

## THE CHAMPIONS SPIRIT

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### Let Your Light Shine

*"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Mt. 5:14-16).*

This past week we had the opportunity to let our light shine as we helped buy school supplies and clothes for 50 elementary aged kids from Impact. There were over 75 volunteers from Champions who came to help take the kids shopping, cook and serve food, organize, clean up, provide support, and many other things.

If I am honest, this took me out of my comfort zone a little. I am guessing it may have taken some others out of theirs too. As I thought about that after the event, I was reminded that Jesus was all about taking people out of their comfort zones. Whether it was talking with the Samaritan woman at the well, eating with tax collectors, challenging the status quo of the religious elite, or other aspects of His ministry and teaching, Jesus forced people out of their comfort zones.

I am thankful I was pushed out of my comfort zone. This past Monday night, the lives of 50 children were blessed. Beyond that though, the lives of 75 plus adults and teens were blessed by participating. I am constantly amazed and reminded of the love and goodness that exists in this congregation. Thank you to all who helped, prayed, and supported this event in any way. You are an example and a light to others.

—Lance Leavens

### Family Matters

*"Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant*

*and his testimonies." (Psa. 25:8-10). God's love is showered upon us daily. Let's worship Him together this morning.*

We rejoice with Kay Collins and her parents, Dennis and Buina. Kay put on the Lord in baptism

this past Sunday. God's family continues to grow!

Parting thought: *"Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off the goal."* — Henry Ford

~Lance

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP—SUNDAY, July 28, 2019—AM SERVICE**


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**WORSHIP ORDER**

**Song – \*Shout Hallelujah\***

**Welcome/Scripture/Prayer: Psalms 116:1-2 ESV**

**Song - #74 – Praise the Lord**

**Song - #749 – The Battle Belongs to the Lord**

**Song – #763 – O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee**

**Prayer**

**Song – \*In Christ Alone\***

**Communion/Offering**  
*(Dismiss Children to Bible Hour)*

**Song - #550 – I Walk With the King**

**Scripture Reading: - James. 1:12-13 ESV**

**Sermon: Lance Leavens**

**Song - #905 – Yield Not To Temptation**

**Announcements/Prayer**

*\*Not in the Book\**

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**John's Jogs: Bible Basics #3**


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After the "Tower of Babel" the remainder of Genesis chapter 11 gives a genealogy from Shem to Terah. Terah had three sons: Abraham, Nahor and Haran. Haran died in Ur of the Chaldeans. Thus, Terah took Abram and set out for Canaan but settled in Haran.

*"The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and curse whoever curses you; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.'"* (Genesis 12:1-3) God makes two promises to Abram here, 1) I'll make you into a great nation 2) Through you all the earth will be blessed (Meaning Jesus the Messiah, the Christ).

Without hesitation Abram took his wife Sarai and left. At an advanced age and barren Sarah suggested to Abraham to take her maidservant Hagar so *"Perhaps I can build a family through her."* She conceived and bore a son (Ishmael). But he was not the child of promise. At age 99 the Lord appeared to Abraham again and told him Sarah would bear him a son and call him Isaac. Abraham was 100 years old when Isaac was born. On the day Isaac was weaned, Ishmael made fun of him. This irritated Sarah and she told Abraham to get rid of that woman and her son. With God's assurance Abraham sent them away. Ishmael became the father of many Arab nations.

Abraham sent a servant to Haran to his relatives for a wife for Isaac. He brought back Rebecca, granddaughter of Abraham's brother Nahor. Isaac was 40 years old when he married Rebecca. Rebecca

gave birth to twin sons. When they jostled in the womb, she inquired of the Lord. He said to her, *"Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger."* Esau was born with Jacob grasping his heel. Isaac was 60 years old when the twins were born.

Esau was an outdoorsman and was favored by Isaac. Jacob was a quiet man and stayed around the tents. Jacob made a stew and Esau sold him his birthright for a bowl of it. Then Jacob and his mother tricked Isaac in his old age and poor eyesight into believing he was Esau and therefore Isaac gave him the elder son blessing. Esau became so angered that he threatened to kill his brother Jacob. Fearing for her son's life Rebecca persuaded Isaac to send Jacob to her family in Haran. As far as we know she never saw Jacob again.  
 Next week – Jacob's family

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## EVENTS AND NEWS

### Men's Prayer Breakfast Saturday, August 3 @ 8 A.M.

Chef Emmett Gaines

Family Center

Please sign the list in the Welcome Center.

Contact: Wes Arnold



#### Kay Collins

We rejoice with the angels in heaven in the baptism of Kay Collins on Sunday by Lance Leavens. Kay is the daughter of Dennis and Bonia Collins.



