

## THE CHAMPIONS SPIRIT

### Living Guilt Free

What does it mean to live without guilt? Should we have no remorse at all for sin, hurting others, or causing damage or pain in someone else's life? When we talk about living without guilt, we are talking about living without the guilt of our past because of God's forgiveness. We still have Godly sorrow in terms of sin and its consequences, but we don't have to carry guilt about our past in terms of our relationship with God.

"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us." This verse is the starting point for our fourth lesson in our *Neighborhood Bible Studies*. In context, this verse is dealing with God's love and how it overcomes anything we might face in life (tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, danger, death, etc. Rm. 8:35,38). The word "conqueror" is a military term relating to victory. Paul says that we are more than victors through God's love. God's love can overcome anything we face in life, and it can overcome our past.

It is interesting how we can carry around guilt like a heavy burden because we have trouble understanding and accepting God's forgiveness. I guess there are several reasons why this can be the case. Whatever the reason might be, at the heart is Satan trying to convince us that God's grace and forgiveness is not enough. Dan Winkler, in his book on forgiveness, says there are three steps we must be willing to take in order to overcome guilt and fully accept God's forgiveness.

- Accept God's love – the story of the prodigal son demonstrates God's love and forgiveness (Lk. 15:11-32).
- Believe God's promises – you and I can know with confidence we are saved (Rm. 8:1; 2 Pet. 1:8-11; 1 Jn. 1:7).
- Trust God's grace – David, in the Old Testament, and Paul, in the New Testament, serve as two great reminders of the power of God's grace.

God's love, grace, and forgiveness are truly amazing. The parable of the prodigal son demonstrates all three of these elements in a beautiful way. Dan made the point that maybe we should rename this parable "The Parable of the Colossal Father." Our Colossal Father feels compassion for us, He has taken us when we were dead and lost, and He has made us alive again. That is colossal love!

—Lance Leavens

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### Family Matters

"The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever. May the LORD give strength to His people! May the LORD bless His people with peace!" (Psa. 29:10-11). The Lord is on His throne today as we gather to worship Him. He has blessed us with peace through the cross of Jesus. Let's praise Him together this morning.

Did you know we have a church Facebook page? We also have a special page for news and information. If you are on Facebook, be sure to follow our page and request access to the news and information page. We also have a presence on Instagram. Be sure to check us out at @championschurchofchrist, @championsyouthministry, and

@championschildrensministry.

If you do not currently get the daily email from the church office, be sure to call or email Jeanie and ask to be added.

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

Have a great week!

~Lance

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP—SUNDAY, November 3, 2019—AM SERVICE**


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**WORSHIP ORDER**

Song - \*Here I Am To Worship\*

Welcome/Scripture: 1 John 4:10-12 ESV

Song #74 - Praise the Lord

Prayer

Song - \*Highly Exalted\*

Communion/Offering

Song #2 - We Praise Thee, O God

Scripture Reading - Numbers 27:15-17

Sermon: Lance Leavens

Song #915 - Trust and Obey

Danny Mize

Introduce additional elders: Danny Mize

Responsibility of elders to congregation

Prayer for new elders

Lance - Responsibility of congregation to the elders.

Bill Johnson - Closing Announcements / Prayer

\*Not in Book \*

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**John's Jogs: PROVERBS of Solomon & Wise Sayings**


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ECONOMIC WELL BEING: Wealth and Poverty

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine. 3:9-10

The wealth of the rich is their fortified city, but poverty is the ruin of the poor. 10:15

Wealth is worthless in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death. 11:4

Whoever trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf. 11:28.

A man's riches may ransom his life, but a poor man hears no threat. 13:8

The poor are shunned even by their neighbors, but the rich have many friends. 14:20

Better a little with the fear of the Lord than great wealth with turmoil. 15:16

Of what use is money in the hand of a fool, since he has no desire to get wisdom? 17:16

A poor man pleads for mercy, but a rich man answers harshly. 18:23

Rich and poor have this in common:

The Lord is the maker of them all. 22:2  
Do not wear yourself out to get rich; have the wisdom to show restraint. Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone, for they will surely sprout wings and fly off to the sky like eagles. 23:4-5

A rich man may be wise in his own eyes, but a poor man who has discernment sees through him. 28:11

A faithful man will be richly blessed, but one eager to get rich will not go unpunished.

