

THE CHAMPIONS SPIRIT

How Beautiful Heaven Must Be

"We read of a place that's called heaven, It's made for the pure and the free; These truths in God's word he has given, How beautiful heaven must be. In heaven no drooping, nor pinning, No wishing for elsewhere to be, God's light is forever there shining, How beautiful heaven must be. Pure waters of life there are flowing, And all who will drink may be free; Rare jewels of splendor are glowing, How beautiful heaven must be."

Many of you have probably sung these very words and recognize this incredible song. It was written by Mrs. A.S. Bridgewater in 1920. Mrs. Bridgewater was born in North Carolina. She would marry a man from Tennessee, and they would live near Hanceville, AL where they would own a farm. It is believed that she wrote the song during their time there. The circumstance leading her to write this song are unknown. One can only imagine any number of scenarios that could have led her to pen these wonderful words.

I hope that we all stop and consider heaven on a regular basis. Consider the following things for us to remember:

It is where God resides and where we will dwell with Him (Rev. 21:3)

There will be no death (Rev. 21:4)

There will be no sorrow, no crying, and no pain (Rev. 21:4)

Its beauty is beyond anything we can comprehend (Rev. 21:9-21)

It has enough space to hold all the people God will save (Rev. 21:9-21)

God's glory will shine on all who are there (Rev. 21:22-26)

There will be no sin and no more heartache from sin (Rev. 21:27)

This list is not exhaustive, but it does provide some amazing thoughts for each of us to consider regarding heaven. What incredible motivation for each one of us as we live here on earth to be faithful to God.

"How beautiful heaven must be, Sweet home of the happy and free; Fair haven of rest for the weary, How beautiful heaven must be." Let's encourage one another as we long for this beautiful home.

—Lance Leavens

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Family Matters

"For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Who is the man who fears the LORD? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose. His soul shall abide in well-being, and his offspring shall inherit the land." (Psa. 25:11-13). We serve a God who can pardon our guilt. Our pardon comes at a steep price. The cost was the blood of Jesus. We have so much to be thankful for today. Let's praise our God to-

gether on this Lord's Day.

We welcome Linda Montgomery to our church family. Linda is the mother of Jessica Nelson. We are excited to have her with us. Please take time to welcome her.

Ken Pridgeon was recently recognized by ABC 13 news for his work in painting portraits of military men and women killed in combat. Ken has painted hundreds of portraits of our military

warriors and oversees the Fallen Warriors gallery right down from our building on Cutten Rd. If you have time, stop by and see his work. It is a humbling and inspiring experience. Thank you Ken for your dedication to our fallen heroes.

Parting thought: *"I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it."* — Nelson Mandela

~Lance

ORDER OF WORSHIP—SUNDAY, August 4, 2019—AM SERVICE

WORSHIP ORDER

Song: 578 - We Will Glorify

Welcome/Scripture/Prayer: Psalms 116:1-2 ESV

Song: 227 – On Zion’s Glorious Summit

Song: 77 - Glorify Thy Name

Prayer

Song: 364 – Come, Share the Lord

Communion/Offering

(Dismiss Children to Bible Hour)

During Contribution

Song: 71 – As the Deer

Song: 712 - Jesus Is Coming Soon

Scripture Reading: - Psalms 86:11-13 ESV

Sermon: Lance Leavens

Song: 567- Restore My Soul

Announcements/Prayer

John’s Jogs: Bible Basics #4

On his way to Haran, Jacob stopped for the night. Finding a stone for a pillow he had a dream of a ladder reaching into heaven with angels ascending and descending on it. God reassured him of the promise made to Abraham and Isaac and now to Jacob that He will give this land to his descendants and that all people would be blessed through his offspring.

Arriving in Paddan Aram, Jacob met Laban the son of Rebecca’s brother Bethel who had two daughters, Rachel and Leah. Jacob fell in love with Rachel and agreed to work seven years for Laban for her. On the wedding night he slept with his bride only to awake the next morning to find Leah there. Laban explained that they could not give the younger girl before the older one and agreed again to give him Rachel for another seven years. Leah bore six sons for Jacob (Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar and Zebulun) and she gave her maidservant Zilpah to Jacob as a wife who bore him two sons (Gad and Asher). Rachel gave Jacob two sons (Joseph and

Benjamin) and gave him her maidservant Bilhah who bore him two sons Dan and Naphtali.

