

THE CHAMPIONS SPIRIT

THAT'S WHAT IT TAKES!

What does it take for the Lord's church to grow?

What does it take to...

Conduct a successful Vacation Bible School?

Teach our Bible Classes consisting of students from 1 to 100?

To have an active young families class, young professional class, teen group, Young at Heart group?

To have pews filled with worshipping hearts on Sunday evenings as well as the morning?

To fill the auditorium with joyful songs in praise during worship?

To make every visitor feel warmly welcomed as well as appreciated and wanted?

What does it take?

It doesn't (and shouldn't!) take...

Changing biblical congregational worship to entertaining spectators.

Bringing in a "big name" preacher, song leader, or teacher to draw crowds.

Always providing "giveaways" and promotions every time the door is open!

The answer is simple—not complex—nor hard to understand.

What does it take?

It takes us putting our hands to the Lord's plow and never looking back!
(Lk 9:62)

It takes offering our bodies as "living sacrifices" which is our "reasonable" or spiritual worship (Rom. 12:1).

It takes loving the Lord with all our hearts, souls and minds" (Matt. 22:37).

It takes speaking "the truth in love" (Eph. 4:15).

It takes being "fervent in spirit, serving the Lord (Rom. 12:11).

*What is the answer? You...and me...serving the Lord together! **That's What It Takes!***

—Larry Keele



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But, will we do it?

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Family Matters

"I have set the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. Therefore, my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices..." (Psa.16:8-9) We come today to worship with glad hearts and humble spirits, keeping the Lord ever before us! Our prayer is if you are visiting with us that you will join with us as we worship the God who upholds us and keeps us from being "shaken." We wel-

come *Jim and Mary Jane Sinclair* to the Lord's family that meets in Champions! Also, on Sunday, *Alaina Robinson* came forward asking for the prayers of the church in her behalf. May God bless both families!

Another successful Vacation Bible School has come to a close. We thank Reid and all those who blessed him by taking over the various aspects of the School. What a great team!

By the way, the new facilities and *your* sacrifices to make them available really blessed the effort as well! (See the article above.)

Parting thought: *Pray for our group at Trek this week as well as all those taking their summer vacations!*

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

Larry

ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY, July 1, 2018—AM SERVICE

Song – Great Are You Lord*

Welcome/Scripture: Psalms 84:1-4 ESV

Song #227 – On Zion's Glorious Summit

Song #448 – The Greatest Commands

Song #719 – Love One Another

Prayer

Song - In Christ Alone*

Communion/Offering

Song #587 – Sing and Be Happy

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:27, 2:24 ESV

Sermon: **Larry Keele**

Song - Just As I Am I Come Broken*

Announcements

Prayer

*Not in book

Wes Arnold

The church of Christ in Champions is very special to me for so many reasons. That is what makes the new role so meaningful. I am excited to be working with Larry, John and Reid. Admittedly there was some reluctance on my part due to my inexperience in this type of work, but I know most and love everyone in this congregation and felt with God's guidance it will be an opportunity to grow even closer to Him and to this family. I am a minister and here to serve. While there are many great things in place that will have my focus and direct attention, please let me have your suggestions for developing the fellowship and involvement of our family. My first and an on-going assignment will be updating the ministry sheets. I will be visiting with you to make sure we have your current areas of ministry interests. I will be working with the deacons of course, to facilitate your involvement in the work at Champions. I want to thank the elders for this opportunity, and I look forward to working for you.

Wes Arnold
Involvement Minister

John's Jogs: LET FREEDOM RING IN 2018

As we celebrate our nation's independence, many of our most cherished freedoms are under attack. The first two articles of the "Bill of Rights" or the first two amendments to the constitution are under attack today. These two articles are the firewall of protection of our freedoms. If we lose these two articles we lose our freedom!

ARTICLE I – "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

ARTICLE II – "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

Note that Article I makes five areas of freedom: 1) Congress cannot establish a

religion. 2) Congress cannot make a law to prohibit the free exercise of religion.

3) Congress cannot make a law to stop you freely speaking out on any subject.

4) Congress cannot make a law to stop the freedom of the press and 5) Congress cannot make a law to prevent people from assembling peaceably and redressing their grievances. These are clear statements and are the sum total the constitution says about religion.

Note that Article II makes two statements

1) For as a free state to be secure it must have a well regulated Militia and 2) The government cannot prevent the people from bearing arms. Note: The Supreme Court has upheld this article as applying nation wide – that a state or city cannot restrict personal ownership of guns to protect yourself, your family or your home.

Article I guarantees security of our religious freedom and Article II provides the strength to protect Article I. Article I is

under attack from the ACLU and others using the "Separation of Church and State" statement of T. Jefferson (which has nothing to do with the constitution). Article II is under attack from basically the same group plus others trying to remove all guns from society which would only leave guns in the hands of criminals.

The real danger is that the opponents of religion and guns will not use the Amendment process to achieve their goals but rely on unelected federal judges to find meanings in the constitution beyond what these clear articles say and the Supreme Court is on a teeter-totter equilibrium with a 5-4 decision on most important issues. As you vote at all levels of government keep this in your mind in any election year.

Stop and reverently give a prayer of thanks for our freedom today!

THE CHAMPIONS SPIRIT

EVENTS AND NEWS

Men's Prayer Breakfast Saturday, July 21st 8:00 A.M.

Family Center Guest Speaker: Ken Pridgeon

Chef—Rick Rickman

Following the Meal/Speaker

A trip is planned to the *Fallen Warrior Memorial Art Gallery*

13455 Cutten Road, Houston, TX 77069

Please sign the list in the

Welcome Center if you plan to attend.

Contact: *Wes Arnold*

Today!

