

"Give Us This Mountain"
Joshua 14:12



Program

Saturday, April 28, 4 – 6 PM

4:00 Singing – Auditorium

Welcome/Prayer – Jim Chitwood

Song Service – Drew Slatton/David Morgan/Tommy Weaver/Various

5:00 Fellowship – Family Center

Refreshments

Sharing of Memories, Artwork—Danny Mize

Sunday, April 29, 9 – 2 PM

9:00 Adult Bible Class – Auditorium

"Give us this Mountain—Steps that Got Us Here" – Larry Keele

10:00 Worship Service

Song Leader: Tommy Weaver

Song Medley: 76 - *How Great Thou Art/How Great Is Our God*

Welcome: David Arnold, Scripture — Romans 8:37-39 NASB

1st Prayer: Don Jackson

Song: 27 - *On Zion's Glorious Summit*

Song: *Magnificat*

2nd Prayer: Marvin Trice

Song: *How Deep the Father's Love*

Communion: Glenn Asher

Song during Giving: *As the Mountains Surround Jerusalem*

Song Medley: 749 - *The Battle Belongs to the Lord*

57 - *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Scripture Reading: Reid Stafford — Joshua 14:6-15 ESV

Sermon: "Give us this Mountain—Until He Comes!" – Craig Ford

Song: *Wonderful Merciful Savior*

Announcements: Britt Jones

Group Introductions: (former elders, deacons, etc.) Prayer for meal: Don Sammons

11:30 Lunch – Family Center –

Menu: Pecan Crusted Pork Tenderloin,
Green Bean Almondine, Rice, Salad, Dessert.

12:45 Worship Service

Song Leader: Leland Willis

Welcome and Prayer: David Arnold

Sermon: "Give us this Mountain—Today." – A.D. Pinson

Announcements: Britt Jones

Closing Prayer: Bill Johnson

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Letter from the Elders

To all members, former members, and guests, we sincerely welcome you and thank you for your presence as we celebrate our Homecoming weekend. We are truly blessed that you have come and we look forward to a time of honoring God, thanking Him for His rich blessings, renewing acquaintances, and forming new friendships during our time together.

God has blessed Champions with a rich history of faithful service to Him. Along the way, there have been so many who have played integral parts in planting, sustaining, and growing the Champions congregation over these past 75 plus years. These individuals have paved the way to where we are today; a thriving congregation of believers who take God's divine word as truth and practice New Testament Christianity here in the 21st century. We understand that all blessings come from God and that it is through His grace, mercy, and forgiveness that we can be reconciled with Him through the sacrifice of His Son Jesus Christ.

We are thankful for those who have given of their time and resources to grow the Body of Christ at Champions throughout the years. We look forward to God's continual blessings as we carry on doing His will day-by-day. We will continue

to cling firmly to the words of the Bible as our guide for the congregation and will seek God's will in all decisions that must be made on behalf of the flock. In doing so, we will honor God and Christ in all things and continue the legacy left behind by those who have gone before us.

We have anxiously looked forward to the activities of this weekend. May God bless all who are in attendance as we lift Him up in worship and praise and may He encourage us and lift our spirits as we fellowship with one another.

Again, thank you for your presence here with us. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Sincerely,
The elders

Prayers & News

Prayers

Gregg Chappell Sr. is recovering from a leg amputation at Tomball Regional Hospital. Please pray for his healing.

Sympathy - Loss of Loved Ones
Halamiczek, Andre's Family, Ballard

Exciting New Program Coming Soon!

Sunday Night Service Projects

2 weeks each month 2nd - 3rd grade and 4th-5th grade will alternate weeks doing service projects. Stay tuned for more details about this exciting new program.

MEN'S DAY

@ McCall Farm

Saturday, May 5; 9:00 - 1:00 P.M.

Speaker: Thomas Reed

Theme: "Lord open our eyes"

1) 'Lord, Why Can't We See?'

2) 2018 Evangelism

3) Wrapping Up

The church bus will leave the building at 8:00 a.m. Sign-up Lists in the Welcome Center for both attendance and to ride the bus. Contact: Wes Arnold

IMPACT MEAL

Sunday, May 6th - Sign-up sheets are available in the foyer. Contact: Wes Smith

FAMILY CIRCLES

Meals will resume on June 3rd

VBS SUPPLIES NEEDED

Clean small Creamer bottles

Clean Large Creamer bottles

Large Popsicle Sticks

Variety of gift tissue paper

Please bring items to the Workroom.

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 Class 7:00 p.m.

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

Bible Hour

Is available for Children
age 2 - Kindergarten and will be
dismissed after communion

Nursery

Is available during worship out
the doors & to the right

Little Champs

Mother's Day Out

Contact: Lisa Killough

littlechampsmdo@gmail.com

281-893-2062

For the Record

Sunday Morning 374

Sunday Bible Class.....226

Sunday Night165

Wednesday Night 149

Contribution 18,822.19

Weekly Budget19,307.69

YTD Contribution317,125.35

YTD Budget308,923.04

Over/(Under)8,202.31

Elders

David Arnold

Glenn Asher

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)

Reid Stafford (Youth)



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Pulpit Minister - Larry Keele



Welcome to this Homecoming celebration at Champions! Whether a long-time member or one who has come “back home” we are so thankful for you and what you have meant to the Lord’s work here. As I think about Champions, it is ironic that one constant that Janet and I have seen since coming to Champions in June of 2000 is that of change! Today, such change is obvious—just note our facilities. Bill and Mama Jean Bryan’s house has been put to good use as ministers’ housing, offices, classrooms and more changes are yet to come. The Family Center is now a reality providing space for everything from fellowship meals to Bible classes to disaster relief for our community. Our original building has undergone a major renovation and has already provided special opportunities as our recent combined worship of six congregations proves.

But these physical changes are not all, there have been changes in the church itself. Existing in the greater Houston area is a blessing but also a challenge as families come and go due to job transfer and lay-offs. It is a blessing as those new families come

and a challenge when they and others must move from us! Not only that, but there are those loved ones of our number who have left us to go home and be with the Lord. Yes, there has been a constant—change!

Yet, amid all these changes, there is another constant at Champions—an abiding love for the Lord and His Word and the determination not only to stand in that truth, but to share its Good News of salvation with the world. In these things, Champions has been constant. In our ever-changing physical world, may there be those spiritual essentials that, in Champions, never change!

In His love, Larry



Associate Minister - John Qualls



I accepted a position as Associate Minister in April 1991, where I continue to be blessed and have experienced many wonderful events and growth over this time period.

The eldership has grown, minister changes have occurred, except me. Bill Rasco arrived in 1996. He introduced LTC to

Champions! I had been introduced to

Bible Bowl in Michigan, so I was excited to be in charge of the Champions Bible Bowl program! Champions youth program blossomed! Bill blessed Champions by introducing us to Craig Ford, who served as our Summer Intern and later became our Youth Minister. Craig always had a heart for missions and prepared to go work in the mission field in Papua, New Guinea, which he completed.

Lift up your eyes
and see how the
fields are ripe for
harvest!
John 4:35

Some of my great VBS memories include, riding a camel at age 75! Quite different from when I rode one in Egypt at age 19! I built an ark off the church’s front porch, I was the character Noah, and preached from the ark I had constructed.

