

## THE CHAMPIONS SPIRIT

### The Good and Right Way...



You have already finished the title in your mind, haven't you? Indeed, there is the right way, and, on the other hand, there is the wrong way as well.

As seniors, you have many choices that, Lord willing, you will be making as you prepare for and engage in the next phase of your lives. Some of those choices will be merely matters of choice and opinion. However, there are other choices you will make that will actually be between right and wrong. Let me encourage you to choose the right way in life. I want to echo the words of Samuel as recorded in 1 Sam. 12:23-24. Though spoken to the people of God some 3,000 years ago, those words are just as insightful and meaningful today. Listen to them, “I will instruct you in the good and right way. Only fear the Lord and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you.” Here then are those principles in choosing the “good and the right way.”

**Fear the Lord.** This is not saying to tremble at the very thought of God. As a Christian, He is your Father. What this concept refers to is a healthy, holy reverence and respect. In other words, if you fear Him, you will respect the fact that He is God and the supreme authority in your life and decisions.

**Serve Him in truth.** Truth is under attack these days. Pilate's age-old question “What is truth?” seems to be answered today with “Whatever you want it to be!” However, regardless of that current stream of thought, there is knowable truth. Jesus said, “you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free,” John 8:32. Notice He said, “the truth” not “a truth” or even “your truth.” Adjust your lives and living to please Him rather than yourself or anyone else. Serve Him in the truth found in His Word for Jesus also said, “Sanctify them in the truth, Your word is truth,” John 17:17.

**With All Your heart.** Interestingly, this completes the second part of the two essentials for worship as given by Jesus in John 4:24, where He said worship “must be in spirit and truth.” We not only worship but do all our service with all of our heart committed to Him. God isn't interested in just robotically “checking off the list” of commands; He loves you and wants you to just love Him back!

Seniors, we want the very best for you! May God's richest blessings be yours! Just remember, that the *very best—eternity*—will be yours when you choose “The Good and Right Way.”

—Larry

### Family Matters

We welcome our visitors and guests today. Regardless of whether you have come to be a part of this special day and honor your special senior or if you have just chosen to come today, we are thankful and blessed you are here. Please complete the visitor's information form that will be passed to you at the end of the services and stay for lunch with us after our morning services. We are so glad you are here!

The final Campaign for Christ Rally is at 6 PM next Sunday at Memorial. In order to support the campaign and the unity it builds, we encourage everyone who can to attend. Those who would like to go as a group will leave our parking lot at 5:10. We hope you can go with us!

For those who would like to honor our seniors, a money bowl is located on the table in the foyer. The total amount collected will be divided equally among our seniors.

Read for next week: 2 Samuel.

*Parting Thought: The trouble with learning from experience is that there never is a graduation!*

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

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## Reed All About It: Viral

A few days ago Lisa texted me to let me know I had left a pen in my shirt and that the shirt had been washed and dried. At first I did not understand the implications of what she was telling me. I started to type “thanks for doing my laundry” when I received another message informing me that all of my clothes in that load of laundry were ruined and the dryer was a huge mess. I tried to think optimistically, maybe not everything was ruined and perhaps the affected clothes were not my favorites.

I get in a rut on my clothes; you may have noticed. When I find something comfortable or that I like, I tend to wear it all the time. There are a few pieces of clothing I really love, like my fishing shirt and a certain pair of cargo pants. Later when I got home I saw a pile of laundry that resembled some of my

favorite shirts and pants. I say resembled because every piece of clothing was covered in blue ink. I looked a bit closer and there it was, my favorite fishing shirt and cargo pants. The full impact of the errant pen came crashing down around me. How could one little pen ruin so many things?

Sin can be like that ink pen. What may seem like a small infraction or minor indiscretion can mushroom into a big problem that touches every aspect of our lives. Problems such as alcohol, drugs and pornography addiction fit into this category. We might think these are victimless sins as they seem to be focused on self-gratification. The idea of victimless sins is false. These sins infiltrate our lives and affect those we love. Alcohol, drugs and pornography become relentless idols that command our attention away from

God. These transgressions dramatically impact the lives of those we love the most. If the risk is so great why do people dabble in these sins? Perhaps we think we can handle it. Maybe you think I don’t do drugs and alcohol, and pornography is really not bothering anyone. Well, that is wrong thinking; pornography is the scourge of our society as well as the church. Involvement in pornography negatively affects families and supports an industry that uses and abuses people, particularly women. So keep that ink pen out of your pocket. Don’t risk getting involved in something you can’t shake and that could ruin your life and the lives of others. Keep yourself pure and free from stain!

