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THE CHAMPIONS SPIRIT

Why Contribute to Truth for Today?

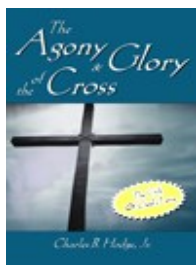


Truth for Today has been a major focus in the mission work of the church of Christ in Champions for decades. There are great reasons for this partnership—the greatest of which is the assurance that the writers and teachers are committed to being absolutely true to the Word of God. Today, a special contribution will be taken for this effort which will be in addition to what has already been committed in our yearly budget.

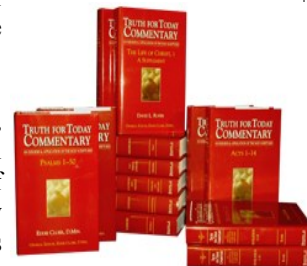
The question could arise...why should *I* make a *special contribution* to this work? Let me share some additional reasons...

1) There is *Truth for Today, the periodical*. This work has been the focus of *Truth for Today* for years. These are booklets which contain studies of various books of the Bible or relevant topics. These resource materials are sent to preachers and teachers in 140 countries and 32 languages providing valuable study aids often in locations where access to any kind of printed biblical help or resource is basically non-existent. These materials are sent to these preachers, teachers, and others absolutely free of charge to the recipients.

2) There is the *Truth for Today Commentary*. This set of commentaries, still in production, is authored and edited by members of the Lord's church who have a high regard for the inerrancy and authority of the Scriptures. When complete, the set will cover every book of the Bible, plus additional volumes on such topics as *The Life of Christ* and *Biblical Archaeology*.



3) Other books such as *The Agony and Glory of the Cross* and *Into the Abundant Life* which tell the story of Christ and the sacrifice made for all. The *Abundant Life* volume contains information to help one become a Christian and to worship as the New Testament teaches. In addition, the book contains an entire New American Standard translation of the New Testament.



4) *Through the Scriptures.com* is an Online Bible Study using the digital version of the *Truth for Today* Commentaries as the course text is also available. These 50-day courses are designed for those wanting to have a deeper understanding of the Word of God. For those who live outside the United States, scholarships are available.

For these reasons and more, considering the scope of this worldwide effort to share the Truth of the Gospel, we find it easy to answer the question, "*Why Contribute to Truth for Today?*"

—Larry Keele

Family Matters

We welcome our guests today! Today. A special collection will be taken for this good work. We are blessed by your presence and pray that our time together will bring glory to our God! On Memorial Day, a group from Family Circle #1 would love to have you join them for a complimentary lunch following this morning's service in the Family Center. Champions sang at the Fallen Warrior memorial as well as at the Gallery with a few extra stops along the way. What a blessing they brought to those who heard them!

Eddie Cloer will be our speaker this morning, bringing us up to date on the work of *Truth for* We welcome Justin McLeckie and Caroline Hose. They will be

serving as our youth interns. May God bless them and our youth in their summer together.

Remember these dates:
June 25-28—VBS
July 13-15 All-Family church Camp. Please sign up now.

Parting thought: *What are you doing on earth...for Heaven's sake?*

Harry

ORDER OF WORSHIP—SUNDAY, June 3, 2018—AM SERVICE

Medley

Song #76 – How Great Thou Art

Song – How Great Is Our God*

Welcome/Scripture: Psa. 51:10 (ESV)

Song #647 – Soldiers of Christ, Arise

Song – Into Our Hands*

Prayer

Song – And Can It Be*

Communion/Offering

Song #622– Ring Out the Message

Children are dismissed for Bible Hour

Song #650 – Send the Light

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-20 (ESV)Sermon: **Eddie Cloer**

Song #660 – People Need the Lord

Announcements**Prayer**

*Not in book

John's Jogs: SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD

In this article we will “open our eyes,” to look at the surroundings of that scripture basis in the “Sermon on the Mount.” This was Jesus’ famous sermon.

Jesus began by giving the “Beatitudes,” nine blessings including - the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the gentle, those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, the persecuted for righteousness sake and for all who are persecuted for Jesus’ sake. He then points out that Christians are like the salt of the earth and light of the world when we operate through Him.

Jesus emphatically proclaims He did not come to destroy the law but to fulfill it. However, in the change from the legal dispensation to the Christian, sin is not just overt action but in the intent of the heart.

