

THE CHAMPIONS SPIRIT

Slow Down and Smell the Roses

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Today is December 1st. It is hard to believe that there are only four more weeks left in 2019. I imagine for most of us, these last four weeks are going to be extremely busy. There are events to attend, shopping to be done, work to finish, and on and on we could go. I know for me, sometimes life can get so busy I need to be reminded to slow down. Maybe you are like me and need that reminder sometimes too.

As we think about the last few weeks of 2019 consider with me a few things worth slowing down for (in no particular order):

- Slow down and pray. Thank God for the blessings in your life. Ask Him for help, strength, and guidance where you might need it. Pray for others and their needs.
- Slow down and spend time with family. Time truly does fly by. Don't miss the special moments that present themselves this time of year with family.
- Slow down and spend time with friends. We are blessed to have relationships with others that enrich and strengthen our lives. Be sure to let people know how much they mean to you.
- Slow down and spend time with God. Be sure to make time each day to have some alone time with God. Read a Psalm or favorite verse. Spend time meditating on a passage. Just spend time in quiet reflecting on God and His goodness.
- Slow down and help someone else. There are some who struggle this time of year. Send a card, make a phone call, send a text message, encourage someone in whatever way you can.
- Slow down and spend some time giving back. This is the time of year when most retailers start to turn a significant profit. There will be a lot of money spent and many gifts given. Take time to give to others.
- Slow down and spend time worshipping God. It is easy to get so busy that finding time to worship might be difficult. Don't let the importance of worshipping God slip during this busy time of year.

I am sure you have already thought of things that can be added to this list. I hope you will consider how to make the most of your time during this busy time of year. Time is a precious gift and can only be spent once.

—Lance Leavens

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Family Matters

"In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me! Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily! Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me!" (Psa. 31:1-2). God is indeed our refuge. We are thankful for his love and mercy. Let's

worship Him together this morning.

This coming weekend we will have Jon Arvin with us. Jon will be here to interview for our Youth Minister position. Please be praying for Jon and for us as a church as we go through this process. Let's make him feel welcomed

and show him the love of our Champions family.

Parting thought: "Whatever you think can't be done, somebody will come along and do it" – Thelonious Monk

Have a great week!

~Lance

ORDER OF WORSHIP—SUNDAY, December 1, 2019—AM SERVICE**WORSHIP ORDER**

Song – *Oh How Good It Is*

Welcome/Scripture/Prayer: 1 John 4:10-12 ESV

Song - #121 -Come Let Us All Unite to Sing

Song - #448 – The Greatest Commands

Song - #83 – God Is So Good

Prayer

Song – *In Christ Alone*

Communion/Offering

(Dismiss children for Bible Hour)

Song – #570 – A Beautiful Life

Scripture Reading – John 13:34-35 ESV

Sermon – Lance Leavens

Song - #907 – Hark! The Gentle Voice

Announcements/Prayer

Not in Songs of Faith and Praise

John's Jogs: LINCOLN'S THANKSGIVING DAY PROCLAMATION

"It is the duty of nations as well as of men to owe their dependence upon the overruling power of God; to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations are blessed whose God is the Lord.

We know that by His divine law, nations, like individuals, are subject to punishment and chastisements in this world. May we not justly fear that the awful calamity of civil war which now desolates the land, may be a punishment inflicted upon us for our presumptuous sins, to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole people?

We have been the recipients of the choices bounties of heaven; we

have been preserved these many years with peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success we have become too self sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us.

It has seemed to me fit and proper that God should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged, as with one heart and one voice, by the whole American people. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and

also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November as a day of Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens."

GETTYSBURG

ADDRESS

Nov. 19, 1863

Four score and seven years ago our fathers Brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal... that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom – and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

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EVENTS AND NEWS

Sunday Morning Adult Class Changes

General Adult Classes:

- "The Gospel from a Doctor's Perspective"
Wes Arnold & Brian Bruner
(Main Building-Auditorium) **RM. CHANGE**
- Lessons from the Minor Prophets
Bill Johnson
(Family Center-Auditorium) **RM. CHANGE**
- Basic Christian Beliefs
Troy Thompson
(Family Center Rm. #117)
- Young Professional & College:
Chris Ball
(Family Center Rm. #120)

E.L.F.S Service Project ALL Church

Spaces still available for the
service project needs in foyer.