A great blessing occurred in 2000 when Larry Keele was hired as our Pulpit minister and the eldership continued its growth. Another VBS memory was when I built things with old tools on the south porch, followed by my quadruple heart by-pass surgery. Larry came to visit me on his day off. I thought, “This guy’s ok.” Working with Larry turned in to a truly great relationship for me! The past 18 years we have enjoyed steady growth with the eldership and ministerial staff working together in harmony to advance the Champions congregation.

After lengthy discussions and planning we are enjoying the blessing of two beautiful buildings, which can accommodate over 700 people and used as tools to spread the gospel. The Champions’ congregation looks forward to continuing to keep “Open our Eyes” and see the field that is ripe and ready for harvest; to go forth with zeal to take the gospel to a lost and dying world around us.

We welcome our dear friends back home and hope that you will always feel welcomed to come work and worship with God’s family who meets at Champions.

John Qualls – Associate Minister



“A Place to Belong”



Youth Minister - Reid Stafford



Dear Champions family, as we spend time thinking about 75 plus years we have been worshipping and serving our Father in heaven as a body of believers, let us spend a few moments celebrating God's truth. The Word of God is far and beyond the most beautifully composed masterpiece that we have, as God's children, to set our hearts on. Its truth transcends generations and brings brothers and sisters of Christ together. It is the truth of Christ's sacrifice that has brought us together Sunday after Sunday for 75 years.

Yet, our hope is, that Champions is simply not a church that celebrates Christ once a week, but we are a body that glorifies his wonderful name with every breath that we take. That we take the truth of 1 John 3:16 and let it ring out in our lives, "By this, we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers." My hope and prayer is that Champions continues to be inspired and stirred up by the truth and Love of God's word. All in the hope of changing the lives in our community. Reid Stafford – Youth Minister

Our Youth

Events

APRIL

29 Youth Devotional

MAY

4-6 Camp His Way
9 Summit
13 VBS Work Day
18 FNL
20 VBS Work Day

JUNE

25-29 VBS

SAVE THE DATE

← SOMA RETREAT →

JULY 13-15, 2018
Palestine, TX

This will be a family-style retreat weekend for all ages! Whether you are single, a family of 8, or 82, this is for you! More details to follow.



WALK this WAY

Vacation Bible School 2018
June 25th - 28th
9am-11:30am

Join us for VBS!

- >> Games
- >> Snacks
- >> Crafts
- >> Bible Stories
- >> & More!

It's the best week of summer where we learn how to WALK & LOVE like JESUS!

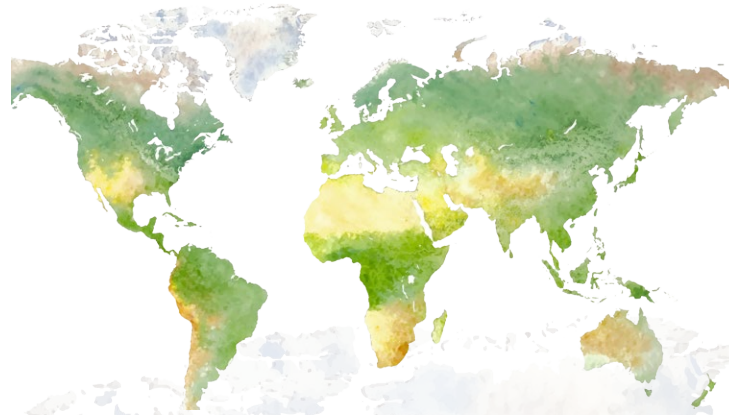
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Invite Your FRIENDS!

Ages 3-11 years

World Foreign Missions



Truth for Today World Mission School (TFTWMS) is a primary foreign mission focus for the congregation. TFTWMS is dedicated to printing gospel literature to promote world evangelism and is based out of Searcy, Arkansas. For more information, see www.biblecourses.com

Roman Halamicek is a missionary serving in Bratislava, Slovakia and his work is overseen by the elders at Champions. Roman is a native preacher and married to Johanna. For more information, see <https://www.facebook.com/roman.halamicek>

Jordan Arnold, a former member at Champions and former preacher at Robert Lee, Texas is a missionary in Slovakia. His work is overseen by the elders at Champions. Jordan is married to Natalie and they have a daughter. For more information, see <http://arnoldsinslovakia.org/>

Craig Ford, our former Youth Minister at Champions, was a missionary at Alotau, Papua New Guinea. Craig is currently the preacher at the Billings, Montana church of Christ. For more information, see <http://billingschurchofchrist.org/>

Peter Chin is the President and Dean of Academics at the Four Seas Bible College in Singapore, a preacher training school in Southeast Asia. For more information, see <https://www.fourseas.edu.sg/>

Roland Moshen at the Deodat de Severac congregation in Paris, France is supported by Champions. For more information refer to <http://www.egliseduchrist-deodat.com/english/index.shtml>

Biblical Institute of Central America (BICA) is a two-year bible school that is focused on training preachers in the Central American countries of Guatemala and Honduras. For more information, see: www.bica.info

World Bible School is an important mission work at Champions. Our students are primarily in West Africa and study by mail but we also have students in the U.S., including those in prison. For more information visit: <http://www.worldbibleschool.org/>

Eastern European Missions (EEM) provides bibles to Eastern Europe and Russia. For more information visit: www.eem.org

Taiwan is a mission field that Champions' regularly sends members to preach and teach.

Over the years, many of our college-age members have participated in a church camp for teenagers in **Lithuania** during the summer.

For further information contact Troy Thompson, the Deacon for Foreign Missions.

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”
Matthew 28:19-20





I thank my God in all my remembrance of you,
always offering prayer with
joy in my every
prayer for you all,...
Philippians 1:3-6

Grace and peace to our brothers and sisters in Christ at Champions: I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now. For I am confident of this very thing that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:3-6

These are the words that were chosen by Paul to express his deep feelings toward the brothers and sisters in the church at Philippi. Paul would also tell these brethren that it was right for him to feel this way because he had them in his heart.

I can think of no better way for Nancy and I to convey the deep feeling that we feel toward our brothers and sisters in Christ at Champions. For over seventeen years the church at Champions was our spiritual home. It was at this place that we formed many friendships that will last a lifetime and have so many warm and pleasant memories.

During our time there I was fortunate to be able to teach and preach upon occasion. I was also blessed to serve the church as an elder on two occasions. In that role I was fortunate to serve with men who truly loved the Lord and His church deeply. I was always inspired by their leadership. Nancy was also able to serve in the Mother's Day Out program and in other ways as well. Now Champions is reaching an exciting milestone in the life of this church – 75 years of service in the Kingdom. Service not only in the community in which it resides but its impact has been felt around the world through its outreach efforts. It is a testament to what brothers and sisters can do for the cause of Christ as they work together to further the good news of the gospel.

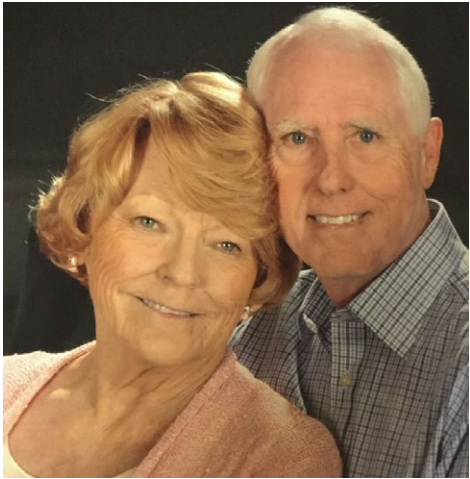
Be harmonious,
sympathetic,
brotherly,
kindhearted, and
humble in spirit.
1 Peter 3:8

We believe and pray that even more exciting days lie ahead for this church. The milestone that has been reached only points the way on a path to even greater spiritual service in the years ahead. There is no limit to what God can accomplish with brothers and sisters as they strive to serve Him.