After Joseph was born Jacob asks Laban to give him his wives and children and said, “I’ll be on my way back to my homeland.” Laban bargained with him to stay longer and he would pay him the wages asked. Jacob agreed that his wages would be all the speckled or spotted sheep or goats. From this agreement Jacob became independently wealthy. Jacob learned that Laban and his sons’ attitude toward him had changed – they were jealous of his prosperity saying he had taken Laban’s flocks. The Lord said to Jacob, **“Go back to the land of your fathers and to your relatives; and I will be with you.”**

Jacob left Paddan Aram with his wives, children and livestock and with all the goods he had accumulated to return to Canaan. As they neared the end of his journey, Jacob prepared to meet Esau. He sent a message

with a large gift to Esau. The messengers returned with the news that Esau was coming to meet him with 400 men. How would you feel? In great fear and distress Jacob, divided his group, and prayed a fervent prayer for deliverance from his brother Esau. He prepared a lavish gift for Esau, and sent them on ahead with instructions to say, **“These belong to your brother Jacob. They are a gift sent to my lord Esau, and he is coming behind us.”**

That night a man wrestled with Jacob all night. The man asked what is your name? He answered – Jacob. The man said, “it will no longer be Jacob but **ISRAEL**.”... Jacob looked up and there was Esau. Esau ran to him and embraced him. They wept! Jacob introduced Esau to his wives and children. Esau went back to Seir and Jacob (**Israel**) to Canaan.

Next Week: Twelve Tribes (children) of **Israel**

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EVENTS AND NEWS

Ladies RefreshHER

Thursday, August 8th @ 6:30 P.M.
Chicken Salad Chick (Vintage)
Sign-up list is in the Welcome Center.

Contact: Christy Smith



Linda Montgomery

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Linda is the mother of Jessica Nelson.



Dear Church family,
Thank you so much for all the cards, prayers, visits and food. We were overwhelmed with the love and care we were shown during my Mom's illness and passing, as well as Chris' Mom's hospitalization.

In Christ,
Allison and Chris George

Fall Softball Signup

The fall softball league is back for year 11. This is co-ed, adult (14 and up) slow pitch softball played on a big league sized baseball field at Northland Christian High School. We will play every Mon night starting Sept. 9 – Nov. 11 against other churches of Christ. It is a friendly, yet competitive league for the inner ballplayer in you. If interested in playing, please sign up for the team on the link here. <https://forms.gle/BbZLTviSiRup6Snw7>. Once the roster is complete, we will discuss next steps. For any questions, see Justin Sammons or Eltonio Brown.

Family Circle 6 Meal

Meets Today!
All Visitors Welcome!

TODAY!

Rickman Baby Shower @ 4 P.M.



Family Center
All ladies are invited to the baby shower for Zachary and Samantha Rickman. They are registered at Target and *Buy, Buy Baby*.



Mahle/Marshall Wedding Shower

A Come and Go Wedding Shower honoring Amanda Mahle and Derek Marshall will be held at Kelly Thompson's house, 14202 Mindy Park Lane, Houston, TX 77069, on Saturday, August 17 from 2 - 4 p.m. Since they will be moving to California, we will shower them with Amazon gift cards or money.

Ladies Bible Class

Our Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Class will begin August 28th at 9:45 a.m. with a potluck brunch and prayer time. Books will be available in class. We will be discussing *Life With a Capital L* by Matt Heard.
Contact: Carla Mahle

FAMILY DAY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25TH
Details to follow.

Church Calendar

August

4: Family Circle #6 Meal
4: Rickman Baby Shower
8: Ladies RefreshHER
10: Greater Houston Food Bank Assembly
11: Family Circle #7 Meal
17: Mahle Bridal Shower
17: Parents Night Out
18: Family Circle #1
18: Holum Wedding Reception
24: Back to School Bash
25: Children's Sunday & Family Meal
25: NO Family Circle Meal Today
28: Ladies Bible Class Resumes/Brunch

September

1: NO Family Circle Meal Today
8: Family Circle #2 Meal

Youth Events

7: Summit
8: Youth Devo
9-10: Youth Trip

Children's Ministry Updates

August 6: Fear Factor
August 7: Summer Chill-Outs
August 14: Summer Chill-Outs
August 17: Parents Night Out

Bible Hour Schedule

Aug 4: Sammons
Aug 11: Killough
Aug 18: Ashley Trent
Aug 25: Stafford

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH
SATURDAY, AUGUST 24TH
6-8 p.m.

