

THE FAMILY CONNECTION

Romans 15:7

May 9, 2021

WELCOME!

The Influence of Mothers

Author John Maxwell collected some notes from children who have written to their Moms on Mother's Days. Here are just a few samples.

This is from Angie, who is 8 years old: "Dear Mother, I'm going to make dinner for you on Mother's Day. It's going to be a surprise. P. S. I hope you like pizza and popcorn."

Robert, age 8: "I got you a turtle for Mother's Day. I hope you like the turtle I got you this year for Mother's Day better than the snake I got you last year."

Eileen, who is 9 years old: Dear Mother, I wish Mother's Day wasn't always on Sunday. It would be better if it were on Monday so we wouldn't have to go to school."

Here's my favorite. This is from Carol who is 8 years old: "Dear Mother, Here are two aspirins. Have a Happy Mother's Day."

Sunday, we will celebrate Mother's Day in this country. While it's not a "Christian Holiday" I think it's certainly an appropriate celebration. Paul said that we as Christians are to "give honor to whom honor is due" (Romans 13:7), and I can't think of anyone any more deserving of honor than our mothers.

"Mother", Charles Swindoll has written, "For some, this word brings up images of June Cleaver, complete with lace apron and pearls – singing lullabies, baking brownies, kissing away a child's hot tears. Others envision the Erma Bombeck model, who drives a wood paneled station wagon and whose hobby is dust." Whatever the type, no one has more influence than a mother."

Nobody – not teachers, not preachers, not psychologists – gets the same chance to mold human minds and nurture human bodies and emotions like a mother does. She will forever impact the life of her children. The results of mothering can truly be seen for generations.

Abraham Lincoln once said, "All that I am, or can be, I owe to my angel mother." Napoleon Bonaparte said, "Let France have good mothers, and she will have good sons." I like this Spanish proverb – "An ounce of mother is worth a pound of clergy."

Those quotations have one thing in common – they all emphasize the fact that mothers have such a powerful influence, not only over their children, but over the very course of history.

"Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her."

(Proverbs 31:28)

Borrowed

PRAYER LIST* MEMBERS

- Claude Haynes
- Margie Rhodes
- Bonnie Stephens
- Maria Reategui
- Maggie Rodriguez
- Elvis Durity
- Marjorie Connor
- Lew Parks
- Frieda Rodgers
- Doug Fee
- Carla Sledge
- Donna Strong
- Lee & Linda Sutton
- Di Menoher
- Ron Restivo
- Jeff Blake
- Werntz Family

NURSING HOME / SHUT-INS

- June McCauley
- Wayne & Bonnie Bucy

FAMILY & FRIENDS

- Jon Sauer
- Kasey Dudley Tania Gadbury
- Laurie & Danny Osborne
- Maddie Whitlock
- Joe & Marie Lennon's son
- Mary Ryder Lynn Greer
- Linda Sutton grandson Matt &
great granddaughter Jordan
- John Wallace's sister
- George Ballard
- Marsha Hampton
- Marco Moros Bob Stafford
- John David & Nancy Ottway
- Hussey Family Sally Abbott
- Judy Sauer's g-daughter, Meaghan
- John Werntz
- Robert Champion Michael Presto
- Pam Richey
- Larry Brown
- Brooke Ruppel Laubel Perez
- Ao Hotchkiss
- Rod Cameron
- Carla Sledge's niece, Audricka
- Carla Sledge's nephew
- Danny Billingsby

MILITARY

Christopher Lemay Lee Strong
Darrell Martin Casandra Prokop

Order of Worship

May 9, 2021

Call to Worship: Joe Lennon
Medley *"I Will Call upon the Lord"*
"We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"

Announcements

& Welcome: Scott Otey

"How Great Thou Art"

Prayer &: Roberto Escobar, Jr.

Scripture Reading:

"At the Cross (Love Ran Red)"

Communion

Leader: Barry Brown

1 Corinthians 10:15-17

1 Corinthians 16:1-2

Children are invited to go to the worship class during this song.