As you continue in you service to Him I would pray that the church continue to focus on the words of the apostle Peter as he wrote in his letter:

To sum up, all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit. 1 Peter 3:8

Yours in Christ's service,
Myron and Nancy Stewart

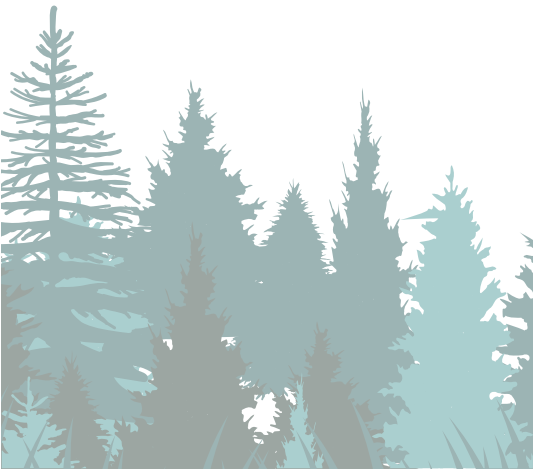


Our time at Champions was one of our best experiences in ministry. We served ten years (from 1989 to 1999) and there were many wonderful memories and some heartaches, as is the case through life. Since moving back to Arkansas we have experienced joyful times and lost family members as well as church family. I have been filling in at different churches and doing a lot of Substitute teaching.

Our kids are doing great and two of our three grandkids have grown up. Jarrett is manager in retail and Jordan is a Doctor of Physical Therapy in Portland, OR. Jett is going into eleventh grade this fall. Julie and I are doing pretty good for a couple of senior citizens, but whoever talked about your golden years being the best, needs to repent...haha!

Congratulations on 75th.
Our love to all.

Donald and Julie Pharis



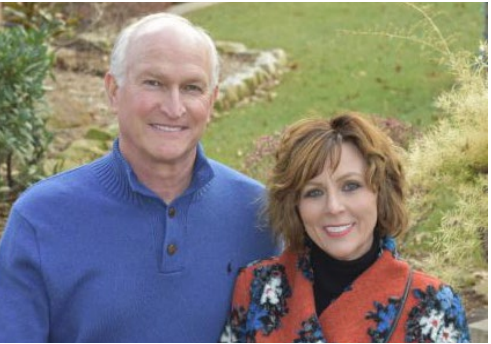
We are honored to be asked to be a part of the history of this great church. We (Dot and I) came to Houston in October 1993 for Bill to preach at Westbury Church of Christ. We learned about the Summer Series in the spring of 1993. During the summer, the area preachers were asked to speak at congregations – not their local church – on Wednesday evenings. One of those evenings, we went to Champions where Don Pharis was the preacher. That was our introduction to Champions Church of Christ.

Bill did this every summer until 2008. In 2005, Bill retired from Westbury. Dot retired from her counseling practice. After retirement, Dot started counseling for Champions 10 hours each month. In 2008, we moved to Champions, Bill working part time in evangelism. He worked in a yearlong program "America 2008." One week of that year, a group of students came from Harding University along with Eddie and Susan Cloer and several other adults to work in the neighborhood spreading the Good News of the kingdom. We had several baptisms.

During that time, we taught several classes, made many friends that we will cherish all of our lives. We saw wonderful growth. Champions is such a loving, happy, faithful church. We worked alongside of the staff: Larry Keele, John Qualls, Bill Rasco, Jeremy Guerin and Jeanie Kuehl. One of our good, good memories was the baptism of Pap Papillon. He was such a pleasure to relate the story of Jesus to and have him eagerly accept the Word. Pap has since gone to be with the Lord.

Congratulations on 75 years in active service and faithful worship to our Lord!

Lovingly, Bill & Dot Yasko



Dear church in Champions,

It is my great joy to acknowledge and celebrate Champions' 75 years of service in the Kingdom. I am thankful for each member and for the Elders that I served with, each of them selfless and seeking the greatest good of the church.

When Dixie and I think of our time with you, among the many fond memories, the sincere love and devotion to prayer for one another at Champions are always on our minds. (John 13:35, "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.") We think of the souls added to the kingdom as a result of your eagerness for evangelism both at home and abroad. We recall the sincere worship, and reverence of the Word that characterize Champions. We cherish the memories of you celebrating with us at our daughter Erin's wedding in the Champions building. We are comforted by your oversight of Jordan and Natalie's work in Slovakia. We are forever grateful for our time with you, and hold you dear in our hearts. Our family has been blessed by you.

"By this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples."
John 14:8

Reflecting on 75 years, I conclude it is not possible for us to know all the lives that have been touched and how much the Kingdom has been furthered by the service of the church in Champions, but God knows.

In Christian love,
Allen & Dixie Arnold



Jerrie and I extend our congratulations to the wonderful Champions church of Christ on celebrating 75 years existence and service of the Lord in Houston! So much has happened in 75 years within our own nation and around the globe, and there is no doubt that the Champions church has been (and continues to be) a tremendous influence of God's truth in Houston, and throughout the world. Much like the church at Rome, "Your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world..." (Romans 1:8). We are grateful to the congregation for the tremendous help that you have given through these years to provide the

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Romans 1:8

possibility for Northern Michigan to be evangelized, offering many thousands of precious souls the opportunity to obey God's great and glorious Gospel! Our prayers will continue to be with you all as you labor and serve the King of kings and Lord of lords where you are and among the nations, and may our Great God continue to shower each of you with His magnificent blessings.

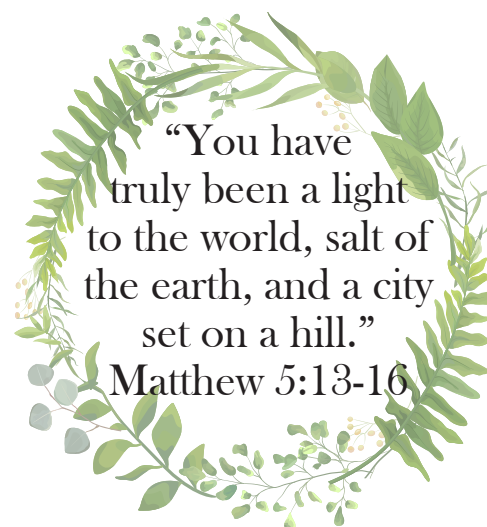
With the love of God,

Dale and Jerrie DuVerney
Harbor Springs, MI



Congratulations on 75 years working for the Lord's cause. You have done so much for the city of Houston, for this country, and for the world through your evangelistic efforts. You have truly been a light to the world, salt of the earth, and a city set on a hill (Matt. 5:13-16). Thank you very much for all the support you have given our family over the years. Your help and encouragement means so much and your interest in training preachers is a great benefit to the Lord's kingdom. We thank God for you and hope that he will continue to bless you and your efforts for his cause.