Wednesday Night Meal August 7th

Menu: Crusted Parmesan Chicken, Veggie, Salad, Rice, Rolls, Dessert
COST: Adults \$5, Children \$3.00 (Ages 3-6th Grade), Children 2 and under Free.
Meal served from 6:00 - 6:40 p.m. If you plan to eat, please indicate the number eating on the attendance sheet today.
(Cooks needed for the 14th & 28th of August.)

If you sign-up to eat and do not eat, please pay, unless you contact the cooks by Monday Noon.

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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:

David Bounds is in Methodist Hospital in the Medical Center for extensive testing.

Nick Lazerko requested prayers for strength. He stated that he is still weak following his heart surgery six months ago and he expressed a desire to return to church.

Linda Lopez completed her second round of radio-active treatment Friday. The scan she had previous to this treatment, showed improvement!!

David Arnold will have chemo this Wednesday. Please continue to pray for his strength and healing.

Kathy Gerber is home continuing her recovery from an infection. She remains on strong antibiotics.

John Burns continues to struggle with low blood counts.

Family and Friends Prayer Requests:

Doris Dickenson, John's sister-in-law, had brain Aneurysm surgery Friday.

Claudia Greenhaw was scheduled to be released if spinal MRI results were good. Her infection is cleared.

Greg Campbell, former youth minister and friend of John Qualls, has very large blood clots in both of his lungs.

John McKissic, dear friend of John Qualls from Michigan, as he transitions from this life. Please pray for peace and comfort for John and his wife, Judy.

Hank Sheppard, former member, was released on Friday following

his recent heart valve replacement surgery. He is doing great!

Jean Taylor, June Freeman's sister and Doug's aunt, as she waits on treatment options for cancer.

Brian Richardson, Pat Stolte's cousin, as he begins cancer treatments.

Craig Rabb, friend of Monte and Debbie Campbell and member at Magnolia, is recovering from brain surgery to remove part of a large tumor.

Baby Eli Gaston, Jess and Peggy Long's great-grandson is doing well following heart surgery. He will remain in Texas Children's Hospital for a couple more weeks of recovery.

Glen Dixon, Dennis and Gwen Crosby's grandson, has requested prayers for redirection in his life.

Families Who have Lost Loved Ones: Mahle

Champions Members with Cancer:

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

Employment Concerns: Rody Willis, Earnest Harris, Jeff Long

Hospice: Hank Barnett, Porta Lee Bagley

Champions Members with Health & Other Concerns:

Jerry McKinney, Arlene Hale, Pamela Woodley, David Bounds, Rebecca Jaquez, John Hixon, Stacey Farmer, Julia Shaw, Angela Joachim, Linda Underwood

Family and Friends with Health and Other Concerns:

Angelina Rodriguez, John Gerber, John Gerber, Jr., Angela Kemp, Milton Martin, Joe Jones, Carolyn Slatton, Paul Isom, Grady Gettings, Nick Osiek, Modestina Moreno, Hazel Hicks, Hilka and husband, Don Long, David Long, Frances Leavens, Leslie Woodley, Karen Cullins

Family and Friends Cancer Concerns:

Peb Ratliff, Jill King, Elizabeth Cuccerre, Donna Petty, Mike Rice, Patricia Lopez, Thelma Edwards, Tony, Janie

Members in Assisted Living/ Rehab/ Nursing Homes:

Nell McDonald, Edwina Moore, Charles & Lois Boyd

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

Terri Bennett, Hank Barnett, Marie McCall, Jean Simpson, Gladys McHenry, Nettie Jo Jackson, Dorothy Kuehl

Prayers for our Military:

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

Nursery Attendants

August 4: Jackie Doherty & Rosie Martinez

August 11: Susan Frazier & Susan Peters

If you cannot serve, please find a replacement by checking names posted on the wall outside the nursery classroom.

Contact: Karen Casey

FOR THE RECORD 7/28/2019

Sunday Morning..... 393
Sunday Bible Class 240
Sunday Night..... 157
Wednesday Night 171
Contribution 18,835.51
Weekly Budget..... 20,247.31
YTD Contribution..658,412.66
YTD Budget..... 607,419.30
Over/(Under) 50,993.36

Service Times:

SUNDAY MORNING
9:00 a.m. Bible Classes
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
Sunday Morning Bible Hour

SUNDAY NIGHT
6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

Elder of the Month

August

Don Sammons

Food Coordinator

Check with your Family
Circle Leaders

Church Wi-Fi Password

churchguest

Little Champs: Mothers Day Out

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Lisa Killough—Director