He then gives four quick guidelines – Marriage is sacred and binding, forbids oaths (let your yea be yea etc.), go the second mile and love your enemies. (Thus ends Matthew Chapter 5).

Jesus started chapter 6 by telling us how to pray by giving us the model or so-called “Lord’s prayer” and closely followed by giving similar instructions on fasting. He then deals with the connection of earthly treasures and their relations to God, concluding, **“You cannot serve God and mammon.”** Jesus then gives a lengthy dissertation on why we should not worry and concludes with our theme **“But Seek First the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”**

It appears to me that in chapter 7 that Jesus is telling us if we “SEEK FIRST” we will

judge righteously and be willing to be judged by our own judgment; that we will keep asking, seeking and knocking; that we will know people and activities etc. by their fruits, that we will understand that we must not be hypocritical with our allegiance to Him and that we must build our faith on the solid Rock that Jesus is the Christ. It seems to me that “Seek First” is the hinge pin of the whole “Sermon on the Mount.”

John Qualls

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EVENTS AND NEWS

Special Collection Today Truth for Today

Eddie Cloer will be with us this morning to provide an update on the work of *Truth for Today* which is our largest mission effort. They send expository studies to 32,000 men in 140 countries to assist their evangelist and edification work. In addition, an online *Bible Study School* is maintained that will eventually cover the whole Bible and will be available in 32 languages and is available on the internet to anyone in the world.

A special collection will be taken up to help fund this work.

Family Circle Group #1

Leaders: Paul & Cheryl
Chandler

Family Circle #1 meets today in the Family Center following our morning worship. **Visitors, please be our guest for lunch!**

Family Game Fun Night Sunday, June 10th

Immediately following evening Worship Service. Please bring finger foods and games. Contacts: Wes & Christy Smith

Welcome Summer Youth Interns

**Justin McLeckie
&
Caroline Hose**

Pictorial Directory Today in the Library

Come update your picture! Pictures will be taken in the Library following worship this morning.



**Today!
Madison Phillips
Bridal Shower
@ 4 p.m.**

Family Center

Madison & Alec Wimmer are registered at Target, Bed Bath & Beyond, and Amazon.



Dear Champions,
My genuine appreciation and heart-felt thanks for all the prayers, cards, messages of hope and love you have given me.

Blessings to you,
Terri Bennett

Church Calendar

June

3: Family Circle 1 Meets
3: Madison Phillips' Wedding Shower
10: All Church Family Game Night
17: Father's Day
20: No Wednesday Night Meal
21: Men's Night Out
22: Friday Morning Fellowship
27: No Wednesday Night Meal
25-28: Vacation Bible School

Sunday Morning Bible Hour Ages 2 to Kindergarten

Parents and children are dismissed to check-in following the Lord's Supper.

June 3 - Smith
June 10 - Killough
June 17 - Trent
June 24 - Stafford

YOUTH EVENTS

June

10-16: Camp Bandina
24: Youth Devo
25-28: VBS
28: VBS Family Fun Night
29-7: Trek

Friday Morning Fellowship June 22nd @ 9:00 A.M. Family Center

All are invited! Breakfast items will be served. Contact: Don Sammons

VBS CRAFT SUPPLIES NEEDED

Clean Small Creamer bottles
Clean Large Creamer bottles

Things we need to borrow:
(Mark items with your name.)

1 - 2 Tents, Lantern, Logs,
Hammock, 10-20 unlit Christmas trees
(all sizes), Cardboard boxes

**Please bring your supplies to the
Workroom.**

Wednesday Night Meal—June 6th

Menu: Fried Pork Chops, Mashed Potatoes, Cream Gravy, Veggies and Dessert

COST: Adults \$5, Children \$3.00 (Ages 3-6th Grade), Children 2 and under Free. Meal served from 6:00 - 6:40 p.m. *If you plan to eat, please indicate number to eat on attendance sheet this morning.*

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Elders:

- David Arnold
- Jim Chitwood
- Bill Johnson
- Britt Jones
- Danny Mize
- Don Sammons
- Marvin Trice

Deacons:

- Chris Ball
- Kevin Barnett
- Barney Bowles
- Eltonio (Tony) Brown
- Gordon Casey
- Darrell Fariss
- Jay Fraley
- Tommy Hill
- Joe Jackson
- Charles Joachim
- Brent Killough
- Michael McCall
- David Morgan
- Ryan Nelson
- Blake Phillips
- Kent Phillips
- Bryan Runions
- Justin Sammons
- Joel Smith
- Wes Smith
- Paul Tews
- Troy Thompson
- James Wyatt

Ministers:

- Larry Keele (Pulpit)
- John Qualls (Associate)
- Reid Stafford (Youth)

PRAYERS & NOTES

The Sammons /Pennington Family in the loss of Susan's mother, Margurite Pennington and great-nephew, Cody Pennington.