To show partiality is not good – yet a man will do wrong for a piece of bread. A stingy man is eager to get rich and is unaware that poverty awaits him. 28:20-22

Three preachers sat discussing the best physical position for praying. A telephone repairman worked nearby. “Kneeling is definitely the best,” claimed one. Another contended, “no, I get the best results standing with my hands out-stretched toward heaven.” “Your both wrong,” the third insisted, “The most effective position is lying prostrate, face down on the floor.” The repairman could contain himself no longer, he interrupted: “Hey fellas, The best praying I ever did—was hanging upside down from a telephone pole.”

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## EVENTS AND NEWS

### Elder Installation

**Today**

#### New Elders

- ♦ Jay Mahle
- ♦ Alan Reed
- ♦ Wes Smith
- ♦ Paul Tews



#### Current Elders

- ♦ David Arnold
- ♦ Jim Chitwood
- ♦ Bill Johnson
- ♦ Britt Jones
- ♦ Danny Mize
- ♦ Don Sammons
- ♦ Marvin Trice

#### Church Calendar Events November

- 3: Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 3: New Elder Installation
- 3: Family Circle #1 Meal
- 3: Missions Meeting @4:30 p.m.
- 5: Election Day
- 9: Men's Breakfast
- 9: Ladies Craft Day 10 a.m.—6 p.m.
- 10: Family Circle #2 Meal
- 16: FriendSpeak All Church Meal

#### Youth Events November

- 6: Summit
- 10: Devotional
- 15-17: Retreat

#### Bible Hour Schedule November

- 3: Killough
- 10: Trent

**Starts Tonight!**  
**SUNDAY NIGHT KIDS CLASS**  
for ages 2 years old - Kindergarten.  
Contact Ashley Trent



#### Tonya Jean Hamilton

We extend our love and sympathy to Arlene Hale and her family in the loss of her daughter, **Tonya Jean Hamilton**, who died unexpectedly on Saturday evening from a heart attack. Her services were held yesterday at Champions.



Tonya was born to Troy and Arlene Jolly on July 7th 1960. Tonya loved people and was a true "Care Giver" to so many, especially to her mother, Arlene Hale, and her grandchildren, who she loved dearly.

Tonya was a Certified Nurse Assistant and worked in Nursing Centers, before becoming a private "Care Giver" to many individuals, many members at Champions and their family members.

Tonya always had a laugh and hug for all. She often would prepare special treats for her "Sweet Ladies" at Champions Brookdale Assisted Living Center.

Tonya is survived by her mother Arlene Hale; son, Calain Hamilton; grandchildren, Gregory, Syrus, Nikolai, Lilyana and Braxton. She was expecting a new grandson, any day.

Her services were held on Saturday, November 2, 2019 at the Church of Christ in Champions, 13902 Cutten Rd., Houston, TX 77069.

Tonya was a member of the church of Christ in Champions.

Please continue to keep her family in prayer. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be sent to the American Heart Association.

#### Mission Committee Meeting TODAY

4:30 p.m. in Library

Our meeting agenda will be to review and approve our draft of the 2020 Missions budget.

#### Men's Prayer Breakfast Rescheduled Saturday, November 9th 8:00 A.M.

**Speaker: Lance Leavens**  
**Chef: Rick Rickman**

Please sign the sign-up list in the foyer so he will know how many biscuits to make. Contact: Wes Arnold

#### LADIES' CRAFT DAY Rescheduled for Saturday, November 9th Come-N-Go 10 am - 6 pm

Bring your craft to work on and a snack to share. Soup will be provided. Contacts: Linda Rickman & Donna Gustafson

#### Truth for Today Commentary

Truth for Today commentary #44 covering John 13-21 by David Lipe is now available. The cost is still \$27.00 per book. To purchase, check off your name on the list by the Welcome Center and give your check made out to the Church of Christ in Champions or cash to Marvin Trice or Jeanie Kuehl.

#### Collection for New Mexico Christian Children's Home/ Single Moms 41 Gift Cards Are Needed

Please give your gift cards and/or money to Joan Burns.

**Devo Speakers**  
(3 Minute Devo)  
Please sign the list that is in the Welcome Center Area.

**Neighborhood Bible Study**  
Through week of  
November 10th



Dear Champions Church of Christ, Thank you for helping me and Jennifer out when I had my accident. We really appreciate it.

