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## When Group Homes Do Not Get Paid



From time to time, we have a member who lives in a group home and they have a medical issue. They may be in the hospital for weeks and then in rehabilitation.

Sometimes their recovery has problems, and they need to return to the hospital. This can leave them out of their group home for not just weeks but months. The families and loved ones of our members are involved in the recovery of our ill members. They are concerned with their medical problems, and making sure they get the needed treatment and care.

BUT there is another problem happening. The group home is not being paid. Most group homes budgets are based on 6 people, so when the group home is not being paid for one person that is 1/6 of that group home's budget. The group home must make a hard choice. They cannot keep operating with that room not being paid for.

The group home does not have the income to pay the bills. They need to replace the sick person who is in the hospital or rehabilitation facility with a paying resident. So, the sick person now loses their home.

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# Remember in Prayer

- ◆ Craig's daughter-in-law, Sarah
- ◆ Continued healing for John R. in Vero
- ◆ Continued healing for Lynn Gerard's shoulder
- ◆ Healing for Lynn Sawyer

- ◆ Prayers for Liza (and family of whoever provides the transplants).
- ◆ Andy Quin's recovery
- ◆ Felicia Wilson's recovery from knee surgery



## Teach us your way, Lord

When we are unsure  
of which way to turn,  
tiredness descends  
and we're hurting inside.



Teach us your way, Lord,  
when we are anxious  
and struggle to pray,  
unsure of the words  
that we're wanting to say.

Teach us your way, Lord,  
as we travel in faith  
through uncertain times,  
following your footsteps  
with your word as our guide.

Teach us your way, Lord,  
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# *No Time for Tears* Part 3

By L Gresham

**Margaret** went to school angry. The pain of losing her parents was terrible but living with her aunt and uncle made it worse. Margaret could take care of Peter, her brother. She didn't need or want help from anyone, especially her aunt.

Arriving at her aunt's home after school, Margaret was still angry. She sat on the porch waiting for Peter to come from school. Aunt Marge came out the door. Margaret glared at her but her aunt smiled. She sat down beside her.

"Why are you coming out here?" Margaret asked her.

"Checking the mail. Did you see the mail truck?"

"No. I haven't seen the mail. But I

think we need to talk," Margaret said in an angry voice.

"This isn't working for Peter and me," she said.

"What isn't working?" her aunt asked.

"For one thing, the way you treat Peter. You are NOT his mother," Margaret said. Then almost screaming at her aunt, Margaret continued, "I wish I could move somewhere else. Anywhere. Only away from you."

Her aunt looked shocked and said, "Darling, I'm sorry you want to leave."









Margaret got up from her chair. As she left the porch, she turned to scream, "Leave me alone and leave Peter alone. I hate you. I hate this house!" she stormed away. She would not

cry. Margaret had homework. She had no time for tears.

As Margaret sat alone in her room, she thought about her aunt. She softly whispered to herself.

"Aunt Marge looked just like my mom as I left the porch. She didn't get angry but I could tell she was hurt."

Margaret looked in the mirror. Aunt Marge had bought this mirror especially for her. Margaret remembered how excited Aunt Marge was because Margaret was happy to have this gift. Marge remembered how Aunt Marge pulled back her hair, exactly the way her mother would do. Margaret thought, *Maybe living here won't be so bad. She is so much like my mother.*

