

## THE CHAMPIONS SPIRIT

### Today...*This Week...and Next Sunday!*

"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psa. 118:24 What a day we have to recognize and worship our Creator. With all of the emphasis that is being given to the activities of next Sunday, let us not forget that the Lord has blessed us with a wonderful opportunity to bring our best songs of praise, thoughts of prayer, gifts of love, remembrance in communion, and attention to as well as application of His word—*today!*



Remember that we have another opportunity to gather tonight for our monthly singing as well as Wednesday's first class of our new Bible class quarter. There is an opportunity to enjoy food and fellowship prior to the Wednesday meeting as well. As far as the rest of the week, commit to inviting at least 5 friends or contacts to our events of next Sunday. Keep your own calendar clear...plan to be a part of our great celebration. There's a lot to do—*this week!*



The day our goal of 300 is reached in Bible Class and on which we enjoy a great *Friend Day (At the Park)*. It will be a great and exciting day of worship, fellowship, food and fun! It will be a day for everyone! Be sure to take advantage of it with your family and friends. Enjoy the events—*next Sunday!*

**See you next Sunday!**

—Larry Keele

**What great opportunities lie before us!**

**Take advantage—  
Today...  
This Week...  
Next Sunday!**

**May God bless our every effort for His cause!**

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### Family Matters

**Next Sunday: A Great Day** home as we worship our God together. We would love to have you come and visit with us again as you have the opportunity. And remember, next week is a special day for us and we would love for you to take part in all the activities. You won't have to bring anything to the park, just yourself and your appetite!

*"The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love."* Psa. 103:8. It should bring us great joy as we come together today to know that our God is full of mercy and grace. All the more reason to praise His wonderful name!

#### Bible Class Goal: 300!

If you are our **guest** today, we welcome you and pray that you will feel right at

#### Friend Day (At the Park)

Growing again! We welcome *Anthony Myers* to the church family at Champions! Anthony has

been visiting faithfully for several months and we are thankful he decided to place his membership with us last week. Anthony, God bless you!

#### Bible Class Goal: 300!

Parting thought: *Learn from others' mistakes; you can't live long enough to make them all yourself.*

#### Friend Day (At the Park)

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

*Anthony*

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP—SUNDAY, September 2, 2018—AM SERVICE**


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## WORSHIP ORDER

Song—How Great Is Our God\*

### Welcome/Scripture/Prayer: Psalms 9:1-2 ESV

Song #2 – We Praise Thee, O God  
Song #448 – The Greatest Commands  
Song—In Need\*

## Prayer

Song—In Christ Alone\*

## Communion/Offering (Dismiss Children to Bible Hour)

Song #290 - Shine, Jesus, Shine

### Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:29-32 ESV

Sermon:

Song—Wonderful, Merciful Savior\*

## Announcements/Prayer

\*Not in the Book

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### **John's Jogs: Labor Day 2018**

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Labor Day is one of those holidays that has different areas of significance to different people. Even its origination has a questionable purpose. According to Encyclopedia Britannica: May 1, the date generally selected by trade unions, socialist parties and labor organizations in general for celebrations. It is observed by a portion of the population of all industrial countries except the U. S., Canada and Italy. May 1 was an official holiday in the USSR. In Great Britain the celebration generally takes place the first Sunday after May Day.

Labor Day is celebrated in the United States on the first Monday in September. Agitation for the celebration of the day was started by the Knights of Labor who, in 1882-1884 paraded on the streets of New York. In 1884 the organization adopted a resolution that the first Monday in September be considered Labor Day and steps were taken to have it recognized as a holiday. Workmen of all organizations

aided in the movement. On June 28, 1894 a bill passed through Congress making it a legal holiday throughout the union.

In Canada, most of the provinces observe the day regularly by law; in others it may be observed by the governor's proclamation. Celebration in the U. S. and Canada differs from that in Europe in that all classes participate and is marked by closing of virtually all commercial, business and industrial firms and by meetings, picnics, parades, speeches, athletic events and other holiday activities. In the U.S. it usually begins the political activity toward elections. It's often considered the transition marker between summer and fall. In Michigan, I usually put the storm windows in and cleaned up the yard getting ready for winter.

