

# THE FAMILY CONNECTION

Romans 15:7

April 18, 2021

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# welcome!

## What You Can Expect Today

Welcome to all of our guests. We are blessed and honored that you are worshipping with us today. We also know that visiting a new church can be puzzling, so we want to explain what you can expect in our worship.

Although our worship may be a little different than what you are used to, please feel free to join right in.

Our worship does not begin in quiet meditation. Instead, you will notice the chatter of our church family enjoying fellowship. Connecting with God's people is almost as important as connecting with God. We cherish our sense of family.

You might notice that the whole congregation is our choir and that we sing a capella, like the first century Christians. In our assembly, music is something we all participate in. We value the sincerity of praise more than perfect singers. Feel free to lift your voice to the Lord with us!

Our prayers are not from prayer books, but from hearts that know the Lord. They are simple conversations with our Father in heaven, through the Spirit.

We will be observing the Lord's Supper today. Like the earliest Christians, we do this every Sunday. This brings us back to the central fact of Christianity — Jesus' death and resurrection for each of us. Sharing the Communion together emphasizes our oneness with the Lord and with each other.

We will take up an offering this morning. The only source of financial support for this church is the voluntary contribution of our members. We don't have fundraising activities nor do we have membership dues. We do not ask visitors to support our work, unless the Spirit leads them to do so.

The sermon this morning shows that we believe the Bible is God's inspired Word. It is a practical message of truth to shape our daily lives. Follow along in your Bible or take notes. By all means feel free to ask any questions after the service.

At the end of the sermon we will stand and sing an "invitation song" to encourage worshippers to respond to Jesus. Often, someone will come forward during this song and ask the church to pray for them. In addition, someone may confess his or her faith in Jesus and ask to learn more about Christ, and to be baptized. Don't hesitate to respond when the Spirit moves your conscience.

Thanks for being here. Before you leave we would love to know you better. We hope you will stay a few minutes to chat, and to let us know what we can do to help you become a Christian, or to strengthen your Christianity.



**GIVING & ATTENDANCE**  
**WEEK ENDED April 11th**

Weekly Actual	\$ 10,287
Weekly Budget	<u>\$10,500</u>
Weekly Variance	\$ <213>
4 Week Average Variance	\$ <858>

Sunday Morning:

Attendance in Building	140
Attendance via views online:	305

Sunday Evening:

Attendance in Building	N/A
Attendance via views online:	192

Wednesday:

Attendance in Building/ Teens	43
Attendance online:	95

**PRAYER SECTION**

- Claude Haynes, June McCauley, Elvis Durity, Bonnie Stephens, & 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.
- John David Ottway is still receiving treatments. He is expected to need a blood transfusion again soon.
- Jan Devins was taken to the ER on Wednesday night.
- Vernon Ray, Jr. fell off his horse and broke several ribs.
- Larry Menoher's daughter is on the mend after being diagnosed with COVID 19.
- Some of our Winter Residents will be traveling to their northern homes soon.
- The Neal family have begun their journey to Naples. They are expected to arrive early in the week.

**Thank You**

Many thanks to those who helped with our work day yesterday.

**Bible Study**

**Our in person / virtual class for Sunday night:**

Everyone - Main Auditorium - 5:30 PM - Russ Bone

**Our in person classes for Wednesday night are:**

Everyone - Main Auditorium - 6:30PM.

Teens - Grey House - 6:30PM

All county mandated health precautions will be followed.

**Our virtual options for Wednesday night are:**

Ladies class via Zoom - 6PM - please contact Carla Sledge or Diane Otey for a Zoom invitation.

Auditorium class via Facebook - 6:30PM

We hope you will join us in one of these Bible study opportunities.

**Children's Worship Class**

Our children's worship class is offered to those 3 years of age to 2nd grade and will be held in Classroom A8 - that's the large classroom in the back. Children will be with their parents at the beginning of worship and will be dismissed by the song leader after the communion service. You may use either set of double doors into the classroom area. On your way back, please take a moment to encourage your child to go potty before going to class. We ask that when services are over, parents promptly pick up their children from the classroom. Due to safety reasons, only parents will be allowed to pick up their children.