—Will & Jeni Hanstein



"You have truly been a light to the world, salt of the earth, and a city set on a hill."
Matthew 5:13-16



The love for the lost and the love for encouraging preachers that came from such elders as Ira C. Brackett, Jr., in the mid-1980s began a relationship between the church of Christ in Champions and TFTWMS that grew and grew. The members of the church there were the encouragers of the young mission work, as it became the size it is today. Those at Truth for Today World Mission School want to pray for the church in Champions to receive a special 75th Anniversary blessing from God in September 2017 and also pray that the days ahead will be days of continued spiritual and numerical growth for the congregation.

Through gospel meetings and times of reunion and constant prayer, the members of the church in Champions and Truth for Today have formed a special bond as we have pushed forward together with God's guidance to take the gospel to over 145 countries in more than 20 languages by both the printed page and the electronic page. We want to express our appreciation to each member there for your support. May God bless us as we are equipping preachers and teachers to spread the gospel and as we try to reach the many who are searching for God's truth.

We love you!

Eddie & Susan Cloer and all at TFTWMS, Searcy, Arkansas



Donna and I want to congratulate the church of Christ in Champions for 75 years of service in His Kingdom and the community. We have so many memories of the church there at Champions. Actually, even before it was Champions. We first began worshipping with you when the building was on Grant Road. WOW! That was a long time ago. How time flies.

Donna and I often reminisce about those days when we were young and courageous. One time with our best friends, Joe and Brenda and with the help of Tim Long, Joe and I decided to climb on the top of the church building and spray paint all the fascia boards under the roof edge. We did this as our way of donating money for a special contribution. We didn't have much money to give so we gave time and labor. Looking back now, I suspect I lacked common sense as well as money. That roof was high and steep. We could have broken our necks!

During our thirty something years of service at Champions, Donna and I have had the opportunity and privilege to lift our voices and sing songs, hymns and spiritual songs with our fellow brethren. Not only in worship services, but also for weddings, funerals, and other occasions like Hee Haw, the Sweetheart Banquets and Christmas Progressive Dinners. We remember those times of fellowship with great fondness.

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We are so thankful for the providence, grace and blessing God has given to His people meeting at Champions. We also say a prayer of thanksgiving for the men who have served as elders, ministers, and teachers during the past 75 years. As a former elder at Champions, I can vividly recall many hours of prayer my fellow elders lifted up to God asking Him to provide wisdom, unity, and good stewardship for all the members at Champions. I had the honor to serve with and under the leadership of many spirit-filled men. My prayer is that God will continue to bless the people and the work at Champions as He has done during the past 75 years.

Since moving to Lubbock in 2009, Donna and I have been blessed with the privilege of watching our grandchildren grow in stature and in the knowledge of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We worship with them and their parents at Greenlawn church of Christ. I have completed my Music degree at Lubbock Christian University and continue to teach music and sign language classes at Greenlawn for the congregation and LTC. Donna continues to be a wonderful role model for our grandchildren and is constantly opening up our home for Bible studies, small group fellowships, and the like. We are both in good health, although Donna has had recent knee replacement surgery.

I guess all those years of chasing children around in the Mother's Day Out program had finally taken its toll. She has completed her physical therapy and we both plan to attend the 75 Year Celebration in September. Thank you for this opportunity to express my sincere love to all at Champions.

In His Service,
Tommy and Donna Weaver

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Mike & Karen McCall - Former Elder

Recollections of serving and worshipping with the church of Christ in Champions.

Karen, Lisa, Scott, Andy and I moved to the Northwest part of Houston in 1979 from the Southwest part of Houston where we had been members of the West University Church of Christ since 1972. At that time Lisa was 9, Scott 7 and Andy 3.

Initially, I became involved in youth activities and was asked to serve as a deacon over the youth. We had a Chevy Suburban and made many loaded trips to area-wide youth devotionals all over the Houston Area. As I recall I also spent some time working in the area of benevolence.

Sometime in 1988 I was asked to serve as an elder in the church and was installed to shepherd the congregation along with 3 other men. It was my greatest honor to serve with John Rogers, Roy Brackett and Eddie Gothard. All were men of strength of character and love for the Lord. John Rogers was already an elder and Roy, Eddie and I were newly appointed. John was such a meek and mild mannered man, you would have never believed that in an earlier life he was a paratrooper and jumped out of perfectly good airplanes. John’s wife was Annabel. Roy and his wife, Nancy, were beloved by all. Roy was Brenda Jackson’s uncle. Eddie was from South Carolina and was known for his most enthusiastic song leading. His leading of Blessed Assurance was like nothing I can remember from any other song leader. Eddie’s wife was Juanita.

Sometime in this time as elder for the church, we had the opportunity to hire John Qualls as an associate preacher. John was quite young at the time (64 or so) and recently had relocated to Houston from Michigan where he preached for 10 years, having previously worked and retired from Holley Carburetor after 30+ years. He came to the elders and said he would come to work for the church for \$100 per week. As I recall, the pay was to meet his health insurance needs and for that payment he would do anything the church needed him to do. 25 years later he is still here and much beloved by everybody.

In 1987, I was somewhat forced to open my own CPA firm, having been an employee of a large local CPA firm in Houston, and was made a partner there in 1986. That firm was split up in 1987 and that was how I ended up in business for myself. In addition, in 1998 we purchased some land in Hempstead and the ranch became another part of our activities to the point I was not able to fulfill my duties as elder very well. So in June 2000, I resigned as elder of the church. Karen and I have continued with our membership at Champions and love it here.

Lisa, her husband Brent and their children, Elizabeth 20, Jonathan 17 and Timothy 12 are members at Champions. Lisa is the director for the Mothers Day Out program at Champions. Scott, and his wife Ginger and their children, Bailey 18 and Avery 13 are members of the Granbury church of Christ. Scott is a veterinarian in Granbury. Andy and his wife Karla have two children, Allison 12 and James 8. Andy and Karla worship at the Southern Hills church of Christ in Abilene. Andy is an attorney and is in private practice in Abilene.

Mike McCall



Craig & Jeri Ford Family



Youth Intern/Youth Minister/Missionary

Craig served as a youth intern over the summers of '99 & '00 (Craig returned in 2000 after getting married to Jeri). In the summer of 2001, Craig and Jeri moved to Houston from York College so he could work as the youth minister. Craig served the congregation in that capacity for two years before moving to Memphis, TN to continue his education.

In 2006 the Ford's moved to Papua New Guinea and served as missionaries under the oversight of the Church of Christ in Champions. Craig and Jeri currently have three children Hannah (12), Caleb (10), and Elizabeth (8). Craig is now working as a minister at the Billings Church of Christ in Billings, Montana.

Our family has been blessed by our long relationship with the Champions

congregation. The church there will have a very special place in our heart as it was the first place we did fulltime ministry. Looking back, I'm thankful for all the ways the congregation offered guidance and wise counsel. Being involved in a congregation where I'm the only preacher on staff I am thankful to have been able to have been taught, mentored, and encouraged by ministers like Larry Keele, Bill Rasco, and John Qualls. May God richly bless the congregation as you continue to serve as a light to your community.

