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THE CHAMPIONS SPIRIT

The More Things Change, The More They Stay the Same

As most of you know, I am currently on a Bible Lands trip in Israel. The past few days have been amazing and, in some ways, hard to put into words. It is humbling to walk on a piece of ground that has a very high probability of Jesus having walked on. There are several roads and steps that date back two thousand plus years. Some areas date back to King David. It is an amazing part of the world with history that is well beyond anything I have ever experienced before.

I am writing this article on a Wednesday afternoon. We finished our day at an archaeological site on the south side of the old temple wall. I was able to stand at the very spot of the old gate known as the Beautiful Gate (Acts 3:2). Peter and John walked through these very gates after they healed the lame man.

We stood on the steps (some of them dating back 2000 or more years) that Jesus probably walked as He entered the temple. As I stood there, I thought about the fact, that it is possible that Peter preached the first Gospel sermon from this place or somewhere very close to where we were standing. Peter stood some two thousand years ago and preached about Jesus in this very city.

You can almost picture the scene with Jews from all over the area having come to Jerusalem for Pentecost. Luke records all the different places and languages represented on that day (Acts 2:8-11). Through the miraculous work of the Holy Spirit the apostles were able to speak in the native languages of everyone there.

Peter on that great day stands up and preaches to them Jesus. Peter takes the audience on a historical journey. He takes them back to the prophet Joel. He reminds them that David's body was still in the tomb. He preached to them the resurrected Christ. He concluded with some of the most powerful words ever spoken. *"Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified"* (Acts 2:36). Their belief in that truth is what allowed Peter to tell them to repent and be baptized for the remission of their sins (Acts 2:38).

Here is what hit me the most as I stood on those steps reflecting on that incredible moment. This city of Jerusalem has changed considerably over two thousand years. The powerful message Peter preached has not changed. Some two thousand years later that same message is what saves us today. Times change and people change, but God's Word does not. Thank God for Christ and for His saving power!

—Lance Leavens

Family Matters

"Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!" (Psa. 27:7). We can all rejoice in the fact that as faithful Christians God hears our prayers to Him. He is indeed gracious to us. Let's worship Him together this morning.

We want to welcome William and Darian Hicks and

their two children Jayse and Luke to our church family. Please get to know them and give them a warm Champions welcome.

Please make sure to sign up for our neighborhood Bible studies. These will be a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors. If you have any questions, please see any

of the ministry staff.

Parting thought: *"You cannot tailor-make the situations in life but you can tailor-make the attitudes to fit those situations."* — Zig Ziglar

Have a great week!

~Lance

ORDER OF WORSHIP—SUNDAY, September 22, 2019—AM SERVICE**WORSHIP ORDER****Song – *Surround Us, Lord*****Welcome/Scripture/Prayer: Psalms 116:1-2 ESV****Song - #705 – A Common Love****Song - #71 – As The Deer (All verses)****Prayer****Song – *What The Lord Has Done*****Communion/Offering**

(Dismiss children for Bible Hour)

Song – #359 – I Love The Lord**Scripture Reading - I Peter 2:9-10****Sermon - Alan Reed****Song - #478 – Nearer, Still Nearer (vs. 1,2&4)****Announcements/Prayer**

* Not in the Book*

John's Jogs: Bible Basics #11

The Jewish nation had three kings who united the nation for forty-year reigns each. **Saul**, the first king, established the nation as a power in the region. He was a good king at first but disobeyed God and wound up in a struggle with David who had been anointed as his successor. **David** strengthened the nation and was a man after God's own heart and did what was right in the sight of God except for his affair with Bathsheba of which he repented. David had desired to build a temple for God but was not allowed to because of the blood on his hands. But now the book of First Kings begins with the death of David and the reign of the third great king, **Solomon**.

Where David had made the nation a military power, **Solomon** made it an economic power with world recognition. As he assumed his reign, God granted him one desire; he asked for wisdom to lead his people justly. God granted that desire and allowed him to become wealthy and power-

ful.

Solomon built the temple for God which took seven years. Then he built his palace which took thirteen years. They used lots of cedars from Lebanon and gold in both buildings. The Queen of Sheba expressed that the "Half had never been told" when she saw Solomon's surroundings. Solomon had 700 wives of royal descent and 300 concubines. These led Solomon to stray from God's covenant, and God removed the kingdom from his descendants, but for David's sake he would keep Judah. Solomon left the kingdom ripe for rebellion and division.

The first eleven chapters of First Kings deals with Solomon's reign and death. His son, Rehoboam, replaced him as king. Waiting in the wings was Jeroboam, an official who had rebelled against Solomon. Jeroboam and his followers approached Rehoboam concerning the heavy yoke Solomon had placed on them and wanted re-

lief. Rehoboam rejected the advice of the elders who had advised Solomon and placed even heavier burdens on them. Jeroboam then led the ten tribes of Israel in revolt. Thus, the nation divided with ten tribes as the nation of Israel under Jeroboam and the tribes of Judah and Benjamin as the nation of Judah under Rehoboam. God forbade them to go to war but accepted this arrangement as His will. Jeroboam established Samaria as the central place of worship instead of Jerusalem for Israel. He did evil in God's sight.

The latter part of First Kings and all of Second Kings deals with the various kings of Israel and Judah in their history until 586 B. C. when they were taken into captivity. Judah had nineteen kings with only eight not being evil. Israel had seventeen and all were evil in God's sight.

John Qualls

NEXT: Elijah & Elisha in Kings – Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther

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EVENTS AND NEWS

eGiving Options

There are now eGiving options at Champions. In addition to cash/check donations, you may take advantage of electronic methods for both one time donations and reoccurring weekly contributions.

