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## THE CHAMPIONS SPIRIT

### Neighborhood Bible Studies

I love talking to people and getting to know a little about a person's background. It is always interesting to me how easy it is to make a connection with a little conversation and a little effort. I have found that the best way to really get to know someone is to invite them into our home or be in their home. There is something about being in someone's home that helps create a sense of comfortability that allows for better communication.

I believe this is a Biblical principle. A key part of the life of the Jerusalem church was being in each other's homes. "And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts" (Acts 2:46). They spent times in each other's homes eating meals together. I believe this accelerated their bonding as a family and made people in the community take notice.

As we continue to look at the life of the early church, we soon begin to notice a way of life that would define God's people. Paul would encourage the Christians in Rome to "contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality" (Rm. 12:13). That word hospitality includes a love of strangers. A significant way hospitality was shown by these early Christians was having people into their home. Fellowship was formed, cultivated, and grew as a result of people spending time together, studying together, and worshipping together in each other's homes.

This model is still effective and part of God's plan today. Based on that, beginning in October, we are going to begin a series of neighborhood Bible studies. These studies will meet in various homes throughout our local area. We have several families that have agreed to host. The studies will last six weeks and meet one night a week. The host family will determine which night (probably Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday) the group will meet. The material we will be covering is titled "*Forgiven, Forgiving and Free: The Peace of Living Without a Past.*"

We want as many members as possible to participate in these studies. In addition, we want to try and use this as an evangelism opportunity. We are asking that all of us be thinking of two or three people that you could invite to the study with you. We believe this will be a comfortable environment to help introduce friends and neighbors to Champions and more importantly to Jesus.

More information will be coming that will provide additional details, location of host families, and specific dates and times. In the meantime, please be praying about this important initiative.

—Lance Leavens

### Family Matters

"The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" (Psa. 27:1). Praise God for His goodness and mercy toward us. Let's praise Him together in worship today.

We want to welcome our visitors today. We are grateful for

your presence with us. If you are looking for a church home, we would love to talk to you about Champions. Please seek out any of the men you see leading in worship and let them know you would like more information.

As was announced last week, we are in the process of looking

for additional men to serve as shepherds. Please continue to pray for this important process.

Parting thought: "*Always plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.*" — Richard Cushing

Have a great week!

~Lance

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP—SUNDAY, September 8, 2019—AM SERVICE**


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**WORSHIP ORDER**

**Song –#549 – There Is Sunshine in My Soul**

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

**Song - \*I Love Thy Kingdom Lord\***

**Song - \*In Need\***

**Song - #108 -The Lord Is In His Holy Temple**

**Prayer**

**Song – #344 – Low in the Grave He Lay**

**Communion/Offering**

(Dismiss children for Bible Hour)

**Song – \*The Church’s One Foundation\***

**Scripture Reading: - Titus 1:5-9 ESV**

**Sermon: Lance Leavens**

**Song - #944 – What Shall It Be?**

**Announcements/Prayer**

*\* Not in the Book\**

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**John’s Jogs: Bible Basics #9**


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**NAOMI AND RUTH** are one of the most astounding friendships of all history. This friendship ultimately has an effect of tremendous proportions on the history of mankind.

In the time of the Judges Israel had a severe famine. A man of Bethlehem in Judea named Elimelech, his wife Naomi and two sons Mahlon and Kilion went to live in Moab. Within a ten-year period, all three men died leaving behind widows without children. In this male dominated society, women without a father, husband or son to care for them could quickly become destitute; they had few rights.

Naomi, hearing that the famine in Judah had ended, decided to return, Ruth absolutely refused to leave Naomi when she replied:

***“Do not urge me to leave you or to turn back from you.***

***Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay.***

***Your people will be my people and your God my God.***

***Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried.***

***May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely,***

***If anything but death separates you and me.”***

Can you think of any stronger statement of commitment? Talk about a FRIEND!