The scripture has a lot to say about labor. The Lord himself rested on the seventh day after His six days of creation. Ex. 34:21 says "*Six days you shall work, but*

*on the seventh you shall rest: in plowing time and in harvest you shall rest.*" (Mt. 20:1-15).

Jesus told the parable of the householder who went out hour after hour and hired men to come labor in his vineyard. At the end of the day he paid them all the same wage. He told the grumblers he paid them according to their agreement. If he desired to pay others the same, it was not their concern. *Lk. 10:7 "The laborer is worthy of his hire." Acts 20:35 "I have showed you that laboring you ought to support the weak....the Lord Jesus said, it is more blessed to give than receive." 2 Thes. 3:10 "If any would not work, neither should he eat." I Tim. 5:8 "If any provide not for his own, especially those of his own house, he has denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel."*

The message is that man must work but he also needs to rest and recreate to restore his energy and renew his mind to be more effective as he goes forward.

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## EVENTS AND NEWS

### Sunny Glen Children's Home Truck

**Items need to be here by  
Sunday, September 9th**

**Needs: Fruit Juices  
Disinfecting Wipes**

*Please place on the Metal Cart  
in the office hallway.*



TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY

**Anthony Myers**

1100 Langwick Dr. #2006  
Houston, TX 77060  
253-301-8702  
Family Circle #1

### Ladies Bible Class Resumes September 5th at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Morning Ladies Class will resume on September 5th! We will be studying *Love More, Sin Less* by Aubrey Johnson. Books (\$10) can be purchased before or after services in the workroom across from the church offices. Contact: Carla Mahle

### FRIENDSPEAK "GETTING TO KNOW YOU" POTLUCK

Come join us on Saturday, October 13th from 5 - 7 pm. Enjoy a potluck meal and get to know our Friendspeak readers and their families. We hope to see you there! Contacts: Laura Mize or Edie Tews.

### Minister Search Committee

*Wes Arnold is the chairperson. Larry Wilson, Joe Jackson, Leland Willis, Justin Sammons, Aaron Trent, Carla Mahle, and Debbie Jones are the members of the committee.*

### Today! Family Circle Group #6 Family Center

Leaders: Don & Diann Thurston  
All visitors are welcome!

### Great News!!

Wes Smith sends the following report: "58 men attended worship service at Core Civic, formerly CCA, last Sunday. Following the service, 4 men were baptized into Christ".

This is wonderful. Thanks to Wes and others from Champions: (Tommy Hill, Matt Johnston, and Josie Biron) for giving of themselves in such an excellent service.

### Wedding Gift Card Shower

**Honoring  
J.K. Bickham and  
bride-elect, Bevin White**

A Gift Basket for JK and Bevin is in the *Welcome Center* for gift cards. Please include your name and address with the card. The couple requests Lowe's Gift Cards, please! JK is the son of *Keith and Kimberly Bickham*.

### Church Calendar September

2: Family Circle 6 Meal  
4: Little Champs MDO Starts  
9: NO Family Circle Meal at Building  
9: Back to Bible School  
9: Picnic at the Park (Spring Creek Park)

### Sunday Morning Bible Hour Ages 2 to Kindergarten

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

2: Killough  
9: Killough  
16: Smith  
23: Trent  
30: Sammons



### Thanks For Caring

Your love, prayers, concerns, cards, and encouragement are deeply appreciated and so typical of Champions.

David Arnold

### Cooks Needed For Wednesday, September 12 & 26

A sign-up list to prepare Meals on Wednesday Nights is on the table in the Welcome Center Area. Questions: contact the church office.

### Wednesday Night Meal September 5

Menu: Bacon Wrapped Hatch Pepper Stuffed Chicken, Hatch Pepper Mac & Cheese, Veggies, Salad, Roll, Peach Cobbler and Ice Cream.