Gregg Chappell, Sr. is in Willowbrook Methodist Hospital not doing well. Please pray for his comfort and peace.

Charles Hamilton will have a biopsy on his esophagus on June 11th.

Sharon DeCarlo is in hospice care at home. Please pray for her peace and comfort and for strength for Dale.

Elizabeth Killough is in Missouri for the summer as a youth intern.

Elijah Brown with AIM Program in Clearwater, Florida.

Ryan Smith during his summer in Washington D.C.

Jerry Norman is recovering from shingles.

Gerald Barkley is in Park Manor, 420 Lantern Bend Dr, Houston, TX 77090 for continued treatment.

Family and Friends of

Champions:

Jean Taylor, June Freeman's sister, started treatments for bladder cancer.

Joyce Kidwell Stearsman, Mother of Linda Bell-Lopez, as she is in the final stages of cancer.

Jari Parker, Doug Freeman's cousin, is improving.

Members with Health & Other Concerns:

Dave McConathy, Angela Joachim, Stacey Farmer, Sally Enders, Nadine Riley, John Hixon, Paul Chandler, Julia Shaw, Lynn & Earlene Antwine, Willie Birdow, Terri Bennett, Charles & Lois Boyd, Chris George, Debbie Bolin

Champions Members with

Cancer:

LaNell Allee, Don Dearen, Pam Shaw, John Burns, Donna Nance, Caella Chappell, Gilbert Moreno, Keith Underwood

Family and Friends with

Cancer Concerns: Martha Shields, Jean Taylor, Rocky Harrell, Glenda Robinson, Benowane Burrus, Zerle Carpenter, Wade Calvert, Vanete & Bill Wirant, Mil Harder

Employment Concerns:

Ernesto Harris Jr., Jeff Long, Gilberto Moreno

Families Who Have Lost Love

Ones: Sammons, Fariss, Gerhart, White, Santa Fe families

Family and Friends Concerns:

Joyce Randle, Karen Mann, John Emshoff, Martha Shields, Jonathan Stolte, Keri Burton, Matthew George, Jeanette Shuttleworth, Ramidge Milby, Malinda Mouton-Taylor, Sammy Kemp, Lanora Felder, Sasaa Ali, Jeff Long

Hospice: Sharon DeCarlo, Jenny Davis, Randy McKain

Missionaries:

Dale DuVerney, Peter Chin, Eddie Cloer, Roman Halamicek, Roland Mohsen, Biblical Institute of Central America, Eastern European Mission, Jordan Arnold, Will Hanstein, Aaron Solis, Elijah Brown

Members in Assisted Living/

Rehab/ Nursing Homes: Terri Bennett, Nell McDonald

Family and Friends in Assisted Living/Rehabs & Nursing Homes:

Marie McCall, Jean Simpson, Dorothy Kuehl

Prayers for our Military:

Landon White, Brent Tyler Bowles, Traveon Gaines, William E. Taylor IV, George Marcus Jones, Melanie Adams, Travis Long, Aaron Jean, Charles DuVerney, Ryan Bonham, Phillip Cuccerre, Jr., Darion DuVerney

Nursery Attendants

June 3: Lisa Reed & Alaina Robinson

June 10: Karen Casey & Joan Burns

If you cannot serve, please find a replacement by checking names posted on the wall outside the nursery classroom. Contact: Karen Casey

FOR THE RECORD 5/27/2018

Sunday Morning 355
Sunday Bible Class..... 239
Sunday Night 160
Wednesday Night..... 174
Contribution..... 19,198.62
Weekly Budget19,307.69
YTD Contributions.413,771.17
YTD Budget 405,461.49
Over/(Under).....8,309.68

Service Times:

SUNDAY MORNING

9:00 a.m. Bible Classes
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
Sunday Morning Bible Hour

SUNDAY NIGHT

6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

Elder of the Month

June

Don Sammons

Food Coordinator

Check with your Family Circle Leaders

Church Wi-Fi Password
churchguest

Little Champs:

Mothers Day Out

Contact: Lisa Killough
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