

THE CHAMPIONS SPIRIT

The Blessing of Children

Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate." (Psa. 127:3-5)

"Grandchildren are the crown of the aged, and the glory of children is their fathers." (Prov. 17:6)

"At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, 'Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?' And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, 'Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.'" (Mt. 18:1-6)

There is no doubt the importance that God and Jesus put on children. The verses above are just a few examples that illustrate that fact to us. This past week we had over 130 children enter our building Monday through Thursday to participate in VBS. Think about that for just a moment. That number should make all of us hit our knees in thanksgiving to God.

These children represent the type of humility and obedient attitude that Jesus is looking for in His followers. That is at the heart of Matthew's comment about "receiving one such child." He is not referring only to those that are children by age, but those who have the humility and attitude of the child Jesus used as part of His illustration. When we welcome those with that type of heart, we are in essence receiving Christ.

The wonderful blessing for us is that our ability to influence children is not limited to VBS. We have 70 plus children in our building two days a week during the school year as they participate in our Little Champs program. We have many children that are a part of our family here at Champions. Let's make sure we are nurturing, caring, encouraging, and praying for these little ones. Let's also remember that we are called to be like them!

Family Matters

"To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous." (Psa. 25:1-3). We gather this morning to lift up our souls to the Lord. We honor Him as we gather to worship. We come to bring glory to our

King as His family of believers. Let's worship together.

We rejoice with the entire Kil-lough family as *Timothy* was baptized this past Monday. We welcome him into our family here at Champions. Timothy, we are proud of your decision and excited to be able to rejoice with you.

VBS this past week was a tre-

mendous success. A BIG thank you to all of our volunteers. Our youth group did an outstanding job every day. We are blessed with so many talented people here.

Parting thought: *"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin."* – Mother Teresa

Have a great week!

~Lance

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ORDER OF WORSHIP—SUNDAY, June 30, 2019—AM SERVICE

WORSHIP ORDER

Song - #1007 - America the Beautiful

Welcome/Scripture/Prayer: John 13:34-35 ESV

Song - #448 – The Greatest Commands

Song - #810 – Listen to Our Hearts

Prayer

Song – #376 He Paid a Debt

Communion/Offering
(Dismiss Children to Bible Hour)

Song - #619 – A New Creature

Song - #437 – There is No Condemnation

Scripture Reading: Galatians 5:1 ESV

Sermon: Lance Leavens

Song - #911 – Bring Christ Your Broken Life

Announcements/Prayer

John's Jogs:

The most important American national holiday commemorates the signing of the Declaration of Independence by John Hancock, President of the Continental Congress, on July 4, 1776, at Philadelphia and its adoption by the delegates from the thirteen colonies. Its observance increased in popularity as a sense of national pride and accomplishment increased, and by the 1880s had become a major patriotic occasion. It is a political holiday and a community enterprise traditionally observed with fireworks, parades, band concerts, oratory, picnics, public entertainment and especially sporting events.

**THE DECLARATION OF
INDEPENDENCE**

“When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of **nature's God** entitle them, a decent respect for the opinions of mankind

requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.”

“We hold these truths to be self evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; that, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that whenever any form of government becomes destructive to these ends it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute a new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness. Prudence, indeed will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes, and accordingly all experience hath shown that mankind are more disposed to suffer while evils are sufferable than to right themselves by abol-

ishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security. Such has been the patient sufferance of these colonies and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former system of government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpation, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute tyranny over these states. To prove this, let facts be submitted to a candid world. They then layout a host of considered injuries.”

History Lesson: On July 4, 1826 - 50 years after the signing of the Declaration, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson who had struggled so hard for the cause both died on the same day.

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EVENTS AND NEWS

Our VBS Children Only Record for 2019!

Monday 131
Tuesday 133
Wednesday 131
Thursday 123

Plus, we had over 70 Volunteer WORKERS ON A DAILY BASIS!

Special Thanks to Reid Stafford and Ashley Trent for Coordinating VBS.