**Collier County Has Dropped Its Mask Mandate**

Beginning today, masks will be **optional** for any services/events here at the Church Building. We would respectfully request that you consider wearing a mask when entering the building until you are seated, especially at busy times like Sunday Morning Worship.

Thank you, The Shepherds.

**Young Adults "Taco and Game Night"**

Join us May 1st at 6PM for a game night at the Dempsey's home! Bring your favorite salsa & chips to share and some friends. See Jordyn Dempsey to RSVP or if you have any questions.

**VPK Graduation**

If you are able to help with VPK Graduation on May 21st, please contact Becky Harty at [TheOffice@LivingstonAcademyNaples.com](mailto:TheOffice@LivingstonAcademyNaples.com).

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

22 - Sela Adams	28 - Margorie Rhodes
22 - Clarke Gaynor	30 - Di Menoher
23 - Bill Gillett	May 3 - Pam Macon
24 - Hugh Travis	4 - Ken Brown
24 - Tom Wriggins	4 - Drew & Susan Meulenberg
25 - Tracey Mak	6 - Larry & Di Menoher
26 - Audrey Streefkerk	8 - Easton & Allysa Davis
27 - Faith Brown	9 - Logan & Hailey Rimmer
27 - Sonyia Rimmer	11 - Linda Copeland

### SHEPHERDS

Terry Billingsby 423-943-8999  
 Barry Brown: 239- 777-7248  
 Ben Gyimah: 239-449-6339  
 Scott Otey 239-253-9640  
 Hugh Travis 239-450-1445

### STAFF

Russ Bone: Interim Minister  
 Kathleen Brown: Office Admin  
 Zak Dempsey: Youth Minister  
 Tim Neal Lead Minister

### DEACONS

Jeff Blake Adult Education  
 Marvin Donis TBA  
 Roberto Escobar, Jr. Daycare Cmte.  
 Alan Glazier Worship  
 Glenn Macon Youth  
 Larry Menoher Building / Grounds  
 Drew Meulenberg Finance  
 Marc Rimmer Benevolence  
 Tom Wriggins Worship

### MINISTRY LEADERS

Dennis Coleman Building & Grounds  
 Haris Domond Social Media &  
 Advertising  
 George Fetzer Security  
 Scott Holden Visitation  
 David Wakeland Involvement  
 Online Giving: 

### USA MISSIONS

Roberto Escobar, Sr. [Naples]  
 Christian Home & Bible School  
 Mauricio Yegros [Coral Springs]

### LIVINGSTON ACADEMY

Becky Harty Director

### GHANA MISSIONARIES

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

### WORSHIP SERVICES

#### SUNDAY

Worship - 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
 Streaming - 10:00 AM & 5:30 PM  
 Hispanic Service - 1:00 PM  
 Evening Study - 5:30 PM

#### WEDNESDAY

Ladies Class - 6PM via Zoom  
 Bible Study - 6:30 PM  
 Streaming begins at 6:30 PM

### OFFICE HOURS

M, W, F - 10A.M. - 5:00 PM



### SERVICE SCHEDULE

**April 18th**

Welcome: Terry Billingsby  
 Song Leader: Joe Lennon  
 Preaching: Russ Bone  
 Scripture Reading &  
 Opening Prayer Barry Brown  
 Communion:  
 Leader Tom Wriggins  
 Servers & Ushers:  
 Scott Holden, Glenn Macon  
 AJ Lopez, Scott Otey  
 Closing Prayer: Ben Gyimah  
 Computer: David Wakeland  
 Sound: Kathleen Brown  
 Media: Zak Dempsey

**Next Week**

Welcome: Terry Billingsby  
 Song Leader: Joe Lennon  
 Preaching: Russ Bone  
 Scripture Reading &  
 Opening Prayer Barry Brown  
 Communion:  
 Leader Tom Wriggins  
 Servers & Ushers:  
 Scott Holden, Glenn Macon  
 AJ Lopez, Scott Otey  
 Closing Prayer: Ben Gyimah  
 Computer: David Wakeland  
 Sound: Roberto Escobar, Jr.  
 Media: Kathleen Brown  
 Communion Prep: Erin Osborne  
 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 [Sound]

### 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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