* MEMBERS

- Margie Rhodes
- Drew Meulenberg
- Bonnie Thompson
- Vernon Ray, Sr.
- Terry Shaw
- Bonnie Stephens
- Maria Reategui
- Maggie Rodriguez
- Elvis Durity
- Asbill Family
- Marjorie Connor
- David & Della Flagg
- Blake Family
- Carla Sledge
- Harty Family
- Sue Macon
- JC Perez's mom, Wilda
- Frieda Rodgers
- Donna Strong
- Lee & Linda Sutton
- Warren & Brenda Werntz

NURSING HOME / SHUT-INS

- June McCauley
- Dolly Blitch
- Wayne & Bonnie Bucy

FAMILY & FRIENDS

- Jon Sauer
- Laurie & Danny Osborne
- Maddie Whitlock
- Darinda Paul
- Joe & Marie Lennon's son
- Mary Ryder
- Jack Dehanas
- Linda Sutton grandson Matt & great granddaughter Jordan
- John Diniro
- John Wallace's sister
- George Ballard
- Marsha Hampton
- Marco Moros
- John David & Nancy Ottway
- Bob Stafford
- Judy Sauer's granddaughter, Magen
- Christina Soriero
- John Werntz
- Sally Lupton

Order of Worship

July 26, 2020

Call to Worship: Dennis Coleman

"Holy Ground"

Welcome: Terry Billingsby

"Heavenly Sunlight"

Prayer: Scott Otey

"The New Song"

"If that Isn't Love"

Communion

Leader: Scott Holden

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 Deuteronomy 15:10-11

"How Great Is Our God"

Message: Lyle Asbill

Invitation:

"Trust and Obey"

Song As We Enter the Mission Field:

"I Exalt Thee"

Closing Prayer: Hugh Travis

We will continue to observe Communion every week. Due to the current health concerns, the communion bread has been placed into individual serving cups. Gluten Free communion has been placed within the very center ring of each tray.

Future Events

July 29th: Deacon / Ministry Leader Meeting August 16th: Rack-n-Stack for Primary Elections

Sept 4th - 6th: SonQuest Youth Rally

Prayer Section

If you have requested that someone be put on the prayer list and they are no longer in need of prayer, please let us know. We like to know when prayers have been answered.

MILITARY

Christopher Lemay Darrell Martin Casandra Prokop Lee Strong

GIVING & ATTENDANCE WEEK ENDED July 19, 2020

Weekly Actual \$7,563
Weekly Budget 7,000
Weekly Variance \$563

4 Week Average Variance \$<618>

Attendance in Building 54 Attendance via views online: 1,200

Attendance Wednesday online: 144

PRAYER UPDATES

- Darinda Paul, June McCauley, Elvis Durity, Bonnie Thompson, & Scott Blake continue to have health challenges.
- Pray for the families affected by COVID-19. This time has taken its toll on everyone physically, financially, emotionally, and spiritually.
- On Thursday we received word that Mildred Freeland was placed into Hospice care. She was unable to swallow and Hospice was keeping her as comfortable as possible. Since she tested negative for COVID-19, Claude Haynes and John Wallace were permitted to sit with her on Friday as she passed from this life into the arms of our Lord. According to her wishes, she will be buried in Michigan next to EL as soon as possible.

SonQuest News!

Due to the health concerns during these uncertain times, the SonQuest committee has decided to host their youth rally virtually and it will be called SonQuest Local! SonQuest Local will still happen over Labor Day weekend (Sept 4th & 5th), but we don't have to travel to Orlando. We will keep you informed as the SonQuest planning committee releases details. In the meantime, mark your calendars for a great local weekend.

Live Streaming

For those who are not attending worship in person, please tune in today to the live stream at 10 AM via our Facebook page. We will continue to stream Wednesday night Bible Study at 6:30 PM.

Communion Supplies

For those who feel the need to continue social distancing, we will continue to offer communion supplies for pick up at the building on Friday from 11:00 AM - 5PM.

Giving

Even though we have resumed worshipping together at the building, there will continue to be four ways to make your donation:

- 1 **Online** through the Givelify app.
- 2 Mail a check to the building 12760 Livingston Road, 34105
- 3 Drop a check or cash in an envelope (with your name) into the church locked mailbox. It is the middle one out front.
- 4 Give it to the person who brings the communion supplies to you.

Birthday's & Anniversaries

28 - Marcy Hull

29 - Jeff & Mary Blake

31 - Dedra Henderson

August 1 - Kay Harty

3 - David & Della Flagg

3 - Bill & Betty Gillett

7 - Frank & Nora Vitiello

12 - Ben & Stella Gyimah

13 - John & Dedra Henderson

13 - Tiffany Osborne

13 - Harper Murrell

16 - David Wakeland

16 - Gina Taft

17 - Nora Vitiello

19 - Amanda Coleman

19 - Bob & Teresa Murrell

20 - Scott Otey

20 - Jan Devins

24 - Jenneine Lambert

28 - Betty Gillett

28 - Bonnie Stephens

28 - John & Lezlie Carroll

31 - Arthur Pope

Sept. 3 - Larry & Dorothy Eubanks

7 - Christy Durity

8 - Cameron Rimmer

9 - Glenn Macon

SHEPHERDS

 Terry Billingsby
 423-943-8999

 Barry Brown:
 239-777-7248

 Ben Gyimah:
 239-449-6339

 Claude Haynes:
 239-450-0715

 Scott Otey
 239-253-9640

 Hugh Travis
 239-450-1445

STAFF

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

DEACONS

Jeff Blake Adult Education
Alan Glazier Worship
Glenn Macon Youth
Larry Menoher Building / Grounds
Drew Meulenberg Finance
Marc Rimmer Benevolence
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] Christian Home & Bible School Mauricio Yegros [Coral Springs]

LIVINGSTON ACADEMY

Bailey Murrell Daycare Director

GHANA MISSIONARIES

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

WORSHIP SERVICES SUNDAY

Worship— 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. Streaming begins at 10:00 A.M.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study via Facebook —6:30 P.M.

OFFICE HOURS

Working from home Office hours by appointment only



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.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

July 26th

Welcome: Terry Billingsby
Song Leader: Dennis Coleman
Opening Prayer: Scott Otey

Communion:

Leader Scott Holden

Servers & Ushers:

TBA

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Closing Prayer:

Computer: David Wakeland Sound Booth: Kathleen Brown Media: Zak Dempsey

Next Week

Welcome: Scott Otey Song Leader: Dennis Coleman

Opening Prayer: Communion: Leader

Servers & Ushers:

Closing Prayer:

Computer: David Wakeland Sound Booth: Kathleen Brown Media: Zak Dempsey

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]

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