When the two women reached Bethlehem, according to Mosaic Law, the poor were allowed to collect any crops that were missed during the first pass of the reapers. The barley harvest had just started, so Ruth decided to go gleaning behind the reapers. Fortunately, she chose the field of Boaz. This man had heard how Ruth had refused to abandon Naomi, and he took an immediate liking to her. The Law of Moses obliged a man to marry his brother’s widow to produce children to carry on the dead brother’s family name and to claim the deceased man’s property. Apparently, the rule could be extended to include relatives other than a brother.

So, with the blessing of the people, Boaz took Ruth to be his wife. She bore him a son, Obed, who became the grandfather of King David. In one of the final scenes of the book, Naomi holds her grandson on her lap and cares for him. A thousand years later JESUS, a descendant of Obed, was born in Bethlehem; He is described as one who gives: “LIFE FOR ALL MEN.” (Romans 5:18). Matthew’s genealogy of Jesus lists only four women and RUTH is one of them. Jews today still honor Ruth by rereading her story during the annual “Feast of Weeks” that marks the end of the grain harvest.

Because of the love, loyalty and commitment Ruth had, without ever knowing it, she mothered a host of kings and ultimately the King of Kings, the Savior of the world. A JUST REWARD FOR A FAITHFUL FRIEND!!

Next – Leaving Egypt to form a Nation

# THE CHAMPIONS SPIRIT

## EVENTS AND NEWS



### Men's Night Out September 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30

*Campioni's Restaurant*  
13850 Cutten Rd.  
Houston, TX 7069  
281-893-2267

Please sign the list in the Welcome Center.  
Contact: Wes Arnold

#### Family Circle 2 Meal TODAY

Leaders: Dave & Darlene Bounds  
*All Visitors Welcome!*

#### Sunny Glen Children's Home Truck Coming September 10<sup>th</sup> Liquid Dish Soap Deodorant

Please place your items on the Metal  
Cart outside of the Food Pantry.  
Thank you!

#### Cooks Needed for Wednesday Night Meals Dates available:

*September 25  
October 9*

Please sign the list in the Welcome  
Center if you can cook on either of  
these dates.

#### 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.



#### Megan Phillips @ 4 P.M. Family Center

All ladies are invited to a bridal  
shower honoring Megan Phillips,  
bride-elect of Travis Agnew, on  
Sunday, September 22nd at 4:00  
p.m. in the Family Center. They are  
registered at Target, Bed Bath and  
Beyond, and Home Depot.

*September 1, 2019*

*Fran wrote the following note to  
"Members of Church of Christ in  
Champions":  
Unfortunately, due to health reasons  
and my doctor's orders, I will be  
moving to Atlanta next weekend. I  
will be residing in an assisted living  
facility located near my daughter,  
Cynthia.*

*I am happy to have known all of the  
members of the church, even though  
it has been for a short time. It has  
been a blessing to have you as my  
friends. I want to thank you for the  
kindness you have shown me and for  
accepting me in the congregation.  
You will all be missed and I will  
keep you in my prayers.*

*As soon as I get settled in my new  
home, I will provide the church with  
my new contact information. God  
bless you all.*

*Sincerely,  
Fran Jorgensen*

Her new address:  
425 Winn Way, Apt 202  
Decatur, GA 30030.  
Phone: 404-343-1994



#### Church Calendar Events

8: Family Circle #2 Meal  
15: Family Circle #3 Meal  
19: Men's Night Out  
21: Parents Night Out  
22: Family Circle #4 Meal  
22: Bridal Shower—Megan Phillips  
29: Family Circle #5 Meal

#### Youth Events September

8: Devotional  
11: Summit  
27: FNL

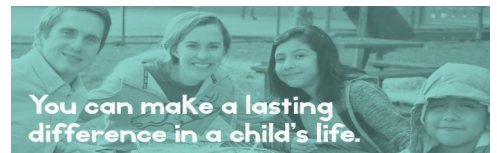
#### Bible Hour Schedule

Sept. 8 Smith  
Sept. 15 Stafford  
Sept. 22 Bruner  
Sept. 29 Sammons

#### Ladies Bible Class Wednesday Mornings 9:45 A.M.

#### Free Babysitting

We will be discussing  
*Life With a Capital L* by Matt Heard.  
Contact: Carla Mahle



*You can make a lasting  
difference in a child's life.*

impact mentoring is a one hour  
a week commitment on monday  
nights and sunday afternoons.

contact [tlemmons@impacthouston.net](mailto:tlemmons@impacthouston.net)



#### Fall Softball Monday Nights

Northland Christian High School  
Come support our Champions ball  
players!

