

THE CHAMPIONS SPIRIT

God's In Control

It is difficult for us to understand how God works. In fact, it is impossible for us to try and understand all the ways that God moves to accomplish His purposes. Human nature is such that we many times want to know the why or want to try and manage situations the way we think is best. The prophet Isaiah wrote, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts" (Isa. 55:8-9).

There are things that happen in life that seem devastating at the time. Situations or events that seem to make no sense to us. Even on a day to day basis, there are times we just don't understand why certain things seem to occur. If we try to "figure things out", we can become incredibly frustrated. God wants us to remember that He is in control. To help us, He has left us examples to remind us of this important fact.

Consider for a moment the events in Acts chapter seven. Stephen, a man with a good reputation and who was strong in his faith, preaches one of the most incredible sermons ever preached. He clearly and concisely speaks to a hostile audience about God and what they had done in rejecting God. In response, they kill him. Their anger carries over and a great persecution arises against the church in Jerusalem. As a result, the church is scattered (Acts 8:1). You and I can only imagine how dark a day that must have been for those members of the church.

In the midst of these terrible events, God was at work. Those people that were scattered ended up traveling as far as Antioch (Acts 11:19). They began "preaching the Lord Jesus" and God worked with them in this process (Acts 11:20-21). What was the result of their work? "A great number who believed turned to the Lord (Acts 11:21). The church was started in Antioch. These people continued to teach others and the church there continued to grow. It is here in this church that the "disciples were first called Christians" (Acts 11:26). A title that you and I can still wear today.

God was at work in what was a very difficult time. This story is only one example of many that we could look at in scripture to remind us of God's sovereignty. The important thing for us to remember is that no matter what we are facing, no matter what we may be experiencing, God is always at work and He is always in control!

—Lance Leavens

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Family Matters

"Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully." (Ps. 24:3-4). God wants us to approach Him in worship. He wants us to approach Him with lives that are devoted to Him. Lives that are defined by holiness as we strive to serve Him. Let's come to-

gether this morning as a people desiring to worship Him and live lives in service to Him.

What a wonderful week we had last week! We continue to rejoice with Trevor Wilson and his decision to put on the Lord in baptism. We welcome Tyler and Dana Armagost along with Diana Turner as they placed membership with us here at Champions. We are excited to have all these as a part of our

family.

Let's also remember Christopher Wilson and Riley Doyle as they both requested prayers for circumstances and people in their lives.

Parting thought: "Until you spread your wings you have no idea how far you can fly" – Unknown

Have a great week!

~Lance

ORDER OF WORSHIP—SUNDAY, June 16, 2019—AM SERVICE

WORSHIP ORDER

Song - *Great Are You Lord*
 Song - *How Great Is Our God*

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

Song - #144 – O Worship the King
 Song - #991 – This Is My Father's World
 Song - #83 - God Is So Good

Prayer

Song – *In Christ Alone*

Communion/Offering
(Dismiss Children to Bible Hour)

Song - #121 – Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing

Scripture Reading: - Philippians 2:9-11 ESV

Sermon: Reid Stafford

Song - #936 – Lord, I'm Coming Home

Announcements/Prayer

Not in the book

John's Jogs: MY DAD

I lost my Dad in July 1940 (79 years ago) when I was 13 years old. Today, I can go into another room and can't remember why I came there. Yet there are many things about my Dad that I can remember as if they were yesterday. He was born near Cookeville, Tennessee in 1888 the youngest of 11 children. His Dad was wounded in the Civil War and his mother was one-half Cherokee Indian. Dad's oldest sister was born in 1867. His first wife bore him a daughter and two sons before she died leaving him 3 young children. His second wife died after 7 months. My mother then died when I was 2 years old. The way I figure his three wives combined only lived 10-12 years. Fortunately for me and him, my sister was 18 when my mother died.

My Dad suffered with a severe case of asthma before the medical community understood its nature. Thus my memory of him is that he was sick most of my life with him, yet

he tried to carry his load on the farm and taught me to carry mine. I'll never forget our "chopping out corn" together and of course getting much advice along the way. Dad was the most patient person I have ever known; he was considerate, firm, caring, loving and hospitable. When I was 4-5 we walked home from church. We got within view of the house when I cried for him to carry me home. Instead he switched me home and then I ran back to the place where I started crying. He let me stay there until I decided to come home. When I was 8 he let me shave him with a straight razor and cut his hair with the old manual clippers with my sister throwing a fit for him allowing me to do that. His response, "*He has to learn sometime.*" Also about that time I cried for him to teach me to milk the cow. He said, "*fine but when you learn, it's your job.*" Then I cried to get out of it. I cried a lot. I cried for him to buy me a watch. He had no money but told me if I didn't cry for a week or whatever, he would

give me his watch. I failed the test but I got the watch after his death - an Elgin pocket watch, and I still have it on my dresser as a prized possession.

Once he gave me money to buy a pair of suspenders (yeah I wore them then too). It wasn't enough money for the suspenders, so I decided to buy a bag of marbles instead. On the way home I figured he would make me take them back. So I destroyed the tag on them so they couldn't be returned. To my chagrin, he took them and put them in his trunk, and I never did get them back.

Two of his statements have stuck with me. "*You can tell the quality of a man by how he treats his animals.*" "*When you go to The Book (Bible) what it says to do is what you do.*" I live by that rule. **I still love and appreciate my Dad.**

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EVENTS AND NEWS

MEN'S NIGHT OUT

**Thursday, June 20th
@ 6:30 p.m.**

Carriage House Café

7955 Fallbrook Dr.
Houston, TX 77064

Please sign the list in the Welcome Center
Contact: Wes Arnold

No Family Circle Meal

Today!
Happy Father's Day!