Alotau, Papua New Guinea: 2006-2012

Craig and Jeri Ford with Hannah, Caleb, and Elizabeth

Through the financial generosity and under the spiritual oversight of the Champions church of Christ, the Fords ministered for six years as missionaries in Alotau, Papua New Guinea (PNG). PNG is a developing nation with a total population of the country of nearly seven million people. Alotau, a small town of about 16,000 people, is located on the eastern tip of the island. The Fords joined Marcus and Diane Reese and Leslie and Loopie Williams, who had both been in Alotau since 2000.

While Craig primarily worked with the town church, his work involved evangelism and leadership development throughout the Milne Bay region. God blessed the work. In 2012, when the Fords returned to the States, there were congregations in Alotau, Popova, Hagita Estates, and Gama. The church in Alotau had an average attendance of 60 people. At the time of this publication, the Alotau church of Christ has a full-time local evangelist named John Kirarata. John has faithfully served the congregation in Alotau for the last five years.

After returning to the States, Craig and Jeri spent a year in Cheyenne, Wyoming before moving to Billings, Montana. Over the last four years, Craig has been preaching at the Billings church of Christ. Jeri continues to homeschool the kids (now ages 12, 10, and 8).



On a personal note: It seems like a lifetime ago that we packed up all our possessions and took our 10-month-old daughter to PNG. Through everything, God has been faithful in each phase of life. We are extremely thankful for the long relationship we have shared with the Champions church of Christ. The love and care from this congregation continues to bless us today. May God bless Champions with another wonderful 75 years of service. As Paul wrote, "I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ." Philippians 1:6



The Arnolds in Slovakia



Jordan and Natalie Arnold are missionaries in Kosice, Slovakia under the oversight and with the support of the Champions assembly. They have served now three years in Central Europe, and have a one-year old daughter called Adelaide.

Jordan's involvement with the work in Slovakia stretches back to the beginning of his involvement with Champions. Having graduated from Harding University in 2007 with a degree in English and minor in Spanish, Jordan moved to Spring to work with Klein ISD as a substitute teacher. While in Spring, he began working under the tutelage of Bill Yasko in Champions' evangelistic outreach, and was persuaded to attend Sunset International Bible Institute (SIBI)—also with the support of Champions. During this same period Jordan accompanied Larry Keele and Marvin Trice for a two-week trip to Slovakia alongside Roman Halamicek. In particular, Larry's love of the Slovak people and desire for their salvation through the Gospel of Christ infected Jordan.



While at SIBI, Jordan once again went on a campaign to Slovakia with an eye to work there as a missionary upon graduation. A year later, however, Jordan met his future bride, Natalie, from Melbourne, Florida online and engaged to be married. A graduate of David Lipscomb University, Natalie shared Jordan's passion for ministry. However, since recently married they decided it wise to spend their first years together Stateside.

Jordan preached in Robert Lee, TX as a local minister for four years post-SIBI. However, Jordan and Natalie's relationship with Champions remained strong. For one thing, Jordan's parents, Allen and Dixie, lived in Spring and worshiped with the Champions assembly. Allen also served as an elder at Champions prior to their relocation to Tyler, TX and later Oklahoma City, OK. Additionally, outside of family, two of the most important and formative relationships Jordan had were with folk at Champions, Larry Keele and Ryan Fassino.



On August 11, 2014, Jordan and Natalie put six suitcases onto a luggage check-in conveyor at DFW airport, said goodbye to family and walked through security. Seventeen hours later they were in Bratislava, Slovakia. They settled in with the help of Roman and the congregation in Bratislava.

For nine months Jordan and Natalie studied to learn the Slovak language daily with a private teacher. During this same time they also visited the other two assemblies in Slovakia. They discerned they would be more useful in the East, in Kosice, where they have lived and worked now for two years. On August 19, 2016, Adelaide Noy Arnold was born in Kosice. The congregation in Kosice is strong and growing in spirit and in numbers. Jordan began preaching in the Slovak language in August 2016. We number currently 17-18, with six children.

Kosice nests in a valley in far Eastern Slovakia, the easternmost state in the European Union. From Kosice to the Hungarian border is 10 miles, and to Ukraine it is 40 miles. The second largest city in Slovakia, Kosice and its surrounding area is home to nearly 50,000 souls. It has multiple universities, a large steel industry and is a rail and agricultural hub. Its residents are predominately Roman Catholic. The winters are cold, the food heavy, but sweeter hearts are hardly found world over.

It's a blessing to work with Champions for the sake of the Gospel in this uttermost part of the world.



A.D. & Golda Pinson - Former Elder



Congratulations on your 75th anniversary. What a victory for the Lord's church!

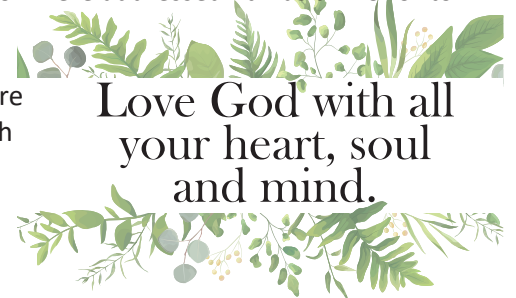
My wife Golda and I placed membership hear at the church of Christ in Champions February 2006. Our experience was the kind that made us feel good about being in the Lord's kingdom. The fellowship was inviting and warm, the gospel was preached, the singing was according to scripture, and worshiping with the saints was something we looked forward to each week.

Within a short period of time we found our niche, and went to work in our perspective areas of interest. I was interested in teaching adult Bible class and we both loved evangelism. I served in the capacity of deacon for several years. This rewarding service helped me grow closer to the congregation.

By the grace of God, the congregation put their trust in me, and I was ordained an elder in 2010. It was a role that I was familiar

with and welcomed the responsibility. Even though I had served in this role for over fourteen years at the Bammel congregation, I prayerfully re-examined myself as to my readiness to serve the saints at Champions with the fervor that was necessary for God's people. I reviewed over and over in my mine the qualifications that an elder must possess. After a lot of soul searching and prayer, my heart desired to become one of the Shepherds of the congregation. We were men who loved God and were eager to do His will by ensuring that the spiritual and other needs of the congregation were addressed. It was an honor to serve with these God fearing men.

Golda and I now live in Oak Point Texas, a small town west of Frisco Texas, and we are worshipping at the Frisco Church of Christ in Frisco, Texas. We dearly love the church of Christ in Champions and will always have a special place in our hearts for her.



I would encourage my brothers and sisters to:

- Keep striving to make heaven your home, and do not let Satan and His angels steal your crown. The scripture says that He is a murderer and a thief. Be watchful and on your guard.
- Obey and follow the leadership of your Shepherds, God selected them to help ensure your salvation.
- Strive for peace and harmony with each other, your friends and neighbors. We are not on God's team if we scratch and devour each other.
- Live the kind of Christian life that lets the world know that Jesus Christ is your Lord.
- Love the truth.
- Love God with all your heart, soul and mind.

In Him,

A. D. Pinson



Pat & Sheila Morrison - Former Elder



Dear Brothers & Sisters:

Congratulations on 75 years of service to the Lord in the Champions area and around the world. And thank you for asking me to share my thoughts.

It was September of 1965 that our little family moved into the Cypress area. The neighborhood was Tower Oaks just off 1960 and Jones Rd. Both were two lane blacktops at that time. The only church that we were aware of was Jersey Village, so we placed membership there. After about six months we became restless and began looking for another church home. One Sunday we determined to investigate the Tomball church. On the way we discovered the “old” building on Grant Rd. It looked like it was about to fall down. But we persisted and stopped.

