

THE CHAMPIONS SPIRIT

RESCUE!

The story made headlines around the world. The boys and their soccer coach had been trapped in a life-and-death situation for too long. The eyes and ears of the world listened for any positive news. Although the good news was that the boys had been located, the bad news was that they were miles deep inside the cavern, the passage way was narrow and sometimes flooded, and the difficulty of getting them out alive was enormous. In fact, one of the trained divers lost his life in the days leading up to the actual rescue.



But you know "the rest of the story." You know by now that the boys, and their coach, were safely extracted from their horrible natural prison. Rescued! That was the headline around the world that brought rejoicing!

I am so thankful for their rescue and am sure they won't forget the sacrifices of so many—and of one who gave the ultimate sacrifice—for them

Having said that, I wonder how many of us are worried about that mass of people who are still trapped? No, they are not trapped in a literal cave, or even a prison with bars...actually they are held captive by something far worse—sin and Satan (2 Tim. 2:26)! Their fate if they stay there—eternal death (Rom. 6:23).

How often do we who are Christians think about those who are still trapped in this pit of sin and death? How many of us not only think about them but are concerned enough to take part in their rescue? Will we answer the call, "Who will go for us? Who shall we send? (Isa. 6:8) as Isaiah did, "Here am I, send me!"? Will we "go into all the world" on His divine "search and rescue" mission with the Gospel message (Matt. 28:18-20)?

What a thrilling event it is when the one is saved from a cave! When one is saved from eternal death, it is such an event that even the angels in heaven rejoice (Luke 15:10)! May we always be interested in the rescue of those in physical danger—but oh, may we never forget nor neglect the importance of the spiritual RESCUE!

—Larry Keele

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Family Matters

"It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night." (Psa. 92:1-2) We come to give thanks to God and to sing praise to Him. We also give thanks for our visitors and pray that our time praising God together will please Him! Please come again as you have opportunity.

Several events are upcoming: The FMF (Friday Morning Fellowship) is open for everyone of all ages! The time of fellowship and study (and eating) will begin at 9 a.m. next Friday, the 20th. The Men's Prayer Breakfast is Sat., July 21 at 8 a.m. Brother Ken Pridgeon will be the speaker. All men, young and old are invited.

Our monthly Game Night will be following services, Sunday night, the 22nd. Bring your favorite games, finger foods and enjoy!

Parting thought: Dog tired at night? Maybe you've been growling too much during the day!

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

Kerry

ORDER OF WORSHIP—SUNDAY, July 15, 2018—AM SERVICE

Song#123 - The Steadfast Love of the Lord

Welcome/Scripture: Psalms 98:1-3 ESV

Medley

Song#96 - I Stand In Awe

Song#147 - I Stand Amazed

Medley

Song#309 - In My Life, Lord Be Glorified

Song#478 - Nearer, Still Nearer

Prayer

Medley

Song#276 - Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus (Chorus)

Song#315 - When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Communion/Offering

Song#570 – A Beautiful Life

(Dismiss Children to Bible Hour)

Scripture Reading: Matthew 22:37-39 ESV

Sermon: Larry Keele

Song - Wonderful, Merciful Savior*

Announcements

Prayer

* Not in Book

John's Jogs: Jesus, The Son of God—Lamb of God

Unlike the other three Gospels who start with Jesus being born or His genealogy or just being on earth, John starts with Him in heaven with the Father as God. The first eleven chapters of John's Gospel is spent identifying Jesus and establishing His mission: 1) His Signs; 2) Nicodemus and the New Birth; 3) The Gospel Summarized; 4) The Samaritan Woman at the Well; 5) Witnesses to His Deity; 6) The I AM'S of the Christ; 7) The Hour of Decision; 8) The Truth will Make You Free; 9) Healing the Blind Man; 9) The Good Shepherd 10) Defeating Death. Notice periodically throughout these chapters Jesus has made the statement "My hour has not yet come."

Now in Chapter 12 the story turns from establishing who He is to what is going to happen. *"Now my soul has become troubled; and what shall I say, 'Father, save*

me from this hour'?" But for this purpose I came to this hour." (John 12:27) He was announcing to His disciples and to the world that His time had now come. It was His hour of glory. This was His hour of victory, which was about to come through His fulfillment of the Father's will. He used the word "NOW" three times:

First, The "Now" of great Sorrow—The great suffering He would experience in His death. This declaration was made by Jesus before going to Gethsemane in John 18:1, where He suffered great agony of anticipation (Mt. 26:36-45). His second use of the word "Now" in John 12:31 refers to the "now" of judgement, "Now judgement is upon this world" (John 12:31). The blade of the cross cuts both ways: it was the means of salvation for those who believe, but it was basis for judgement for those

who rejected it. His third use of the word "Now" is of Immediate Victory. The victory He saw was immediate: "The ruler of the world" was being "castout" (John 12:31). John wrote, "The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil." (1John 3:8)

Jesus did not save us through His resurrection; He saved us through His death. By offering Himself on the cross, He provided atonement for us and defeated sin. Later through His resurrection, He confirmed the validity of His death. His coming forth from the tomb proved Him to be God's Son.