To donate or give Online - Click or tap one of the blue boxes at the top of every Champions web page (www.championschurch.org) to take you to one of the Champions eservicepayments.com websites. Currently there are two choices: Weekly Contribution and Hurricane Dorian Donation. On each website you can specify the amount you would like to give or donate and choose to make a one-time contribution or recurring contribution. You will then be able to set up your account. Once you have created an account, you have the choice of making your donation using a credit card, debit card, or checking/savings account.

To make your weekly contribution using your cell phone, download the Give+ App available on the Apple and Android app stores. The Give+ app allows you to find the Church of Christ in Champions web site by searching using the church's name or by entering the church's zip code (77069). Once you have found Champions' web site, you can create an account or sign in if you already have an account. You can then use the app to make a one time or recurring Sunday contribution and choose to do so with a credit card, debit card, or checking/savings account.

To make your weekly contribution using Text to Give, simply text the amount you want to give to 281-623-1044 and follow the steps to complete your donation using a credit card or debit card.

For more information on eGiving, please contact the church office.



Church Calendar Events

22: Family Circle #4 Meal
22: Bridal Shower—Megan Phillips
29: Family Circle #5 Meal

Youth Events September

28: FNL (Note Date Change!)

Bible Hour Schedule

Sept. 22: Trent
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



William & Darian Hicks Jayse, Luke

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Family Circle #4 Meal TODAY

Leaders: Bill & Sherry Johnson
All Visitors Welcome!

Neighborhood Bible Studies

Forgiven, Forgiving, and Free
Beginning the Week of
October 7th

Sign-up Lists are in the
Welcome Center Area & Church Web-
site: www.Championschurch.org

BRIDAL SHOWER TODAY Megan Phillips @ 4 P.M. Family Center

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

Directory Changes

Jenifer Woodley
Cell: 281-570-8569
Malissa OBrien
Cell: 832-707-1167



We extend our love and sympathy to John Qualls in the loss of his dear nephew, Harold Qualls who passed away last week.

Congratulations



Zachary and Samantha Rickman are the proud parents of *Benjamin James Rickman*, who was born

September 17, 2019. He weighed 8 pounds 7 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. All are doing well!

Proud grandparents are *Jonathan and Stephanie O'Brien and Richard and Linda Rickman*.

Farewell

Derek and Amanda (Mahle) Marshall are moving to California this weekend. Jay and Carla will be going along to help. May God be with you in your new home and your new life together.

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.

Dear Church Friends,
Thank you for the love, prayers, and support you have shown our family during the loss of our daughter and sister, Sherryl Ann Reed. The many sympathy cards were beautiful and inspiring. Your offers of help and words of comfort cheered our hearts. We love seeing you at worship service and are so happy to be a part of this wonderful congregation.

Love,
Nita, Alan and Lisa Reed

Fall Softball Monday Nights

Northland Christian High School
Come support our Champions ball players!

Wednesday Night Meal September 25th

Menu: COOKS NEEDED
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. COOKS NEEDED FOR SEPTEMBER 25 and OCTOBER 9TH.

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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:

All Flood Water Victims from Tropical Storm Imelda.

John Qualls in the loss of his nephew, Harold Qualls.

David Arnold as he continues to struggle with chemo side effects.

Frankie Cox will have knee surgery on Wednesday, September 25th at TOPS Surgical Center.

Juanita Berg is home recovering from gastric issues.

Kathy Gerber will have a medical procedure this week. Please pray for good results.

Derek and Amanda (Mahle) Marshall for safe travels as they move to California this weekend and Jay and Carla as they are helping them move. **Darrell Fariss** has TB and will have to stay home for 3 weeks while taking medical treatment.

Sally Enders is waiting on test results for a place on her lung.

Erwina Moore, Ronda Morgan's mother, is in Encompass Rehab at the Vintage recovering from surgery on her broken leg.

Stacey Farmer as they continue to adjust her medications for her seizures.

David Bounds continues to struggle with a great deal of pain and weakness.

Families Traveling: Reid and Natalie Stafford, Jay and Carla Mahle, Derek and Amanda Marshall

Jim Morrissey remains in St. Luke's Hospital in the Woodlands undergoing rehab.

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

John Burns is home recovering from a pacemaker implant and low blood counts.

Family and Friends Prayer Requests:

Nettie Jo Jackson for peace and comfort as arrangements are made for hospice care.

Cathy Kuehl, sister-in-law of David and Jeanie, was recently diagnosed with Stage 4 lung cancer which has metastasized to the brain and lymph nodes. Please pray for healing and peace. Also pray for her husband, Robert's peace and strength.

McKinsey Denney, Ashlyn Freeman's best friend, had a recent cardiology appointment in which she failed the stress test.

Ellen Kyser Endelman, Linda Rickman's niece, has been approved for a Stem Cell Transplant.

Garrison Ihle a four-month old infant, family friends of Lance and Susan Leavens, is improving! Prayer of Thanksgiving!

Teca, Susan Ellis sister, is home from the hospital.

Breanna Allen, Lonnie and Patricia Richmond's granddaughter, 25 years old, is struggling with MAL Leukemia.

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:

Neal Winn, David Bounds, Clifagean Palmer, Rick Garza, 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, Eddie Cloer, Roman Halamiccek, 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: Qualls, Enders, Schlesener

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

Family and Friends Cancer Con-

cerns: 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, Erwina 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 22: Kimberly Bickham & Darlene Ewell

September 29: Donna Gustafson & Suzanne Phillips

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 9/15/2019

Sunday Morning..... 421
Sunday Bible Class 204
Sunday Night..... 156
Wednesday Night 141
Contribution 18,766.35
Weekly Budget..... 20,247.31
YTD Contribution..814,277.46
YTD Budget..... 749,150.47
Over/(Under) 65,126.99

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

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Little Champs: Mothers Day Out

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