What a discovery! In spite of the physical appearance, we discovered a small group of loving, kind and friendly brothers and sisters. They quickly captured our hearts! We placed membership and went to work! Ira Brackett Jr.

and I were installed as elders in 1973. Neither of us had been elders before so this was a “first” for us. We determined to let the Lord lead and we would try to follow Him.

The highlights of that time were many. I’ll just mention a few.

1. We built a “new” building on the Grand Rd. property thinking it would last for years. Wrong! We filled it up in two years.
2. We undertook the Ministry to China by bringing George Tien and his family to our facility. We also brought in Maurice Tisdell to help in this ministry.
3. With the Lord’s help and sister Lola Jackson’s help, we became the owners of the property on Cutten Rd.
4. We began construction on the first building with a \$400,000 bond program.
5. We hired Lonnie Ritchie and the Pulpit was stabilized for years into the future.
6. We were joined in the eldership by Nolan Young, John Rogers, and Bill Bryan. We now had an extremely sound leadership team. The men who served as deacons throughout that time were all top-notch men in their own right.

In 1978, I answered the call of my employer to come to the Dallas area and help him build the Company into a national presence. I answered this call and we did.

On a personal level, our three children, Michael, Vicky and Greg were all baptized during our stay at Champions. Mike resides in Daytona Beach, FL, Greg in Miami Beach, FL, and Vicky in the Kingwood area.

Since leaving Champions in 1978, we have lived what some might call a nomadic life. Homes in Duncanville, New Braunfels, Kingwood, Austin, Copperfield, Montgomery and now Willis would seem to testify to that. All these moves were business related. In 2008 while living in Montgomery, we, and Don and Linda Wollard and several others established a new congregation in Montgomery. That congregation now owns free and clear 10 acres for a future building. Dwight Dell has just been hired as a full-time minister. Things look bright for the future of a quickly growing community. We are presently working with the Longmire Rd. church and I serve as coordinator of the World Bible School. We have exclusive rights of all responders from Montgomery County.

In closing, Sheila and I have just celebrated our 61st wedding anniversary. The Lord has blessed us greatly and we look forward to growing old together, and spending time more together in eternity in heaven, with our Lord and Savior.

Yours for the Kingdom,

Pat & Sheila Morrison



Roman & Joanna Halamicek in Slovakia

Work in Bratislava

Roman is an evangelist and teaching minister in the church of Christ in Bratislava. His missionary role consists in wearing many different hats.

- Preacher hat - Roman currently preaches on every Sunday except those when he travels.
- Teacher hat - Roman regularly teaches in group or one-to-one scenarios. This includes the Bible Small Groups and one-to-one Bible lessons.
- Evangelist hat - Roman loves sharing about Jesus. Talking to people who haven’t heard or have a very limited knowledge of Jesus delights him. This is done through different ways and means. Regular visits with friends who aren’t believers. Opening our home and sharing meals and talks with people from various social groups. In the last years Roman has done different seminars open for the public that served the purpose of teaching about relationships, friendship, “5 love languages”, but ultimately were always focused on Jesus as the best friend and Savior. Recently we’ve been blessed with Johanna’s schoolmates who are curious and willing to learn and share.
- Mentor hat- Roman has undergone supervised training with a licensed Christian counselor and psychologist. At this time Roman is mentoring 6 different people. The mentoring is done individually with different regularity (weekly, bi-weekly, once a month). Some of the people Roman mentors are Christians who need more discipleship, others are seekers who need to come to know Jesus well and fully. The ultimate goal of mentoring is bringing people to Jesus.



Involvement with Champions

Roman met Larry Keele and Marvin and Sue Trice for the first time somewhere in the early 2000’s during their regular visits to Nitra. In 2006 Roman started evangelistic efforts with university students in Nitra. He’d been driving there every Monday to lead a Bible discussion group for a group of university students (5-9 people in attendance).

It was in the spring of 2007 when Roman met with Larry and Marvin and they suggested that he visit Houston after his graduation at Sunset International Bible Institute in May 2007. So that’s what Roman did and ever since Champions church of Christ has been Roman’s main supporting and overseeing church.

Larry Keele and Marvin Trice have visited Slovakia numerous times since (every two years) and have been helping through different means. Larry preached for the Bratislava church and has led the teaching of various evangelistic efforts and helped in summer camps teaching on various things: Friends and friendship (F.R.I.E.N.D.S. seminar) marriage, and most recently on the meaning of the death of Christ on the cross. The church in Bratislava and people in Slovakia have been greatly blessed by the friendship with the Champions church of Christ.

We (Johanna and Roman) are grateful for the many years of friendship and faithful prayers and support from Champions church of Christ.

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Roland & Rose Mosen - Paris France



The church of Christ in Champions has been involved with the Deodat de Severac church of Christ in Paris since 2007. In 2006, Roland Mohsen, the preacher for the Deodat de Severac group, met Jason and Natalie Freed at a Preacher’s Workshop in Lubbock Texas. Roland persuaded Jason and Natalie to fly to Paris to check out the work there. As a result, Jason and Natalie spent the next 3 years house sitting Paul and Edie Tews home and raising support to become missionaries to France. During the next 3 years, the Freed’s succeeded in raising \$85,000 under the oversight of the Champions eldership. Sadly, the Freed’s application for visas to serve as missionaries in France was rejected and they were forced to abandon their plans. Jason and Natalie went on to serve with the Galveston Church of Christ, and then the church of Christ of the Mainland, and now serve the Parkway Drive church of Christ in Lubbock.

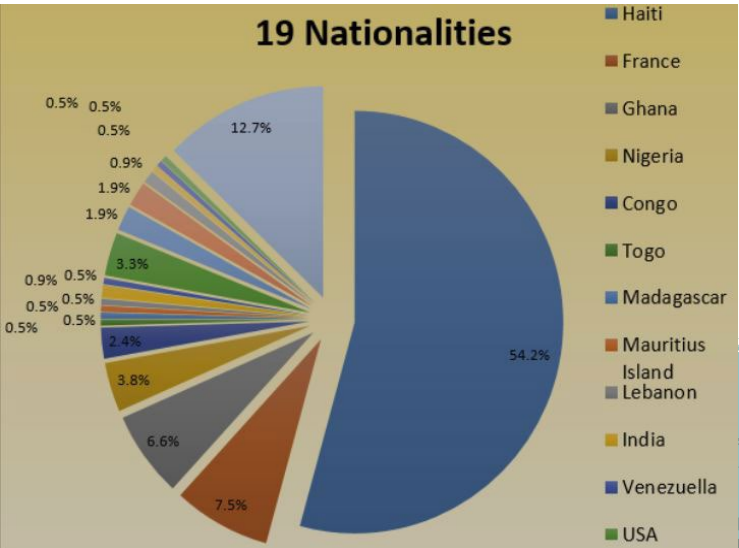
Paul and Edie Tews worked and lived in Paris from 2007 to 2011 and worshipped with the Deodat congregation. Many of Champion’s members and elders had the opportunity during those years to worship with the Deodat congregation and get to know Roland and Rose.

Roland has been preaching for the Deodat de Severac church of Christ since 1983. During the time Roland has preached, average Sunday morning attendance has increased from 40 to over 150, and contributions have increased from an average weekly contribution of \$100 to over \$1000.