Blessings,  
Alan

## Josh’s Journal: More Than a Book

As you well know, today is Senior Day. Throughout our time together this morning, you will see our 16 seniors being honored in various ways. At the end of our service, one of our elders will stand in front of the congregation and issue a charge to the seniors, concluding with a presentation of a Bible to each senior. This is a custom not uncommon in congregations throughout the Kingdom. Here at Champions, we allow our students to decide which version of the Bible they would like to receive. That being said, you’ll notice that the Bibles that will be presented this morning are different in appearance and size. However, each Bible has their most important characteristic in common, their message. A

very quick Internet search reveals over 100 versions of the English Bible are in circulation today. It is fair to say that I have not read them all, but unless they have completely disregarded the original content of God’s Word, each version has the same two main points: (1) God saves and (2) Live for God.

I am not sure what the origin of the elders of the church of Christ in Champions presenting Bibles to graduating seniors is, however, I can tell you the greatest purpose I see in it today. The greatest purpose is not that each graduate from our congregation will have a nice Bible to carry with them, although this is a plus. The greatest purpose is not for them to

open the front cover and remember who the 8 elders were the day that they graduated high school. The greatest purpose is this: there is a great purpose for life and that purpose can only be found in one book, the Bible. As our graduating seniors journey throughout life, seeking identity, battling temptation, desiring success, they can always turn to God’s Word and remember its two great messages: ONLY God saves. Live ONLY for God. Remember these words of Isaiah, “*The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever,*” (Isaiah 40:8).

## John’s Jogs: Old Fashioned Schooling

Time for a little humor couched in a lot of truth. 1) My mother taught me to appreciate a job well done. “**If you’re going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning.**” 2) My mother taught me religion. “**You better pray that will come out of the carpet.**” 3) My father taught me about time travel. “**If you don’t straighten up I’m going to knock you into the middle of next week.**” 4) My father taught me LOGIC. “**Because I said so—that’s why!**” 5) My mother taught me more logic; “**If you Fallout of that swing and break your neck, you’re not going to the store with me.**” 6) My mother taught me oversight, “**Make sure you wear clean underwear in case you’re in an accident.**” 7) My father taught me irony, “**Keep crying and I’ll give you something to cry about.**” 8) My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS, “**shut your mouth and eat your supper.**” 9) My mother taught me

about contortionism. “**Just you look at that dirt on the back of your neck.**” 10) My mother taught me about Stamina. “**You’ll sit there until all that spinach is gone.**” 11) My mother taught me about the weather. “**That room of yours looks like a tornado went through it.**” 12) My mother taught me about hypocrisy. “**If I’ve told you once I’ve told you a million times, don’t exaggerate.**” 13) My father taught me the circle of life. “**I brought you into this world and I can take you out.**” 14) My mother taught me about – behavior modification. “**Stop acting like your father.**” 15) My mother taught me about- envy. “**There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who do not have wonderful parents like you do.**” 16) My mother taught me about anticipation. “**Just wait until we get home.**” 17) My mother taught me about receiving, “**You’re going to get it from your father when we get home.**”

18) My mother taught me Medical Science. “**If you don’t stop crossing your eyes they are going to get stuck that way.**” 19) My mother taught me ESP. “**Put your sweater on; don’t you think I know when you are cold.**” 20) My father taught me humor. “**When that lawn mower cuts off your toes – don’t come running to me.**” 21) My mother taught me how to become an adult. “**If you don’t eat your vegetables, you’ll never grow up.**” 22) My mother taught me genetics. “**You’re just like your father.**” 23) My mother taught me about my Roots. “**Shut that door behind you, do you think you were born in a barn?**” 24) My mother taught me WISDOM. “**When you get to my age – you’ll understand.**” 25) My mother taught me about JUSTICE. “**One day you’ll have kids and I hope they turn out just like you.**”  
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## EVENTS AND NEWS