Family Circle 1 Meal

Meets Today!
 All Visitors Welcome!
 Leaders: Monte & Debbie Campbell

Directory Change:

Jenifer Woodley
 New Cell: 281-892-9376.

New Truth for Today Commentary

The latest Truth for Today commentary covering John 1-12 by David Lipe, is now available. Cost is \$27.00. Make your check out to Church of Christ in Champions with a memo - Tft Commentary and give your payment to Marvin Trice or Jeanie Kuehl.

Ladies Clothing Swap

Clean out your closet (shoes and accessories too!) and bring your old clothes to swap!
 Saturday, July 13
 9-11 AM
 All ages and sizes welcome! Champions Church of Christ
 Main Auditorium
 *All unclaimed clothes will be donated to Arms of Hope. Light Brunch will be provided.

Congratulations

Lynn and Earlene Antwine on their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Friday, June 28th, and the birth of a great grandson, Fletcher David Antwine born June 28th!

BAPTIZED



Timothy Killough

We rejoice with the angels in heaven in the baptism of *Timothy on Monday, June 24, 2019 by his dad, Brent Killough*. He is the son of Brent and Lisa Killough and grandson of Mike and Karen McCall and Jeanne Killough and the late, Larry Killough.

GREATER HOUSTON AREA CHURCHES OF CHRIST MISSION 2019

Lights Shining Bright

Saturday, August 10, 2019

7:45 a.m.-12 noon Houston Food Bank Assembly Warehouse, 535 Portwall St., Houston, TX 77029.
 12:15 p.m. -1:30 p.m. Lunch and Devotional at 5th Ward COC.
 4309 Stonewall St., Houston, TX 77020.
 If you plan to help at the Food Bank Register at www.houstonchurchesofchrist.net

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**City-Wide Rally—June 30th @ 6pm.**  
**Memorial Church of Christ**

Contact: Wes Arnold



#### Congratulations

Dennis and Pam Long on their 50th Wedding Anniversary on July 1, 2019!

#### Church Calendar

June 2019

30: Family Circle #1 Meal  
 30: City Wide Rally @ Memorial 6 p.m.

July

4: Office Closed—Holiday  
 7: Family Circle #2 Meal  
 13: Ladies Clothing Swap  
 14: Family Circle #3 Meal  
 18: Men's Night Out  
 20: Writing Class FC  
 20: Parent's Night Out  
 21: Family Circle #4 Meal  
 22: Impact Back to School Event FC  
 22-25: Impact VBS  
 28: Family Circle #5 Meal  
 31-4: Camp Awesome

#### Youth Events

July

29- 6: McAllen Mission Trip  
 9: Youth Devo  
 10: Summit  
 12: FNL  
 15-18: Sunny Glen Mission Trip  
 21-24: Impact VBS  
 30: Power Hour

#### Children's Ministry Updates

**Tuesday, July 2:** K-5th Grades 10-Noon  
**Wednesday, July 3:** Preschool Summer Chill Outs Wednesday 9-11 a.m.  
**Tuesday, July 9:** K-5th Grades 10-Noon - Got Game?  
**Wednesday, July 10:** Preschool Summer - Chill Outs 9-11 a.m.  
 (Parent must attend)  
**Thursday, July 11:** Art with Ashley 12-2 p.m. for K-2nd grade

#### Bible Hour Schedule

June 30: Ashley Trent  
 July 7: Tommy Hill  
 July 14: Smith  
 July 21: Killough  
 July 28: Ashley Trent

Aug 4: Sammons

#### Runions' Farewell Book

Remember to sign the Devotional book for the Runions Family who have moved to Florida. The book is in the Welcome Center.

#### Help Needed

Kim Bickham has a friend needing help with a child with severe nervous and muscular system disorder, 2-3 days a week for 4+ hours a day. Contact Kim.

**Wednesday Night Meal**  
**COOKS NEEDED FOR**  
**JULY 3TH**

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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
- 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:

**Amanda Tyer**, as she waits on GI test results.

**David Arnold** has started his chemotherapy treatments for pancreas/liver cancer. He will have one weekly treatment for two weeks, then off a week.