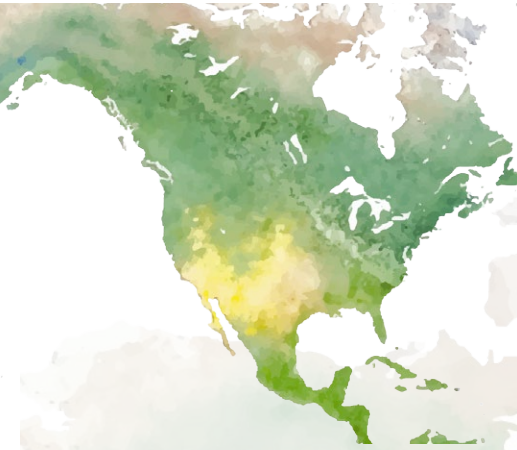
In November, 2015, Champions began supporting Roland and Rose to help make up for support lost due to aging congregations that had formerly supported Roland and could no longer do so, and due to the passing of former individual supporters. The membership of the Deodat de Severac church of Christ are not able to support Roland and maintain the building with their own resources. Most of the members have low incomes.

Today the Deodat de Severac church of Christ has average Sunday morning attendance of approximately 150 and an average of 10 baptisms per year. Roland has personal Bible studies with an average of 10 individuals per year. The church’s web site <http://www.egliseduchrist-deodat.com>, has 5,000 to 6,000 visitors per month who read the information in French posted there by Roland. The congregation also distributes between 500 and 600 tracts per month to the neighborhood from the tract racks in the building entryway which contains 270 tracts in French and 100 tracts in English.

Congregational Makeup



Domestic Missions



Missions

Sharing the gospel around our area, the country, and the world is vital to the Church. We are committed to missions at Champions with both domestic and foreign work done around the world. Examples of our mission work includes: Children’s homes, preaching schools, developing congregations, and Bible translations

Will Hanstein is the Director at Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies in Knoxville, TN. The purpose of Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies is to train preachers to spread the Word of God through preaching. Champions has supported Will and his wife, Jeni, for almost 10 years. For more information see: <http://www.wedopreaching.com>

Aaron Solis, is studying at Sunset International Bible Institute to become a full time preacher. Champions has supported Aaron throughout his studies at Sunset, and Aaron is expected to graduate from the Sunset program in 2018. For further information contact Bryan Runions, the Deacon for Domestic Missions

Dale DuVerney is a missionary currently serving in Harbor Spring, Michigan. Previously, Dale worked in Rogers City, Michigan where he planted a church and worked with the local prison to minister to young men. Dale and his wife Jerrie moved to Harbor Spring, Michigan last year, where he is actively working to plant another church in Northern Michigan. For more information, see: HarborSpringsCoC.org

Elijah Brown, former member of Champions, is studying at the Sunset International Bible Institute, Adventures in Missions (AIM) program. Elijah has completed his academic training and is about to undertake a year long mission to Miami, FL.



Little Champs

Our Mother’s Day Out program is for children 12 months old (and walking) and older based on age as of September 1st of the current school year. Classes meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. School always begins the Tuesday immediately following Labor Day and follows the Cy-Fair, Klein, Spring and Tomball school calendars.

Families

Raising a family in this generation is far from easy and having kids grow up with friends that share your values is so important. Our large group of moms, dads, and kids share time together and lay a strong foundation for Christ centered homes. We encourage your family to join our family at Champions

Young Professionals

Our “Young Pros” are a diverse mix of individuals that share time together in the Word of God as they navigate the modern workplace and life. No matter if you are single, dating, married, or somewhere in between, this group has a place for you.

Fellowship & Service

As a church family, we enjoy being together. Each Sunday, a Family Circle group provides lunch for our visitors who choose to stay. Everyone can also enjoy a meal together before Wed. night Bible classes. Activities range from providing worship services at local nursing homes, to service projects for our community, bowling, softball, watching movies together and so much more. There is always something going on at Champions.

Little Champs - Celebrating 21 Years!

2016 MDO Teachers



(From an article published in 2017) As you no doubt know by now, Little Champs just completed its 20th year in existence! There is really no telling how many lives have been impacted by this work through those years. Those who served as directors, assistants, teachers and helpers have worked with and had a great impact on countless children, parents, and siblings through these years. We owe such a great debt of gratitude to those who worked every Tuesday and Thursday through the school year to serve. As noted, Lisa Killough has been the director for over 15 years!

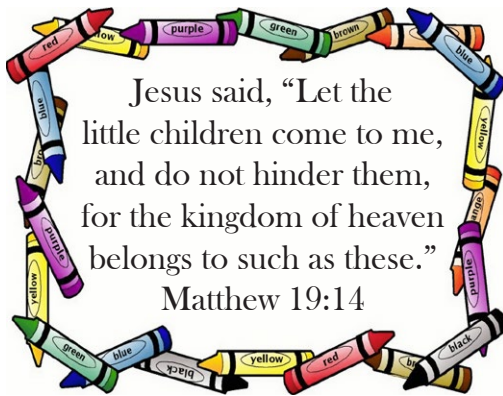
Joining her in this great work are many others who I want to list with the number of years they served in parenthesis. Rhonda Bonwell (7); Karen Case (7); Valerie Fraley (4); Amy Freeman (7); Jessica Holt (14); Debbie Jones (6 in 2 Stents); Rosie Martinez (9); Nicole Rutgers (1); Christy Smith (6).

As great a job as these Christian women do, they cannot do it without you! You provide the space and help in many other ways. One specific way that you help is through your contributions. Those funds enable Champions to be a blessing to *Little Champs* by allowing scholarships to provide for children's tuition in cases of need.

This is a great work, and makes a great impact. As an example, I want to include a letter received this year by Lisa and addressed not only to her but to you as the Champions church of Christ. Not having their permission, I will withhold their names, but you will certainly get their story!

"During a time of our family feeling defeated from my husband losing his job, I began to make a "Blessings from God" list. On that list you were number one with MDO offering to pay for (our child, Ik) to attend, free from tuition. I want to tell you how much your gift meant to our family and how God used you in a mighty way to provide for us... And a whisper breath of hope and our hearts. It was even more special when I would come home to fall asleep from picking up extra jobs for income, that I would awaken to a sweet three-year-old singing songs he learned in chapel to try to help mommy stay asleep. Update! My husband, (name withheld, Ik), started his new job on the day, a year later from being laid off due to the oil bust. He's excited, intellectually challenged, and surrounded by godly men at (company name withheld, Ik). We are so unbelievably thankful for you and your generosity to us." "I thank my God every time I remember you." Philippians 1:3

I don't know how anyone can read such a letter and not feel extremely blessed that we have had the opportunity at Champions to be of such help to this family! It's all made possible by our dedicated staff of servants and also by the financial support from this church family. May God bless you all! – Larry Keele



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News from the Chins in Singapore



To our dear brethren at Champions Church.

Thank you for the invitation to be a part of your 75th anniversary celebration. It is our honor to be associated with the Champions family. Our very first visit to Champions was in 1997 when we were guests of brother Marvin and sister Sue Trice. Our 2 sons Andy and Willy, were just 10 and 7 at that time. This was our very first visit to the United States outside of Malaysia where we live. On the Sunday evening service of that visit, Willy was asked to go forward to lead a song for the congregation, and that memorable event has been etched in our minds since then. Seven years later, we visited Champions again when Peter was a first-year student of the Memphis School of Preaching (MSOP) in Memphis, TN in 2004. Champions started to support Peter while he was a student at MSOP.