December 8th

Bible Classes

Worship

Sack Lunch Meal

(Provided)

1-3 p.m.

**3:00: Closing: Singing/
Devo**

Save the Date - **December 7** Youth Minister Candidate

Candidate, Jon Arvin

He will teach the teen class on Sunday morning also. Details to follow!

Church Calendar Events December

- 1: NO Family Circle Meal
- 6: Youth Progressive Dinner
- 7: Parents Night Out
- 8: NO Family Circle Meal
- 8: Fellowship Sunday
- 8: E.L.F.S. & All Church Sack Lunch
- 9: Ladies Christmas Party
- 14: Adult Progressive Dinner
- 15: NO Family Circle Meal
- 19: Men's Night Out
- 22: NO Family Circle Meal
- 24: Office Closed @ Noon
- 25: Office Closed
- 29: Reid Stafford's Last Day
- 29: NO Family Circle Meal
- 31: Office Closed @ Noon

January

- 1: Office Closed
- 5: Family Circle Meal # 4
- 12: Family Circle #5 Meal

Bible Hour Schedule December

- 1: Wimmer
- 8: Bruner
- 15: Killough
- 22: Stafford
- 29: Sammons

Progressive Dinner December 14th

Sign up to attend or host in the Welcome Center!
Cost: \$10.00 per person
Appetizers will begin at 5:45 P.M. in the Host Home.

Dinner portion will be at 7:00 P.M. in the Family Center.
FREE Babysitting provided beginning at 5:15 p.m. on Saturday! Contact Justin or Julia Sammons for questions.

Parents' Night Out will be December 7th, from 4-7.

Please note the change of location. It will be in the Bible Hour Room. Please enter by the back door across from the playground. Supper will be provided. Contact: Justin or Julia Sammons.

Men's Night Out

Thursday, December 19th
6:30 P.M.

Rudy's Country Store & Bar-B-Q
24503 Tomball Parkway, Tomball, TX
Contact: Wes Arnold

ARMS of Hope Children's Gift Stars

Pick up star ornament. Purchase gift card (s). Fill out back of star ornament & adhere to gift card(s). Give to Jeanie Kuehl or Wes Arnold, Laura Mize or Darlene Bounds.



Thank you to all the folks who have prayed and sent Jess and Me cards. We are trying very hard to get our strength back so I can have the surgery on Dec. 4th. Please stay well.

Love
Jess & Peggy Long

Meals Needed

Pam & Bert Shaw need help with meals. If you can assist with meals, please contact Darlene Bounds or Jeanie Kuehl.



Ladies Christmas Party Monday, December 9th 6:30 P.M.

Family Center

Please bring finger food to share and a wrapped gift priced \$15-\$20 (Something you would like to receive)

Does not have to be a Christmas Item.

Contact Susan Sammons



We appreciate the food you brought to our home. It was wonderful and we enjoyed it. Thank you. I'm so happy to be part of the Champions family. All of the love and cards make us feel so cared for.

God Bless,
Yvonne & Buddy Miller

HOLIDAY BASKETS

Champions will be doing "Holiday Baskets" this year in December for Non-members. If you know a family in desperate need, please turn in their name to the church office by **Sunday, Dec. 8th** or you can contact Eltonio or Paulette Brown.

Panty Needs:

Canned Foods:

Spaghetti, Chili,	Sloppy Joe, etc.
Bottled Water	Dish Soap
Ramen Noodles	Shampoo
Spaghetti Sauce	Laundry Detergent

Benefit BBQ Dinner

**Cost: \$10 a plate
December 7th from 3-7**

Champions Park and Prestonwood Forest clients of Chad Kuehl 's are hosting a Benefit Dinner in Champions' Family Center to help offset expenses for Chad Kuehl. You are invited. Please R.S.V.P. to 713-775-3225.