**Lynn and Earlene** Antwine as they will be traveling. They request your prayers for safe travels.

**Cindy Schlessener, Brittany and her dad, Cecil** will be traveling from now until July 7th, to CA, NY and back to TX to move Brittany to Cornell for her three year residency at Cornell Vet School & Clinic.

**Rosalinda Zarate** will be traveling to Michigan for the summer. She requests prayers for a safe trip.

**Gwen Crosby** has a blood clot in her leg and has started blood thinners, which are causing difficult side effects.

**John Burns** continues to wait on his bone marrow biopsy report. His counts were too low for his injection.

**Sue Trice** has started radiation treatments.

**Hanna Haavikko** is home doing well following her recent surgery.

### Family and Friends Prayer Requests:

**Valley Church of Christ** in Alaska, the congregation where Valarie Long attends; has at least 27 families who have contracted a stomach bug, causing many to have to go to the hospital with dehydration issues.

**Wyatt Cox**, Glen and Julie Cox's infant grandson, is recovering

from major surgery. He now has 70% of his trachea open. They removed part of his thymus gland.

**Hazel Hicks**, Bill's step-mom, is in the hospital also with pneumonia and congestive heart failure.

**Grady Gettings**, Darlene Bounds' brother, is slowly recovering from neck surgery and a low blood count.

**Hank Barnett**, Kevin's dad, is in hospice care. Prayers are requested for a peaceful transition.

**Iglesias de Cristo**, West 34th and its minister, Rudy and Marta Morelos, Jose Hernandez and Jose Alvarenga as they begin a Friend-Speak program.

Jane, Hanna Haavikko's friend, as she waits on PET Scan results.

### 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 Halamicek, Roland Mohsen, Biblical Institute of Central America, Eastern European Mission, Jordan Arnold, Will Hanstein, Elijah Brown, Hope for Haiti, Southern African Bible College

**Hospice:** Hank Barnett, Porta Lee Bagley

**Employment Concerns:** Rody Willis, Earnest Harris, Jeff Long, Diana Turner

### Families Having Lost Loved

**Ones:** George, Navarro, Jackson

### Champions Members with Health & Other Concerns:

Juanita Berg, Julie Cox, Jerry McKinney, Arlene Hale, Pamela Woodley, David Morgan, David Bounds, Kenneth, Carolyn, Michelle Smith, Cary Gerhart, Hanna Haavikko, Rebecca Jaquez, John Hixon, Stacey Farmer, Julia Shaw, Angela Joachim, Linda Underwood

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

Nick Osiek, Margaret George, Lonnie Wheaton, Matthew George, Pat Wilks, Denise Milby, Lesa Antwine, Ellen Keyser, Danny Antwine, Martha Antwine, Santo Moreno, Hilkka and husband, Don Long, David Long, Frances Leavens, Clyde Barker, Donna Priola, Glenda Mouton, Leslie Woodley, Karen Cullins, Max, Zac Goolsby

### 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, Phillip Cuccerre, Jr., Aaron Schubert, Andrew Martinez, Erick Martinez

### Nursery Attendants

**June 30:** Laura Mize & Darlene Ewell

**July 7:** Lisa Reed & Donna Gustafson

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 6/23/2019

Sunday Morning..... 409  
Sunday Bible Class ..... 273  
Sunday Night..... 187  
Wednesday Night ..... 195  
Contribution ..... 20,688.56  
Weekly Budget..... 20,247.31  
YTD Contribution...550,505.77  
YTD Budget..... 506,182.75  
Over/(Under) ..... 44,323.02

### Service Times:

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

SUNDAY NIGHT  
6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY  
Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

### Elder of the Month

**July**

Britt Jones

### Food Coordinator

Check with your Family  
Circle Leaders

### Church Wi-Fi Password

churchguest

### Little Champs: Mothers Day Out

Contact: Lisa Killough  
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Lisa Killough—Director