#### Wednesday Night Meal September 11<sup>th</sup>

Menu: Taco night with 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.

# church Chris

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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:

**Cindy Schlesener**, in the loss of her aunt, *Dianne South*, who passed away last week. She asks for prayers for her cousin, *Amanda Roberts* and her uncle, *Jimmy South*, during this difficult time. **Jim Morrissey** as he recovers from a stroke. Please pray for his recovery.

**Frankie Cox** is suffering with knee issues.

**Stacey Farmer** is having seizures again.

**Josie Biron** is having extreme sensitivity to light in the eye in which she had cataract surgery.

**Freddie Bounds** is having health and medication concerns.

**David Bounds** continues to have health issues.

**Leander Pallet** for a good resolution to his employment situation. Please pray that doors will be opened in Houston or other cities in the U.S.

**Neal Winn** is home recovering from heart bypass surgery.

**Keith Underwood** is under hospice care. Please pray for his comfort and peace and for Linda as she cares for him.

**David Arnold** as he regains his strength from treatments.

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

### Family and Friends Prayer Requests:

**Garrison Ihle** a four-month old infant, family friends of Lance and Susan Leavens, is having complications following open heart surgery.

**Irene Hunter**, Melissa Iwunze's

mother, has been hospitalized in Crandall, Texas.

**Teresa**, Susan Ellis' sister, is in the hospital.

**Fran Jorgensen** will be moving to an assisted living facility in Georgia this weekend.

**Doug Cheney**, Patricia Richmond's nephew is recovering from open heart surgery.

**Breanna Allen**, Lonnie and Patricia Richmond's granddaughter, 25 years old, is struggling with MAL Leukemia. *Monroe Carroll Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt*  
c/o Breanna Allen Rm. 6419  
2200 Children's Way, Nashville, TN 37232

### Champions Members with Cancer:

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

### Champions Members with Health & Other Concerns:

Clifagean Palmer, Rick Garza, Sally Enders, Nick Lazerko, Jerry McKinney, Arlene Hale, Pamela Woodley, Rebecca Jaquez, John Hixon, Stacey Farmer, Julia Shaw, Angela Joachim, Linda Underwood

### Missionaries:

Dale DuVerney, Peter Chin, Ed-die 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

### Families Who have Lost Loved Ones:

Stafford, Eley, Berg, Stolte, Miller, Reed

**Hospice:** Keith Underwood, Hank Barnett, John McKissic

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

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

Norah Long, Daniel Wiseman, Angelina Rodriguez, John Gerber, John Gerber, Jr., Angela Kemp, Milton Martin, Carolyn Slatton, Hilka and husband, Don Long, David Long, Frances Leavens, Leslie Woodley, Karen Cullins, Ligia, Chad Kuehl

### Family and Friends Cancer Concerns:

John Bailey, Jean Taylor, Brian Richardson, Craig Rabb, 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:

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

### Nursery Attendants

**September 8:** Karen Watson & Ashley Trent

**September 15:** Christy Smith & Kelly Thompson

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 9/01/2019

Sunday Morning..... 381  
Sunday Bible Class ..... 224  
Sunday Night..... 140  
Wednesday Night ..... 182  
Contribution ..... 22,993.96  
Weekly Budget..... 20,247.31  
YTD Contribution..766,550.95  
YTD Budget..... 708,655.85  
Over/(Under) ..... 57,895.10

### 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  
Ladies Bible Class 9:45 a.m.  
Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

### Elder of the Month

#### September

Marvin Trice

#### Food Coordinator

Check with your Family  
Circle Leaders

#### Church Wi-Fi Password

Churchguest

#### Church Streaming Available @

[Championschurch.org](http://Championschurch.org) - Media

#### Little Champs: Mothers Day Out

Contact: Lisa Killough  
[littlechampsmdo@gmail.com](mailto:littlechampsmdo@gmail.com)  
281-893-2062  
Lisa Killough—Director