#### Howard Arleigh Mahle, Jr. 1928-2019

We extend our love and sympathy to Jay and Carla Mahle, Amanda and Rebecca and all their family in the loss of Jay's dad, and our beloved Howard Arleigh Mahle, Jr. who passed away on July 20, 2019.

The dash between his birth and death were filled with love, laughter, teaching and service to his Lord and Savior. He was a loving son, husband, brother, father, grandfather and great-grandfather and brother in Christ. Howard is survived by two sisters; his daughter, Lanette Ball and husband, Donald; son, Jay and wife, Carla; four grandchildren, Jeremy, Emily, Amanda and Rebecca; two great-grandsons and a host of extended family and friends. Howard was baptized at age 11, received degrees from Abilene Christian College, Texas Technological University, Pepperdine College and Pepperdine University. He served in the US Navy where he met and married his beloved wife, Gloria Hanson.

Howard worked for Boeing Co. He preached in Washington State, California, New Mexico and in Houston at Heights Church of Christ where he was the education minister at Bammel for 25 years before retiring in 2005. He came to Champions in 2012, where he continued to be a great encourager to all! *I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.*  
2 Timothy 4:7

#### Family Circle 5 Meal

Meets Today! All Visitors Welcome!  
Leaders: JC & Martha Fassino

#### All Church Game Night TONIGHT!

Following P.M. Service  
Family Center

Please bring your favorite games and finger food to share. Or, if you would like to purchase pizza, contact Christy Smith who will be placing pizza orders.



#### Rickman Baby Shower Sunday, August 4 @ 4 P.M. Family Center

All ladies are invited to the baby shower for Zachary and Samantha Rickman. They are registered at Target and Buy, Buy Baby.

#### Ladies RefreshHER

Thursday, August 8th @ 6:30 P.M.  
Chicken Salad Chick (Vintage)  
Sign-up list is in the Welcome Center.  
Welcome Center



#### Mahle/Marshall Wedding Shower

A Come and Go Wedding Shower honoring Amanda Mahle and Derek Marshall will be held at Kelly Thompson's house, 14202 Mindy Park Lane, Houston, TX 77069, on Saturday, August 17 from 2 - 4 p.m. Since they will be moving to California, we will shower them with Amazon gift cards or money.

Church family,  
Thank you for hosting this year's Senior Day celebration to honor me and my fellow classmates. Thank you for the love and support you have shown me over the many years I have been at Champions. Please pray for me as I begin the next step in my life at A&M.  
Thank you again,  
Jonathan Killough

#### Church Calendar

##### July

- 28: Family Circle #5 Meal
- 28: All church Game Night

##### August

- 3: Men's Prayers Breakfast
- 4: Family Circle #6 Meal
- 4: Rickman Baby Shower
- 8: Ladies RefreshHER
- 10: Greater Houston Food Bank Assembly
- 17: Mahle Bridal Shower
- 17: Parents Night Out
- 24: Back to School Bash
- 25: Children's Sunday & Family Meal

#### Youth Events

- 30: Power Hour
- 31-4: Camp Awesome
- 7: Summit
- 8: Youth Devo

#### Children's Ministry Updates

- July 31: Summer Chill-Outs
- July 31-August 4: Camp Awesome
- August 6: Fear Factor
- August 7: Summer Chill-Outs
- August 14: Summer Chill-Outs

#### Bible Hour Schedule

- July 28: Ashley Trent
- Aug 4: Sammons
- Aug 11: Killough
- Aug 18: Ashley Trent
- Aug 25: Stafford

Dear Champions Family,  
Thanks so much for your calls, texts, phone calls, cards, emails and visits during my recent illness and hospital stay and especially for your prayers.

Love,  
Leland and Shirley Willis

#### SOCKS STILL NEEDED!

Got used/new socks? We need your donated socks. The more the merrier. There is a bin/bag on the Welcome Center Table where you can put them. Contact: Ashley Trent

#### FriendSpeak Sign-up

If you are interested in participating in FriendSpeak, we have a sign-up list in the Welcome Center area. We will have a training session in the fall.

#### Wednesday Night Meal July 31st

Menu: Baked Potato Bar, Salad, 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 the number eating on the attendance sheet today.  
(Cooks needed for the 14th & 28th of August.)  
If you sign-up to eat and do not eat, please pay, unless you contact the cooks by Monday Noon.



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## IN CHAMPIONS

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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
- Justin Sammons
- Joel Smith
- Wes Smith
- Paul Tews
- Troy Thompson
- James Wyatt

### Ministers:

- Lance Leavens (Pulpit)
- John Qualls (Associate)
- Wes Arnold (Associate)
- Reid Stafford (Youth)

## PRAYERS & NOTES

### Prayer Requests:

**Jay and Carla Mahle and family** in the loss of Howard.

**Linda Lopez** will start her radio-active treatment Wednesday. Please pray for her comfort and peace during her three day isolation and for Art as he cares for her.