### Senior Day Today

Trace Chappell  
Daniel Cobb  
Nick Eley  
Tyler Eley  
Kate Hicks  
Ngozi Iwunze

Summer Holt  
Kaitlyn Jones  
Elizabeth Killough  
Ruth Miller  
Samantha O'Brien  
Jake Rickman

Vanessa Rivera  
Micah Shaw  
Eddie Tonche  
Rachel Zannone

Please join us as we honor our *Seniors* following our morning worship with a Bible presentation by the Elders, The Senior Video, and a Catered BBQ Lunch. A *Money Bowl* for the seniors will be provided for those desiring to contribute. All moneys will be divided evenly among the seniors.

### Church Calendar May 2016

22 Senior Day  
29 Campaign for Christ Rally

#### June

5 Fairfield Church of Christ Homecoming  
9 Young at Heart Trip

#### July

18-20 VBS—Ages 3-5th Grade

### Youth Calendar May and June 2016

May 22 Senior Day  
May 24 OC @ Astros Game  
May 29 Summer Intern Starts  
May 29 Campaign for Christ Rally  
May 30 Funday  
June 5-11 Camp Bandina  
June 21-24 Camp Kichaca

### SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OF OUR LITTLE CHAMPS Mother's Day Out Staff

Lisa Killough  
Rhonda Bonwell  
Karen Casey  
Donna Eckert  
Tamarah Fassino  
Valerie Fraley  
Amy Freeman  
Amber Hill  
Jessica Holt  
Rebecca Jaquez  
Debbie Jones  
Meagan Mann  
Carrie Nelson  
Megan Roden  
Christy Smith

**We Love and Appreciate  
All of You!**

### Champions VBS



REFUGE JULY 18-20  
9-11:30 am  
Ages 3-5th Grade  
Safe in the Arms of God  
2016 Champions VBS  
Register at: [www.championschurch.org](http://www.championschurch.org)

### Empty Nesters Baseball Game Trip

If you are interested in going to a Sugarland Skeeters game in June, please sign the list posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. Contact: Carla Mahle

### Young at Heart Trip Thursday, June 9th

Depart on Precinct 4 Bus at 9AM  
Museum of Natural  
Science



Featuring the Faberge Jeweled collection, including the Faberge Eggs and some of the Ramonov

Jewels. Lunch at China Garden Restaurant after the tour. The cost is \$13.00, plus lunch. A head count is needed A.S.A.P. Please sign the list posted on the North Bulletin Board. Contact: John Dickenson, with questions.

### Sunday Morning Bible Hour Ages 2 to Kindergarten

Parents and children are dismissed to check in during the song before the lesson.

Teachers: Wes and Christy Smith

May's memory verse: *For nothing is impossible with God. (Luke 1:37)*

### Directory Changes:

Jim and Charlotte Wyatt  
9889 Cypresswood, Apt. 4305  
Houston, TX 77070

Eltonio and Paulette Brown  
Antonious and Elijah  
12820 Greenwood Forest Dr., #1320  
Houston, TX 77066

### Wednesday Night Meal May 25th

Menu: Chicken Cordon Bleu  
Adults: \$5, Children and up: \$3, Two and under: Free. Please place number to attend in the attendance book today.

### Camp Kichaca June 21-24 2nd-6th Grades

Contacts: Chris or Lori Ball



What a great thing to do! What a generous touch! You made our whole century and we thank you so much!

There are many words we could use to express our appreciation...but "Thank You" still says it best! Your generosity is overwhelming!

God bless you for thinking of others. Your thoughtfulness make our hearts lighter.

His Love,  
Gerald and Barbara Dodson



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**Elders:**

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

**Deacons:**

- Phelan (Al) Allee
- Chris Ball
- Kevin Barnett
- Bill Bonham
- Charles Boyd
- Eltonio (Tony) Brown
- Darrell Fariss
- Jay Fraley
- Tommy Hill
- Joe Jackson
- Charles Joachim
- Brent Killough
- David Morgan
- Blake Phillips
- Kent Phillips
- Bryan Runions
- Justin Sammons
- Hank Sheppard
- Joel Smith
- Wes Smith
- Troy Thompson
- Billy Tippet
- James Wyatt

**Ministers:**

- Larry Keele (Pulpit)
- Alan Reed (Associate)
- John Qualls (Associate)
- Josh Vires (Youth)

**PRAYERS & NOTES**

**Prayer Requests:**

**Matthew Nance**, John and Donna's grandson, is in TCH in the Medical Center with serious health issues. Please pray for his healing and comfort.