Collection for New Mexico Christian Children's Home/Single Moms

We still need a little more \$ or gift cards. Please give your gift cards and/or money to Joan Burns.

church of Chris

IN CHAMPIONS

"A Place to Belong"

13902 Cutten Road,
Houston, Texas 77069
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www.championschurch.org

Elders:

- David Arnold
- Jim Chitwood
- Bill Johnson
- Jay Mahle
- Danny Mize
- Alan Reed
- Don Sammons
- Wes Smith
- Paul Tews
- 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
- Troy Thompson
- James Wyatt

Ministers:

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

PRAYERS & NOTES

Prayer Requests:

Families Who have Lost

Loved Ones: Tippit, Burns, Oakley, Jones, Jerry Johnson, Iwunze, Ross, Hamilton, Hale, Underwood, Norman **Billy and Kathy Tippit** in the loss of his niece, Janice Tippit.

Mil Biron is in AFib and is home.

Linda Lopez will have her treatment on December 4th.

Jerry Norman will receive the results from the MRI on Dec. 2nd.

Donald Thurston will have spine surgery on Monday at Methodist in the Medical Center.

Buddy Miller has been diagnosed with colon cancer and is waiting for an appointment with the oncologist.

David Arnold has started another round of chemo.

Peggy Long's valve procedure has been tentatively rescheduled for Dec. 4th @ 7:00.

Pam Shaw is suffering with brain swelling from radiation treatment on her brain, causing her confusion.

Julia Shaw is adjusting to the feeding tube.

Cindy Hall continues to struggle with health issues.

Family and Friends Prayer Requests:

Jim Debow Sr. (Dave and Darlene Bounds neighbors Dad) had a stroke on Sunday. Please pray for his healing.

Andrea Dean, Tim and Monte's daughter, has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Josie Grissom, Cindy Schlesener's niece, continues her recovery from her accident.

Robert Dixon (Glen)

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Bradshaw St Jail, P.O. Box 9000, Henderson, TX 75653.

Champions Members with

Cancer: Buddy Miller, David Arnold, Linda Lopez, LaNell Allee, Wes Smith, Gwen Crosby, Don Dearen, Pam Shaw, Donna Nance, Caella Chappell, Gilbert Moreno

Champions Members with

Health & Other Concerns:

David Bounds, Jerry McKinney, Pamela Woodley, Rebecca Jaquez, John Hixon, Stacey Farmer, Sally Enders, Jerry Norman

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

Hospice: Erwina Moore, Irene Hunter (Melissa Iwunze's Mom)

Employment Concerns: Willis, Harris, Rapalo

Family and Friends with Health

and Other Concerns: Jerry Enders, Jim Debow Sr., Carolyn Slatton, Larry Shaw, Geraldine Gunn, Chad Kuehl, John Gerber, Hilka and husband, Frances Leavens, Leslie Woodley, Karen Cullins, Hanna Haavikko's brother's family

Family and Friends Cancer

Concerns: Joy Balderas, Breanna Allen, Ellen Kyser Endelman, Cathy Kuehl, Jean Taylor, Brian Richardson, Craig Rabb, Peb Ratliff, Elizabeth Cuccerre, Donna Petty, Mike Rice, Patricia Lopez, Thelma Edwards, Jane (Hanna Haavikko's friend)

Members in Assisted Living/Rehab/ Nursing Homes:

Nell McDonald, Charles & Lois Boyd

Family and Friends in Assisted Living/Rehabs & Nursing

Homes: Terri Bennett, Marie McCall, Jean Simpson, Gladys McHenry, Dorothy Kuehl

Prayers for our Military:

Micah Shaw, Brent Tyler Bowles, Traveon Gaines, William E. Taylor IV, Aaron Jean, Charles DuVerney, Phillip Cuccerre, Jr., Aaron Schubert, Andrew Martinez, Erick Martinez, James Willie Edwards, Jr.

Nursery Attendants

Dec. 1: Karen Casey & Alaina Robinson

Dec. 8: Kelly Thompson & Ashley Trent

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

Services on Audio/Video

Champions services can be viewed via our church website. Click on Media; click on the TV Icon; select service to view.

FOR THE RECORD 11/10/2019

Sunday Morning.....347
Sunday Bible Class 194
Sunday Night..... 141
Wednesday Night 128
Contribution 21,774.96
Weekly Budget.....20,247.31
YTD Contribution1,030,917.01
YTD Budget..... 951,623.57
Over/(Under).....79,293.44

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

**December
Jay Mahle**

Food Coordinator

Check with your Family
Circle Leaders

**NO WIFI Available
during Services.**

Church Streaming

Little Champs: Mothers Day Out

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