Upon completing his study after 2 years, we returned to Asia in June 2007 and begun our involvement with Four Seas College of Bible & Missions, a preacher-training school in Singapore. Peter began as an instructor and 4 years later (2011), took on additional responsibilities as President of the college. Pooi Fun has served as the college's Administrative Executive and Librarian at the same time when Peter began teaching. Champions continued to support the work of Peter and have been doing so since then. We are now in our 10th year at Four Seas, and this has been made possible by the faithful support of the Champions church. We have been able to visit Champions several times during the last 10 years. Each time we visit, we have been treated with the greatest hospitality and kindness.

Since we began work with the college, 47 graduates have passed through this institution from 2007 to 2016. 21 of them are currently serving full-time in preaching--3 in Singapore, 9 in the Philippines, 4 in China, 2 in Vietnam, and 3 in Malaysia. The rest of the graduates (including ladies) hold secular jobs but are involved in teaching classes (for adults, children, ladies) to build up their respective congregations in 8 different nations with a combined population of 1.6 billion people.

Four Seas also conduct an annual extension program for 2 congregations. About 30 members signed up each year to earn credits by taking tests and completing other requirements. These course lessons are taught during the midweek Bible classes for the benefit of members. An annual lectureship is conducted over a four-day period with lessons presented all day from morning until late afternoon the last week of every November. Brethren travelled from many congregations in Malaysia, and different countries in the Asian region to participate in the lectureship which is designed to ground churches in the Word of God. Much good has been accomplished each year through these two events.

Our work with Four Seas also provide the opportunity to travel and preach for churches in Malaysia. We were able to strengthen the congregations, many of which do not have elderships and are between 40 to 50 in number except for a couple of bigger ones. Pooi Fun conducts workshops for ladies on Christian parenting, courtship, marriage. Over the years, she and I have also taught and helped a number of people to obey the gospel.

All of these would not have been possible without the Lord's blessings, and the support of the Champions brethren in our work. We are always thrilled whenever bro. Troy Thompson had been able to visit and to look at the work here in Singapore. The island nation is a very expensive place to live and work for non-natives. All the more we are grateful to you brethren for the financial support all these years.

We thank the Lord for your example of love for mission workers, compassion for the lost and obedience to the Great Commission given by our Lord to go "teach all nations" which you are doing through supported workers like us. Our prayers for the Champions congregation is that it will continue to grow in love, zeal, and service to the Lord, and to lead in the work of edification, benevolence, and evangelism as a shining beacon for the brotherhood as you have for all these years. To the Lord be the glory!

With much gratitude because of your love,
Peter & Pooi Fun Chin (Singapore)





BW 1941 Bible lass for children L to R: Front row: Bobby Richardson, Jimmy King, Laird Boy Back row: Roxie Waits, Linden Richardson, Norman Jackson, Weldon Gibson and teacher Sister Gibson



Bible Class for young people. L to R: Boyd Jackson, Charles Gibson, Eddie Jackson, Marvin Jackson, Edward Richardson, Gerald Waits, Loys Williams, Marcus West, Lee Hargrave, Billy Richardson, Martha Batty, Don Jackson, Mae West, Gerald Lee Jones, unknown, Nettie Jo Waits, small boy in front is Jimmy King

1940

1941
The church of Christ in Champions met for the first time on September 7, 1941, and, at that time was known as the Tomball Road church of Christ. The first service was held at the home of W.A. (Al) & Beulah Jackson on Perry Road.

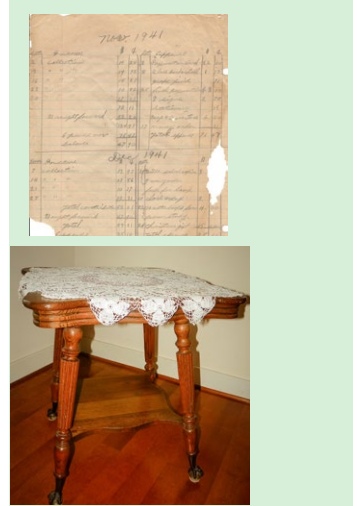


1953-1967
Ladies who provide lunch on work-days. 1st row L to R: Shelia Morrison, Jeanette Brackett 2nd row: Bernice Franklin, Mary Lawrence, Naomi Breithaupt, Edith Jackson, (Laurie Wardrup on lap) Beulah Jackson 3rd row: Marion Hutson, Nettie Jackson, Lola Jackson, Donna Jackson



1942-1953
Young Don Jackson standing in front of 4 room meeting house

1950



1941
Our original communion table & ledger



1953-1967
The first bricked building was completed in 1967 with much of the labor provided by the members.

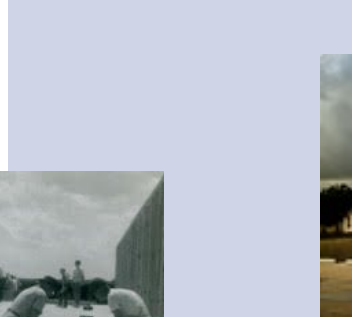


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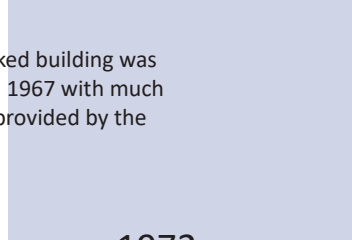
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1967-1977
The facilities of the congregation grew from a meager four-room house on the corner of SH249 and Grant Road, to a building that cost \$8,409, to a 230 seat auditorium built in 1967



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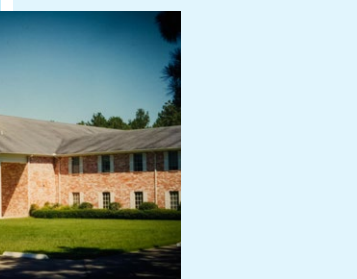


1977 - 1985
The first building at the present site on Cutten Road was built in 1977 was officially opened on December 4, 1977.

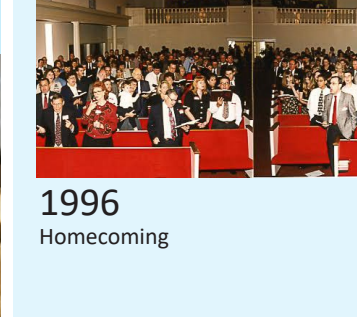


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In 1985, the building was totally destroyed by an arsonist.

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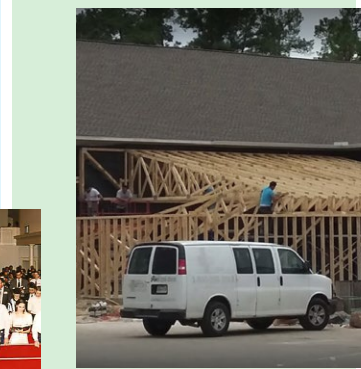
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TODAY!
On October 22, 2017 the first service was held in the newly renovated building. At present we are blessed with 465 members and 250 families, and have 8 elders and 23 deacons who oversee and serve the congregation. (Compiled from several histories through the years) For more detailed information on our church history, please see the "Homecoming" link on our website at www.championschurch.org.

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