**Whitney Gaston**, Jess and Peggy Long's granddaughter, is home recovering from gastric surgery.

**Glenn Dixon** as he struggles with addiction and legal issues.

**Shawn Waye** as he struggles to overcome personal trials.

**Sharon DeCarlo** is confined to bed with a flare up of RA.

**Robert Leyner** as he completes the final phase for disability assistance.

**Whitney White**, Jim and Merri White's daughter-in-law, will begin radiation in the next few weeks for a brain tumor. Whitney has two small children. Please pray for her and her family as she begins these treatments.

**Ron Jensen** is home on oxygen being treated for pneumonia.

**Connor Barnett**, Kevin and Patricia's son, is in Romania for a 12 week work internship. Prayers for his safety while he's overseas.

**Jackie Thomas** will receive tests results on May 24th. **Colton Taylor**, the Freeman's nephew, as he waits for a stem cell implant.

**Laverne Bonham** is under hospice care. A sign-up list is posted on the bulletin board for sitters.

**Ramoncito Jatico**, father of Mary Buerger (visitor at Champions), has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. Mary will travel to see her father on June 2nd.

**Champions Members Ongoing Concerns:** Julia Shaw, John Hixon, Tasha Di-Raffaele, Jan Kelly, Donna Nance, Keith and Linda Underwood, Beth Haden, B.B. & Dorothy Snell

**Family and Friends of Champions:** Larry Eckert, Mark Gardiner, Mary Chap-pell, Buddy Damron, Jason Word, Mary and Von Chap-pell, Shelia Morrison

**Employment Concerns:** Wes Smith, Rudy Morris, Susan Ellis

**Expectant Parents:** Jeff and Rebekah Johnson, Jordan and Natalie Arnold

**Families Who have lost loved ones:** Boren

**Response:** Robert Leyner

**Hospice Care:** Laverne Bonham, Letha (Earlene Antwine's sister)

**Cancer Concerns:**

Don Freeman, Jackie Stearsman, Mary McCall Adamek, Laura Carroll, Colton Taylor, Larry Young, Steven Cerny, Bea Augustin, Jack Snyder, Rocky Harrell, Lawrece Smith, Sandra Underwood, Gary Brown, Nancy Miller, Pat Morrison, Sheila Durham

**Missionaries:**

Dale DuVerney, Peter Chin, Eddie Cloer, Roman Halamicek, Eric Tan, Roland Moshen, Workers at Biblical Institute of Central America, Eastern European Mission, Jordan Arnold, Will Hanstein, Madison Avalos

**Assisted Living/Rehab/**

**Nursing Homes:** Terri Bennett, Margurite Pennington, Juanita Cox, Julia Garcia, Nell McDonald, Gladys McHenry, Marie McCall, Jean Simpson

**Prayers for Military:**

Landon White, William E. Taylor IV, George Marcus Jones, Melanie Adams, Travis Long, Aaron Jean, James Chin, Casey Bolin, Charles DuVerney, Ryan Bonham, Phillip Cuccerre, Jr., Eric McCall, Darion DuVerney, Meghan Gillispie

**Nursery Attendants**

**May 22: Rhonda Bonham & Chandra Runions**

**May 29: Ruby Sheppard & Rebekah Johnson**

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  
5/15/16**

Sunday AM	374
Sunday P.M.	150
Bible Class Attendance	248
Wednesday Night	168
Contribution	19,877.39
Weekly Budget	20,048.00
YTD Contributions	410,883.96
YTD Budget	400,960.00
Over/(Under)	9,923.96

**Service Times:  
SUNDAY**

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.

**May 2016**

**Elder of the Month**

Danny Mize

**Food Coordinator**

Check with your Family Circle Leaders

**Little Champs:**

**Mothers Day Out**

Contact: Lisa Killough  
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281-893-2062  
Lisa Killough—Director