**Caella Chappell's** test results showed no progression of cancer; even some improvement in the bones! Prayer of Thanksgiving! **David Arnold** has this week off from chemo. He is very weak following last week's treatment. Please continue to pray for his strength and healing.

**John Burns** continues to struggle with low blood counts.

### Family and Friends Prayer Requests:

**Hank Sheppard**, former member, is in Methodist Hospital in the Medical Center, Walter Tower, room 1932. He will have heart surgery on Monday to replace both the Mitral and Aortic valves and clean up infection around his heart and valves. TBD.

**Jean Taylor**, June Freeman's sister and Doug's aunt, just found out that her cancer has returned to multiple organs.

**Pat Hill**, Tommy's mom, is in the hospital in Illinois with pneumonia.

**Melanie Matheidas**, Harvey and Vicky Fleisher's granddaughter, became very ill. Please pray that answers will be determined quickly.

**Fred Gerber** requested prayers for his brother and nephew, both named John Gerber, in overcoming an alcohol addiction.

**Brian Richardson**, Pat Stolte's cousin, as he begins cancer treatments.

**Craig Rabb**, friend of Monte and Debbie Campbell and member at Magnolia, is recovering from brain surgery to remove part of the large tumor. He will begin radiation and chemo treatments soon.

**Angelina Rodriquez**, Josie Biron's sister, continues to struggle with health issues.

**Norah Long**, Valerie (Arrington) and William's baby daughter, will see a GI doctor tomorrow.

**Whitney and Travis Gaston**, Jess and Peggy Long's granddaughter and her husband, are expecting a baby soon. Heart surgery may be required.

**Glen Dixon**, Dennis and Gwen Crosby's grandson has requested prayers for redirection in his life.

### Champions Members with Cancer:

**David Arnold**, Linda Lopez, Sue Trice, Wes Smith, LaNell Allee, Gwen Crosby, Don Dearen, Pam Shaw, John Burns, Donna Nance, Caella Chappell, Gilbert Moreno, Keith Underwood

### Missionaries:

Dale DuVerney, Peter Chin, Eddie Cloer, Roman Halamicek, Roland Mohsen, Biblical Institute of Central America, Eastern European Mission, Jordan Arnold, Will Hanstein, Elijah Brown, Hope for Haiti, Southern African Bible College

**Employment Concerns:** Rody Willis, Earnest Harris, Jeff Long

**Hospice:** Hank Barnett, Porta Lee Bagley

**Champions Members with Health & Other Concerns:** Jerry McKinney, Arlene Hale, Pamela Woodley, David Bounds, Rebecca Jaquez, John Hixon, Stacey Farmer, Julia Shaw, Angela Joachim, Linda Underwood

### Family and Friends with Health and Other Concerns:

Angela Kemp, Milton Martin, Joe Jones, Carolyn Slatton, Paul Isom, Grady Gettings, Nick Osiek, Modestina Moreno, Hazel Hicks, Hilkka and husband, Don Long, David Long, Frances Leavens, Leslie Woodley, Karen Cullins

### Family and Friends Cancer Concerns:

Peb Ratliff, Jill King, Elizabeth Cuccerre, Donna Petty, Mike Rice, Patricia Lopez, Thelma Edwards, Tony, Janie

### Members in Assisted Living/Rehab/ Nursing Homes:

Nell McDonald, Edwina Moore, Charles & Lois Boyd

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

Terri Bennett, Hank Barnett, Marie McCall, Jean Simpson, Gladys McHenry, Nettie Jo Jackson, Dorothy Kuehl

### Prayers for our Military:

Brent Tyler Bowles, Traveon Gaines, William E. Taylor IV, Aaron Jean, Charles DuVerney, Philip Cuccerre, Jr., Aaron Schubert, Andrew Martinez, Erick Martinez

### Nursery Attendants

**July 28:** Robin Freeman & Jackie Cuccerre

**August 4:** Jackie Doherty & Rosie Martinez

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 7/21/2019

Sunday Morning..... 421  
Sunday Bible Class ..... 267  
Sunday Night..... 186  
Wednesday Night ..... 179  
Contribution ..... 24,905.25  
Weekly Budget..... 20,247.31  
YTD Contribution..639,577.15  
YTD Budget..... 587,171.99  
Over/(Under) ..... 52,405.16

### 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

**July**

Britt Jones

**August**

Don Sammons

**Food Coordinator**

Check with your Family  
Circle Leaders  
**Church Wi-Fi  
Password**  
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### Little Champs: Mothers Day Out

Contact: Lisa Killough  
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Lisa Killough—Director