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Our 76th Year!

2018 - "Lord open our eyes"

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THE CHAMPIONS SPIRIT

God or Science?

It seems that the question is often posed to the believer. Do you believe in God or science? Behind the question is the presumption that if you say you believe in God, then you are admitting that you don't believe in science. Of course, if you don't believe in science, well, that puts you with the crowd of those who believe in a flat earth or that all the pictures of space, astronauts and moon landings were created only in a secret studio somewhere in the hidden recesses of NASA.

One of our favorite hymns was written in 1966 by a *scientist* in the field of physics. He was also a professor and later the head of the department of physics at Tennessee Polytechnic Institute. He also served as President of the Tennessee Academy of Science and was a member of Sigma Psi, a national scientific honorary society. Brother Dicus was also a gospel preacher, regularly preaching for congregations in Tennessee and Florida.



In the 1960's, the idea of God came under attack. There was a big "God is Dead" movement. Per-

haps Brother Dicus wrote the wonderful hymn, "Our God, He is Alive" in response to that movement—not as one who had to leave science behind, but as a scientist who knew that "although men might search they cannot find" the secret to life—for "God alone does understand."

When *true science* is considered—not merely man's unprovable *theories*—"Both!" is the Christian's answer to that question, "God or Science?"

—Larry Keele

Family Matters

Welcome, guests! We are always thankful for those who visit with us! If there are any questions that you may have or if there is any way in which we can be of help in your walk with the Lord, please feel free to ask. We are blessed with your presence. Please, come again soon.

Where to begin? To list all those responsible for the successful homecoming event last weekend would take pages! I thank everyone involved but particularly appreciate all of those

who served on the Homecoming committee. Your months (years) of work of planning and preparation led to a terrific weekend!

The artwork and the picture boards for the weekend will remain up for the time being to allow everyone to enjoy them at their leisure. Thanks to all those who shared their talents with us.

FriendSpeak training took place last month and we have a number of those from our community who

would like to take part in this effort to better learn our language in the setting of the study of Luke. More volunteers are needed! If you would give an hour to serve in this way, please contact Alan Reed or Diann Thurston for details

PARTING THOUGHT:

Kneel before God...and you can stand before anyone!

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

Harry

ORDER OF WORSHIP—SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018—AM SERVICE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Song 23 – Our God, He Is Alive

Welcome/Scripture: Psalms 145:1-9 ESV

Song #4 – To God Be the Glory

Song #601 – My God and I

Song #448 – The Greatest Commands

Prayer

Song – In Christ Alone*

Communion/Offering

Song #31 – Be Still and Know

Song #390 - Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

(Children ages—3yrs. to 1st grade, dismissed to Bible Hour)

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:4-6 ESV

Sermon: Larry Keele

Song #837 – I Need Thee Every Hour

Announcements

Prayer

* No Page Number

John's Jogs: THE FIELDS ARE RIPE FOR HARVEST John 4:10-42

Doing the will of God –distributing the living water – is more important than eating (4:32-34); eating is important; one must eat to live. However, Jesus' life illustrates that we may sometimes put off eating in order to share the living water with others. The Samaritan woman should teach us that we'll never know whether fields are "ripe for harvest" if we don't make an effort to go into those fields.

The living water is available to all. Even a sinful Samaritan woman was eligible for it. Nicodemus in Chapter 3 and the Samaritan woman in chapter 4 could be saved! He was rich; she despised, especially by the Jews. He was the most Jewish of Jews, a Pharisee; she was a Samaritan. He was a good man; she an obvious sinner. He a

man; she was a woman. These individuals represent two extremes. If they could both be saved, then "Living Water" is available to all.

The Samaritan woman illustrates that the proper response to receiving the living water is to tell others. The text tells us that, after Jesus spoke to her, the woman "left her water-pot" and went into the city and said to the men, "Come see a man who told me all the things I have done; this is not the Christ is it?"(4:28-29). As a result of her testimony, "they went out of the city, and were coming to Him." (4:30) Later in the chapter we read: From that city many of the Samaritans believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all the things

that I have done." Many more believed because of His word.

Is it not wonderful what happened as a result of Jesus' visit with one woman? Because of her "many" believed in Him. It is interesting that Jesus' best missionary or personal evangelist was a Samaritan woman.

What about us? As Disciples of Christ, we have received that "living water." We have heard the good news about Jesus and have become His followers. Let us like the Samaritan, enthusiastically share the "living water" we have received.

Coy Roper in Truth for Today

THE CHAMPIONS SPIRIT

EVENTS AND NEWS

KidsServe

Sunday Night, May 6th, during evening services, we will have a Service Project for kids in 3rd-5th grades. We would love for your children to join us.

Sunday May 20th, we will have a similar activity for Kindergarten-2nd grade.

The plan is for this to be a monthly activity. We look forward to having your children join us. Contacts: Brent or Lisa Killough

HELP NEEDED Little Champs End of Year Program Tuesday, May 15th

Lisa Killough needs four volunteers to help with the Little Champs MDO Closing Program. Please arrive at 6:00 p.m. to help.