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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 #6

Leaders: Don & Diann Thurston
Family Circle #6 will meet today following morning services. Visitors, please be our guests for lunch today!

Address Correction

Glen and Julie Cox
25210 Arcant Court
Spring, TX 77389



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

Ladies Board Painting Night!

Come bring a finger food to share while we fellowship being creative! Monday, July 30 at 6 p.m. Choose from 2 sizes and 6 designs! 12x12 (\$25) or 10x24 (\$35). You must RSVP by Monday, July 23. See signup sheet in the welcome center to choose your design. Questions, contact Julia Sammons. Hope to see you there!

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. Jacquelyn is the daughter of Phillip and Jackie Cuccerre. They are registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond and Target.

Friday Morning Fellowship

July 20th

9:00 A.M.

Family Center

All Ages Welcome!

Breakfast items will be served!

Contacts: Don Sammons & Wes Arnold

College Age Cookout Saturday July 28th @ 5:00 P.M.

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

Please bring lawn chairs and soft drinks! A sign-up list is in the Welcome Center.

Wednesday Night Meals Cooks Needed

A sign-up list to prepare Meals on Wednesday Night's is on the table in the Welcome Center Area. Jacki will be working additional hours at other locations. The Rickmans' will continue to cook every other week. Questions: contact the church office.

Wednesday Night Meal—July 18

Menu: *BBQ Chicken, Rice Dressing, Baked Beans, 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.

Church Calendar

July

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
29: Family Circle Meal Group 1
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 15: Killough

July 22: Stafford

July 29: Killough

August 5: Trents

August 12: Thomas

August 19: Sammons

August 26: Killough



July

16-19: Impact VBS

25-28: End of Summer Trip to Dallas

29: Intern Celebration

August

1: Summit -Games and dinner!

3: FNL!

7: Lock in

8: Summit

10: Interns last day

Summer Chill Outs

**Ages: Nursery—5th Grade
Wednesdays 10-11:30 A.M.**

Wednesdays through August 1st, come for a playdate in the Bible Hour Hall. Bring your kids, bring a lunch and come take a break with us! Contact: Julie Sammons

Champions Ski Trip Registration Deadline

July 31st!

The registration deadline for the Champions Ski Trip is July 31. Information and forms are on the table in the *Welcome Center*. Questions: contact Britt Jones.

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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: Willis, Hutson, Slatton, DeCarlo
Kent and Shanna Phillips and family and friends as they travel to Madison's wedding.

Dennis Crosby is in St. Luke's Hospital, in the Woodlands, room 360. He will have colon surgery around noon on Monday.

Howard Mahle is in Willowbrook Methodist Hospital, room 6428 for treatment of fluid build up.

Gerald Barclay is in Park Manor Nursing Center continuing his treatments.

Bill Cartwright is continuing his recovery at home.

Nadine Riley remains in TIRR, room 614A in the Medical Center. If you visit, she is registered under her first name, Doris N. Riley.

Stacey Farmer is in Memorial Hermann Hospital, room 563, Jones Pavilion for treatment of new brain lesions.

Keith Underwood continues to suffer pain.

David Oakley as he is stationed at the border.

Pam Shaw is home, but continues to struggle with pain.

Family and Friends of

Champions:

Hank Barnett, Kevin's dad,

is in Brookdale Champions Assisted Living under hospice care.

Francia, Ilcia Castillo's daughter, is home recovering from 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:

David Bounds, 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: 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, Terri Bennett, Nell McDonald, Nadine Riley

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

Nursery Attendants

July 15: Martha Hicks & Jacki Cuccerre

July 22: Holly Freeland & Karen Casey

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 7/08/2018

Sunday Morning403
Sunday Bible Class.....247
Sunday Night184
Wednesday Night177
Contribution..... 22,079.46
Weekly Budget.....19,307.69
YTD Contributions.540,278.22
YTD Budget 521,307.63
Over/(Under)..... 18,970.59

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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Lisa Killough—Director