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 to eat on attendance sheet this morning.

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## IN CHAMPIONS

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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:

**Pam Shaw** received test results on the liver and lung cancers. Doctor stated that they were treated (meaning no cancer in those areas!) New small spots were noted on her lung, which were too small to biopsy, so they will monitor them. A place was also discovered on her colon. She has appointments this week with those doctors.

**Keith Underwood** will follow-up with the doctor to schedule a surgery date. The pain cannot be controlled until the pump is permanently in place. Please pray that a date can be scheduled quickly.

**Janice Norman** continues her recovery from pacemaker surgery and as she deals with Afib.

**Griffin Turley and family** as they await a date for a liver biopsy. Please continue to pray that the lesion is not cancer!

**Stacey Farmer** is adjusting to medication changes. Please continue to pray for her full recovery.

**Nicole Lusk** has an appointment on September 6th with the cardiologist regarding her results from the heart test.

**David Oakley** is stationed at the border. Address: Holiday Inn Express, Room 312, 5274 E. US Highway 83, Rio Grande City, TX 78582.

### Family and Friends Prayer Requests:

**Jennifer McClelland**, Barbara's daughter, is recovering from surgery.

**Edward (Hank) Barnett**, Kevin's dad, is in GraceCare at Northpointe, room 305, 11830 Northpointe Blvd., Tomball, TX 77377, for additional care.

**Parris Farmer** requests prayers for his dad who suffers with dementia.

**Maco Fariss**, Darrell's sister-in-law, will need both radiation and chemo for three months for her cancer. She was diagnosed with Stage 3 cancer.

**Polly Lindsay**, Jan Fariss' friend, was moved to Encompass, room 208 to continue her shoulder surgery recovery.

**Members with Health & Other Concerns:** Bill Johnson, David Arnold, Howard Mahle, Kathy Tippet, Lynn Antwine, Reba Navarro, Cindy Schlessener, Susan Ellis, Sally Enders, Linda Bowles, David Bounds, Julia Shaw, Angela Joachim, John Hixon, Willie Birdow, Hilka and husband

**Hospice:** Hank Barnett, Jenny Davis, Joyce Kidwell Stearsman

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

Nora Zarate, John Emshoff, Earl Jones, Greg Whitaker, Gracelyn Bowers, Carol Ogg, Mrs. Love, Christine and David Felgere, Clifagean Palmer

**Champions Members with Cancer:** LaNell Allee, Gwen Crosby, Don Dearen, Pam Shaw, John Burns, Donna Nance, Caella Chappell, Gilbert Moreno, Keith Underwood

**Family and Friends Cancer Concerns:** Jean Taylor, Rocky Harrell, Glenda Robinson, Vannete and Bill Wirant, Delvin Sparks, Janice Myers

### Employment Concerns:

Cindy Schlessener, Ernesto Harris Jr., Jeff Long

### 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:

Terri Bennett, Dennis Crosby, Nell McDonald, Edwina Moore

### Family and Friends in Assisted Living/Rehabs & Nursing Homes:

Hank Barnett, Marie McCall, Jean Simpson, Dorothy Kuehl, Gladys McHenry, Dorothy Allee

### Prayers for our Military:

David Oakley, Brent Tyler Bowles, Traveon Gaines, William E. Taylor IV, Aaron Jean, Charles DuVerney, Phillip Cuccerre, Jr., Arron Schubert

### Nursery Attendants

**September 2: Kimberly Bickham & Rosie Martinez**

**September 9: Laura Mize & Chandra Runions**

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 8/26/2018

Sunday Morning ..... 373  
Sunday Bible Class ..... 210  
Sunday Night ..... 160  
Wednesday Night ..... 131  
Contribution ..... 20,235.00  
Weekly Budget ..... 19,307.69  
YTD Contributions ..... 672,382.83  
YTD Budget ..... 656,461.46  
Over/(Under) ..... 15,921.37

### 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**

Jim Chitwood

### 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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**281-893-2062**  
Lisa Killough—Director