In Christian Love,  
Linda & Jennifer Breithaupt

#### FriendSpeak & All Church POTLUCK MEAL Family Center

Saturday, November 16th from 6-8 p.m.  
Contacts: Darlene Bounds and Edie Tews

#### Wednesday Night Meal November 6th

Menu: Hamburgers, Chips, Baked Beans, Fruit, 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.

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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:

#### Families Who have Lost

**Loved Ones:** Hamilton, Hale, Underwood, Norman, Gerber, Bowles

**Arlene Hale** in the loss of her daughter, Tonya Hamilton.

**Mil Biron** has not been well since he returned from his trip.

**David Arnold**, as he waits on results from his liver biopsy.

**Yvonne Miller** is recovering from a fall.

**Wanda Werner** is recovering from foot surgery.

**Peggy Long's** valve procedure is scheduled for November 13th at St. Luke's Hospital in The Woodlands.

**David Bounds** is doing well following his neck surgery.

**Patricia Richmond** is recovering from a broken foot.

**Pam Shaw's** liver biopsy showed NO NEW cancer!

**Julia Shaw** will have a feeding tube placed November 20th.

#### Family and Friends Prayer Requests:

**Traveon Gaines**, Emmett's son, is being deployed to South Korea with the Air Force.

**McKinsey Denney**, Ashlyn Freeman's friend, received a good report from her recent heart test. Prayer of Thanksgiving!

Everlina Jones asks for prayers for her daughter, **Sharonda** and her job situation. Also, pray for **James Alexander** and

**Rita Holcomb** who are having health issues, and for her **aunt** who has internal bleeding, and a **family friend** who is in critical condition.

**Larry Shaw**, Joachim's neighbor is in ICU at Methodist for treatment of heart issues.

**Carolyn Slatton**, Drew's mom, continues to recover from a fall.

**Joy Balderas**, visitor at Champions, is recovering from a broken wrist.

**Josie Grissom**, Cindy Schlesener's niece, is recovering from a motorcycle accident.

#### Champions Members with

**Cancer:** David Arnold, Linda Lopez, LaNell Allee, Wes Smith, Gwen Crosby, Don Dearen, Pam Shaw, Donna Nance, Caella Chappell, Gilbert Moreno

#### Champions Members with Health & Other Concerns:

Nick Lazerko, Jerry McKinney, Arlene Hale, Pamela Woodley, Rebecca Jaquez, John Hixon, Stacey Farmer, Angela Joachim, Linda 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:** John Burns, Erwina Moore

**Employment Concerns:** Willis, Harris, Rapalo

#### Family and Friends with Health

**and Other Concerns:** Geraldine Gunn, Chad Kuehl, John Gerber, Hilkka and husband, Frances Leavens, Leslie Woodley, Karen Cullins, Hanna Haavikko's brother's family

#### Family and Friends Cancer

**Concerns:** Jerry Enders, Breanna Allen, Ellen Kyser Endelman, Cathy Kuehl, Jean Taylor, Brian Richardson, Craig Rabb, Peb Ratliff, Jill King, Elizabeth Cuccerre, Donna Petty, Mike Rice, Patricia Lopez, Thelma Edwards

#### Members in Assisted Living/ Rehab/ Nursing Homes:

Nell McDonald, Charles & Lois Boyd

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

**Homes:** Terri Bennett, Marie McCall, Jean Simpson, Gladys McHenry, 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, James Willie Edwards, Jr.

### Nursery Attendants

**November 3:** Julie Cox & Rosie Martinez

**November 10:** Jena Asher & Susan Frazier

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

### Services on Audio/Video

Champions services can be viewed via our church website. Click on Media; click on the TV Icon; select service to view.

### FOR THE RECORD 10/27/2019

Sunday Morning..... 372  
Sunday Bible Class ..... 218  
Sunday Night..... 161  
Wednesday Night ..... 123  
Contribution ..... 19,949.62  
Weekly Budget..... 20,247.31  
YTD Contribution 944,320.73  
YTD Budget..... 870,634.33  
Over/(Under) ..... 73,686.40

### 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

**November**  
Bill Johnson

**Food Coordinator**  
Check with your Family  
Circle Leaders

**NO WIFI Available  
during Services.**

**Church Streaming  
Available @**  
[Championschurch.org - Media](http://Championschurch.org - Media)

### Little Champs: Mothers Day Out

Contact: Lisa Killough  
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Lisa Killough—Director