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<p><b>May 2024</b> </p>			1	2	3 • <b>No Island Choir</b>	4 • 2:30pm <b>Vero Choir</b> • 3:30pm <b>Vero Gathering</b> 1105 58th Avenue
5 • 8:15am- <b>Melbourne Choir</b> at 2700 Sarno Road • 9:30am- <b>Melbourne Gathering</b> at 2700 Sarno • 10:00am- <b>Island Gathering</b> at 65 Needle Blvd • 2:00pm- <b>Titusville Choir</b> at 1355 HWY 50 • 3:00pm- <b>Titusville Gathering</b> at 1355 Hwy 50	6	7 <b>5:30pm</b> Every Tuesday <b>Promise Bible Study</b> All are Welcome	8	9 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> <b>Vero Chapels</b>              Call Rebekah              772-770-1011              Extension 2           </div>	10 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;">             Retreat Joy Weekend 2 Friday-Sunday              May 10, 11 and 12  </div>	11 • <b>No Island Choir</b> • <b>No Vero Choir or Gathering</b>
12 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;">             Retreat Joy Weekend 2 ends today  </div> • <b>No Melbourne Choir or Gathering</b> • 10:00am <b>Island Gathering</b> at 65 Needle Blvd • <b>No Titusville Choir or Gathering</b>	13	14	15	16 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> <b>Island Chapels</b>              Call Lynn              321-632-0130              Extension 3           </div>	17 • <b>4:00pm Island Choir</b> at 750 Brevard Ave Cocoa Village	18 • 2:30pm <b>Vero Choir</b> • 3:30pm <b>Vero Gathering</b> 1105 58th Avenue
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## Get Paid *(Continued from front page)*



The issue is that Medicaid pays for the group home. Medicaid will not pay for two placements at the same time. Medicaid will not pay for the group home and the hospital (or rehabilitation facility) at the same time. Perhaps someone could private pay, but who can afford to do so?

It is our opinion that APD needs to make provisions to reimburse group homes with general revenue dollars when group home residents are in a hospital or rehabilitation facility.

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### Did You Know?

32% of people with intellectual and developmental differences (IDD) have a co-occurring mental illness.\*

The reality of residential options for many individuals with IDD is not as simple as lacking a home, but rather a living situation that does not set them up for success.

Currently, individuals with mental health needs combined with intellectual and developmental differences do not have a place to live on their own.

**The Lodge:** Florida's first affordable community home providing mental health services for individuals with IDD. Built adjacent to The Arc Jacksonville Village, The Lodge provides independent living skills training, supervision, assistance, and critical mental health services in a residential home environment.

*\*This information is from: [arcjacksonville.org](http://arcjacksonville.org) April 2, 2024*



# Let's Look at Luke

This is a study from the gospel of Luke in the Bible's New Testament. Let us study Luke 2:46 to Luke 2:52.

<sup>46</sup> After three days they found Jesus sitting in the Temple with the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> All who heard him were amazed at his understanding and answers. <sup>48</sup> When Jesus' parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why did you do this to us? Your father and I were very worried about you and have been looking for you."

<sup>49</sup> Jesus said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Didn't you know that I must be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup> But they did not understand the meaning of what he said.

<sup>51</sup> Jesus went with them to Nazareth and was obedient to them. But his mother kept in her mind all that had happened. <sup>52</sup> Jesus became wiser and grew physically. People liked him, and he pleased God. —Lk 2:46-52

*First, read the verses. As you read, look for the answers to the questions. Circle the best answer.*

**Review of the last lesson:** Jesus, age 12, was left behind in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast.

**Vs 46.** Where did they find Jesus?

- (a) At the lake
- (b) At the Temple
- (c) At the Empire State Building

**Vs 47.** Everyone who heard Jesus speak at the Temple was amazed at what?

- (a) How Jesus understood the teachers and how he answered them.
- (b) How Jesus turned water into wine.
- (c) How Jesus performed miracles.

**Vs 51.** Jesus returned home to Egypt with his parents.

- (a) True
- (b) False

**Vs 52.** Who did Jesus please?

- (a) His friends
- (b) God

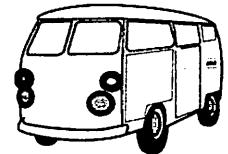
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Transportation for Retreat Joy Weekend 2



**Friday, May 10th**

**Retreat Bound Drop off Here:**

**11:00am** Vero Beach: Pathway  
Church 1105 58th Ave

**12:00 noon** Melbourne: Bowe  
Gardens Baptist Church  
2700 Sarno Rd

**1:00pm** Titusville: Park Ave  
Baptist Retreat Center

**Sunday, May 12th**

**Homeward Bound Pickup Here:**

**4:00pm** Melbourne: Andretti Thrill  
Park

**5:00pm** Titusville Park Avenue  
Baptist Retreat Center

**5:00pm** Vero Beach Pathway  
Church

*We appreciate you being on time to drop off and pickup your loved ones.*