Family Circle 7 Meal

will meet Sunday, June 23rd
Leaders: LaVanne & Patricia
Pennington



The Elders approved adding two new mission works. They are Southern Africa Bible College (SABC), a work focused on preacher training and Hope for Haiti, a mission and benevolence work. The Elders also approved one-time contributions to support an upcoming congregational mission trip to Taiwan, the Biblical Institute of Central America (BICA), which we currently support, and the New Mexico Children's Home. If you have any questions, contact Troy Thompson, Missions Deacon.



VBS INFO!
OREO COOKIES & GOLDFISH CRACKERS NEEDED FOR VBS
Please bring to Family Center (Label -VBS)

HELPERS NEEDED FOR VBS CRAFTS, KID CONTROL & MISC.
CONTACT: ASHLEY TRENT

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!
REGISTER ONLINE @
Championschurch.org

Directory Change

Howard Mahle
Solana Vintage Park, 19929 Chasewood
Park Dr. #304
Houston, TX 77070



Trevor Wilson

We rejoice with the angels in heaven in the baptism of Trevor last Sunday. He is the grandson of Gary Henderson.
10008 Ridge Coral Ct.
Houston, TX 77038
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DOB: 06-01-06



Diana Turner

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Houston, TX 77073
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DOB: 7-11
Diana.g.turner@gmail.com
(Diana is the daughter of Roger and Olene Maynard who many knew from Bammel).

Tyler and Dana Armagost

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DOB: Tyler: 5-5
Dana: 8-3
Anniversary: 9-13

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.

Church Calendar June 2019

16: Father's Day
16: NO Family Circle Meal
19: SS-Bill Rasco
20: Men's Night Out
23: Family Circle #7 Meal
24-27: VBS
26: SS-Drew Slatton
27: VBS Family Party
30: Family Circle #1 Meal

Youth Events

June 19 - Summit
June 24 - 27 Champions VBS

Bible Hour Schedule

June 16: Sammons
June 23: Killough
June 30: Ashley Trent

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

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

Children's Ministry Updates

Wednesday Night CHANGE

For the summer we will have all kids 2 yr. - 6th grade meet in the Bible Hour room first. We will sing together and then split into our classes with our teachers.

If you'd like to see pictures from our events be sure to follow Champions Kids on Instagram @Championschildrensministry.

Events this week are:

Tuesday, June 18: Icky Sticky with Elementary Kids
Wednesday, June 19: Preschool Summer Chill Outs Wednesday 9-11 a.m.

Thursday, June 20: Art with Ashley on Thursday, 12 Noon—2:00 p.m. Family Center for 3rd-6th Graders. Bring a friend!

Wednesday Night Meal June 19th

Menu: Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread, 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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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 Arnold has been diagnosed with cancer of the pancreas that is also in his liver. Surgery is not an option, but chemotherapy is an option. He has an appointment with the oncologist on Monday at 1:00 p.m.

Juanita Berg is home recovering from another fall in which she cut her leg.

John Burns' platelets are up, but white blood count was down. Doctor wants to take a biopsy of his bone on Wednesday.

Grady Gettings, Darlene Bounds' brother, is bleeding internally from complications from neck surgery. Please pray they can quickly resolve his bleeding issue.

Sue Trice will have 22 preventative radiation treatments beginning in a couple of weeks.

Linda Lopez has completed this round of radioactive infusion.

Hanna Haavikko's surgery to repair her small intestine blockage is scheduled for June 18th.

Family and Friends Prayer Requests:

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

Norah Long, Valerie and William's baby, has had diarrhea for over 2 weeks. She seems a little better, but the doctor is running some tests just to rule out anything major.

Porta Lee Bagley, Juanita Berg's sister, has been placed in

hospice care.

Iglesias de Cristo, West 34th and its minister, Rudy Morelos, as they begin an evangelism campaign in their neighborhood. Rudy and his wife Marta along with Jose Hernandez and Jose Alvarenga are members of our FriendSpeak program. Rudy will be leading classes this week to help prepare the church members for this important work.

Karen Cullins, friend of Jeanie Kuehl, is recovering from heart procedures.

Joyce Navarro, Reba's daughter-in-law, is in Encompass at 290 and recovering from a stroke.

Margaret George, Chris George's mother, suffered a stroke and is in Tomball Hospital, room 319.

Wyatt Cox, Glenn and Julie Cox's infant grandson, will have major surgery on June 27th in Albuquerque, NM.

Zac Goolsby, Sally Enders' nephew, has gone missing. Please pray that they can find him in good condition.

Champions Members with Cancer:

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, Hope for Haiti, Southern African Bible College

Hospice: Barnett, Bagley

Families Having Lost Loved Ones: George, Navarro, Jackson, Duecy

Champions Members with Health & Concerns:

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, Jerry McKinney

Family and Friends with Health and Other Concerns:

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

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

Nursery Attendants

June 16: Kelly Thompson & Ashley Trent

June 23: Kimberly Bickham & Christy Smith

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 6/9/2019

Sunday Morning..... 361
Sunday Bible Class 223
Sunday Night..... 165
Wednesday Night 153
Contribution 19,927.59
Weekly Budget..... 20,247.31
YTD Contribution...505,452.53
YTD Budget..... 465,688.13
Over/(Under) 39,764.40

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
Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

Elder of the Month

June
Danny Mize

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