Family Circle Group #4

Leaders: *Bill & Sherry Johnson*
Family Circle #4 will meet today following morning services. Visitors, please be our guests for lunch today!

Bridal Shower

All ladies are invited to a Bridal Shower honoring Jacquelyn Cuccerre, bride-elect of, *Kyle Swaim*, on July 22, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in the Family Center. If you would like to be a hostess, please contact Susan Sammons. Jacquelyn is the daughter of *Phillip and Jackie Cuccerre*. They are registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond and Target.

Alaska Bound Courier...

Alan and Lisa Reed will be going to Alaska to see William, Valerie and Norah Long. If you would like to send a card or *small* gift with them please get it to Lisa by July 4th.

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL JULY 4TH

**Background Check Forms
Need to Be UPDATED**



FriendSpeak

Volunteers Needed!

The FriendSpeak program is growing. We need more volunteers to sign up for training. Once we have at least ten volunteers signed up, we can schedule additional training. Your help is vital to our efforts as we reach out to our community. Contact Alan Reed or Diann Thurston

Directory Additions

Glen and Julie Cox:

Glen's Cell: 281-467-5568

gdcx1@charter.net

Glen's DOB: 12/27

Julie's Cell: 281-798-2427

jdawnc@charter.net

Julie's DOB: 5/13

Anniversary: October 27

Jim and Mary Jane Sinclair

Jim: 713-501-6502

Jim.sinclair@sbcglobal.net

Jim's DOB: 3/10

Mary Jane: 281-814-8554

lesliehoward1@yahoo.com

Mary Jane's DOB: 10/15

Anniversary: December 23

Church Calendar

July

1-7: Trek

1: Family Circle Meal—Group 4

4: Office Closed

4: Alan Reed—Summer Series

8: Family Circle Meal—Group 5

11: James Wyatt—Summer Series

15: Family Circle Meal—Group 6

18: Wes Smith—Summer Series

20: Friday Morning Fellowship

21: Men's Quarterly Breakfast

22: Family Circle Meal—Group 7

22: Bridal Shower

22: Youth Led Service

22: All Church Game Night

25: Justin Sammons—Summer Series

28: College Age Cookout @ Rickman's

30: Ladies Event

Sunday Morning Bible Hour

Ages 2 to Kindergarten

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

July 1 - Sammons

July 8 - Thomas

YOUTH EVENTS

July

1-7: Trek

Summer Chill Outs

Ages Nursery—5th Grade

10-11:30 A.M.

Every Wednesday through August 1st, we'll host an air conditioned playdate in the Bible Hour Hall. Bring your kids, bring a lunch and come take a break with us!
Contact: Julie Sammons

College Age Cookout

Saturday July 28th

TBD

Location: Rick and Linda Rickman's
17723 Woodlode Lane
Spring, TX 77379

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Houston, Texas 77069
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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)
- Wes Arnold (Involvement)
- Reid Stafford (Youth)

PRAYERS & NOTES

Prayer Requests:

Families Who Have Lost

Love Ones: Riley, Morris, Jones, Chappell, Thomas **Kevin and Patricia Barnett** are in San Angelo with Kevin's dad, who was recently diagnosed with prostate cancer, which has spread and is placed under hospice care.

Melanie Willis requests prayers for their family as her mother, **Martha Shields** (Bill Hutson's sister), is under hospice care. Specific requests are for a peaceful transition for her Mom, and for their family as they make final decisions, which are very difficult.

TREK Group as they travel or safety and spiritual growth.

Bill Cartwright is continuing his recovery at home.

Nadine Riley is in TIRRS Memorial Hermann Hospital in the Medical Center, room 614, for rehab.

David Bounds is in Methodist Hospital, Dunn Tower, #1025 in the Medical Center with pneumonia. Visitors Welcome.

Stacey Farmer as she struggles with her health.

Keith Underwood continues to suffer pain.

David Oakley as he is stationed at the border.

Pam Shaw had a successful procedure on her liver tumor.

Doctor expects the tumor to be

gone on the next scan!

Sharon DeCarlo is in hospice care.

Family and Friends of Champions:

Francia, Ilcia Castillo's daughter, is in a Kingwood Hospital being treated for pancreatic issues.

Nora Zarate, Rosalinda's mother and Josie Biron's sister, is in GraceCare at Northpointe, room 305, for treatment.

Carol Ogg, Madison Phillips' future grandmother-in-law, is battling double pneumonia.

Members with Health & Other Concerns:

Julia Shaw, Dave McConathy, Angela Joachim, John Hixon, Lynn & Earlene Antwine, Willie Birdow, Terri Bennett, Charles & Lois Boyd

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:

Jean Taylor, Rocky Harrell, Glenda Robinson, Benowane Burrus, Zerle Carpenter, Wade Calvert, Mil Harder, Vannete & Bill Wirant

Employment Concerns:

Cindy Schlessner, Ernesto Harris Jr., Jeff Long

Family and Friends Concerns:

John Emshoff, Jonathan Stolte, Ramidge Milby, Sammy Kemp, Lanora Felder, Sasaa Ali, Keri Burton

Hospice: Sharon DeCarlo, Jenny Davis, Joyce Kidwell Stearsman

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:

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

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

Response: Alaina Robinson

Nursery Attendants

July 1: Holly Freeland & Karen Watson

July 8: Christy Smith & Jena Asher

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

6/24/2018

Sunday Morning..... 339
Sunday Bible Class..... 225
Sunday Night 183
Wednesday Night 146
Contribution..... 19,763.32
Weekly Budget..... 19,307.69
YTD Contributions.497,503.77
YTD Budget..... 482,692.25
Over/(Under) 14,811.52

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

Marvin Trice

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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