May Calendar Additions

Ken Pridgeon DOB: May 25

Chris & Allison George Anniversary: May 12

Wednesday Night Meal May 9th

Menu: Enchilada Casserole, Rice, Beans 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.

Impact Meal Today!

Champions will be serving the Impact Meal today. Volunteers are needed to go to Impact immediately following our morning worship. The address is 1704 Weber, Houston, TX. Contact: Wes Smith

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Words aren't adequate to express my thanks for your cards, calls, visits and prayers during my past hospital stay. What a wonderful feeling to know the people you hold dear have such concern. Agape love is such a precious thing.

> I love you all, Cary Gerhart

VBS CRAFT SUPPLIES **NEEDED**

Clean Small Creamer bottles Clean Large Creamer bottles

Please bring your supplies to the Workroom.

Church Calendar Mav

- 6: KidsServe
- 6: Impact Meal
- 12: Youth & Family Night
- 13: Youth Led Service
- 15: Little Champs Program
- 20: Senior Day
- 22: Election in the Family Center
- 28: Office Closed
- 29: Youth Interns Arrive
- 31: Last Day of School

June

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.

May 6----Thomas

May 13--- Stafford

May 20--- (Senior Sunday) Sammons

May 27---Killough

YOUTH EVENTS

May

6 Camp His Way

9 Summit

13 VBS Work Day

18 FNL

20 VBS Work Day

Volunteers Needed

Fallen Warriors Memorial Portrait Gallery (Ken Pridgeon)

13455 Cutten Rd.

Houston, TX 77069

Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays 10-4

Sundays 1-4.

If you can assist any of these times, please contact: 832-514-1452, or Cheryl Whitfield 832-868 -9810.

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Elders:

- David Arnold
- Glenn Asher
- Jim Chitwood
- Bill Johnson
 Britt Language
- 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
- Brvan Runions
- Justin Sammons
- Justin Sammon
- Joel Smith
- Wes Smith
- Paul Tews
- Troy Thompson
- James Wyatt

Ministers:

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

PRAYERS & NOTES

Gerald Barkley is in #357 @ Houston NW Hospital, in possible infection and high blood sugar.

LaNell Allee has been diagnosed with two different cancers. Renal cell cancer of the kidney and Multiple Myeloma. Next Tuesday she will begin a series of chemo injections twice a week. Your prayers are appreciated.

Margurite Pennington is in North Cypress Hospital with breathing issues.

Dennis Crosby is in St. Luke's Hospital in the Woodlands, #302, for treatment of diverticulitis.

Gregg Chappell Sr. is in Kindred Hospital, Tomball, TX, recovering from surgery. Dave McConathy as he recovers from broken vertebras in his back.

Reba Navarro's eye infection is much improved. She wanted to thank everyone for your prayers.

Terri Bennett is struggling with health issues.

Sally Enders as she struggles with health concerns.

Charles and Lois Boyd are both being treated for pneumonia.

David Barr, frequent visitor

at Champions', will have an upcoming heart procedure.

Matthew George, Chris & Allison's son, for prayers for a job, his anxiety, and his well-being.

Randy McKain, Gene's dad has been placed in hospice care at Park Manor in The Woodlands.

Lisa Kennedy, fellow officer's wife, will have 18 weeks of chemotherapy. Hilkki, Hanna Haavikko's cousin's mom, remains in serious condition for a brain bleed.

Members with Cancer Con-

cerns: Pam Shaw, John

Burns, Donna Nance, Caella Chappell, Gilberto Moreno Members with Health & Other Concerns: Angela Joachim, Allison George, Paul Chandler, Sharon DeCarlo, Richard Garza, Julia Shaw, Lynn Antwine, The Birdows, John Hixon,

Woodley, Judy Brown Family and Friends with

Ronnie Throneberry, Pam

Cancer Concerns: Martha Shields, Jean Taylor, Rocky Harrell, Glenda Robinson, Benowane Burrus, Zerle Carpenter, Wade Calvert, Vannet Wirant Families Who Have Lost Love

Ones: White, Jones, Andre's Family, Ballard

<u>Hospice:</u> Jenny Davis, Joyce Kidwell-Stearsman

Friends and Family Members with Ongoing Concerns:

Sherri Miracle, Lola Brownlee, Sammy Kemp, Connie Martinez, James Burton and family, Griffin and Carson Downing, Kim Blumhost, John Emshoff, Jeanette Shuttleworth, Ramidge Milby, Keri Burton

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

Assisted Living/Rehab/ Nursing

Homes: Gregg Chappell, Terri Bennett, Margurite Pennington, Nell McDonald, Marie McCall, Jean Simpson, Dorothy Kuehl Margurite Pennington, The Solana Vintage Park

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

May 6: Susan Sammons & Jessica Holt May 13: Andrea Oakley & Alaina Robinson

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 4/29/2018

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476
298
197
172
1,978.91
9,307.69
9,104.26
8,230.73
0,873.53

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

May

Danny Mize

Food Coordinator

Check with your Family Circle Leaders

Church Wi-Fi Password

churchguest

Little Champs: Mothers Day Out

Contact: Lisa Killough littlechampsmdo@gmail.com 281-893-2062