Song before the Message

Medley *"Before the Throne of God"*

Message: Russ Bone

Invitation: *"I Bring My Sins to Thee"*

Song As We Enter the Mission Field:

"Blessed Be the Lord Almighty"

Closing Prayer: Tom Wriggins

Parents please pick up your child from class

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

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| Every Sunday: | Live Stream Worship at 10:00 AM |
| Every Tuesday: | Girls' Devo - Macon's @ 5:30 PM |
| Every Wednesday: | Ladies Class via Zoom - 6PM |
| Every Friday: | Communion pick up - Building - 11AM - 4PM |
| TONIGHT: | Bible Study @ 5:30PM - Russ Bone |
| May 8th: | Youth Cook Out - Grey House @ 4PM |
| ****May 21st: | VPK Graduation - 10 AM**** |
| July 11th - 17th: | Teen Week at Central Florida Bible Camp |

GIVING & ATTENDANCE
WEEK ENDED May 2nd

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| Weekly Actual | \$11,141 |
| Weekly Budget | <u>\$10,500</u> |
| Weekly Variance | \$ 641 |
| 4 Week Average Variance | \$1,089 |
| Sunday Morning: | |
| Attendance in Building | 144 |
| Attendance via views online: | 310 |
| Sunday Evening: | |
| Attendance in Building | 38 |
| Attendance via views online: | N/A |
| Wednesday: | |
| Attendance in Building/ Teens | 45 |
| Attendance online: | 126 |

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 has sent word that he almost paralysed by his neck. He is receiving in home care through Hospice. He appreciates all prayers.
- Our deepest condolences go out to Warren Wertz on the passing of his mom. Warren and Brenda are in Pennsylvania with family. Cards may be sent to: 25710 Carnation Court, Bonita Springs, FL 34135.
- Debbie Kendal spent a little time in the ER this past week due to some sinus issues.
- Marcella Wakeland hurt her back last week while doing yard work.
- Andrew, Rachel, and Dax Glazier are recovering from COVID.

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 dismissed by the song leader after the communion service. You may use either set of double doors into the classroom area. Please take a moment to encourage your child to go potty before going to class. When services are over, parents (only) promptly pick up their children from the classroom.

Girls' Devo/Fellowship Night

The Girls' Devo is a huge success and will continue every Tuesday from 5:30-8 PM. The girls are a group of likeminded teens seeking God's heart in study, fellowship, and love at the Macon home (5121 Coral Wood Dr). All girls ages 13-18 yrs. and their friends are welcome. Pam will be hosting but the girls will be leading the group. Contact Pam at 239-207-4429 to RSVP or volunteer to help.

Help Us Keep Our Title!

The Naples Daily News is accepting nominations for the "Best of Naples 2021". We need your help so that Livingston Academy can keep it's title as the best daycare center in Collier County. Please go to: www.NaplesNews.SecondStreetApp.com to nominate Livingston Academy in the categories of Daycare, Education Service, and Pre-school. Nominations end on May 25th @ 11:59PM. Then, voting for the "Best of Naples 2021" will begin on June 6th. You may place one vote per day in each category. Thank you!

9 - Logan & Hailey Rimmer

11 - Linda Copeland

11 - Dennis & Amanda Coleman

12 - Hannah Macon

12 - Hazel Durity

15 - Kristin Cipolla

16 - Randy Blitch

16 - Warren Wertz

16 - Liliana Donis

21 - Stella Gyimah

22 - Kyle, Kalee, Lexi Cipolla

22 - Richard & Margie Conner

23 - Marc & Sonya Rimmer

25 - Alan Glazier

25 - William Mitchell

25 - Jack & Rachel DeHanas

27 - Joe & Marie Lennon

28 - John Seay

28 - Phil & Tammy Zoltek

29 - Christina Cano

30 - Maria Reategui

31 - Carlie Darragh

**Birthdays &
Anniversaries**

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 Hartly 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

May 9th

Welcome: Scott Otey
 Song Leader: Joe Lennon
 Preaching: Russ Bone
 Scripture Reading &
 Opening Prayer Roberto Escobar, Jr.
 Communion:
 Leader Barry Brown
 Servers & Ushers:
 Ben Gyimah, Phil Osborne
 Scott Holden, Bill Strong
 Closing Prayer: Tom Wriggins
 Computer: Cameron Rimmer
 Sound: Kathleen Brown
 Media: Zak Dempsey

Next Week

Welcome: Terry Billingsby
 Song Leader: Joe Lennon
 Preaching: Tim Neal
 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: Cameron Rimmer
 Sound: Kathleen Brown
 Media: Roberto Escobar, Jr.
 Communion Prep: Marie Lennon
 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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